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Foreword

Welcome to the yearbook of 2012/2013. Each year is special in the life of Ardscoil La Salle and the contents of the following pages confirm that this year is no different. A special word of thanks to Mr. Mythen and his editorial team of TY students for producing this fine record of the year's events.

At this time of the year our sixth years have just finished their oral examinations in Irish, French and German. One student also completed an oral in Russian. Our art students are busy working towards their practicals as are the students of engineering and construction studies. Let us not forget our third years that have similar practicals and project work to do. I wish all of these students the very best of luck in June and particularly our sixth years who take their leave to new adventures ahead. Their contribution to the life of Ardscoil is a worthy one and is noted in many forms including pictorial.

While achievement on the academic front is important and welcome, an education involves so much more. Many activities have taken place throughout the year that have helped to develop our boys and girls as they move from being young twelve year old students to more mature seventeen/eighteen year old students. Some of the many events and activities are contained within.

As usual, it is the work of the teachers that is the guiding light in the preparation of students in the field of education, both curricular and extra-curricular.

Our first year students are the first in Ardscoil La Salle to use iPads as part of their education and their integration has been very successful. The book companies are responding to the changing needs of schools by renting eBooks as well as supplying them for sale. We were delighted to receive a visit from Dan McCarthy, Irish CEO of Yahoo, in September. Yahoo has been involved with the school a number of years now and their input is always appreciated.

Fr. William Stuart of Kilbarrack parish is a regular and welcome visitor to our school. This is his first year working with us and we are delighted with his contribution to the religious life of the school. His introduction of meditation to students has been very well received. They were also more than willing to work with him to help those less fortunate in the Middle East.

Merit Award day took place on May 15th (De La Salle Day) this year and we were delighted to welcome the Lord Mayor, Naoise O Muiri, to present this year's awards. Congratulations to all those who were nominated for an award. The awards have been presented by the Lord Mayor for the past twenty-one years and the school is privileged in this regard.

I would also like to thank all in the school community, including the Trustees, the Board of Management, parents, staff and students for their support during the last year. Enjoy the summer break and we will meet again in August.

Gerard Cleary
Principal

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Yearbook Editorial Team



L-R - Back Row: Caitriona O'Brien, Adam Powell, Alex Scott, Ryan Mc Sherry, Rachel Tracey. **Front Row:** Sarah Kelly, Gemma Walsh, Megan O'Sullivan, Shauna Scanlon, Eve Breslin. **Not pictured:** Jennifer Reynolds, Jake Burke.

Every year our school produces a yearbook. This year's editorial team consisted of Eve Breslin, Jake Burke, Sarah Kelly, Ryan Mc Sherry, Caitriona O'Brien, Megan O'Sullivan, Adam Powell, Jennifer Reynolds, Shauna Scanlon, Alex Scott, Rachel Tracey and Gemma Walsh. We've been working really hard over the past few weeks to make sure the yearbook would be finished in time.

We had so much work to do, including typing and editing articles, taking pictures and designing a layout. We also had to go around to local businesses and ask if they'd like to advertise in the yearbook, and scan the 6th year baby photographs onto the computer. It was a really interesting experience to be a part of the editorial team because we learned a lot of communication and IT skills. It was a lot of hard work, but we're very proud of what we've done!

We hope that you'll enjoy looking through this review as much as we enjoyed preparing it for all of you. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this 2013 edition, including the local businesses for their generous contributions. We don't think that you would be reading this yearbook if it wasn't for the amazing help and support we received!

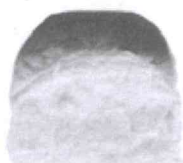
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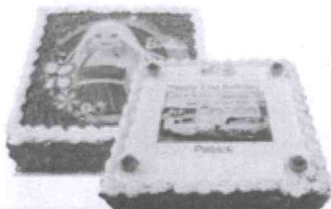
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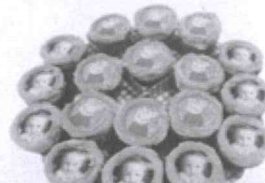


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1.1A – (L-R) Back row: Ciaran O'Sullivan, Adam Hale, Ryan O'Brien, David Tarasovs, Graham O'Reilly, Liul Mekonen, Dean Byrne. **Front row:** James Tracey, Abbie Brady, Suzanne Lee, Leah Charles, Michael Dillon. **Absent:** Patrick Byrne.

Second Years



2.1 – (L-R) Back row: Louise Fitzgerald, Ryan Kiernan, James McMahon, Jason Moriarty, Keith Conroy, Roy Jones, Robert Cumiskey, Rebecca Leech. **Middle row:** Kevin Whelan, Luke O'Shaughnessy, Segun Balogun, Dagemaulit Mekonen, Becky O'Connor, Katie Byrne, Rebecca Tierney, Jack Brady, Shane Lennon, Nathan Garnett. **Front row:** Andrew O'Doherty, Jenny Tang, Lauryn Kenny, Nicole Byrne, Katie Giffney, Saoirse Kelly, Natasha Connor, Hayley Smith, Cain Powell. **Absent:** Joshua Cumiskey, Simona Falanga, Lauryn McCormack, Aaron O'Toole.



2.1A – (L-R) Back row: Jack Rock, Brian Dennis, Jeffery Oderinde, Michael Iwanko, Dylan Currivan, Dean Kelly, Darragh Quigley. **Front row:** Robert Dunleavy, Alec Palaghia, Abbey Singleton, John Paul Mulvaney, Andrew Palaghia. **Absent:** Eric Hickey, Tori Hynes, Ryan Kelly, Jamie McLoughlin, Calvin O'Brien, Nadia Tougher.

Third Years



3.1 – (L-R) Back row: Adam Quinn, Jamie Byrne, Conor McCormack, Daniel Murphy, Lee Conroy, Karl Hatton, Eoghan Farrell. **Middle row:** Sebastian Gadek, David Groark, Jack Gillanders, Joshua McDonnell, Matthew Carter, Thomas O'Connor. **Front row:** Claire Smith, Nicole McMahon, Luke Evans, Orla McKay, Chloe McCormack Grant. **Absent:** Chloe Byrne, Shane Carr, Shantel Flynn, Louise Gillanders, Rebecca Hansard, Dylan Leech, Amy O'Toole, Glen Reilly.

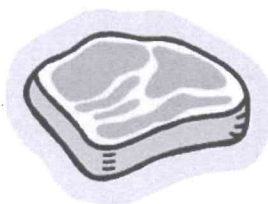
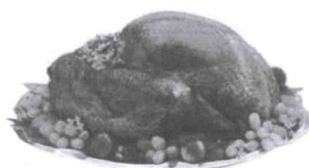


3.1A – (L-R) Back row: Jamie Murphy, Temiloluwa Abioye, Jonathan Daly, Eamonn White, Keith Hale, Gerard Colton. **Middle row:** Aaron Dalton, Daniel Loftus, Aaron Beatty, Sean Plummer, Conor Reilly, Bernard Hanlon, Dillon Erb. **Front row:** Ciaran Coates, Suzanne Nolan, Shauna Walsh, Sarah Bernes, Lara Doyle, Jordan McGuinness. **Absent:** Lauren Keegan, Mark Grace.

Third Years



3M – (L-R) Back row: Mark O'Reilly, Gianluca Parravani, Dean Lennon, Kyle Tipping Grehan. **Front row:** Conor Leach, Carla Cassidy, Aaron James Gifford Murphy. **Absent:** Ryan Foster, Amy Mulhall.



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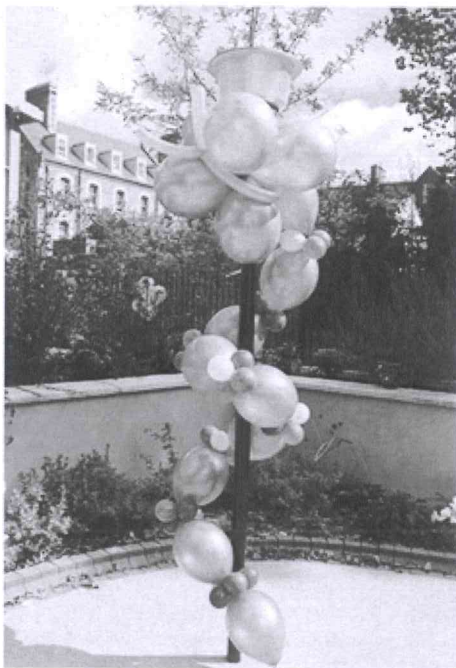
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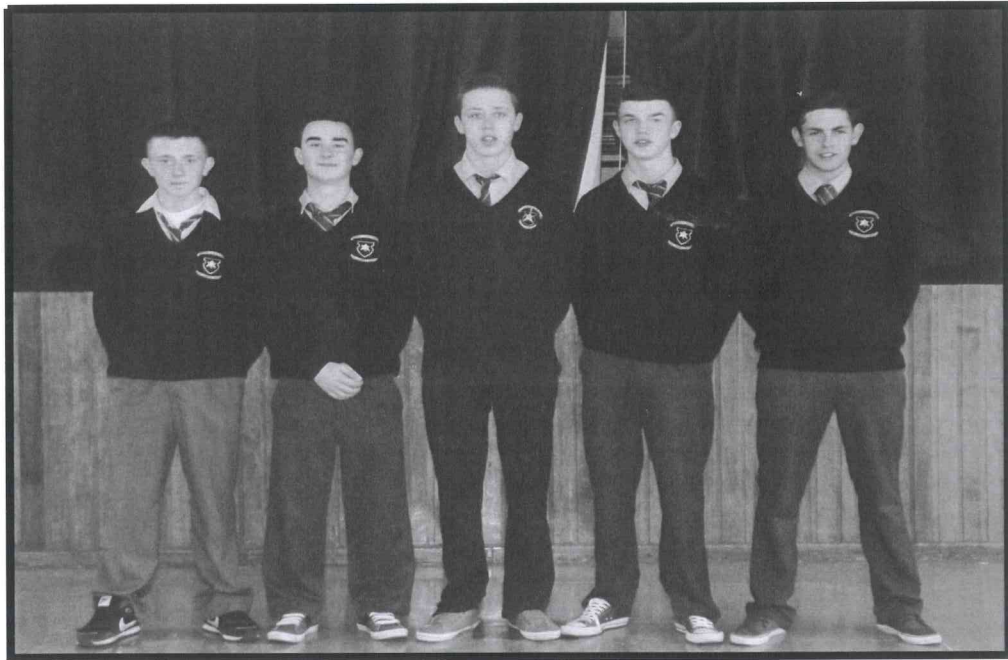


5.1 - (L-R) Back row: Brian Dillon, Laurynas Liutvaitis, Dominik Zwardon, Josh Redmond, Craig Griffiths, Youssef Mourad, Conor O'Hara. **Middle Row:** Dianne Murphy, Kai Tsigidin, Barry Davies, Fazil Veliyev, Darragh White, Daniel Williams, Vivienne Foster. **Front Row:** Jordan Kearns, Gemma Gaughan, Laura Horan, Hayley Tierney, Amy O'Sullivan, Ciara Farrelly, Megan Carpenter. **Absent:** Jake Burke, Lauren Cepeda, Gavin Hickey Hoolahan, Jake Keegan, Shannon Kelly, Adam Loughman, James O'Doherty.



