# Presentation Perspective Newsletter



Principals Address

Dear students, parents, and staff,

As we approach the Easter break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past term and express my gratitude to everyone for their hard work and dedication.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy some well-deserved rest. Let's come back refreshed and ready for the new term!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Easter.

Best regards,

William Ryan





MR. BILLY RYAN

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#### <u>Festive Farewell: A Memorable Last Day of</u> <u>Term</u>

As the holiday season approached, our school community came together for a day filled with festive cheer and spirited competition. The final day of the term before the Christmas holidays was marked by the much-anticipated Annual 6th Year vs. Staff match. This friendly rivalry brought excitement and camaraderie, with students and staff alike showcasing their athletic skills and sportsmanship.

Following the exhilarating match, the celebrations continued with our highly anticipated Christmas Concert. The event was beautifully orchestrated by our exceptional choir, whose harmonious melodies set a joyful tone for the evening. The concert also featured stunning performances by our talented dancers, adding a touch of elegance and grace to the festivities.

A highlight of the concert was the delightful surprise appearance by our very own Staff Choir. Their impressive vocal talents and spirited performance brought laughter and cheer to all in attendance, making the day even more memorable.



#### <u>Annual Senior Cycle Subject Fair: A Gateway</u> <u>to Informed Choices</u>

Every year, our school proudly hosts the Annual Senior Cycle Subject Fair, an event that has become a cornerstone of our academic calendar. The fair provides an invaluable opportunity for students to gain insight and carefully consider their options before making their senior cycle subject selections.

The success of this event is largely due to the dedication and enthusiasm of our wonderful subject ambassadors. These knowledgeable students offer guidance and share their experiences, helping their peers make informed decisions about their future studies. The fair also highlights the collaborative effort of our guidance department, whose meticulous planning and organization ensure the event runs smoothly and effectively.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making this year's Senior Cycle Subject Fair a resounding success. Your efforts continue to empower our students to make thoughtful and well-informed choices about their academic journeys.









#### Swim Team Gears Up for Leinster Senior School Competition

Our Swim Team is in full preparation mode for the upcoming Leinster Senior School competition scheduled for February. The team extends a heartfelt thank you to Wexford Swimming Pool for their generous support and for providing a coach to guide the team through their training sessions. With dedicated practice and community backing, the team is set to make a splash in the upcoming competition!



## <u>SETU Wexford Hosts CAO</u> <u>Advice Clinic</u>

Katie and Lucy from SETU Wexford held an advice clinic to assist students with the upcoming CAO closing date. Their guidance was invaluable and greatly appreciated by the student community. Many thanks to Katie and Lucy for their support!



#### Stellar Performances at County Cross Country Event

Recently, students from our school shone at the county cross country try event, showcasing their dedication and athleticism. Among the outstanding performances, Saoirse Flanagan and Eabha Keane stood out, each securing a silver medal in their respective races.

We are incredibly proud of all our participants for their hard work and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Saoirse and Eabha for their impressive achievements!



### <u>Presentation Wexford Camogie Players' Dubai Adventure Supported</u> <u>by Generous Sponsors</u>

Our camogie players embarked on an exciting trip to Dubai, a journey made possible by the incredible support of their sponsors.

The students and teachers extended their heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors who generously provided the team with gear for their tour. This support ensured that the team was well-equipped and represented Wexford proudly. Thank you to all our sponsors for making this dream trip a reality!





## Thanks to Our Rugby Kit Sponsors

A huge thank you to Marie Doran from Doran BER and Mick Martin from Next Level Construction for their generous sponsorship of our new rugby kit. Their support has our players looking great for the year ahead. We appreciate their contributions immensely!

#### <u>First Year Basketball Team Secures First Win of the</u> Season

We are thrilled to announce that our first-year basketball team has recorded their first win of the season! The team put on an impressive performance against a formidable Ramsgrange, showcasing their hard work and determination.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches for this fantastic achievement. Keep up the great work, and let's look forward to many more victories ahead!





#### Commendable Effort by Senior Camogie Team

Our Senior Camogie team, along with their dedicated mentors, showcased incredible determination and spirit in their recent match against a strong Johnstown team. Despite taking the game into extra time, they narrowly missed out on victory.

We are extremely proud of the team's hard work and resilience. This experience will undoubtedly make them stronger, and we look forward to witnessing their continued growth and success.

#### <u>Inspiring Day at DCU for</u> <u>Physics Students</u>

Our 5th and 6th year Physics students enjoyed an exciting day at Dublin City University. They participated in engaging experiments and listened to a fascinating talk on Chaos Theory and Fractals by Professor Enda McGlynn.

