

Eureka Secondary School Newsletter - Winter 2018



St. Vincent de Paul

Well done to all involved with the **Christmas Jumper Fundraiser Day**.

We presented a cheque for **€940** to Val Mulvaney (SVP) on behalf of the school community.



College Entrance Scholarships 2018

Congratulations to ALL our students on their state exam results. Some of our former students received College Entrance Scholarships based on their Leaving Certificate Results.

UCD Scholarship Awards 2018: Niamh McKenna (Actuarial Finance) and **Carol Cassidy** (Law)

TCD Scholarship Award 2018: Clodagh Hegarty (Philosophy, Political Science, Economics & Society)



Kids Take Over



Well done to **Aoife Murphy** (TY) who won the national UNICEF [#KidsTakeOver](#) competition. She was invited to shadow the Taoiseach for a day. She was featured on the Six One News and 2FM radio. Her winning campaign video was on lowering the voting age to 16 years.

Age-Friendly Ireland on RTÉ Nationwide

TY students who ran the award winning computer skills lessons with the Moynalty Community group last year, were featured on **RTÉ's Nationwide**. Teachers: Ms. Harte & Mr. Devine.

Eureka Prefects 2018-19



Prefects in alphabetical order: Emma Bathe, Aoife Cadden, Ava Caffrey, Mary Curran, Róisín Dolan, Aoife Doyle, Lorraine Drumm, Molly Fitzgerald, Niamh Gillick, Tara Hunt, Hannah Keegan, Ruby Loughlin, Ciara McDonnell, Rebecca Mulhall, Jane Murphy, Eva O'Byrne, Laura Shannon & Aoife Thorpe. Head Girl: Ruby Loughlin, Deputy Head Girl: Aoife Doyle & Environmental Officer: Ava Caffrey

Webwise Ambassadors

Congratulations to **Lucy Smith** (TY) for becoming our **Safer Internet Day Ambassador**. Lucy took part in the webinar organised by **Webwise Ireland** and attended a workshop in **Google HQ** in January. Congratulations also to **Ava Reilly** (5th year) who is one of the Safer Internet Day Ambassador Trainers for 2019. She was invited to Department of Education & Skills HQ in Marlborough Street for the Ambassador Training Programme. Teacher: Ms. Mullaghy.



Áras an Uachtaráin

TY students were invited to visit Áras an Uachtaráin to view the presentation of Credentials to the new Ambassadors to Ireland. They also met President Michael D. Higgins and received a guided tour of the state rooms. Teacher: Ms. McGuinness.



BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition



Congratulations and well done to ALL the teams who qualified for BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition. Teacher: Ms. Wright

Group 1: *Thumbs Up. A Scientific Investigation into texting style and its relationship with finger strength, and frequency in localised pain.* **Ruth Smyth,**

Katie Conachy, Emma Jane McKeon

Group 2: *An Investigation Into The Physiological Changes That Occur When Playing 'Fortnite'* **Crea Shine, Dara Yore, Faye Donaghy**

Group 3: *Should All Teens Switch To Black and White Screens?*

Eimear Sherwin, Daniella Onunkwo, Áine Matthews.

Well done to Group 1 who were Highly Commended in their category.

Science Olympiad

Congratulations to **Katie Conachy** (TY) whom the State Examinations Commission identified as a high achiever in Maths and Science in the Junior Certificate 2018. She took part in the National Olympiad competitions



SciFest National Finalist



Congratulations to **Róisín Murtagh** who was a Broadcom MASTERS Finalist at the SciFest National Finals held in Marino College. Project title: *An Investigation into Sound Pollution in My Environment.*
Teacher: Ms. Byrne.



Agricultural Science



As part of Science Week, Fifth and Sixth year Agricultural Science students attended an Open Day in **Teagasc at Grange**, where they were made aware of the fantastic research being carried out by Teagasc in the Irish Agricultural sector. Teacher: Ms Shalvey.

Saffron Science Winners



Congratulations to our Transition Year Saffron Science team: **Emma Jane Mc Keon, Alannah O'Reilly, Crea Shine, Megan Carroll, Lia Mc Namara and Kayleigh Flood**, who are this year's Saffron Science Competition winners. Thanks also to their Leaving Cert mentors: **Carmel Byrne, Clodagh Kelly, Eva O'Byrne and Cliona Ball**, who guided and assisted the team in the production of the winning video entry. The group have won an all-expenses paid fully escorted tour to the **European Space Centre** with Saffron Travel on 18th - 20th January 2019, for 20 Students. Teachers: Mr. Lynch & Ms. Shalvey.