5.2 - (L-R) Back row: Daryl Sherwin, Dylan Smith, Leon Murphy, Adam Keegan, Conor Tyrrell. **Middle row:** Derek Doherty, John Crabtree, Ivan Cerednicenko, Keith Stafford, Lee Walsh. **Front row:** David Kennedy, Luize Zelve, Tracy Bethel, Stephen Kenny. **Absent:** Amy Blackmore, Sean Brady, Jennifer Connolly, Ben Gaughan, Ultan Mc Carthy, Jason Ryan.

Fifth Years



5.3 - (L-R): George Whelan, Colm Smith, Dylan Byrne, Lee Kelly, Jordan Ryan Byrne.
Absent: Gary Conroy, Melissa Gray, Adam Kelly, Alex Kenny, Calvin Ryan, Victoria Wood.

My Memory

My first day joining this school at the beginning of 5th year:
Anxious to start but mainly nervous, filled with preconceived ideas
of how difficult it would be to fit in.

My nerves were quickly settled as I was warmly welcomed in a
friendly manner by both students and teachers. Over the 2 years I
have spent in this school I have gained some great friendships
with people I will never forget. I have also learned many things
about myself as I grew as a person in this school.

Joseph Carroll (6.1)

Sixth Years



6.1 - (L-R): Back Row: Danil Chatuncev, Dean Gilroy, Daniel Guerin, Denis Samolia, Ciaran Cordial, James Culleton. **Middle row:** Molly Dunne, Holly Doyle, Karlin Hamilton, Joseph Carroll, Colin Sheeran, Ian Reynolds, Louise Whelan, Betelehem Mekenon. **Front row:** Deynagh O'Brien, Ciara Manning, Louise Daly, Jade Connor, Amy Woods, Niamh McEvoy, Shannon O'Shea. **Absent:** Aaron Daly.



6.2 - (L-R): Back row: Jonathan Ryan, Sam Woolhead, Aaron Dale, Cian Lenihan, Glenn Radley, Lee Harris. **Middle row:** Ryan Lennon, Andrew O'Leary, Sinead Leonard, Dale Twomey, Ross O'Rourke. **Front row:** Kristina Lee, Hayley Mooney, Carlita Clifford, Hannah Mooney, Kym Carroll, Leandra Marsh, Chelsey Murphy. **Absent:** Liam Craig, Tracey Kelly, Lee Lynch Byrne, Christopher Reilly.

Sixth Years



6.3 – (L-R): Back row: Eric Kearns, Dean McMahon, Cian Flood, Stephan Dolan, Ciaran Fagan, Cormac O'Shaughnessy. **Front row:** Leanne Byrne, Shannon Cassin, Andrea Doran. **Absent:** Jade Blake, Luke Coates, John Reyes.

Mental Note

Private jokes written along with old names with aging laughter weak in picture frames of empty faces standing in the shallow hall full of uncertain answers to the call from the never ending daydream ticking from the clock time is running out here doors are soon to lockout two faces waltzing through darkness seeking lessons on how to live so heartless without failure in the ages of people shutting doors in the faces of the moonlight saving for the poor take a mental note now quicker than you know how everyone around you holds the answer in blue that when time will come to an end and if you have your friends this peace so lacking has treated you alright.

Jonny Ryan (6.2)

sixth year memories

<p>When our class in third year made Ms. Lavin cry by playing a game.</p> <p>The time Liam ran into a wall in P.E.</p> <p>Ms. O' Sullivan's mhm, mhm, mhm.</p> <p>Ms. O' Sullivan's "Don't fear, embrace."</p> <p>Mr. Mc Elhinney and Ms. Aherne's terrible drawings.</p> <p>Mr. Mc Elhinney's stick of fear.</p> <p>Niamh Mc Evoy getting trapped in the mats in the storage room in the P.E hall and Mr. Dever pulling her out by the legs.</p> <p>Dale asking was Mr. O'Brien's left leg sore and he responded with "Yes, it was my Christy Brown."</p> <p>Ms Aherne – "In relation to that."</p> <p>Giving Ms. O' Sullivan a real sugary sweet and she screamed "Oh salty."</p> <p>Mr. Coyle licking his eyebrows.</p> <p>Ms. Magin's nervous breakdown.</p> <p>Mr. O' Grady doing our projects.</p> <p>Taking the long way home from St. Michael's to avoid double construction, coming in 10 minutes before the bell.</p> <p>Leandra wearing Debs make up everyday in school.</p> <p>Ms. Ni Raghallaigh doing the splits at the top of the class to show everyone how flexible she is.</p> <p>Ms. Mc Cabe constantly being in stitches at her own jokes.</p> <p>Hannah having to be carried back to the hotel in Paris after her purse got robbed because she couldn't breathe.</p> <p>When we hid under the tables in home ec hiding on Ms Ni Raghallaigh and she came back in and said "I CAN SEE YOU'S, YOU'S BUNCH OF SADDOS!"</p>	<p>Andrea and Shannon's Anne Frank hideout in the demonstration room.</p> <p>Mr. Cleary's "C'mon get ta class, the second bell has rung."</p> <p>When Amy walked straight into a pole and everyone saw it coming but never told her.</p> <p>Jade and Cian's fake wedding in the equipment room in P.E and Jade used a table tennis net as a veil.</p> <p>Mr. Brennan wrote on the board "If you don't know your Law of indices YOU'RE F*****!"</p> <p>When Shannon O' Shea fainted during sex education.</p> <p>Shannon Quigley falling off her chair in the study hall and not being able to get up for a good 10 minutes</p> <p>When a pigeon landed on Ms. Mc Carrick's head on the art trip.</p> <p>Ms. Mc Cabe's "Hmmm."</p> <p>Dale telling Ms. Ni Raghallaigh to take her hair down out of her grip and that she had a figure like Rihanna.</p> <p>Ciara Manning and Colin Sheeran crying about going to the zoo when we should be studying for our orals.</p> <p>When Shannon hit the P.E hall roof with a stick and it all fell down.</p> <p>In 1st year when Ms. Mc Cabe had to run around the tables after Darren Leahy.</p> <p>Mr. Mc Elhinney farted and blamed it on the chair.</p> <p>Ms. Cooper and Mr. Cleary running after Kristina shouting "KRISTINAAA" in Paris.</p> <p>Ms. Mc Cabe spraying fly killer on the students rather than on the FLY.</p> <p>Ms. Young saying every two minutes "Now, I'd like you to listen."</p>
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The Complete Sixth Year Survey

Category	Nominations	Winner
Best smile	Amy Woods Ms. O'Connor Niamh Mc Evoy Ciaran Cordial	Amy Woods
Most likely to run for president	Ciara Manning Colin Sheeran Stephen Dolan	Ciara Manning
Best dressed girl	Leanne Byrne Hannah Mooney Chelsea Murphy Kym Carroll Niamh Mc Evoy	Niamh Mc Evoy & Hannah Mooney
Best dressed boy	Ciaran Cordial Dale Twomey Christopher Reilly	Ciaran Cordial
Most school spirit	Andrew O'Leary Amy Woods Dale Twomey	Amy Woods
Biggest flirt	Glen Radley Ms. O'Connor Cian Flood Amy Woods	Ms. O'Connor
Best personality	Cian Flood Stephen Dolan Andrew O'Leary Joe Carroll Karlin Hamilton	Andrew O'Leary
Most charming	Dean Gilroy Lee Harris Joe Carroll Andrew O'Leary Stephen Dolan	Dean Gilroy
Most likely to save the world	Danil Chatuncèv Kristina Lee Ciara Manning Betelehem Mesfein	Kristina Lee & Danil Chatuncev

The Complete Sixth Year Survey

Category	Nominations	Winner
Next Brangelina	Stephen & Hayley Jade & Cian Chelsea & Chrissy Betelehem & Danil Luke & Hayley	Jade & Cian
Class chatterbox	Hannah Mooney Dean Gilroy Leanne Byrne Dean Mc Mahon	Hannah Mooney
Most likely to retire at 40	Cian Lenihan Leandra Marsh Danil Chatuncev Kristina Lee Sam Woolhead	Sam Woolhead
Most likely to win X-Factor	Dale Twomey Kym Carroll Carlita Clifford	Dale Twomey
Best singer	Karlin Hamilton Kym Carroll Dale Twomey Aaron Dale	Kym Carroll
The next Albert Einstein	Eric Kearns Aaron Dale James Culleton Ciara Manning Danil Chatuncev	Danil Chatuncev
Best sportsperson	Eric Kearns Luke Coates Aaron Daly Daniel Guerin	Luke Coates
Most reliable	Jade Connor Colin Sheeran Hayley Mooney Cian Lenihan	Colin Sheeran
Most likely to be remembered	Lee Lynch Dean Gilroy Hannah Mooney Dale Twomey	Dale Twomey

Teachers' Memories

Anonymous

Danil's little bike and the time he got caught mitching.

Karlin Hamilton always having an injury excuse whenever his man roasted him in a match.

Cormac O'Shaughnessy: ahh, the elusive Cormac!

Ryan Lennon being too fond of his bed, oh and the golf tee ear-rings.

Mr. Henry pronouncing Betlehem's surname as Mc Clauren.