The visit sparked curiosity and enthusiasm, making it a memorable experience for all.





#### The Little Mermaid: An Unmissable Production

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming production of The Little Mermaid! Save the dates for what promises to be an unforgettable show.

Over the past few months, our dedicated cast and crew have been working tirelessly in rehearsals. Their hard work and passion have brought a touch of magic to the stage, and we can't wait to see it come to life.

Join us for an enchanting experience and witness the incredible talent of our students. This is a show you won't want to miss!



## <u>Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: Alive in</u> <u>Christ</u>

This year's Catholic Schools Week was celebrated with the inspiring theme "Alive in Christ." This special event offered us an opportunity to reflect on our faith, come together as a community, and celebrate the values that bind us.

Ethos Ambassadors took the lead by organizing a whole-school prayer service that brought everyone together in a moment of collective faith and reflection. The serene environment created during the service allowed students and staff to connect on a deeper spiritual level.

In addition to the prayer service, students from the 1st, 3rd, and 6th years had the privilege of attending a special Mass at the Friary. The Mass was a beautiful occasion where students could experience a deeper sense of community and shared values.

The week was a wonderful reminder of the importance of our faith in our daily lives and the strength we gain from coming together as a school community. "Alive in Christ" truly resonated with everyone, reinforcing the core values of our school's ethos.

As we move forward, let's carry the spirit of this week with us, staying "Alive in Christ" and continuing to support and uplift each other in our journey of faith and learning.



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### Showcasing Creativity: Junk Kouture Class

Our Junk Kouture class is a testament to the incredible talents and creativity of our students. This unique project has inspired students to think outside the box, turning waste materials into stunning fashion pieces that rival the finest couture designs.

Each piece in this collection has been meticulously crafted from items that would typically be discarded. The ingenuity and resourcefulness of our students are evident in every stitch and seam, transforming ordinary waste into extraordinary one-off couture pieces.

What makes this project even more remarkable is the individuality of each design. No two pieces are alike, showcasing a diverse range of styles and visions. These young designers have not only demonstrated their artistic skills but have also emphasized the importance of sustainability and creativity in fashion.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. L. Murphy and Ms. Byrne for their invaluable guidance and support throughout this project. Their dedication has helped our students realize their creative potential and achieve these remarkable results.

We also thank Marie Laffan Cullen for capturing the essence of our students' hard work and dedication through her photographs. Her images truly highlight the beauty and craftsmanship of these unique creations.

Our Junk Kouture class is a shining example of what can be achieved when creativity and sustainability come together. We are incredibly proud of our students and their ability to see potential in the seemingly unusable, creating fashion that is not only beautiful but also environmentally conscious.



## Celebrating Céiliúradh Day at Our School

On a bright and beautiful day, our school came together to celebrate the special occasion of Céiliúradh Day. The day was filled with meaningful activities and heartfelt moments that brought our community closer.

The celebration began with a prayer service broadcast over the intercom, setting a reflective and reverent tone for the day. This was followed by the raising of the CEIST flag, symbolizing our commitment to the values of the Catholic Education An Irish Schools Trust (CEIST).

Students and staff then participated in the traditional craft of St. Brigid Cross making. This activity not only honored our heritage but also allowed everyone to engage in a hands-on, creative experience.

Another highlight of the day was a touching prayer service held at the Convent Graveyard. Participants laid roses in memory of those who have gone before us, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere as we remembered and honored their legacy.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who played a part in making Céiliúradh Day such a memorable event. Your efforts and contributions are deeply appreciated.





#### Senior Debate Team Triumph

A huge congratulations to our senior debate team: Emer, Isabelle, Rebecca, and Veronica. They recently advanced to the knockout rounds of the Concern Worldwide debate competition. They put up a great fight against Eureka School but narrowly missed out.

We are proud of their hard work, dedication, and impressive debating skills. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who supported them. Well done, team!

#### <u>Past Pupil Shines in New</u> <u>York: Claragh Keane Sets</u> <u>New 3k PB</u>

Congratulations to our past pupil Claragh Keane, who is currently studying in the United States! Claragh set a new personal best in the 3k during her indoor track season opener in New York last weekend, finishing with an impressive time of 9:48. Well done, Claragh! We are proud of your achievements and wish you continued success.



#### Fundraiser Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our "Colour Day" fundraiser in aid of the Solas Cancer Support Centre and Student Council Funds. We raised a fantastic total of €917.10 for this worthy cause. Your generosity and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated!





