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NEWSLETTER

World Champions

A very special group of Transition year students, Jack Dooley, Cian Fogarty, Lorcan O' Rourke, Emma Kirwan, Aoife Woodlock and Clodagh Baker got the opportunity to represent their school and country on the world stage. They were accompanied by their teacher and mentor Ms Emma Coyne to the Russian Capital of Moscow for the 2014 SAGE World Cup last August. Our students business 'Greener Globe' cleaned up in national competitions all year. Greener Globe, have created two water conservation products. These products include a LED timed shower head that encourages water conservation and helping you save money on your incoming water bills. Another is a Leak Detection System, essentially for farms that monitors water usage through pipes and can discover leaks within seconds, sending you a text message and shutting off water to that particular pipe.



Above: SAGEGlobal World Champions being presented with their trophy.

On the Competition

We faced challenging teams from over sixteen different countries to progress to the final. Our opposition in the final stages included USA, South Africa and Nigeria. Awaiting the result was a nerve wrecking experience, our hearts pounded as we awaited the verdict. The drum roll made us tremble before he finally said the winners of the 2014 SAGE World Cup were Ireland.

An unbelievable sense of joy and pride came over me. The competition was a fantastic experience and nobody can ever take away that Ireland are the 2014 SAGE World Cup Champions.

Jack Dooley



Our World Champions return home to Dublin airport after their victory. L to R: Lorcan O' Roarke, Emma Kirwan, Cian Fogarty, Clodagh Baker, Jack Dooley, Aoife Woodlock and their mentor Ms. Coyne.

German Exchange

This year again the diligent pupils of German along with their teacher Ms. Aine Stack were very happy to host their partner pupils from their exchange school in Fredrich Ebert Gymnasium Sandhausen. The visitors received a warm welcome, new friendships were created and old ones rekindled. Students attended classes and went on various trips to Causey Farm, Croke Park museum and Lough Boora. Our students look forward to their visit to Germany next March. We would like to thank parents of local pupils for continuing to support this valuable exchange programme.



German exchange students enjoying the beautiful Lough Boora Sculpture Park on the final day of their visit.

World Marathon Relay

There were twelve students representing Tullamore College this year in the **World Marathon Relay Challenge**. The event was held in Tullamore Harriers and we were competing against other towns throughout Ireland and across the world. For the second year running Tullamore finished first in Ireland in a time of 2 hours, 1 minute and 54 seconds. This was a fantastic achievement. Well done to all involved.

Ms. Aine Brady - Physical Education Teacher



Sporting Heroes: Students who broke a new record. They came first in Ireland and 6th place in the World in the World Relay Marathon competition.

Discovering Our Past

On the 23rd September, the LC2 and LC1 history classes, accompanied by Mr. O'Feannachta and Ms. Coyne visited Glasnevin Cemetery in the hopes of gaining a better understanding of our Nation's past. It is here that we saw the crypt of the great emancipator and liberator, Daniel O'Connell. Entombed beneath a round tower, the crypt was sealed during the troubles in the 1970's where Loyalists planted a bomb in the tower. It was only reopened in 2009, 40 years later.



Our Senior History students on a recent visit to Glasnevin Cemetery.

Now restored to its former glory, Daniel O'Connell's oak coffin rests encased in a black marble tomb that dates back to 1869. Also resting in peace in Glasnevin are Eamonn DeValera, Maud Gonne and James Larkin. A walk through Glasnevin is like taking a stroll through history. It continues to be used as a final resting place for over a million Dubliners and figures of national interest. The National Botanical Gardens are only a short walk away making it well worth a visit.

All in all, it was an enjoyable outing to take our minds off the hustle and bustle of everyday life in school.
Eileen De Sousa LC2C

Tullamore College in National SciFest Final

Best of luck to Cian Fogarty and John Tobin as they represent the school in the National Final of SciFest on November 7th, after been crowned overall winners at the regional AIT heats in May. Their project is called 'Science and Sewage'. It looks at the influence of soil type on the environmental impacts of septic tanks.
Ms. Browne

Budding Scientists: Science Week

Science week takes place this year from the 9th to 16th of November. Once again, there will be plenty of things to do during the week. Transition years are busy preparing for the annual 'Science for Fun' event where they will invite 6th class students to take part in various experiments. There will also be our annual senior science quiz, a science talk and some fun lunch time experiments. Watch this space!