Aaron Dale telling the class he was getting a summer job driving a tractor.

Dean Gilroy: the future of Trinity gael's senior football team.

Lee Harris: the only male student I know who carries a mirror around with him in his school bag.

Dan Guerin + Niamh McEvoy: De La Salle's very own Posh and Becks, although Dan's a much better Gaelic footballer than Becks!

Andrew O'Leary: a good man to answer an aul' question or two!

Johnny Ryan singing the most depressing song I've ever heard at the talent show this year.

Any of Hannah Mooney's appearances in the school talent show for any number of reasons.

Glenn Radley trying to play Gaelic football.

Liam Craig: another man that's too fond of his bed.

Cian Flood: the headed goal in the Gaelic football match took some bating!

Cian Lenihan has had more dry spells in front of the goal than a camel in the Sahara desert!

Watching Dean McMahon grace any Gaelic football pitch. Pure gold!

Stephen Dolan: a man under the thumb.

Dale Twomey needs to stop starting rows on the football pitch.

Mr. Montague

Johnny Ryan singing and playing guitar at the talent show - wow!

Coaching Stephen Dolan, Cian Lenihan and Ciaran Fagan as first years in the "academy."

Ms. Higgins

Stranger danger!

The endless amount of tissue paper used for TY bank poster.

Dale's Lady Gaga hat he made in TY.

Jade thinking the Pope was saying mass in Sa Coeur Basilica.

Hannah's portrait in Montmartre.

Dale's bag in Paris.

Amy and Niamh awake at 2am in Paris!

Engage your core!

The tinfoil blankets.

Cos ya gotta have faith! (George Michael).

That Spanish song.

Jade giving everyone her coppers for singing the metro.

Karlin being too nice to street people.

Dale's wallet.

How much everyone loved the George Pompidou museum.

Ms. Hackett

Chaperoning Ms. Magin's English class to see Macbeth in The Helix.

Holly Doyle falling flat on her face while running laps in second year.

Luke Coates volunteering to surrender his shirt to borrow his calculator in maths class in 3rd year.

Who can forget Lady Gaga?

Ciaran Cordial's dancing.

The "ripped" body builder taking to the tanning beds.

The many sets of lovebirds.

Ciara Manning - need I say more?

Go-karting with all the F1 wannabes!

Betlehem playing the violin.

The talented singers Kim, Dale and Johnny.

Fundraising

Cake Sale

Another cake sale was held on March 7th to raise funds for the school's extra-curricular activities and sport. The Transition Years designed posters and baked delicious buns. It raised around €290 and was very successful.



Fundraising for Focus Ireland

On November 22nd, a cake sale was organised in aid of Focus Ireland by Ms. Magin and some helpful first years and fifth years. They raised €150 in total. Well done to all involved!

Shave or Dye

This year a number of students participated in the annual Today FM Shave or Dye event. Jake Burke, Ben Gaughan and a number of other fifth years dyed their hair and raised over €500 for the cause, while our own Adam Cooney, TY, completely shaved his head in aid of the cause.



Movember

Mr. Pender, Mr. Brennan and Mr. Montague sported very fashionable moustaches throughout November. Mr. Pender raised €290 for this great cause, although we didn't manage to get a photo to prove it!

Della Voices

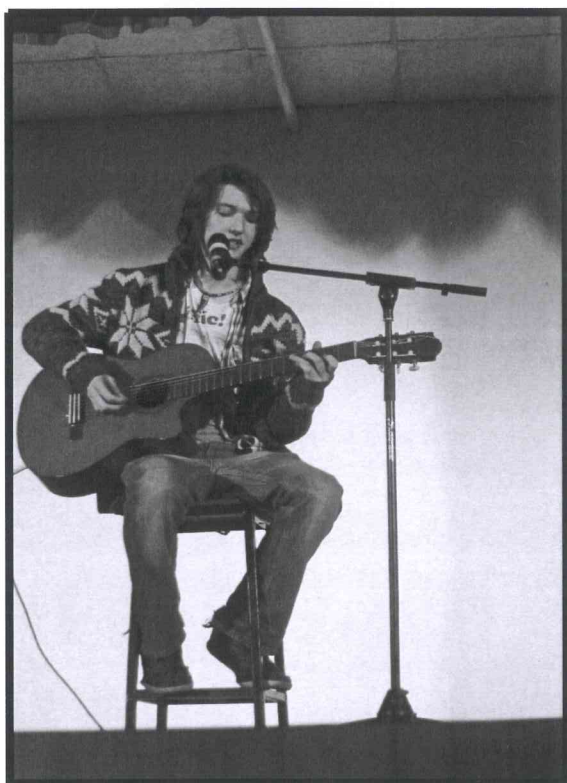
On Thursday December 13th, after much practice, the choir ventured to St. Stephen's Green Shopping Centre with the hope of raising money for the very worthwhile charity Barnardos. Following many hours of singing a variety of Yuletide favourites, the choir managed to raise a very respectable €450.



Shoebox Appeal

A very special thank you to all the students and staff that supported the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Your generous contribution has allowed us to donate 47 gift filled boxes. These will bring joy and hope to children in the most hopeless situations in Eastern Europe and Africa. Team Hope is a government recognised charity in Ireland.

TALENT SHOW

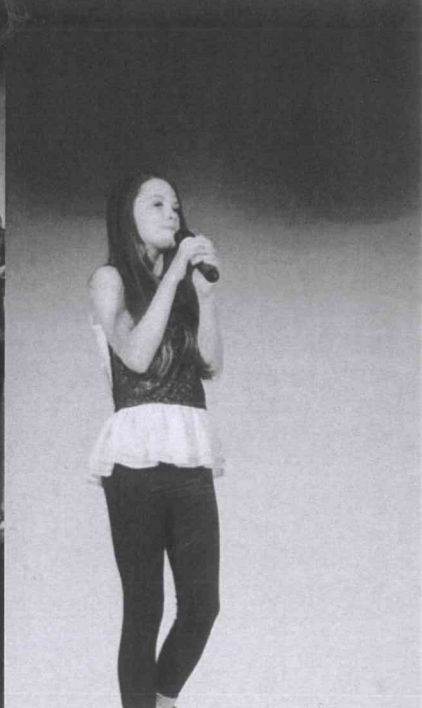
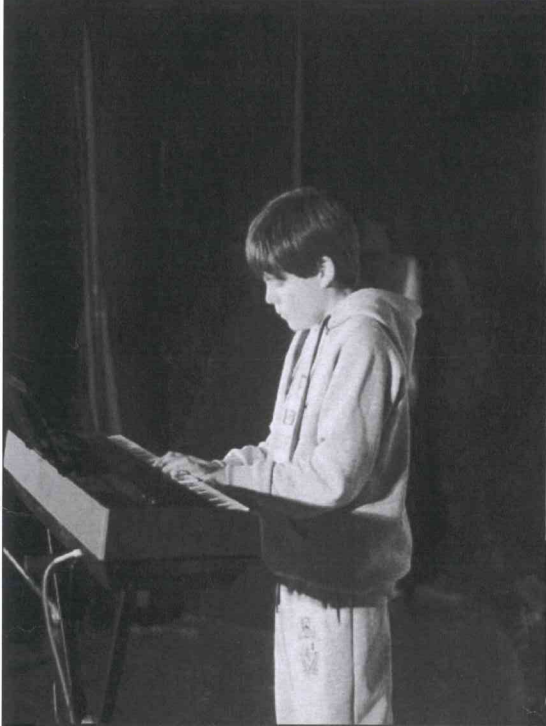


The annual talent show took place on Thursday February 7th, hosted by the affable Stephen Kenny (5th Year). A variety of acts took part and performed some excellent pieces. The Della Voices choir also provided entertainment on the night.

The visiting judges faced the very difficult challenge of deciding on the prize winners. **3rd place** went to **Kim Carroll** (6th Year) for a beautiful rendition of 'Feels like Home to Me', **2nd place** to **Johnny Ryan** (6th Year) with an original and very engaging solo piece. **1st place** went to **Ciaran Cordial, Amy Woods & Niamh McEvoy** (6th Year) with an extremely unique and highly entertaining dance routine.

It proved to be a fantastic night of entertainment and talent. Well done to the winners and to all who participated!





FLIGHT TO PARIS

Waking up at 3am wasn't the best thing I've ever had to do, but the extra hour to get ready was definitely needed! My parents brought me to the airport and I was a bit nervous, but I found the group in the end. Everyone looked tired, but we were all excited to go. Ms. Higgins kept telling us how cold it was going to be, how much it was going to rain and snow, so everyone was wrapped up in many layers. After an eventful flight, including beautiful views and some vomiting (!), we landed to find the sun blazing and ridiculous heat. We all shed some layers and went to have some lunch.

BOAT TRIP

After a long day and not much sleep, we made our way down from the Champs Elysees towards the banks of the River Seine for a boat trip.

It was freezing but we all sat on top of the boat. Little did we know there were radiators in the indoor seating area! The tour started beside the Eiffel Tower and we were off. We saw the Musee D'orsay, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Louvre.

The cold weather didn't bother the locals as they were all on the banks of the rivers listening to music and having a few drinks. We weren't shy about waving hello and neither were they! There were also some tourists on the boat with us. One Asian man and his friend in particular were very friendly, getting in pictures with us and even wanted us to dance to 'Gangnam Style' with him!



SLEEPING IN THE AIRPORT

On the day we were due to fly back to Dublin, the weather was bad. When we reached the airport we found out that our plane had been cancelled. When we first went to the terminal, we were brought into our own area. There was loads of space so we decided to play a few games. After a half an hour we started to get bored and annoyed, so the manager cleared a room and moved us upstairs where we spent the night. We had to sleep on the floor and have 3 people to a foil blanket. No one knew we were there so we had to be quiet. However, the noise of the people moving with the foil was so loud and noisy. We were supposed to wake up at 6am to catch the next flight, but that was cancelled so we could have a lie in.

Pieces written by Jordan Kearns, Diane Murphy, Gemma Gaughan & Tracy Bethel.

Paris Art Trip



FRA

When we went to the Montmartre, it was so beautiful. We strolled around the centre of it and the square was filled with artists painting and sketching whatever they could see. Karlin posed for a caricature which was really funny. Hannah and Jordan got portraits done. The square had lots of shops everywhere you looked.

