

Presentation Wexford Newsletter

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Catch up on the following items:

Sports... positive behaviour badge winners... meet our new Parents Council.... A welcome to all new students... former students continue to excel and much—much more! **Enjoy.**



The Rossiter wing was opened to all our students in September and is a fitting tribute to our former caretaker Mr. Eamon Rossiter who was a much loved member of staff in his time in the Presentation.

After years of planning and applications the new wing was handed over to the school which includes two large classrooms, toilet facilities, a science laboratory and a science preparation area.

Special credit must go to the Board of Management who provided additional funds for an extra classroom.



Principal's Address



Dear Parents & Students,

A very warm welcome to all our 150 first year students who begin their educational journey with us here in Presentation Secondary School, Wexford. We also welcome many new transfer students who have joined us here in the school. We all hope that you have many happy years here with us all.

Well, done to the Leaving Cert Class of 2021 on their excellent results in their recent state exams. I would like to wish them every best wish as they go the many different pathways that they have chosen.

Well, done to our students and teachers who have worked extremely hard since their return to school.

3rd & 6th years are beginning to see the focus & commitment needed for the year ahead. Supporting those who need help & support is also being worked on. Extra-curricular activities are well underway thank you to all staff involved & to those students who take part.

I ask you all, Parents/Guardians/ Students to work with us to encourage everyone to follow all guidelines set out by NPHET not only in school but outside school as well. We all have a responsibility to follow all HSE advice, protocols and exercise caution, calm and consistent messaging. We have a duty of care to all in our school and those outside of our school.

Everyone has responsibility together; we are all in this together and need your support to encourage all our students to follow the guidelines.

I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of what has been happening here since the start of the school year.

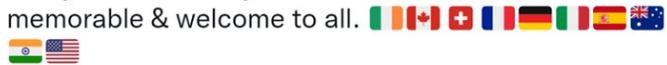
Billy Ryan

Principal

Settling into life in the Presentation -welcome to all our First years!



Mr Brophy our School Welfare Coordinator met with our new transfer students & International students today. We are sure your time in our school will be memorable & welcome to all.



Senior Prefects attended Induction today and received their badges. These students were nominated because of their commitment to school life, their personal skills, their kindness and their volunteerism. Their motto is "Role models in our school / Ambassadors in our community"



A sample of work done around the school by the talented Tina Fortune. The inclusion wall and the final finish to the Nano corner.

Top achievers in the Leaving Certificate exams

Pictured with Ms. Mary Dooley (deputy principal), Mr. Ryan (Principal) and Ms. Caroline Ryan (deputy principal) are our three past pupils who recently achieved an incredible 625 points each in the Leaving Certificate! Well done ladies and enjoy your studies in University!

From L-R the students are: **Abbie Maher, Derbhla O'Hanlon and Emma Dempsey.**



LCVP students visit Tayto park

5th & 6th Year LCVP Classes went on a visit to Tayto Park on the 24th of September with their teachers Mr Rowe and Ms Curran.

A thoroughly enjoyable and informative day was had by everyone. Both classes attended a talk on the history and background of Tayto Crisps and learned all about the creation of Mr Tayto and marketing techniques they use, we also found out about the factory itself and how crisps are made. Following the presentation everyone enjoyed exploring the theme park with most students (and teachers) getting their first experience of the Cu Chulainn!!



“Friday Prayers” have started in the Prayer Room this term, going from 8.38-8.43 (approx.!) on Friday mornings. A brief get-together to be quiet for a moment, consider a line or two from Scripture, and pray for school and community needs.



School Welfare 2021

This term year groups took part in bonding days, which comprised of the following:

- Meditation and reflection
- Just Dance
- Art and crafts
- Drama
- Sports activities

The bonding activities were day-long activities and the students enjoyed these very much needed bonding days.

The school also held friendship and stand-up awareness week. Students took part in face painting, just dance, friendship competitions, cupcakes for everyone and pride t-shirt day. To conclude the week each year group wore the pride colours for the day and had their picture taken with the school drone outside on the sports pitch.

1st years wore orange

2nd years = red

3th years = green

TY's = pink

5th years = yellow

6th years = purple

Teachers wore blue



Presentation, Wexford Maths Support Centre

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI
LUNCHTIME

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Lunchtime

PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR STUDENTS
CLASS WORK, HOMEWORK, EXAM PREP AND REVISION
MSC FACILITATORS - SENIOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
ANY QUESTIONS - COME VISIT AT LUNCHTIME

MSC

Room 3

Meitheal leaders

This year's Meitheal leaders have been extremely active in helping our new 1st year students settle into school. Each of the six 1st year classes have a team of six Meitheal leaders to look after them and ease their transition into secondary school. The Meitheal leaders meet with their class on a daily basis at breaking lunch time and have also taken their group for two individual sessions to get to know them and do team building exercises.

Recently the Meitheal leaders were busy planning and organising a Halloween party for the 1st years. This spooky event took place on Friday 22 October, where students enjoyed pizza, sweets & treats followed by a 'scary movie'.

Well done and thank you to all our wonderful Meitheal leaders.