Ms Flynn
Science Department

HSCL Update

- HSCL News Update
- Free HSCL activities
- Morning walks for parents/grandparents will continue every Tuesday at 9.30am from ball alley car park (opposite Sacred Heart car park)
- Zumba will continue at 9.30 in St Joseph's Primary school (Arden View) every Thursday at 9.30 am.

Keith Begley - HSCL Co-Ordinator

JCSP News

The JCSP Programme is up and running and our groups are working hard. The paired reading initiative will get underway shortly and folders are being distributed. Students will focus on statements of attainment. In keeping with the main focus of JCSP initiatives will be geared towards literacy and numeracy. Oral English will be worked on in keeping with the new Junior Certificate syllabus. The Home Economics department will work on a textile module. Congratulations to our JCSP student 2014 James Keogh who achieved top marks in his Junior Cert Engineering exam.
Ms. O'Connor - JCSP Co-Ordinator

Creative Writing

The Gifts of Autumn by Emily Deverell

Autumn is a beautiful time of year. The leaves turn shades of golden red and orange, making everything look warm and metallic.

Autumn is also the time of harvest, so there is a buzz in the air and country roads are overtaken by tractors, balers and all sorts of farm machinery. Driving by fields you'll see clouds of dust above the combines and a tractor and trailer racing along behind, filling up the corn. The harvest provides us with fruit, vegetables and ingredients for our daily bread and beer of course for the adults!

It is that time of year when the vegetable are ripe and fresh produce is a must for dinner. Fruit is ripe for picking and hedgerows are covered in berries. The buzzing of bees can be heard in apple orchards around the world. On countryside walks people are carefully avoiding the briars while picking the blackberries and other autumnal fruits. Autumn is a time for jam making and pie-making. Other delicious treats can be made from the fruits of the harvest. Enjoy the wonderful gifts of autumn.



Students enjoying the culmination of our 'Healthy Living' week in our whole school walk by the canal.



Liam Lynch and Ciannait Goulding sampling some nutritious food options as part of Healthy Living Week



Past Pupil Dean Melia (Studio One) creating a new hairstyle on our model Ciara Cahill



Adam Kelly and William Walsh (Transition Year) giving out free samples of delicious fruit during our Healthy Living Week



Students enjoying various exercise techniques guided by Joe Quinn, ASPIRE Clara.



Students enjoying a sample of lunchtime activities to promote physical and emotional wellbeing in our school community.

Healthy Living Week

The week of September 22nd to the 26th saw the launch of the Tullamore College 'Healthy Living Week' organised by Transition Year Home Economics students. It was a week full of interesting talks, cooking demonstrations and fun activities.

On the first day of our Healthy Living Week, head chef of Siroccos, Dino, very kindly did an excellent cookery demonstration for our 3rd and 5th year Home Economics students. First year students enjoyed an afternoon of activities co-ordinated by Joe Quinn from ASPIRE, Clara. Joe Quinn very kindly returned each day so that 2nd, 5th, and T.Y. students could also enjoy an afternoon of activities and benefit from physical activities outdoors.

On Tuesday, 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th year girls enjoyed a talk and demonstration from 'Time For Me' Beauticians about skincare and personal hygiene. On Wednesday, 3rd year girls got the opportunity to enjoy a demonstration from Studio One Hair Stylists, Dee and Dean gave consultations and advice on hair care. In the afternoon, all school sports players got the benefit of a sports nutritionist talk given by Eric Fahey from ASPIRE.

On Thursday morning, 1st and 2nd year boys were given a talk by dental hygienist Jean Butler, who gave a great demonstration on brushing teeth, flossing and lots of free toothpaste samples.

In the afternoon, head chef Xavier from Musgrave's gave a cookery demonstration to a group of students who were lucky enough to feast on delicious prawns and brioche.