EIFFEL TOWER

Our trip to the Eiffel tower was spectacular! It was breath taking to see Paris from such a height. The view was amazing; I could see for miles, it was worth the climb.

BIG HALL / RED CROSS

We went to the airport after we heard that we'd be sleeping there. As you can imagine, none of us were expecting to sleep! Even though we were overtired at this stage; we played games to keep us awake. The games we were fed by the French Red Cross, we got rolls, croissants, soups and coffee.

PLANE HOME

After a traumatic day of snow, being stranded in McDonalds for hours, police escorts and a night on the airport floor with our tin blankets, it's safe to say we were all looking forward to going home. We checked in and went to wait for our plane but were told about except delays and cancellations, so we held on to our tinfoil blankets just in case. All of a sudden, Ms. Cooper came running over telling us our plane was here and we had to drop everything! We ran to the seats before other people got to the plane. A few more people came on, maybe 2 or 3, and then the air hostesses closed the doors. We were looking around confused, but then Miss Higgins told us that the Irish Embassy and Ryan air had sent a plane just for us and a few other people to get us home! Happy and excited to be going home, we sang and talked and slept on the plane and finally, we landed back in Dublin, safe and sound.



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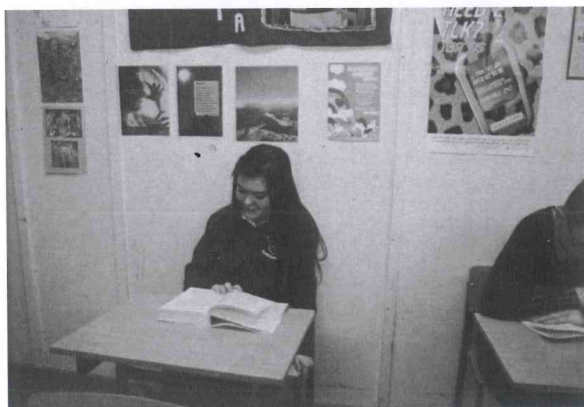


World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

This was the 16th year that there had been a World Book Day and on the 7th of March, children of all ages came together to appreciate reading. The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the pleasure of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

To mark the day, students and staff of the Della were proud to take part in their second annual "Stop, Drop and Read" event. At a selected time, everyone in the school (from staff to visitors to students) *stop* what they're doing, *drop* all their concerns and *read* a book for 20 minutes.

For more information on World Book Day, check out their website at: www.worldbookday.com



Mathematics

Prism Competition

The Problem Solving for Irish Second Level Mathematics Competition is an annual event which takes place during Maths Week. Coordinated by NUI Galway, the emphasis is on using ingenuity and lateral thinking. The students need to be imaginative and creative with their mathematical thinking. Our 61 top maths students participated this year in one of two categories - Junior or Senior.

The most successful candidates nationally are invited to take part in the International Maths Olympiad. Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's competition!

Our top three junior students are:

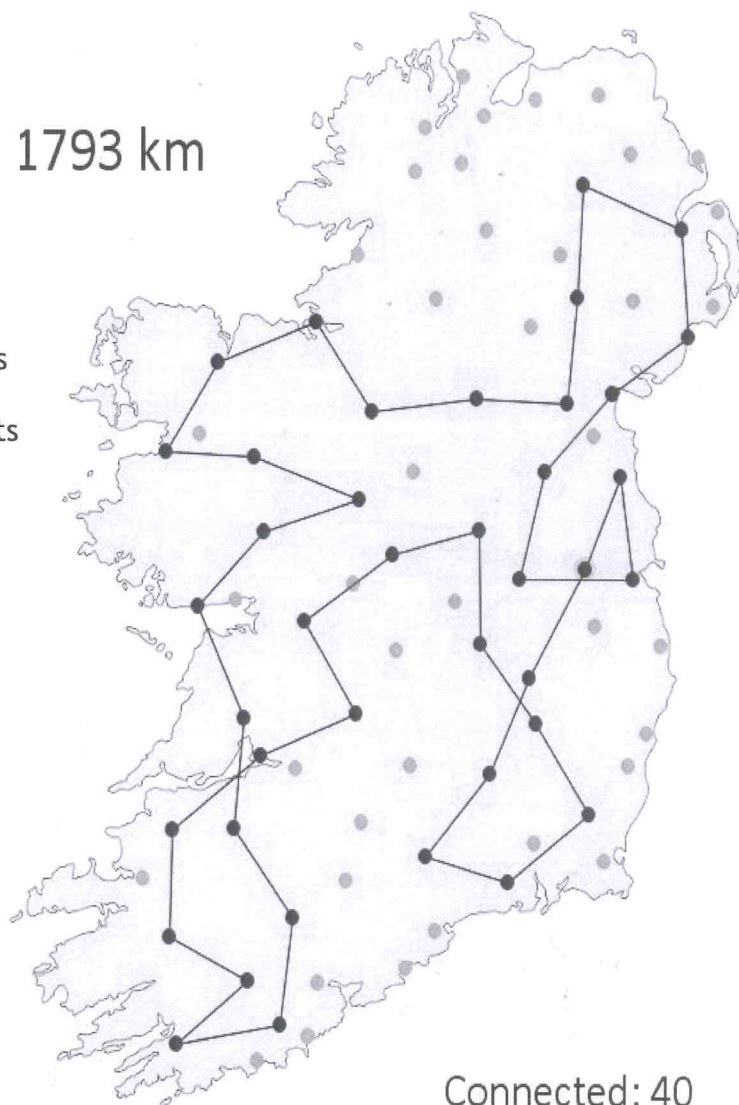
1. Eoghan Farrell - 3.1
2. Sebastian Gadek - 3.1
3. Roy Jones - 2.1

Our top three senior students are:

1. Daniel Williams & Brian Dillon - 5.1
2. Fazil Veliyev - 5.1
3. Dianne Murphy - 5.1

Special congratulations to **Eoghan Farrell** who was placed within the top 100 students in the country. Well done Eoghan!

1793 km



Computational Thinking

This competition is sponsored by Microsoft and run by the Computer Science, Mathematics and Philosophy departments of NUI Maynooth. It was open to all students attending secondary school in Ireland and the prizes included Xbox 360s.

The challenge was to connect 40 Irish towns in a closed loop, where each jump must take you to a new country. Although the task seems simple, it is drawn from the most challenging set of problems in computer science: the set of NP-complete problems.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's challenge. With a ranking of 19th in the country, this is a fantastic result for **Jamie Byrne** in 3.1. Well done Jamie!

Maths Trip to Trinity College

Prof. Chris Budd, FRS, University of Bath gave an interactive lecture on the role of maths in the making of the modern world as part of Maths Week 2012. 28 of our senior Higher Level Maths students were invited to attend this wonderful lecture in Trinity College's Science Gallery. They enjoyed learning some basic binary coding, volunteering to be human computers and discovering that Florence Nightingale invented the pie chart.

Catholic Schools Week 2013



From January 28th to February 1st, the school participated in Catholic Schools Week. The idea involves every Catholic school in the country coming together to develop their faith in accordance with the theme. The theme for this year's event was:

"Educate the Soul."

It served as a reminder that through our education in academic subjects, we are also educating our souls.

Each year group in the school held a prayer service throughout the week, readings were read over the intercom during the day and everyone was encouraged to participate in the vibrant faith community that is our school. We would like to give special thanks to all the students and teachers that made the week an enjoyable and informative one for everyone concerned.

Our Le Chéile Conference 2013

From January 31st to February 1st, we attended a conference held by the Le Chéile Catholic Schools Trust as part of Catholic Schools Week. The event was held at in Citywest Hotel for both days. Students from every Le Chéile school attended the conference, where the theme was 'Educate the Soul.'

For the two days, we were split up into different groups – music, art, drama and photography – and we would have to create pieces that represented educating the soul. We later presented our own songs, posters, drama scenes and photographs to the members of each of the schools and those of Le Chéile. We worked on designing posters.

All in all, it was an extremely interesting experience and we're very glad we were able to attend!

By Gemma Walsh & Rachel Tracey, TY

Geography

Geography Field Trip

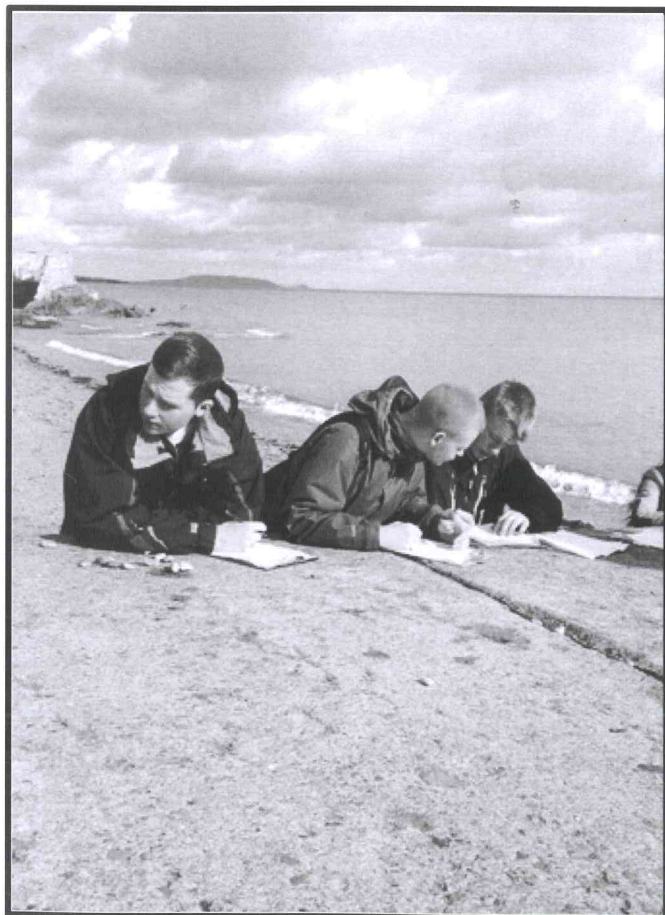
Ms. McCabe, Ms. Ganly and Maja brought our 6th year geography class to Balcadden Bay in Howth by DART on a cold, bright morning.

