



# TULLAMORE COLLEGE

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## NEWSLETTER

*wishing all our students,  
parents and staff a very happy  
Christmas & New Year.*

### German Trip to Chemnitz

Ms. Stack organised a trip to Agricola Gymnasium in Chemnitz in North Eastern Germany. We converse with a group of students once a week through our video link and I was very excited about meeting them.

When we arrived, the students made us feel so welcome.

They arranged a variety of different excursions, the highlight being the 3D art exhibition. I learned a lot of German as we spent a week in school with our "immersion programme" students. I would highly recommend it to all students who want to learn more about the German language and culture whilst having lots of fun too!

Siofra MacNamara LC2

Above: Senior German students and their teacher Ms. Stack in front of the Karl Marx monument in Chemnitz.



Above: Art Trip to Newgrange

### NEWGRANGE

Last Thursday 21st November, a group of our 5th and 6th year art students visited the Newgrange site as part of their art history studies. Students entered the passage of the prehistoric monument. Inside they witnessed a recreation of the illumination of the ancient temple by the winter solstice sun.

Art Department

Ms. Emma McDonald & Mr. Joe Caslin

### National Winners in prestigious BPW Competition

Congratulations to our senior girls public speaking team on winning the BPW All Ireland final in Galway last week. The team were Jennifer Coyne (Chairperson), Alana Baker (Guest speaker) and Clodagh Baker (Giver of thanks). The girls' topic was 'Ireland's distinctive national identity'. The girls were competing against regional winners from Galway and Dublin. Well done to Jennifer on also winning best chairperson on the day. Ms. Renee Gallagher

Below: National winners of the BPW Public Speaking Competition, pictured Jennifer Coyne, Alanah Baker, Clodagh Baker and their mentor Ms. Gallagher.



### An Scoláire Gaeilge is fear in Eirinn

Eoin McEvoy was awarded the Mansion House Scholarship from NUI for being the top graduate in Gaeilge from all of the NUI Universities (UCD, UCC, NUIG, NUIM). Eoin was also awarded the W H Curran award for Gaeilge, Henry Healy Hutchinson Award for German and a Bonn Oir from Conradh na Gaeilge for services to the Irish language.

Below: Chancellor Dr. Maurice Manning NUI presenting the Mansion House Scholarship to past pupil Eoin McEvoy.





## Christmas

Christmas is my favourite time of year,  
Its full of happiness laughter and cheer,  
The turkey is in the oven and the table is set,  
All of the children are wondering what presents  
they will get,

We go to mass Christmas Eve and home to a big fire,  
We put on a dvd and then to bed we retire,  
A good nights sleep is had by all,  
As Christmas Day is very busy as loads of visitors  
will call,

We open our presents with great delight,  
We enjoy our dinner and look forward to a  
great night,

The holidays from school are long  
and we get a good rest,

Sometimes we have snow and thats when  
Christmas is the best!

Conor Buckley 2OU

## Irish Wheelchair Association visits Tullamore College

On Thursday 7th of October the Irish Wheelchair Association visited Tullamore College. Classes from all years were greeted by Orla Dempsey who brought over 20 wheelchairs to the school to allow students to participate in wheelchair basketball. All students taking part in this activity were taught new skills and were surprised at how difficult a sport wheelchair basketball is. The TY class were also given special training as they prepared to take on the teachers in a 5 a side match during lunch. The match between the teachers and TYs was a low scoring affair to say the least with the teachers coming out on top by 4 points on a score line of 6-2. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by both students and teachers. The TY class raised over €400 that week for the Irish Wheelchair Association and would like to give a special thanks to Orla Dempsey for helping with the great day.

Damian Mooney TY



## Skills at Work programme with Covidien

The 5th year L.C.V.P. class began the Skills at Work programme with Covidien on Tuesday 26th November 2013. The first session involved an introduction to the programme, where the students met with three of the employees. Patricia Reilly, co-ordinator of the Schools Business Partnership programme, was also present to inform students of the upcoming events taking place as part of the programme. On Friday 13th of December, students will visit Covidien, where they will get to experience first hand the day in the life of an employee in Covidien.