On Friday morning, 3rd, 5th and 6th year boys availed of a mental health talk given by Breda and Michelle from Jigsaw, Tullamore. This highlighted the importance of good mental health.

Breaktime and lunchtime activities included free samples of fresh fruit and yoghurts which were very kindly donated by Glenisk, Farmer's Gate, Phelan's fruit, Casey's fruits and Dunnes Stores.

On Friday afternoon, the culmination of 'Healthy Living' week involved a whole school walk along the canal. It was wonderful way to end our healthy living week involving the whole school community.

We hope that 'Healthy Living Week' will encourage everyone to make healthier lifestyle choices! Healthy Living is Happy Living!!

Emily Deverell and Alana Dillon, Transition Year.

T.Y. students to travel to Ethiopia in February

Again this year, TY students have an opportunity to apply for a trip to volunteer in Ethiopia with the Aid organisation Gorta Self-Help Africa following Jack Dooley's very successful trip to Uganda last year. Application forms are now available from Ms. Graham and interviews will be held in November. It is a fantastic opportunity to see the developing world and compare culture and educational practices with students their own age in Africa. There will be a number of fundraising activities held throughout the year to raise money for the organisation. Please get involved, donate and support if you can!

Ms. Graham - Developmental Education Teacher



Left: First Year students enjoying a team building day in Birr Outdoor Education Centre.

First Year Fun

First Year students enjoyed a visit to Birr Outdoor Education Centre. This activity was designed to promote and encourage the building of new friendships. Accompanied by their tutors and Yearhead, students took part in various sporting activities.

Plenty of fun and laughter ensued and great memories of their first week in Tullamore College were created.

Ms. Noreen Flynn - First Year Yearhead



Green Schools

Our Green Schools committee are collecting used batteries for a WEEE Ireland recycling competition to win prizes for the school. Every battery that is recycled also helps to raise funds for the LauraLynn childrens hospice. Collection boxes will be in school so get family and friends collecting and recycling!

Ms. Browne - Green Schools Co-ordinator



Congratulations.....

Congratulations to Jordan Murphy, Jack Harvey, Paul Scally and Andrew Meehan, third year Business Studies students, who competed in the **Annual CIMA Business Studies Quiz** in A.I.T., Athlone. The team came third out of 30 schools in the Midlands and will now go on to represent Tullamore College in the National Final in April 2015.

Ms. Griffin

Senior Geography Fieldtrip

On Thursday 18th September, the bus set off for the Slieve Bloom Mountains. We spent the school day gathering information on the Glenbarrow River and Waterfall. We studied various aspects of the river, such as its depth, speed and gradient, and we recorded those figures for later use.

This trip was part of our Geography Field Study, and the results we collected are going to count towards our overall mark in the Leaving Cert. Yet, for the whole day, I don't believe the thought of exams ever crossed our minds. In fact, it didn't feel like we were doing work at all. For most of the day, it felt as if we were just having fun with our friends, and doing a few experiments along the way.

I believe that our teachers, Ms. Coyne, Mr. Quirke and Ms. Gallagher deserve a lot of credit for a well organised day out.

Stephen O'Connor - LC2

Olympic Gold

Ross O'Connor represented Team Ireland in the **Special Olympics Summer Games** in Antwerp, Belgium recently. His team won gold and also coveted the overall fair play award. We are extremely proud of his achievements. Well done Ross.



Engineering Excellence

The school was recently successful at the ETTA (Engineering Technology Teachers Association) competition.

Well done to Boyce Claxton and Mark Kinahan who came second and third at Leaving Certificate Higher Level. They designed and manufactured a model Tumbler. Boyce has progressed to the national final. We wish him well.

Well done also to Ciannait Goulding and James Keogh for winning first place with their Junior Cert Higher and Ordinary level projects. They manufactured a model Chinook helicopter and a model touring car.

Mr. Elliffe - Engineering Department



LCA class send off for Ross O'Connor before he went to successfully compete for Ireland. Thanks to Ms. Kennedy for organising a special cake for the occasion.