#### <u>Victory for Millie and</u> <u>Leah!</u>

Congratulations to Millie Tobin (1st year) and Leah Denton (2nd year) for winning the U13 Over the Water Camogie Cup with their club, Shelmaliers, recently. Well done, girls!



## <u>Gold Awards for Inclusivity: Congratulations to Katie O'Leary</u> and Lauren Flynn!

We are thrilled to announce that our 2nd year students, Katie O'Leary and Lauren Flynn, have been honored with Gold awards at the Girl Guides Chief Commissioner Award ceremony. The event took place at Trinity College Dublin, where their 2024 CCA projects on the theme of "Inclusivity" were recognized for their excellence.

Katie and Lauren's dedication and hard work on their projects have earned them this prestigious accolade.

Well done, Katie and Lauren! You have made our school proud.



#### Celebrating Our 6th Year Meitheal Leaders

Our 6th year Meitheal leaders recently attended their awards ceremony at the Riverside Park Hotel. This event recognized their dedication and hard work throughout the year in both our school and with the first-year student cohort.

Thank you to all the Meitheal leaders for your outstanding contributions. Your efforts have made a significant difference in our school community!



#### Exciting Scholarship News!

We are thrilled to announce that two of our outstanding second-year students, Teegan O'Brien and Johanna Fitzharris, have been awarded this year's part-funded scholarship to Coláiste Laighean. This prestigious opportunity will allow them to further their studies and experience new academic challenges.

Congratulations to Teegan and Johanna on their remarkable achievement! We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and look forward to hearing about their experiences at Coláiste Laighean. Keep shining, Teegan and Johanna—you make us all proud!



#### Art Class Magic in Progress!

Students from CBS and the Presentation have been hard at work in Ms. Kelly's art class every Thursday, painting the set for our upcoming musical, "The Little Mermaid." Their dedication and creativity are transforming blank canvases into a magical underwater world. A big thank you to Ms. Kelly and her talented students for their amazing contribution. We can't wait to see the final result!





#### Inspiring Future STEM Leaders!

Our Transition Year students had a fantastic experience at the #iWish Showcase held at the RDS Dublin just before mid-term. This event highlighted the power of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM) to teenage girls, providing them with the opportunity to explore exciting STEM fields and meet inspiring role models. The students left feeling motivated and empowered to pursue their own futures in STEM. A big thank you to the organizers and role models who made this event so impactful! #InspiringWomeninSTEM #FutureSTEMLeaders









#### Congratulations to Lauren Kehoe!

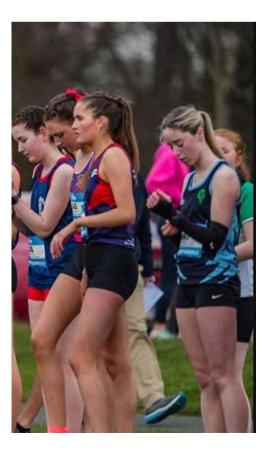
We are delighted to announce that Lauren Kehoe has signed with Wexford Youths' U17 League of Ireland team. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her dedication and hard work. Joining the Wexford Youths is a significant step in Lauren's football journey, and we look forward to seeing her excel on the field. Well done, Lauren, and best of luck in your new team!

# <u>Congratulations to Eabha</u>

#### Keane!

We are thrilled to celebrate the success of Eabha Keane, who represented Presentation, Wexford, at the Leinster Schools Cross Country last week. Eabha's dedication and hard work paid off as she finished 12th, securing her spot among the top 15 competitors who qualify for the All Irelands. Well done, Eabha! We are incredibly proud of your achievement and wish you the best of luck in the All Irelands.

Keep up the fantastic work!



#### Novice Team Shines Despite the Weather!

A huge congratulations to our novice team—Lucy, Grace, Kate, and Hazel—for their impressive performance recently, finishing in 5th place with a clear score sheet.

The team showed great determination and skill, braving the awful weather to deliver super rounds. Well done, girls! Your hard work and resilience are truly commendable.



## First Year Soccer Team Triumphs!

Congratulations to our first-year soccer team on their impressive win over Borris recently. The team's hard work and determination paid off, resulting in a fantastic victory. Shoutout to Sasha Lovelace and Millie Tobin for their great goals, and a special mention to our player of the match, Katie Doyle, who scored twice.

Well done, team! Keep up the excellent work and continue to make us proud!





#### Senior Agricultural Science Field Study

Our senior Agricultural Science students had an enriching field study recently in Rathnure. The visit provided them with valuable insights into the daily operations of a working farm. A heartfelt thank you to Michael Murphy for generously sharing his time and expertise, giving our students a firsthand experience of farm life. It was an educational and inspiring day for all!