When we arrived we set up the equipment; we had a clinometer, trundle wheel, quadrat, metre stick, callipers, scoop net, ranging poles, oranges, hydrochloric acid and a stopwatch. We wanted to prove that erosion is at work in the bay.

We found evidence of soil creep and partial cliff collapse. We saw long-shore drift in action by timing how far the orange travelled in 15 minutes. We examined all the potholes on the wave cut platform and found that they had lots of seaweed and dead crabs in them, so we knew that it had been part of the coastline but had been eroded by the sea.

We worked hard all morning in Howth but it was lots of craic!

By Cian Flood, 6th year



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Merit Awards

1st Year

For Academic Endeavour: Tito Abioye, Darragh Gilroy, Robert Herbert, Davids Tarasovs

For Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance & Contribution Boxing: Kevin Bortas

For Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Cultural Activities: James Mc Sherry

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Cultural Activities: Akachukwu Ayagwu, Melissa Ryan, Sarah Ryan

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to School Spirit: Danielle Lonergan, Laura Doyle

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Sport: Ryan Murphy

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Soccer: Dylan Curley, Jordan Mc Donnell

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Gaelic: Graham O'Reilly, Ciaran O'Sullivan, Ryan O Donnell

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Boxing: Izabela Mikula, Liam O'Hara, Ben Singleton

For Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Sport: Adam Hale

For Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Cultural Activities: Suzanne Lee

For Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Metalwork Class: Liul Mesfein Mekonen

For Contribution to Sport & Contribution to Metalwork Class: Dean Byrne

For Contribution to School Spirit & Cultural Activities: Aaron Connor

For Contribution to School Spirit: Jamie Pollard, James Tracey

For Contribution to Metalwork Class: Robert Fitzsimons

For Contribution to Boxing: Clodagh Clifford

For Contribution to Gaelic and Boxing: Mark Barry



2nd Year

For Academic Endeavour: Segun Balogun, Nicole Byrne, Natasha Connor, Saoirse Kelly, Ryan Kiernan, James McMahon, Becky O'Connor, Jenny Tang, Dylan Currian, Brian Dennis, Robert Dunleavy, Alex Palaghia, Darragh Quigley, Jack Rock, Abbey Singleton, Lauryn McCormack, Andrew Palaghia

For Academic Endeavour- Excellent Attendance & Contribution to GAA: Jason Moriarty

For Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Cultural Activities: Dagemaulit Mesfein Mekonen

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Cultural Activities: Rebecca Leech, Cain Powell

For Academic Endeavour & Cooperative Spirit: Nadia Tougher

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Soccer: Luke O' Shaughnessy

For Excellence Attendance: Hayley Smith

For Contribution to Cultural Activities: Andrew O'Doherty

For Contribution to Metalwork Class: Louise Fitzgerald, Lauryn Kenny, Dean Kelly

For Contribution to GAA & Soccer: Roy Jones



Merit Awards

3rd Year

For Academic Endeavour: Jamie Byrne, Eoghan Farrell, Rebecca Hansard, Chloe McCormack Grant, Daniel Murphy, Thomas O'Connor, Aaron Beatty, Jordan McGuinness, Sean Plummer, Conor Reilly, Amy Mulhall, Shantel Flynn, Dylan Leech, Adam Quinn, Claire Smith, Conor Reilly

For Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance:
Conor McCormack, Joshua McDonnell

For Academic Endeavour & Cooperative Spirit: Orla McKay

For Excellent Attendance and Cooperative Spirit:
David Groark Peate

For Contribution to Soccer: Matthew Carter

For Contribution to GAA and soccer: Aaron Gifford Murphy

For Contribution to Metalwork Class: Mark O'Reilly

The John Slattery Award 2013

This award was set up in memory of the late Mr. John Slattery, who taught in this school for many years, working especially at encouraging the academic progress of Junior Students. It is given to a pupil in junior cycle who has consistently shown a positive attitude to schoolwork and helpfulness and courtesy to fellow-pupils and to teachers, even when the going gets tough.

This year, for excellent behaviour, for consistent hard work, for unfailing co-operation with teachers, for displaying strength of character in pursuing the personal goal of trying always to achieve the best possible academic standards, the John Slattery award goes to: **Aaron Beatty**

Junior Students of the Year 2013

The award of Junior Student of the Year 2013 goes to two pupils who have maintained the highest standards of excellence in all areas of school life over the past three years. These students have been exemplary in character, respectful of others, steadfastly cooperative with and obliging to both teachers and fellow-students. Highly motivated, extremely diligent, conscientious in attendance and punctuality our Junior Student of the Year consistently strives for and reaches the goal of academic excellence.

For the pursuit of excellence in all fields, for consistent commitment to studies, for displaying strength of character and outstanding personal integrity, the students who have well and truly deserved the accolade of Junior Student of the Year 2013 are: **Orla McKay & Joshua McDonnell**



Junior Sportsperson of the Year

This award is made to a Student who has consistently displayed the highest standards of sportsmanship, combining a high level of athletic skill with team spirit and who, while exhibiting enthusiastic competitiveness, yet always strives to play fair, leads by example, inspiring team-mates to greater effort.

This year for Soccer and Gaelic football, for showing a mature understanding of the game, for being highly motivated, consistently helpful to team-mates and trainers and always performing at the highest level of sportsmanship. The Junior Sportsperson of the Year goes to: **Aaron Gifford Murphy**



Merit Awards

Transition Year

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Year

Book: Paul Brown, Sarah Kelly

For Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance:

Kevin Leech

For Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Year Book: Jennifer Reynolds

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to School Year Book & Le Cheile: Gemma Walsh

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Cultural Activities & Year Book: Caitriona O'Brien

For Excellent Attendance: Craig Connor, Robert Whelan

For Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Year Book: Alexandra Scott

For Contribution to Year Book: Eve Breslin, Ryan McSherry, Megan O'Sullivan, Adam Powell, Shauna Scanlon

For Contribution to Soccer: Mark Somers

For Contribution to Year Book & Le Cheile: Rachel Tracey



Fifth Year

For Academic Endeavour: James O'Doherty, Conor O'Hara, Darragh White, Dominik Zwardon, Keith Stafford

For Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance: Brian Dillion, Laurynas Liutvaitis, Daniel Williams, Adam Keegan, Dylan Smith

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Cultural Activities: Gemma Gaughan, Daryl Sherwin, Dianne Murphy, Derek Doherty, Stephen Kenny, Vivenne Foster

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Religious Activities: Youssef Mourad

Contribution to GAA & Soccer: Barry Davies

Contribution to Soccer: Craig Griffiths

Contribution to Cultural Activities and Religious Activities: Youssef Mourad

For Contribution to Cultural Activities: Ciara Farrelly, Amy O'Sullivan, Hayley Tierney, Luize Zelve, Jordan Kearns, Tracy Bethel, Amy Blackmore, Jennifer Connolly

For Cooperative Spirit: Melissa Gray

Merit Awards

Sixth Year

For Academic Endeavour: Joseph Carroll, James Culleton, Louise Daly, Ian Reynolds, Sinead Leonard, Leanne Byrne, Ciara Manning, Danil Chatuncev

For Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Soccer: Colin Sheeran

For Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Cultural Activities: Bethlehem Mekonen

For Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Cultural Activities: Jade Connor, Ciaran Cordial, Niamh McEvoy, Amy Woods

For Contribution to Cultural Activities: Karlin Hamilton, Kym Carroll, Hayley Mooney, Andrew O'Leary, Jonathan Ryan, Dale Twomey, Louise Whelan, Kristina Lee, Carlita Clifford, Hannah Mooney

For Contribution to Cultural Activities & School Life: Holly Doyle

Contribution to Trinity Access Programme: Deynagh O'Brien

For Contribution to School Life: Molly Dunne

Contribution to GAA & Soccer: Daniel Guerin

For Contribution to Soccer: Luke Coates, Cian Lenihan, Cian Flood

Senior Student of the Year

When choosing the Senior Student of the Year, we look for an exemplary pupil, a student who has maintained for five or six years a consistent commitment to study at the highest level, who has achieved excellent results in the Junior Cert and continues to apply the same high standards to preparations for the Leaving Cert.

The Student of the Year is not only outstandingly able in academic work, but also possesses sterling personal qualities: displaying uprightness, maturity, helpfulness; treating both staff and fellow students with unfailing courtesy and consideration; always completely reliable, outstandingly honourable and utterly unassuming.

Outgoing and supportive of fellow-students and of teachers, combining meticulous schoolwork and outstanding academic achievement with the highest ideals of personal integrity and all around excellence of character, we have great pleasure in awarding the title of Senior Student of the Year to: **Colin Sheeran**



Senior Sportsperson of the Year

The senior sportsperson of the Year is an all-around sportsperson, a key member of the school team, whether in soccer, Gaelic football or hurling, a player of distinction, with a strong sense of team spirit and outstanding ability, always generous in victory and courageous in defeat.

We look for an athlete who besides being a committed, passionate and determined performer on the pitch, has shown impressive leadership ability, leading by example in training and on the field, motivating and spurring on team mates before and during matches and the students who have well and truly deserved the accolade of Senior Sportsperson of the year.

This year we have a great pleasure in awarding the title of Senior Sportsperson of the Year to **Daniel Guerin**.



Trinity Access Programme (TAP)

TAP works in partnership across the education sector with students, teachers, families, communities and businesses to widen access and participation at third-level of under-represented groups.



Trinity College Challenge Days 2013 by Brian Dillon (5.1)

On the Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th of February, a group of us 5th years attended challenge days in Trinity College. On the Monday, we were split up into the faculties that we chose. I was put in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences faculty. We attended a talk with some people from Ernest and Young and they talked to us about what you want to do after school and how you could go about achieving it.

After this, we had to choose what lectures we wanted to attend that day. I chose to go to Psychology, Journalism and Business. These lectures were really interesting and showed me what it would be like to study these things in Trinity College.

After we went for lunch, we went to a room with students studying different things in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences faculty. I talked to people who study different things like Film Studies, Sociology and History. A lot of them got into Trinity through the Trinity Access Programme (TAP).