Concern Debate Victory

The **Eureka Debating Team** were victorious against Ashbourne Community School. Congratulations to the team: **Louise Cullen, Áine Corcoran, Lily Conaty and Alex Martin.** Teachers: Ms. Doherty & Ms. Shelley.



Díospóireacht na Gaeilge



Comhghairdeas lenár bhfoirne díospóireachta a ghnóthaigh áit sa chéad bhabhta eile i gcomórtas díospóireachta Ghael Linn níos luaithe um thráthnóna, tar éis an-iomaíocht le foirne ó Bhaile Átha Buí, An Uaimh agus Dún Dealgán. Labhair an uile dhuine acu go muiníneach agus go slachtmhar agus táimid an-bhródúil astu go léir. Ba iad **Kate McCrystal, Ciara Corcoran agus Caitríona Flynn** a bhí mar bhaill den fhoireann sóisear. Ba iad **Ciara Draper, Orla Casserly agus Áine Corcoran** a bhí ar an bhfoireann sóisear. Treise leo go léir. Muinteoirí: Ms McNiffe & Mr De Hál.



Eureka Talks Politics

- Member of the European Parliament, **Maireád McGuinness**, spoke to students about her role as an MEP. She also helped students with a video project on EU elections. Teacher: Mr. McKee.
- Local TD and Minister of State for European Affairs, **Helen McEntee**, spoke about Brexit, providing students with a historical perspective on Ireland's membership of the EU. She also outlined career opportunities for students within the EU. Teacher: Mr. McKee.
- Guest speakers **Senator Lorraine Clifford-Lee** and **Cllr Sarah Reilly** visited our school to discuss local and national politics with our 5th and 6th Year 'Politics and Society' students. Both speakers talked about their experiences and encouraged our girls to consider politics as a viable career path. Teachers: Mr. McKee & Mr. Whitty.



TY Connecting Our Community Project



Thanks to **Catherine McGuigan** of Age-Friendly Alliance, **Áine Bird** of Meath County Council, **Shane Carolan** of Prosper Meath, members of the Meath Older Persons Council, local **Kells Councillor, Sarah Reilly** & **Garda Dean Kerins** for launching our TY Connecting Our Community Project. **Anna Louise McManus, Bronagh Donaghey, Lucy Carpenter, Louise Cullen and Jane Carpenter** (5th year) are working alongside Prosper Meath, Meath County Council officials and local elected representatives, Age-Friendly Alliance, Laterlife Network, Kells Local Heroes, Kells Youthreach and an Garda Síochána, to highlight the accessibility issues that currently exist in our town

for the disabled. The girls are now part of the campaign to raise awareness and to help bring about change to improve the quality of life for all in our town. Teacher: Mr. McKee



Campaign for Kells Youth Café

Eureka students **Shauna Young** and **Louise Cullen**, addressed Meath County Council officials, on the need for a Youth Café in Kells, as part of the ongoing local campaign. Local Kells Cllr Sarah Reilly is involved in the campaign and has been of great support to the students. Teacher: Mr. McKee.

Wellbeing - Diversity & Inclusion

Stand Up against Bullying Week 2018

First year winner: Rang Donal - **Tyra Pottinger**

Second Year winner: Rang Ailbhe - **Amira Healy**

Fifth year winner: Rang Gráinne - **Tara Connolly**



Mental Health Week 2018

A **Skipathon** was organised. Students were encouraged to complete a journal that incorporates the 5 strategies to Good Mental Health, *Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, Give*. Students attended an **Anti-Bullying and Cyber Safety Talk**. Speakers were Kevin Deering and Jim Harding (BULLY4U). Teacher: Ms Brady.



Capuchin Homeless Shelter

Kathy Calnan, Eva Geraghty and **Cara Rountree** accompanied Ms. Townshend to the Capuchin Homeless Shelter in Dublin as part of their Social Education course. Teacher: Ms. Townsend

Novelty Cakes

Massive thank you to the very talented Tanya Ross from Novel-T Cakes, who spent an afternoon with our Transition Year students, making Christmas Cakes just in time for the Festive Season. Teachers: Ms. Malynn & Ms. Conaty.