## <u>Enriching Talks for Senior</u> <u>Cycle Students</u>

This term, our senior cycle students had the privilege of attending a series of insightful talks. We extend our gratitude to Tara and Erika from the Revenue and Customs Department at Rosslare Harbour, David O'Grady from Waterford College of Further Education, and Anita Cullen from Enniscorthy VEC. Their valuable presentations provided our students with a wealth of knowledge and inspiration for their future endeavors. Thank you to all the speakers for sharing their expertise and time with our students.









#### Students Across the Globe Group Visits Multicultural Celebration

Members of our Students Across the Globe Group had a fantastic experience this term, visiting the Loreto Secondary School, Wexford Multicultural Celebration. The event was a wonderful opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in diverse cultures and appreciate the richness of our global community.

The celebration was filled with vibrant performances, cultural displays, and engaging activities, leaving a lasting impression on our students. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Loreto Secondary School for hosting such a memorable event.

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our own multicultural week soon, and we look forward to welcoming our friends from Loreto Secondary School and celebrating the beauty of diversity together.





#### Our Green School Committee Shines!

During Spring Clean Week, our Green School Committee tackled litter around the Riverbank area, collecting eight bags of rubbish. Their dedication to keeping our community clean is truly inspiring. Well done, team!



#### First Year Gaelic Footballers Triumph in Their First Match!

Our first-year Gaelic footballers had an impressive debut match away against Creagh College recently. The team showcased their talent and teamwork, securing a fantastic win in their very first game together. Each player put in a brilliant performance, demonstrating dedication and skill on the field.

Congratulations to the team for their outstanding effort and a great start to the season! We look forward to seeing more successes in the future.





#### U-15 Girls Soccer Team Triumphs Over Ramsgrange!

In a recent U-15 soccer match against Ramsgrange, our girls delivered an outstanding performance, securing a thrilling 2-1 victory. The goals were scored by Mia McLoughlin and Ciara Murphy, showcasing their exceptional skills and teamwork.

With this win, the team advances to the next round of the Leinster minor league. Congratulations to the players for their hard work and dedication. On to the next challenge!

## <u>Recognition for Student</u> <u>Enterprise Success!</u>

Congrats to the 'Sweetswithsas' mini company—Sophie, Aoibhe, and Sive for winning the Best Social Media Award. Well done!

Kudos also to Lucia, Alba, and Grace for their 'Play it Safe' jewelry boxes for girls in sports, which made it to the Wexford Student Enterprise Final. We are proud of all our students for their creativity and dedication!



## <u>Presentation Wexford Students Travel to</u> <u>Dubai to Promote Camogie</u>

A group of students from Presentation Secondary School, Wexford, recently embarked on a remarkable journey to Dubai to promote Camogie, showcasing their skills and passion for the sport while engaging with young players in the region. The trip, which combined sport, coaching, and cultural experiences, provided the students with an unforgettable opportunity to represent their school and Ireland on an international stage.

#### Promoting Camogie in Dubai

As part of their visit, the students partnered with a local Dubai Óg club, where they helped train young players and introduce them to the game. Camogie, a traditional Irish sport with a rich history, is steadily gaining interest abroad, and the students played a key role in fostering its development in the Middle East. The young athletes from Presentation Wexford led coaching sessions, teaching fundamental skills, tactics, and the importance of teamwork. Their enthusiasm and expertise were met with great excitement by the Dubai Óg players, who embraced the opportunity to learn from experienced Irish Camogie players. A highlight of the sporting aspect of the trip was an exhibition match, where the students demonstrated their talent in front of local supporters and Irish expatriates. The game was a fantastic display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship, helping to further raise awareness of Camogie in Dubai.

#### **Exploring the Best of Dubai**

Beyond the sporting commitments, the students immersed themselves in the vibrant culture and attractions of Dubai. Their itinerary included visits to some of the city's most famous landmarks and experiences.

A trip to the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, offered breathtaking panoramic views of the Dubai skyline, while a visit to the Dubai Mall, one of the largest shopping centers in the world, provided a chance to explore its incredible array of shops, entertainment, and attractions, including the spectacular Dubai Aquarium.

The students also embraced the adventurous side of Dubai with a desert safari, where they experienced thrilling dune bashing, camel rides, and a taste of traditional Emirati culture. The excitement continued at Dubai's renowned water parks, where they enjoyed adrenaline-pumping slides and attractions, making the most of the city's world-class leisure facilities.