Members of the Parents Council meet in person with the schools Parent/link Co-ordinator Ms. Vera Whelan.

PRESENTATION PARENTS COUNCIL

Delighted to conduct our first meeting of 2021/22 in the school in person...it's been too long!

On the same night, it was open night for potential incoming Students of 2022, great to see the activity, and the senior girls proudly escorting the tours showing them the school.

We are looking forward to working with the school with the exciting plans ahead, in any way we can.

We are holding our **AGM at 6.30pm on Tuesday Nov 9th**. Save the date!!

Everyone more than welcome. Details to follow by text and social media.

Basketball

Basketball training takes place at the following times during the week:

- Mondays 4pm to 5.15 seniors and u16
- Tuesdays 4pm to 5.15 1st years
- Wednesdays 3pm to 4.15 2nd years



South east league matches will commence after midterm for seniors and u16s With our first group match at home to Bridgetown, followed by matches against Ramsgrange, Loreto and FCJ Bunclody.

There will be a lunchtime league commencing after midterm on Thursdays for first year students. Keep an eye out on your emails for information.

Badminton

Our badminton club is in full swing each Friday after school until 4pm. Students from all year groups are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please send Ms Colfer a message via teams.



Equestrian update

After an 18 month absence, equestrian inter schools returned on Sunday 17th in Barnadown Gorey. We made the journey with 4 teams comprising of 15 riders. We had 7 students moving up to Open level for the first time, our Navy team of Mia, Maggie and Eva and our White team of Emily, Michaela, Isabelle and Katie. All showed they were more than capable of jumping the bigger tracks putting on a great display of showjumping with lots of clear rounds.

We also had two novice teams representing the school, our red team of Hazel, Niamh, Rhona and Kate were all making their debuts for our school and our green team of Elise, Alisha, Katelyn and Eva. The novice course was very tricky and clear rounds proved extremely difficult on the day, but all riders showed great skill and learnt a lot from their rounds.

With even more students unable to travel to Barnadown, our club is expanding rapidly! We now have two competitions to look forward to during our midterm break to see the talent, dedication and hard work of our students paying off in the ring.

Positive behaviour badge winners



In the Presentation school we believe students should be rewarded and acknowledged for a variety of acts of positive behaviour. Pictured above are badge winners for reaching the first milestone of points. In the next addition of the newsletter you can see the end of term winner per year group with their Cheeky Monkey awards! Well done girls... keep it up! (Missing from senior picture: Fiona Cousins).

Congratulations to 3rd year student Fleur Lambert on completing the Garnish Island Open Water 5km swim recently in 1 hour 23 minutes, the fastest female time of the day. 🏊‍♀️ 🇮🇪 #PresWex #Wexford



Claragh: our international athlete!



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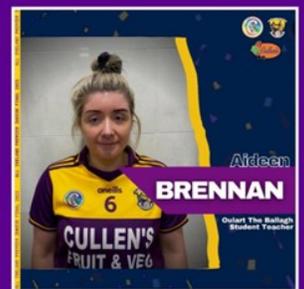
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WEXFORD ARE ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS 2021

Congratulations to our past pupils and current member of staff (Aideen Brennan) who clinched the All Ireland title in early September!!!

Further best wishes to Chloe and Aideen who are short-listed for the Player of the year award!!! Best of luck!



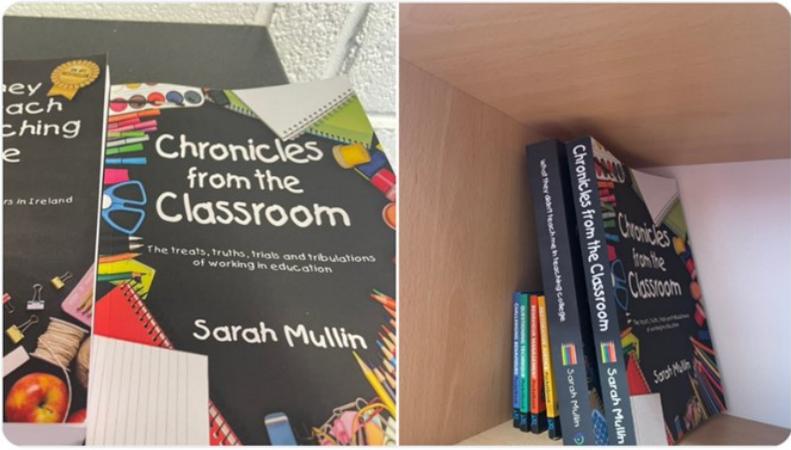
1st year historians showing off their time capsules that will be locked away until their final #JCHistory class in 3rd year. 🕒 #History #PresWex #TimeCapsules



Massive congratulations to 2nd year student Kara Morrissey who set a new Irish record in Pole Vault, winning gold in the All-Ireland Championship at Tullamore Harriers recently. Kara then followed this up by winning a bronze medal in 100 metres sprint final. 🇮🇪 #PresWex



A massive thank you to @MrsSarahMullin for sending us copies of her two books for our staff teaching and learning library. 🙌 #CPDLibrary #StaffCPD 📖



Stand up week 2021

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