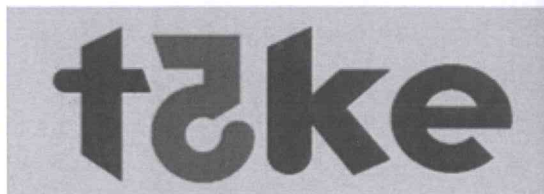
On the Tuesday, we attended a workshop with people who worked for an organisation called Young Social Innovators. Throughout the day we talked about that affect young people in Ireland and how we can make society better for everyone in Ireland. At the end of the day we went to a closing ceremony in the Bank of Ireland on College Green, where we get certificates of participation. The challenge days were a great experience and it taught me a lot about higher education, not just Trinity but in general.

Nano-Science Day in Trinity College by Craig Connor (TY)

Two Transition Year students went to Trinity College, Dublin on February 26th for a tour and some lectures on Chemistry and Physics. The lectures were presented in the Fitzgerald building and we were in CRANN for a tour. We looked at some different and interesting experiments, like the way dust settles on flat surfaces and plates spinning to a higher frequency.

Gig Arts Day by Diane Murphy (5.1)

I attended the Gig Arts Day in the Lir Theatre as part of the Trinity Access Programme. The day was organised by Abigail Cooke, an artistic entrepreneur and also the only female boat head carver in each team had a theme. I was on the blue team and my theme was equality. Each team had to design a mascot for their theme, make a sculpture, and finally, perform a 'gig' for the Gig Arts show, which four people from the school, got to come and watch. I got to meet lots of great people, learn about making a career out of art and overall it was a great fun day.



Take 5 Programme

The Take 5 programme is a unique opportunity offered to one TY student each year. If selected, the student visits five different colleges over five days, experiencing every aspect of college life. At the end of the programme, the student presents work that they've done on a topic chosen on the application form for take 5. Congratulations to Rachel Tracey who has been chosen as this year's candidate. She will begin the programme in mid June.

Transition Year

TY was a fantastic opportunity to try out things we wouldn't normally get to do in school. We tried out a selection of the optional subjects for the Leaving Cert to become more aware of what the Senior Cycle involves. Throughout the year we got to go on a few exciting trips, such as hiking in Wicklow and a visit to the Ombudsman for Children. We also got to spray paint a mural onto the study hall wall and make our own films. The class also visited Yahoo's headquarters in East Point Business Park, where we got to do mock interviews.

The class also got very involved with the new 1st years. There was a paired reading programme set up by Ms. Weir that would aim to improve the reading abilities of first years with the help of the TYs. In addition to this, each TY was given a first year to mentor to help settle into the school. To prepare for our role as mentors, we participated in leadership training in Donaghmede Youth Club.

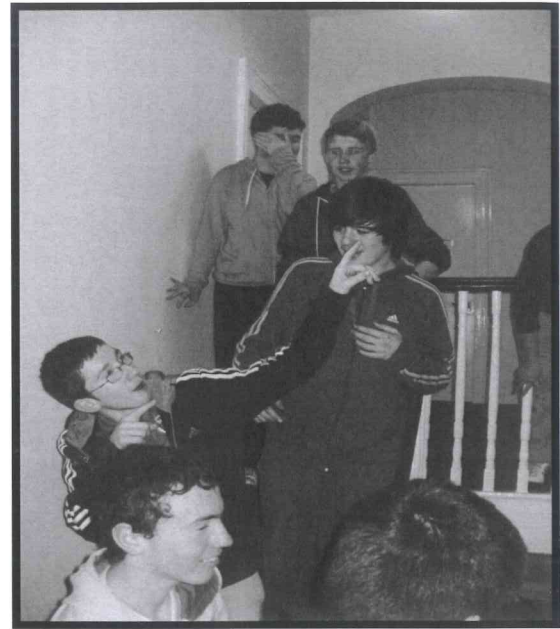
Work experience was a really great opportunity to experience the life of the workplace. We attended work every Friday, so it was like a proper work routine. A lot of us had very interesting jobs and it gave us a great insight into what we would like to do after school.

As a whole, TY was a chance to do different things than the regular workload in other years. There was less exam pressure and it allowed the students to mature, build confidence and learn more about themselves.

By Mark Somers and Louise Smith

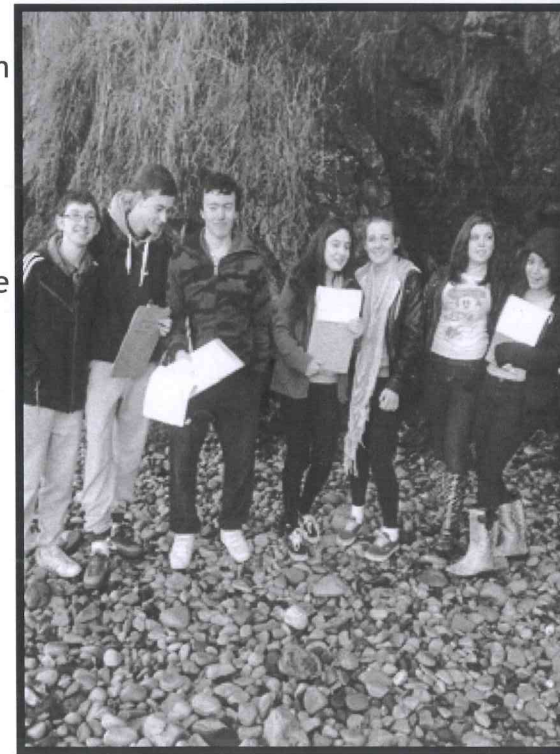
Hike

On Tuesday October 24th, the Transition Year students made their way to Wicklow town to embark on a coastal hike. The hike was 10km long and it took them just about 4 hours to complete. They stayed the night in Captain Halpin's Bunkhouse and they also enjoyed some time exploring the town. The following morning, the class took a short walk to the coastline to see just how far they had walked the day before. A great time was had by all who took part!



Geography Trip

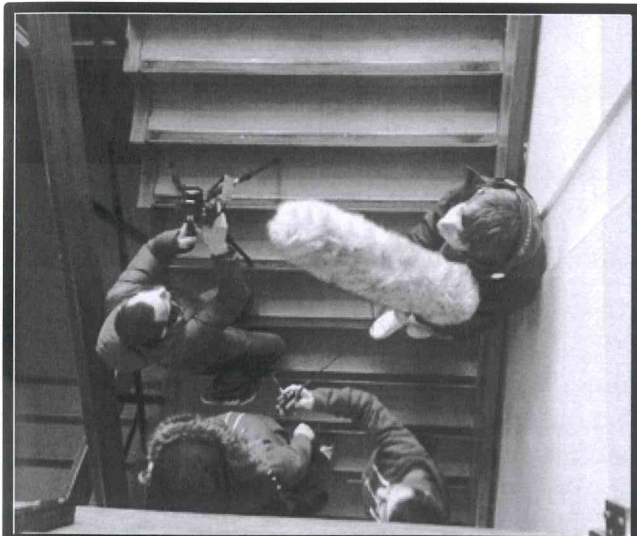
On November 21st, the TY class got a hands-on experience of what a Leaving Certificate Geography field investigation entails, when they explored the shore area of Balcaddan Bay in Howth. On a beautifully sunny day this hidden cove en route to Howth summit with Ireland's Eye and Lambay Island to its north was the perfect setting for appreciating the beauty of our coastline. Working in groups students examined, measured and sketched the cove, putting into action the skills and knowledge they had learned in the classroom. The class also visited Bull Island in October where they learned about the land and creatures found there.



Creative Engagement Projects

Film Projects

The TY class took part in a creative engagement project in January of this year. Twelve TYs were selected to partake in the making of a few short films. Three films were shot as part of the project, each with a different theme. The students learned a great deal about film production, editing and the day-to-day running of a film set. They were assisted by a professional film maker, Shane Higgins.



Mural Time-lapse

The TY class was split into two groups. One group did a new mural to be put on the wall of the study hall. Our group produced a time-lapse of the making of the new mural, which involved filming the whole process and speeding up the footage using an iPod app called iMotion HD. - Adam Powell

Howth

My group went to Howth to make a film about the people and places in Howth. We went to the radio museum and filmed the whole tour. Then we interviewed a man who works in the local youth club. - Alex Scott



Poem

My group was given the task of writing a poem and making a video for it. I had to write the poem, Paul Brown had to direct the video, Alex Scott was the camera lady and Robert Whelan was the sound guy. Shane showed us how the camera work and how to pick up the sound. Once I'd finished the poem, me and Paul decided on how the video would be shot we decided to shoot some of it in parts of the school and a nearby park. Shane also showed Alex a few camera tricks. We did a few takes of each shot and got it finished in about a day. Shane then took the footage and edited it for us. Doing the video was great fun and I'm glad to have gotten the chance to do it. - Adam Cooney

Mural

Twelve TYs took part in a two day workshop to design a mural to accompany the present one in the study hall. They worked with Maser, a well-established graffiti artist to come up with a design based on each of their own interests and abilities. The theme for the mural is based around social networking and other ways of getting together with friends. The TYs spent the first day designing cut-outs and templates for the design and the second day spray painting onto the wall. The twelve TYs had a great time doing it and are proud to see their hard work forever showcased on the wall.

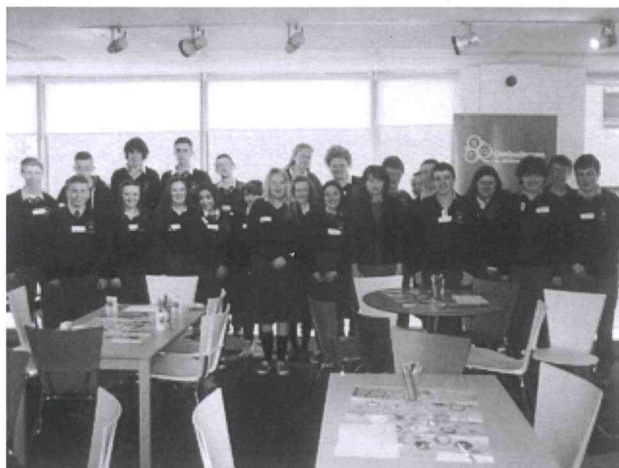


Ombudsman for Children

On the 11th April, TY went to the office of Ombudsman for children. We got a tour of the office and we watched a short film about children's rights and how the Ombudsman, Emily Logan, and her team help them.

