

Transition Year 2022

First Term Newsletter



Dingle, Burren, Tara and Ventry

This year we welcomed 96 students to Transition Year for the first time. Our four classes have been kept very busy throughout term one, from fundraising to our bonding trip to Carlingford. Students have had a very positive start to their Transition Year. Thank you to the tutors involved with our students, Mr.Geraghty, Ms.Manning, Ms.Eracleous and Mr.O'Connor and to Ms.Clune for all her organising of events so far.

Students have been experiencing a wide variety of subjects, some being taught for the first time. Students have been learning Chinese, practising the art of Taekwondo, honing their photography skills, learning about politics and society, delving deeper into their mind with the science of wellbeing, learning about current affairs and the importance of news in Journalism, and becoming active citizens in Development Education and Environmental Studies, among many more!

For some, these subjects have come to the end of their 8-week cycle, but for others, they are only just beginning. Our exciting programme this year offers students a taster of a wide array of subjects. A big thank you to students for being so receptive to learning new things and to our TY teachers for developing new courses.

-N.Denny.



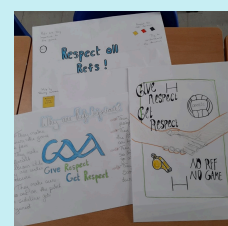
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Total funds raised so far for charity. Amazing work!



Maths Week

TY students worked with our Maths department to have some fun with maths with our junior classes.



Gaelic Studies

Students have been looking at the importance of respect in sport, particularly towards referees.

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Ploughing Championship

It was the return of the Ploughing Championship this year and our cohort of 96 headed for the fields of Laois in late September. Our groups travelled over two days, with one group getting all the luck in the weather department! Students got to experience farm life and see some of the animals and equipment that they have been learning about in Agricultural Science. It was a great two days and students were brilliant ambassadors for our school during the trip.

Charity Bake Sale for Hospice

Our four classes worked in their tutor groups to raise money for our local hospice, Our Lady's Hospice in Harolds Cross. Students baked delicious treats and raised a whopping €1035.76 in just 12 minutes! The hospice were extremely grateful to the students and we are so proud of their efforts.

Community Care - GOAL Jersey Day

Our two community care groups received a talk from past-pupil Eamon Sharkey, who works for GOAL charity. Following their information talk on the important work of GOAL, students organised and coordinated our jersey day. Students raised an amazing €1055 for GOAL charity.

First Year Bonding Day

Our TY students were involved in a bonding day with our new 1st year students in September. Students organised activities for our 1st years and spent the day building relationships and the confidence of our youngest. This was an excellent leadership opportunity for our TY students and it was a great success. Well done to all involved.

Scoil Eoin

Some of our TYs have had the opportunity to work with Scoil Eoin on Armagh Road, a school for students with special educational needs. Our TYs assisted local club St.Judes and are now engaging in a paired reading scheme with the students of Scoil Eoin. Well done to all TYs involved in this worthy initiative.

Work Experience

Students have now completed their first term of work experience and have developed insights into a range of different industries from teaching to car sales to working with animals. There are lots of volunteer options available to students also, information can be found on their notice board in base area H.

TY Musical

Grease is the word!

Preparations for our first ever TY musical are underway. Auditions were held the first week of October and the cast was named last week. Well done to all students who put themselves forward to be a part of the musical. We cannot wait to see our students perform in a show that will be entirely created by them. Students will be involved in the acting, singing, set design and business side of running a school musical. This is a massive opportunity for students and a big thank you to our musical team of teachers. Stay tuned for information on when tickets will be available. We look forward to welcoming you all then.



TY Mentors

A number of TY students meet with Mr. Geraghty every week and act as mentors to our 1st year students. This is a new initiative and has been very successful so far. Our TYs discuss different issues with the 1st years each week with the aim of being a friendly face in a navy jumper for our youngest year. This initiative really builds responsibility for our students and gives them the opportunity to be leaders within the school.

Carlingford

On Wednesday 12th of October, 89 of our TYs along with 9 members of staff headed for Carlingford Adventure Centre. Our students got involved in many activities, from stand-up paddle boarding, target skills, survival skills, aerial zip-lining to night hikes. One of the highlights of the trip was our 'Night-line' activity, where students had to tackle an obstacle course while blindfolded in the dark! It was brilliant to see new friendships forged and new skills acquired throughout our three days. We are so proud of how our students represented both themselves and the school. It was a brilliant bonding trip!



We wish you a pleasant and restful mid-term break.
We look forward to more TY adventures in the next term.
Well done to all on a fantastic start to the year.
Thank you for your support.