## <u>Presentation Wexford Students Travel to</u> <u>Dubai to Promote Camogie</u>

#### **Building on a Legacy of International Camogie Trips**

This trip to Dubai follows in the footsteps of previous Presentation Wexford Camogie tours, including memorable visits to New York and Boston in past years. These international trips not only provide students with the opportunity to showcase their sporting talents but also allow them to experience new cultures, build friendships, and create lifelong memories. The success of the Dubai tour has further strengthened the school's commitment to promoting Camogie on a global scale, and plans are already being considered for another international trip in the coming years. Whether it's returning to the United States, exploring new destinations, or revisiting Dubai, one thing is certain – Presentation Wexford's Camogie teams will continue to make an impact beyond Irish shores.

#### An Experience to Remember

For the students involved, this trip was about much more than just sport. It was a chance to represent their school and country with pride, share their passion for Camogie with a new audience, and experience a unique and exciting culture.

The memories made on the pitches of Dubai and the iconic landmarks visited along the way will stay with them for years to come. As Presentation Wexford continues to foster a love for Camogie and international travel, this trip serves as yet another milestone in the school's proud sporting tradition.

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#### Junk Kouture Finalists Shine!

We are thrilled to announce that our two Junk Kouture regional finalists, 'Blazing Muse' and 'All Tied Up,' have advanced to the Dublin City Final!

This incredible achievement is a testament to the creativity, dedication, and hard work of both groups.

A special shout-out goes to their supportive teachers, Ms. Byrne and Ms. L. Murphy, for their guidance and encouragement throughout the journey.

Congratulations to everyone involved! We are immensely proud of your efforts and wish you the best of luck in the finals.





## Celebrating the Achievements of Our Junior Cycle Students

Recently, we gathered to honor the accomplishments of last year's Junior Cycle students. During the event, students were proudly presented with their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement, a recognition of their hard work and dedication throughout their studies. A huge well done to all the students for their fantastic achievements!

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms. V. Redmond, whose meticulous preparation ensured the Awards Ceremony was a memorable success. Her efforts played a vital role in making this celebration truly exceptional.

Congratulations once again to all involved! Here's to continued success in the future.







## Table Quiz Night Success

A big thank you to our Parents Association for organizing a fantastic Table Quiz event! We're grateful to the students, parents, guardians, and staff who attended, as well as to our generous sponsors for their support. Your contributions made the night unforgettable!



#### Rang Caoimhe's Glamorous Day Out

Rang Caoimhe had an exciting and beauty-packed day recently! Their morning was spent at the Hair & Beauty Roadshow at the RDS, where they were treated to live beauty demonstrations and hair tutorials. The students had the chance to pick up must-have products, including hairbrushes, lashes, nail varnishes, and much more, adding plenty of sparkle to their day.

In the afternoon, the glamour continued with a shopping trip to Dundrum, where they explored stores and enjoyed some retail therapy.

It was a day filled with inspiration, fun, and fabulous finds for Rang Caoimhe!



## Join Us for Darkness into Light

Our Amber Flag committee is proud to be organizing the "Darkness into Light" event on Saturday, 29th March. This meaningful initiative brings our school community together to support mental health awareness. Students, staff, and parents are warmly invited to participate and return to the school afterward for refreshments. Let's come together to make a difference!



#### Congratulations to Our 3rd Year Maths Students

A big well done to all our 3rd Year Maths students who participated in the IMTA Pi Quiz at St. Peter's College recently. Their enthusiasm and effort in representing our school are truly commendable. Keep up the great work!





## <u>Celebrating Creativity in Our Internet Safety Competition</u>

Congratulations to all who took part in our recent Internet Safety Competition! The task was to design a page for next year's school journal, and the response was outstanding, with nearly 60 creative and thoughtful entries submitted.

A huge well done to everyone involved—your talent and hard work are truly commendable. Thank you for making this competition such a success!

## <u>Saoirse Flanagan Takes the</u> <u>Gold!</u>

A huge congratulations to Saoirse Flanagan on her incredible achievement in winning the Under 16 Leinster Championship at 800m recently. This is a testament to her hard work, determination, and talent. Well done, Saoirse—we're all so proud of you!



#### A Heartfelt Thank You from the Editor

Thank you for reading the third edition of our school newsletter! Your interest and engagement inspire us to continue bringing you updates and highlights from our school community.

Each edition reflects the incredible energy, talent, and achievements of our students, staff, and wider community, and we're grateful for your ongoing support.

As we move into a busy time for many of our students, we want to extend our best wishes to everyone preparing for their upcoming oral and practical exams. Your dedication and hard work will surely pay off, and we have no doubt you will give your best effort. Remember, each challenge is an opportunity to learn and grow.

Best of luck to all students—we are cheering you on every step of the way!





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