

## Mr. Barragry

Last year we sadly said farewell to Ms. Joyce and welcomed Mr. Barragry as our new Transition Year Co-ordinator. There has been a lot of change to the transition year programme. Throughout the year we have to keep a folder of excellence including important documents such as evaluations of guest speakers, workshops, CV's, certificates and comments from our work experience.

From being a transition year student, I have noticed that we are always busy engaging in fun and enjoyable activities. All of the activities, organised by Mr Barragry are worthwhile such as tag rugby, all of our guest speakers, Christ kindle coming up to Christmas and the surprise parties he threw for us!

We, the transition students, would like to take this opportunity to thank 'Mr.B' for all he has done for us so far and for the huge amount of effort he has put in, in order to make our year a success.



## Delphi

The Delphi Adventure centre is located in Galway, surrounded by mountains, rivers and lakes. It is a five hour road journey from Kilkenny, but it is definitely worth it. We had up to 8 people per room and we were all split into different groups for the activities. We stayed there for 4 days, some of us got to stay in the hotel and some people were in the dorms.

We had two main activities each day and then we had a night time activity and time with the teachers to do what they wanted to do e.g. movie night, table quiz and a talent show. The food was good, we got 3 meals each day and tea and biscuits in the evening if we wanted. Each morning we got a wakeup call at 8am and had to be down for breakfast at 8.30am. The night time activity started at 9 and lasted for about an hour and then it was back to the dorms and lights out. Everyone really enjoyed the trip and we would all love to go back again.

## Ploughing Championships

Last year the ploughing was held in County Laois from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. It was a very busy few days with over two hundred thousand people attending this annual event. People were coming from all over Ireland to enjoy these eventful few days. Stalls ranged from food, clothes, make-up, to animals and machinery. Also some free samples of food were given out such as cheese, ice cream and pizza.

Presentation Secondary School's Transition Years attended the Ploughing on the first day of the event the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. The T.Y's left the school at 8am and arrived back at 3pm. They described the day as a 'very eventful and fun day but tiring!'

## Transition Year

### First Term Newsletter

*This newsletter contains information about the various activities that we have engaged in since we started Transition Year. Each section of this newsletter was written by students of Ms Cooney's Web Design class.*

### Junior Cert Results



On 11<sup>th</sup> September, we received our Junior Cert results and it was certainly a relief to us all. All the hard work and effort we put in finally paid off! And to make our results even more memorable The No Name Club here in Kilkenny held their annual disco in The Hub.

All the anticipation and excitement built up to this night and some say it was the biggest night of the year! Throughout the city that day girls and boys rushed around in preparation for the night ahead. But before the pounding music and dancing started, we had a talk from the local Liaison officer on the dangers of teen drinking. Although it was a rather scary subject to talk about we listened and understood the rules, regulations and consequences should someone make the choice to have alcohol on the day. Everything was running smoothly. The students here at presentation would like to thank all those who made this night possible, including Mr Hallahan and Ms Ryan for allowing us to attend.

## Activities in the Watershed

Transition years have been going to the watershed every Thursday for there last three classes, to participate in many activities. It costs €6 ,which is good value considering all the activities we do! Each class does different activities which are changed every few weeks. Some examples are: Zumba dancing, Pilates, Circuits boot camp, swimming and spinning .

Spinning : this usually links with Pilates and involves cycling on a bike. We enjoy going to the watershed, as it is a break away from school and we feel we are more energised this year.



## Work Experience

All students participated in work experience for the first two weeks of November. There was a wide variety of places, which included primary schools, crèches, café's, chemists, hospitals, vets and many different shops, hotels, hairdressers. Unusual places included bakeries, Glanbia and the gym.

Work experience is a great opportunity for students to experience "real life" activities. Many girls enjoyed their weeks of work experience, while others were glad it was over. It is a great chance for everyone to see what they are good at and what they would like to do as a future career. We are looking forward to another two weeks of work experience in March.

## Sports news

The senior camogie team got off to a great start this year winning two of their first matches against Birr and New Ross. Aoife Farrell, Sarah Walsh and Orlaith Conlon were the TY students who took part in these matches. The equestrian team also had a great start to the year when they won in CoilÓg equestrian centre, Newbridge and also in Mullingar the following weekend in the open team competition. Two Ty students involved were Hannah Corcoran and Niamh Burke.

The Junior Gaelic football team started off their season with a win against Grennan College, Thomastown. Followed by a brilliant defeat over Gaelcholáiste Cheatharlach. The girls scored an impressive 13-18 to 0-1. The Ty Students taking part were Ciara Phelan, Jenny O' Keeffe, Ally O' Keeffe, Hannah Corcoran, Ciara Murphy, Aoife Farrell, Tara Cody and Marita Butler. The Junior Camogie team had a crucial first round match against Birr. Presentation were winning by nine points at half time but the game ended in a draw after a very physical second half by a determined Birr side. Team Captain, Aoife Farrell (Ty student) played well in the backs along with good performances from Jackie Rainey, Jenny 'O' Keefe and Ciara Murphy.

## Guest Speakers

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Of September the TY students had a forensic workshop in the hall .We were given worksheets to fill out information based on the case, that included the death of a young man .We were split into groups and went around to each station to gather important information including DNA ,finger prints, gun shot residue etc. .We learned how to solve crimes such as murders and deaths by analysing the details given to us. It was really interesting! The speaker was from Australia and she was very funny and good humoured!

We learned about DNA and autopsies! The workshop cost €8 to take part in and was great value, because we learned so much. Some new subjects this year include ICT, German, Chinese and Enterprise.

## Energise Week 2013

Everyone in the school knows that Energise Week is very important. During the week of Energise, a wide range of activities are organised for all year groups throughout the school. Energise promotes healthy eating, staying fit, socialising and having fun. The theme of this year's Energise is Life Without Limits. This theme was chosen because of our huge interest in the Michaela Macareavy Foundation and all it stands for. We invited Mickey Harte to come and join in our mass, whereby he spoke to us about how life really has no limits and each person should try do the best so that they can to reach their full potential. To end Energise Week, our school held our first outdoor mass. Father Dan gave a moving mass while the Senior choir sang many fantastic songs. Eight students performed a liturgical dance while others took part in the mass by reading prayers, by being part of the offertory procession and being in the congregation. The mayor, Martin Brett also made an appearance and he seemed to really enjoy participating in our celebrations. The whole Ty year group also participated in a walk to Bennetsbridge. We all really enjoyed Energise 2013 and all of the activities we got the chance to participate in.

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