

Presentation Wexford Newsletter

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Positivity badges abundant in each year group!



Since we returned in January many students in each year group have received their badges for positive points awarded by staff for various acts of positive behaviour including... community spirit... kindness to others... great project work... etc... this is only a small selection of the winners with more pictures later in this newsletter! Well done to all and best of luck to those on the cusp of their first badge... or the next one!!



Principal's address

Each year when we return after Christmas, we start a fresh new year with the usual buzz of school life. First years are getting well settled and once again, I encourage parents to make sure your daughter is getting involved in after school activities.

It is now an extremely busy time in school—mock exams, preparing for orals, practical's, completing Projects and CBA's etc. A lot of hard work starts to come together; students are making choices re Senior Cycle and Transition Year, and 2nd year options.

As well as this we will mark Catholic Schools & Celebrated the inaugural Ceilliruidh CEIST celebration. Congratulations to all of the students who have represented Presentation Secondary Wexford in so many sporting activities, debating, competitions in the last few weeks and since the start of the year. It also is chance to remind parents and students, of the vast amount of extra-curricular activities that are available here in Presentation Wexford, from camogie, Gaelic Football, Basketball, Badminton, Soccer, Debating, Athletics, Deep-green, Games Club, Walking Club, Couch to 5K to the Feminist Society there is something for everyone on offer.

Currently our 3rd and 6th years are completing their Pre Leaving & Junior Cycle examinations, we wish them all the very best, the hard work will pay off. Mock examinations are a very important learning experience for students regarding time management and how to read questions carefully as these are the two main pitfalls experienced. There is also a very excited group of Transition years who will be heading to Co Louth for their activity holiday.

We welcomed all of our incoming 1st years who will be joining the school in September 2022 on I look forward to working with the new 1st year students over the course of the next 6 years. On behalf of the school, I thank you for choosing our school as the place where your daughter will spend the teenage years of her life. In hindsight, some of us say "The best days of our lives". We hope that all our students strive to do their best in life.

A reminder to 1st year parents that the parent-teacher meeting will be held on the 2nd of March. Research shows that students learn more, have higher grades, and have better school attendance when parents/guardians are involved in their education. That is why attending parent-teacher meetings is so important: it is a great way for parents to become involved and stay involved throughout the school year. Parent-Teacher meetings are a good way to meet your child's teachers and learn about your child's academic performance, as well as the teacher's expectations. If you know what is expected in the classroom, you can more easily address any issue that comes up as your child moves through the school year. By attending these meetings, you also send a positive message to your child that school is important. Keep in mind that you are an equal partner at the meeting. If you have questions or observations, the meeting is a good time to share them with the teacher. Do not forget to share what you know about your child. Your information helps the teacher better understand and teach your child. I wish all students, staff & parents every best wish for the half term ahead.

Billy Ryan

Principal



New publications
launched - check the
school website for info.





Peer Mentors

Last October 25 fifth year students were selected to become Peer Mentors. The selection process required them to complete an application form and attend for interview. The successful students then attended training with Ms L Murphy and Mr Grannell.

The students work with 2nd year classes and form a link between the junior and senior years and also act as role models. They wear a Lighthouse badge to indicate their position.

As well as regular check-ins with their classes, they have so far

been involved in Numeracy Week, Science Week, Christmas well-being activities and are currently helping Ms Kinsella with the SNIP literacy programme running with 1st years.



Congratulations to 3rd year student Aoibheann Rankin who has been selected for a second @FAIreland WU16 assessment this weekend. 🇮🇪 #PresWex #Ireland



Commiserations to our basketball team who lost out 33-25 to Mount Anville this weekend in the senior league last 16. They played amazingly well, losing out to a strong side who are contesting the senior cup final on Tuesday! Well done again on a great campaign! #Basketball



Presentation Secondary students rewarded for taking the fight to single use plastics



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Cllr Barbara-Anne Murphy Cathaoirleach Wexford County Council presented pupils with their prizes for winning the National Reuse month schools competition. L/r; Ciara O'Muirei (teacher), Cllr Barbara-Anne Murphy, Eileen Kehoe, Elise De Sousa, Ella Ormonde, Billy Ryan (Principal) and Cliona Connolly Wexford County Council.