Ms. Griffin Business Department

## L.C.V.P. students visit the Chocolate Warehouse in Dublin

As part of our 5th year L.C.V.P. class, we recently went on a trip to the Chocolate Warehouse in Dublin. On arrival we were greeted with the delicious smell of chocolate, it was like a scene from Willy Wonka. We were brought into a room, where we met Natasha Caffrey, she gave us a background into the business and what was involved in setting it up. We got a tour of the factory and then got the opportunity to make our own chocolate and decorate it. Firstly we put on our aprons, like a true chocolatier and started coating chocolates, adding toppings and hand piping with white chocolate. We each received The Chocolate Warehouse Certificate. It was a very enjoyable day for everyone. It gave us an insight into setting up your own business, running an enterprise and making chocolate! We would like to thank Ms. Griffin for organising the trip. Leighann Kelly



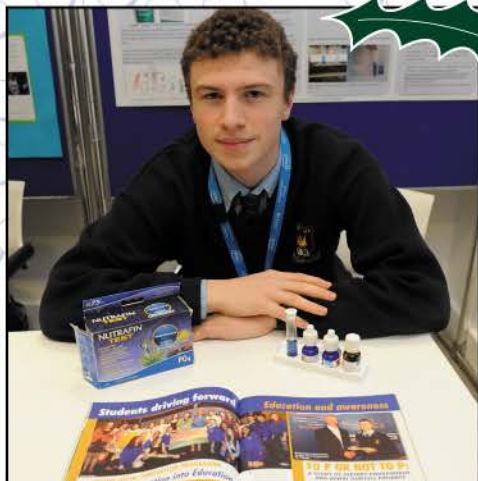
Photo Above: LCVF students busy making chocolates, Jackie Cuskelly, Kelsiele Mahon and Amy Doherty.

## HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL

Tullamore College is becoming a Health Promoting School (HPS). This programme addresses the health of our students. Health targets will be set and once they are achieved a flag will be awarded to the school (similar to the Green Schools). Our working group, composed of teachers, students and parents are having the first meeting this term to get the programme up and running. Keep an eye out for upcoming HPS activities!! Ms. Doolan



## Science News



Above: Daragh Fogarty in the Scifest National Chemistry Competition

### Scifest National Final – Chemistry Award

We would like to congratulate Daragh Fogarty for representing the school at the SciFest National final in Trinity in the Chemistry award section. Daragh's chemistry project involving analysis of phosphates for renal dialysis patients won best chemistry project at AIT Scifest and was then selected as one of the top 3 Chemistry projects to go the National final from all the regional winners.

Ms. Howlin (Science Department)

### TYPE in Trinity College

Congratulations to Clodagh Baker, TY who was selected to attend Trinity College for a week to take part in various physics experiments and lectures. Forty-eight TY students were selected from various schools across the country. It was a fantastic opportunity for Clodagh who thoroughly enjoyed the experience and in particular the lectures on Astro Physics.



Right: Clodagh Baker TY

### Explosions + Experiments = "Xtra-Ordinary" Science Week 2013

We had a very busy science week again this year in school. We held a poster competition for 1st years based on this year's theme "Exploring the Extra-Ordinary". The winner of the competition was Ciara Glynn with Conor O'Brien and Eabha Joyce receiving 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. We had a science trip to Kevin Street D.I.T. for 2nd years where they took part in fun physics experiments as part of science week.

Our Transition Year students were once again kept extremely busy with our annual science for fun. Pupils from 8 different primary schools came to the school over two days where they took part in various experiments set up by transition year students. Once again, the feedback was extremely positive and we would like to congratulate the transition year students on excelling themselves once again. We would like to thank Mr Keith Begley, HSCL for liaising with the schools, and the primary schools and their teachers for bringing the students to the school on the day.

On Thursday, we held some fun experiments during lunch time and also had our annual senior science quiz for all 5th years who study any of the sciences.

Ms. Noreen Flynn Science Dept.



Above: Science for Fun! TY students pictured with their teachers Ms. Flynn and Ms Browne (Missing from photo Ms. Howlin)

### Christmas is Here!

When the weather outside gets cold,  
And children get less bold,  
When loved ones come home,  
And more friends ring your phone.  
When presents are wrapped,  
And family are near.  
The turkey is cooked  
And people smile from ear to ear,  
You know Christmas is here!

Ciara Cahill (2OU)

## HOME ECONOMICS NEWS

### Baking Academy

5th and 6th year Home Economics students had a wonderful trip to the Baking Academy in Dublin where they made yeast breads, learned about the process of bread making and learned decorating techniques for decorating their own cupcakes.