Emily Logan is the first ever Ombudsman for Children in Ireland. We also learned about our rights and how they affect our daily lives. We enjoyed the trip a lot, especially the massive beanbags in the office! -

Caitriona O'Brien



Plex

On Tuesday 23rd April, the T.Y class went on a trip to The Plex, which Dylan and I from TY organised. The class took part in bowling and Qzar. The class split up into 6 groups for bowling. Some people were getting bowling tips from the professional bowler Mr. Mc Elhinney, showing us the skill of holding the ball. Even though he backed out of having a go, he still thought he was a pro at bowling. After bowling the class took part in Qzar. The class split into 2 groups for Qzar. It lasted about 15 minutes. Everyone enjoyed it even though there was a few faceplants in there. The Blue Team won. When we were finished Qzar we were allowed to leave and have the rest of the day off. All round it was a good day out and everyone enjoyed it.

- Paul Cummins & Mark Somers

Art Trip

The TYs visited a modern art show on April 25th. The show was titled 'I knOw yoU' and all the art pieces were designed by students in a prestigious art school in Germany. The class got to view very unique pieces of work, including a melting block of ice and paper cubes scattered on the ground. They also had an "interesting" experience before they left with a group of passionate actors, which has to be seen to be believed! They also went to the National History Museum where they looked at ancient Irish artefacts.

Fire Station

Transition Year took part in a trip to Kilbarrack fire station on the 14th of March. Accompanied by Mr. Mc Elhinney, we learned about the day-to-day running of the station and the equipment and vehicles contained in the station. We were then invited to have a quick spin in the fire engine. We learned that Kilbarrack fire station is the only carbon neutral fire station in Europe. This was a great day out to a local amenity that they we pass every day but never go in to.



Mansion House

On April 29th, the Transition Year class visited the Mansion House on Dawson St. The class got to meet the Lord Mayor Naoise O'Muiri, who showed them around the house and told them the history behind it. They also learned about the work the Lord Mayor does.

Work Experience

For the first time in Ardscoil La Salle, our Transition Year students embarked on their work experience placements every Friday for the duration of the year. The response to this change has been largely positive. The change has allowed students to avail of more work placements, which in turn has hopefully given a greater knowledge of the working world and perhaps an idea for their future.

Adam Powell

For my work experience I did odd jobs in Colaiste Dhulaigh, Raheny. I spent most of my time in the Animation room, working with the Third Year students. I helped them with a few odd things - basically anything that they needed help with - and I also did a few jobs around the college, such as helping clean or putting up posters. The students also put aside some time to help me with things like drawings or ideas for my own animations. I've very much enjoyed my work experience and it's been the highlight of every week for me.

Mark Somers

My favourite work place of all the places I have worked in is Ford in airside. I worked in the part where the garage was. I was fixing and servicing cars. I really enjoyed the job as it was hands on and I was always busy. My work hours were from 9:00 until 5:30. I got along very well with everyone there and I would consider going into mechanics for a future job.

Dylan Byrne

My favourite work place that I have been to was Kwik Fit tyres. Every Friday for the school year, I went up at 8:30am. First thing every morning I was given the task of carrying out all old and used tyres to the back of the shop and at 9:00am there was a truck that came to the back of the shop and I had to put all the tires into it. As the weeks went on that I was there, I was given better jobs to do including changing tyres, fixing punchers, changing oil, putting on new timing belts and changing light bulbs in the cars.

Jack Byrne

Every Friday from September to March I worked in Halfords in Coolock. In Halfords I assembled bikes and security tagged products. I also had to carry about 20 heavy bikes from down stairs to upstairs most Fridays. The bikes weighed about 12 kg. I sorted out car products down stairs. I worked from 9:00am to 3:30pm.

Paired Reading



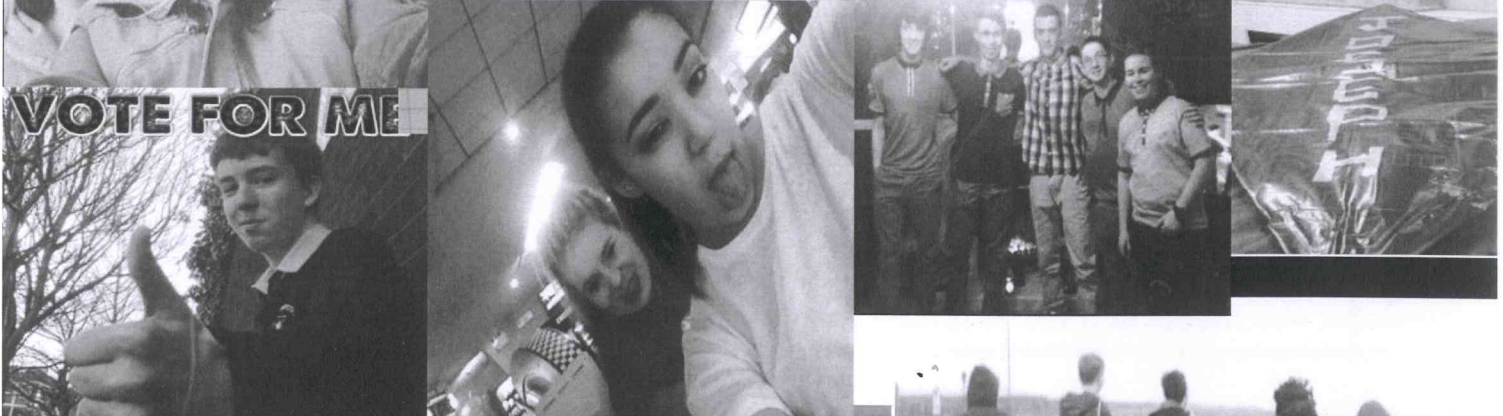
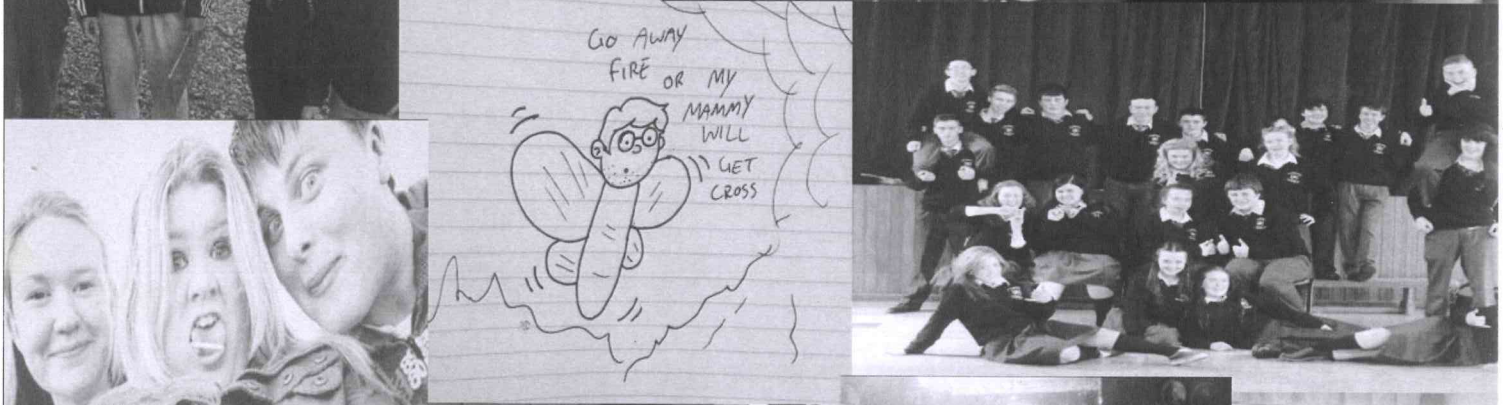
The 1st years and TYs have completed a Paired Reading Programme. This is a programme whereby the first years choose and read a book, while the TY student listens and is on standby to assist if necessary. It's all supervised and monitored by teachers. This year we had a great variety of books and our students really enjoyed the experience.

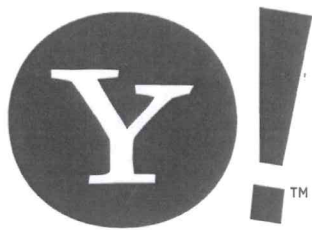
The benefits from this programme include improved reading ages, enhanced self-esteem and hopefully an interest in reading for life! The students wrote reviews when they finished their book and kept a 'Reading Record' of all books they read. Some achieved impressive numbers when it came to the amount of books they read. Some students made great progress in improving their reading ages.

Mentoring

Continuing past traditions, our class participated in a mentoring programme. Most of my class were given two or three first years to befriend and mentor. I was assigned a girl called Izabela. We were introduced to our first years through a question and answer session followed by a quiz. Over the next few weeks we met up with our first years at break times and on the corridor. To help us with any issues that may arise, we completed a 3 day Leadership Training course in Trinity Youth Services above Donaghmede Scout Den. Overall, this was a very enjoyable experience and I got to know many more of the first years than just Izabela.

By Jennifer Reynolds, TY





Doing Business with Yahoo!

First Years

First of all, Yahoo! is a great company. They sponsor us at Ardscoil La Salle.

Yahoo! gave us a cover for our iPads with their name and logo on it. It's purple and if you forget to turn off your iPad, you just close the cover and it will turn the iPad off and save your battery.

Yahoo! and their CEO came into our school to talk to us about themselves and their business and how fun it is to work on their team.

by James Tracey (1.1A)

Transition Years

The Transition Years took part in a programme in conjunction with Business in the Community and Yahoo! Ireland. The programme kicked off with a visit from Cliona Fitzsimons, who works with Business in the Community, to tell us about what we'd be doing for the next few months. We were then paid a visit by some of Yahoo's employees. We interviewed them about their jobs and their work environment.

To prepare us for our mock interviews on the day of our site visit, we participated in a CV and interview skills workshop with two of Yahoo's employees, Nora and Carmen.

On April 17th we travelled by train and a bus (that was slightly too small!) to East Point Business Park to visit Yahoo! Ireland. We were taken on a guided tour around the building and we were individually interviewed for positions that are usually applied for.

Over lunch, it was announced that there were to be four prizes for the best interviews. Special congratulations to Paul Cummins, Shauna Scanlon, Adam Cooney and Jennifer Reynolds.