STUDENTS from The Presentation Secondary School in Wexford town have been praised for their environmentally conscious actions, having won Wexford County Council's National Reuse Month Schools competition for taking up the fight against single use plastic.

Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council Barbara Anne Murphy was on hand to congratulate the Pres team and present them with their prize – a contactless water station and reusable water bottles for their school.

The competition was held for secondary schools across Wexford and Waterford had huge success in encouraging action against single use plastic bottles. Schools learned about the benefits of refilling a reusable bottle with water versus using a single use water bottle and disposing of it, at an online workshop during Reuse Month. They also took action in their communities by encouraging local businesses to offer water refills and register to appear on Refill.ie's 'Tap Map' which shows all locations in Ireland where a free refill of water is available.

Speaking at the prize-giving, Cllr Murphy said: "This is a great campaign for communities up and down the county to get involved in. It encourages schools and businesses alike to take action against plastics, thus preventing waste and acting against climate change. This competition has united communities in a common goal to responsibly refill a reusable bottle and continue to contribute to the positive results the campaign has seen to date."



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Session 2

The second and final session of Evening Supervised Study is due to begin on **Monday February 28th, 2022. It will run for 10 weeks up to May 20th 2022.** Please note that this is a NEW session and is completely separate to session 1.

Supervised Study will take place on Monday and Tuesday, from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00pm and Wednesday-Friday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Strict protocols will continue to be in place this year regarding Evening Supervised Study, to protect everyone, and will be explained to those students who sign up.

The net cost for this particular session is for **€140 per student** (approx. €14 per week). As a consequence of Covid 19 the **only way** in which payment can be made this year is via the **VS ware payment system**, and payments in cash or by cheque cannot be accepted this year.

The full amount of €140 can be **paid online at 'www.preswex.ie'** using the VS Ware Payment option. Look for **Evening Supervised Study Session 2 February 2022.**

Once you have made payment please ensure your daughter brings in a copy/screen shot of her receipt to Mr. Gilshinan for registration purposes, and to ensure that they are allocated a unique seat, before the 7th of February 2021.

Should your daughter wish to cease study at any time, she will be required to complete an **'Intention to Cease Study'** form, available on request from Mr. Gilshinan. **Please note that refunds can only be made in very exceptional circumstances.**

If there is more than one family member wishing to avail of study, the second and subsequent siblings will be entitled to a fifty percent discount.

If a student wishes to join Evening Supervised study after the commencement date of February 28th please see Mr. Gilshinan before making payment on VS ware to ensure that there are places available and that you are paying the correct amount.

Places for this final session are limited, so it is advisable that if your daughter is interested, she should make payment ASAP and then register with copy of receipt with Mr. Gilshinan (Room 2).

Having registered, it is in your daughter's interest that she attends Evening Study on a regular basis.

Annual subject fair for TY/3rd year students



Each year our senior students volunteer to set up subject stalls to inform the incoming fifth years about their options for the Leaving Cert. Year on year this is a great initiative to allow the students to talk to their peers to find out about the range of subjects we offer. Many thanks to all the students for their time and energy!!



Our classes were delighted to join Fiona Forman & Wexford's Educational Centre for their [#WellBeingWebinar](#) as we looked to start 2022 with optimism, positivity & wellbeing.

Astro turf fundraiser a huge success

€17,750 raised!



Prior to Christmas we concluded our fundraiser drive for our new impressive Astro turf that is already in high demand. Pictured here are some of the prize winners per year group for their great work. Many thanks to all the parents/guardians and members of the wider community who contributed to this fantastic facility.



WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL



1. A 'REASON FOR ABSENCE SLIP' MUST BE COMPLETED IN THE SCHOOL JOURNAL BY PARENT/GUARDIAN.



2. ON RETURN TO SCHOOL YOUR CLASS TUTOR MUST CHECK & SIGN THIS 'ABSENCE SLIP'



3. CLEARLY WRITE YOUR NAME + CLASS ON ABSENCE SLIP.



4. THIS 'ABSENCE SLIP' MUST BE PRESENTED TO ALL TEACHERS IN THE WEEK OF RETURNING TO SCHOOL.



5. YOU MUST PUT 'ABSENCE SLIPS' IN THE YEAR GROUP ABSENCE BOX AT THE END OF THE WEEK.

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