Ms.Doolan and Ms. Graham

### Christmas Cupcake Demonstration

This year we are running a Christmas Cupcake Competition. The competition is open to all students. Students should make and decorate 4 cupcakes and bring them into school on Tuesday 17th December for the competition. A baker/decorator Samantha Daly from the Vanilla Bean Bakery came to school and gave an hour demonstration to students how Christmas cupcake decorating. There are hampers and a Vanilla Bean Bakery voucher to be won. So get baking and be creative!!! All entries welcome.

Ms. Doolan



## JCSP

Well done to all our JCSP students currently updating subjects and cross curricular statements. 1KD with the help of TY students have completed their paired reading initiative and sight word reading tests. Plans for "Make a Book" are ongoing. Congratulations to Annie Egan (3MJB) and Jason Colton (LC1A) who acquitted themselves so well on open evening. The JCSP Christmas celebration will also take place for all groups. We look forward to continued hard work and positive learning in 2013.  
Ms. O'Connor JCSP Co-ordinator



**Congratulations** to Conor Lynch Woodturning (5th Year) for his recent exhibition at the National Crafts and Design Fair in the RDS. Conor is a gifted young craftsman with a very bright future ahead. Well done Conor!

## Green Schools News

Over the last few weeks the green schools committee have been very busy indeed! They organised and ran very successful bake sale to raise funds for the programme. Thanks to everyone who slaved over a hot oven!

Ms. Jillian Browne, Green School's co-ordinator

### Tullamore College Green Code

Let's get GREEN!

Keep the school CLEAN!

Don't throw it on the floor!

Pick it up and recycle More!

## Irish Aid Centre Dublin

Our TY class went on a trip to Dublin to the Irish Aid Centre on the 25th of October with Ms Graham. The tour started at 12 O'clock and we were split into two groups. I was in the group called Uganda. We first played a game very similar to monopoly to show how families in poor countries like Uganda get food and lose food. It also showed us how they make their food such as crops and what machinery they have. We watched a film about an 18 year old girl Memory and how she helped out her family by doing things such as getting the children ready for school, making food, and gathering water. The trip was very interesting and we learned a lot about statistics such as, 1.4 billion people live on less than €1 a day and that 1 billion people suffer from chronic hunger.

Emma Kirwan TY

Below: TY class in Irish Aid Centre



## ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS!

On October 23rd, 12 students from Tullamore College represented Tullamore Town in the World Marathon Relay Challenge. The task involved running 26 miles in a relay style race. Each student ran 200 metres six times. The race began with Pauline Curley a past pupil from Tullamore College and Olympic Athlete passing the baton to Jamie Ballesty. It was an exhausting but very enjoyable day. **Tullamore came first in Ireland in a time of 1 hour 57 minutes.** Ms. A. Brady

Below: All Ireland World Relay Marathon Champions pictured with Pauline Curley and their teacher Ms. Aine Brady.



## Gallant Golfers at Tullamore College

Tullamore College competed recently at various golf events and had some great success. At the second annual Esker Hills school golf competition, Aidan Campbell was the outright individual winner with a score of 43 points. In the recent Leinster junior schools golf competition, Tullamore College finished an impressive 3rd out of 28 teams in a qualifying competition at The Heath and now go on to play in the Leinster Final in Dublin. The team consisted of Conor Casey, Damian Mooney and Steven O Connor.

The senior golf team (Lee O Meara, Joe Joslin and Conor Casey) also competed in the senior competition and came up just short, finishing in 5th place out of 28, with only the top 3 teams qualifying for the final.

Meanwhile the Pitch and Putt team (Jack Carroll, Joe Joslin and Lee O Meara) qualified for the All Ireland final by finishing 6th out of 57 teams at the recent Leinster Pitch and Putt final in Lucan. In the final, played at Lakelands Pitch & Putt in Templemore, Tullamore College finished a very credible 12th in the country in a competition that had an extremely high standard. Well done to all concerned.

Mr. Keith Begley

Below Glorious Golfers L to R: Damian Mooney, Shane Francis, Lee O' Meara, Stephen Delaney, Aidan Campbell, Cathal Mannion, Joe Joslin and Gavin Mooney.