At the end of May a wrap up session was held to thank Yahoo! and Business in the Community for all their hard work.

We'd like to thank Yahoo! again for working tirelessly and giving up their time for us to ensure we had a good experience, which we did! We'd also like to thank Cliona from Business in the Community and Ms. Hackett.



CSPE ACTION PROJECT

For our action project we invited a guest speaker from the Simon Community to visit our class. We had to do a lot of work to carry this out properly. We had to get permission from Mr. Cleary. Before we wrote to the Simon Community, we had to arrange a time and a date that suited everyone. One group had to prepare questions which they sent to the speakers in advance.

On the day, we had to clean and tidy the classroom and prepare refreshments. When Michael came we brought him to the classroom and made a welcoming speech. His talk was very interesting and he answered all our questions. We made him a thank you speech and walked him to the school gate. The week after, we sent him a thank you card signed by the whole class.

By Carla Cassidy (3M)

ECOLOGY TRIPS

On Thursday the 9th of May, Mr. Pender's 5th year Biology class went to Dublin Zoo as part of their ecology study. Despite pretty poor weather, all the pupils had a great time.

Mr. Pender will also be bringing his 3rd year class to the Zoo for Junior Cert revision on the 22nd of May and hopefully the weather will be better as Luke Evans wants to wear his shorts!



SPORTS NEWS

Under 19's Boy's Soccer

The Under 19 Soccer team have had an up-and-down year. They lost 4-1 to Colaiste Dulaigh on a soaking pitch despite dominating the play from 15 minutes on. They could not recover from an awful opening period during which they conceded four goals.

They then beat Rosmini in the league in a 6-4 thriller with Barry Davies impressing in particular. A 2-0 loss to St Aidan's in their next game meant a result against Ballymun was essential if they were to progress from the group. A 1-0 win set up a play off match which was played against Blakestown.



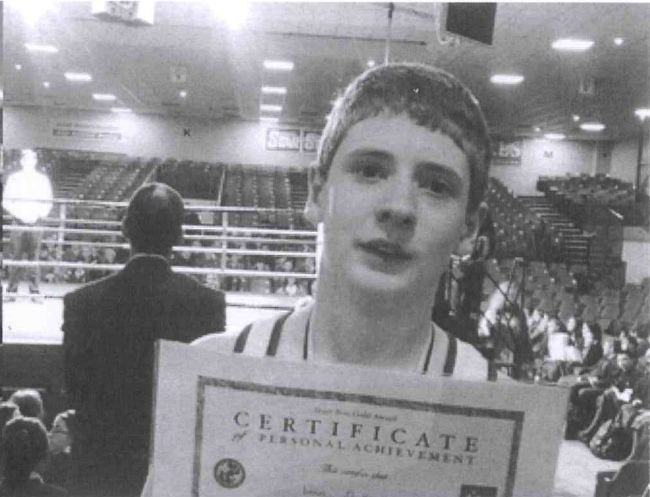
Under 18's Boys Gaelic

The team played against their nemesis of the last few years, Pobalscoil Neasain, and enjoyed a two point victory over them. Played in Pairc Barrog, our team conceded two soft goals in the first half to trail by two points at the break. In the second half, with Dale Twomey at full back, Dan Guerin in midfield and Luke Coates dominating the exchanges we conceded a 3rd goal which left us trailing 3-6 to 0-9 at one stage but a neat flick by Eric Kearns had us back in the game, 3-7 to 1-11. Switching goalkeeper Larry Liutvitas to full forward bore fruit immediately as he punched the ball into the net for a 2nd goal. Dan Guerin added a third goal near the end to put us four points ahead, 3-12 to 3-8. In the remaining couple of minutes, Neasains could not get the goal that might have secured at least a draw for them and we finished with a 2 point win, 3-12 to 3-10. We had great performances from Larry Liutvitas, Dale Twomey, Craig Griffiths, Luke Coates, Dean Mc Mahon and man of the match Dan Guerin.

After our great win over Neasain's, our next opponent was Gaelscoil Reachrann. Unfortunately they had a team loaded with great players who had too much skill for our team on the day. Late in the 2nd half when we scored our fourth goal, we found ourselves only 4 points behind, 2-12 to 4-2, but we couldn't push on and it was our more skilful opponents who scored the last 4 points to win the game, 2-16 to 4-2.

We qualified for a quarter final against St Vincents CBS and having players who were not natural Under 18's didn't help. But players like Aaron Clifford (3rd year), Dale Twomey (6th year) and Larry Liutvitas stood out. We were defeated by St. Vincents some distance.

SPORTS NEWS



1st Year Boxing

Michael Carruth, Olympic gold medal winner in 1992, coached our first year group, just imagine! 8 weeks of excitement, fun and challenges saw us moving from total novice stage to being masters of jabs, uppercuts, left hooks, rights hooks, blocking and dancing. Best of all: Thursday afternoons leaving the Della and heading to the National Stadium, the home of boxing.

Final day was competition day. The nerves were eating me alive! It was such a good experience for me and I hope to get back in the ring one day.

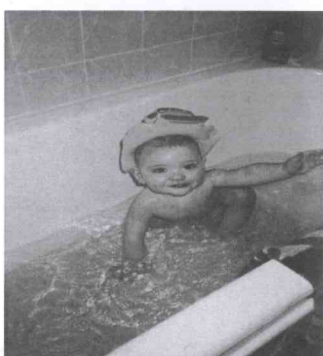
By Clodagh Clifford (1.1)

It started in October. We started on the bronze programme for five weeks. Ciara, Clodagh, Izabela, Ben, Robert, Mark, Ryan Murphy, Ryan O'Donnell, Jamie, Laura, Danielle, Luil and I started. It was a tough five weeks in the P.E. hall. Everybody but Laura, Danielle, Robert and Ryan O'Donnell went to the silver programme. We trained for four weeks in Trinity Boys Boxing Club. While we trained, the rest of the 1.1 class did P.E. in Clongriffin Park.

We all went to the gold programme in the National Boxing Stadium, except for Luil. We had five weeks to train before we fought in front of everyone. We took the 29a and the 122 to get there. It was a very hard five weeks. The big fight was in December and all the 1.1's, 1.1a's and the TY's came to watch.

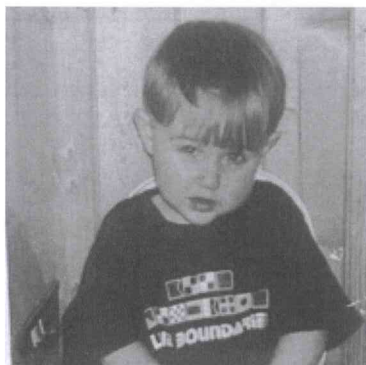
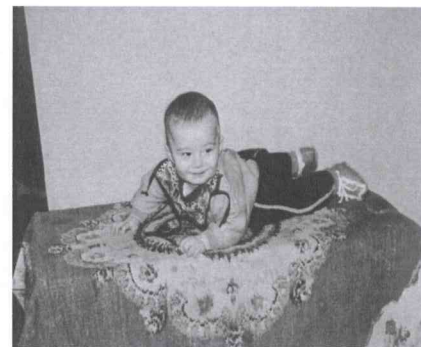
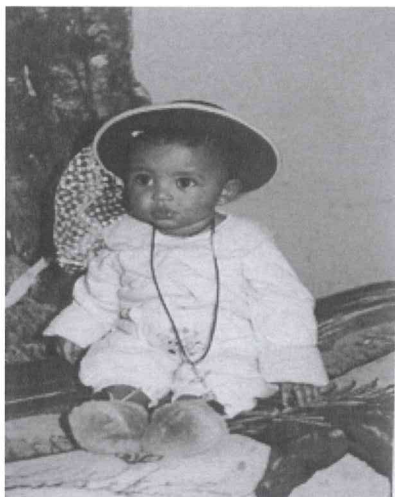
By Liam O'Hara (1.1)

Some Babies – Our Sixth Years



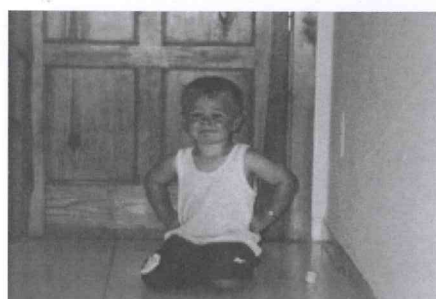
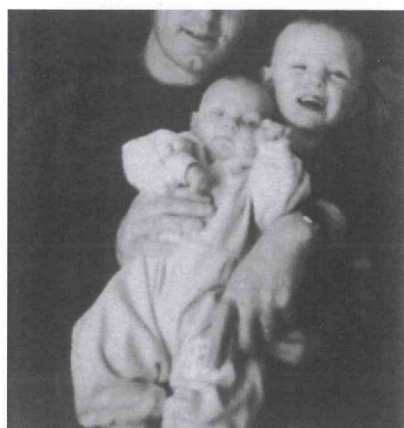
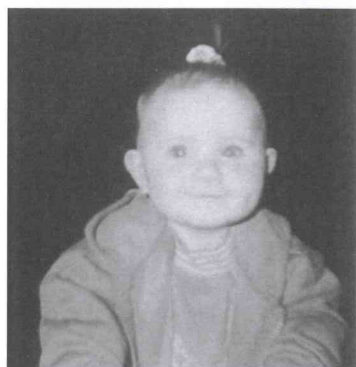
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1) Betelehem Mekenon 2) Christopher O'Reilly 3) Denis Samolia 4) Daniel Guerin 5) Shannon Cassin
6) Molly Dunne 7) Amy Woods 8) James Culleton 9) Cian Flood 10) Ciara Manning

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1) Danil Chatuncev 2) Joseph Carroll 3) Sam Woolhead 4) Hayley Mooney 5) Holly Doyle 6) Sinead Leonard 7) Dean Gilroy 8) Shannon O'Shea 9) Glen Radley 10) Stephen Dolan

Some Babies – Our Sixth Years



1) Luke Coates 2) Jade Connor 3) Ian Reynolds 4) Ciaran Fagan 5) Kym Carroll 6) Andrea Doran

Best of luck to all of our sixth
years in their future endeavours
from all at Ardscoil La Salle.

Our Sixth Years 2012-2013