European Modern Language Day

To mark this occasion the language departments organised a language table quiz and art competitions for the students. The following are the winners. Table Quiz Winners: **Miriam Machaya, Eleanor Slater & Talitha Cole.** French Art Competition winners: **Ella McEllin & Beth Miskelly.** German Art Competition winners: **Sarah McDonnell & Karolina Lukseviciute.** Teachers: Ms. Barry & Ms. Corcoran.



French

All First and Second year students of French attended "Le Role" by the French Theatre Group Teachers: Ms. Barry, Ms. Corcoran & Ms. Smith.

Music - Trip to the National Concert Hall

Our First Years attended the National Concert Hall (NCH) for the National Symphony Orchestra's Christmas concert. Teacher: Ms Lyne.

TY Musical – Sister Act

Another very successful TY musical took place in December. Teacher: Ms. Harte & team.



Maths Week



Maths Eyes Photography Competition winners were: **Rosemary Murphy, Amber Smith, Claire Smith, Aoife Muldoon, Eimear Morton, Rachel Ryan and Lucy Linden Reilly.**

Science Week



There were lots of quizzes, talks and poster competitions during Science Week. Thanks to **Séamus Yore**, who came back to give a talk to Transition Years on "How Big is the Universe".

Business

The Kitten Cottage

Rang Áine invited in The Kitten Cottage from Virginia, Co. Cavan as part of their Junior Cert CSPE Action Project. The Kitten Cottage is one of the first ever purpose-built shelters for cats in Ireland. They also take in wild animals such as hedgehogs, birds, bats etc and see that they are brought to an approved wildlife sanctuary. Keep an eye out for Rang Áine's upcoming fundraising event for the Kitten Cottage. Teacher: Ms. McCormack.



Meath Enterprise Week



Well done to **Ciara Fullerton, Ciara Slater and Sinead Forde (Nezz Up)** and **Emma Hetheron, Orla Griffin and Aisling Daly (Calf Catcher)**, who took part in the **Student Enterprise Challenge 2018** as part of Meath Enterprise Week. They were placed under the following categories: Best New Business: 4th place - Nezz Up and Most Innovative Startup: 4th place - The Calf Catcher. Teacher: Ms. McCormack.



Eureka Young Entrepreneurs Day

Credit union prize for Financial Project completed in May 2018: **Shauna Quinn**

Judges: Bill Sweeney (President Kells Chamber of Commerce) & Paula McCaul (Meath Chamber) & Michael Gibney (Manager Supervalu Kells)

1st year winners: **Emma McGee and Karolina Lukseviciute.**

2nd-3rd year winners: "Mix and Match" **Amy O'Mara, Talitha Cole and Miriam Machaya.**

Senior winner: **Holly Moran**

Best Commercial potential: 1st years "The Bath Bomb Company" **Heather McCaul, Ciara Cassidy, Sarah, Ciara Enright and Ella Jordan.**

Best business display: **Laura Vaughan, Aishling Shirihuru and Réaltín McDonnell**



New School in 2019 le cúnamh Dé!

Sports Athletics



Meath Schools Cross Country – Geraldine Dolan Memorial

Minor race - 3rd team overall

Junior team - 2nd team overall

Senior team - 2nd overall

Junior winner - **Kate Mc Crystal**

Senior winner - **Áine Corcoran**

Well done to ALL the girls who competed.

Teacher: Ms. Mimmagh.

Basketball

Congratulations to **Caoimhe Halpin** 2nd year who was representing the North East Schools Basketball team in Limerick this weekend at the All-Ireland Inter-Regional Schools Basketball competition. The team had a convincing win against the East in the plate final. Well done to the u-16 Basketball Team who has a tremendous victory in the Regional Semi-Final in Dundalk. They had a comfortable 28-21 victory over St.Vincent's. Well done to all members of the team. They were successful in the Regional Final on the 4th of December and went to the All-Ireland playoffs in January. Coach: Ms. Wright.



Rugby

Some of our girls participated in a rugby training session with **Ben Traynor**, #FromTheGroundUp. They are pictured here with the European Champions Cup & the Pro 14 Cup. Teacher: Ms. Glennon.



Eureka Youth Ministry Initiative

Some Eureka students accompanied the Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September: **Aoife Coonan, Susie Dolan, Katie Farrell, Rebecca Foley, Orla Hamill, Emma Henry, Eva McCullen and Áine Thorpe.** Teachers: Ms. Harte & Mr. Devine & Jennifer.

Cádiz - Spanish School

Some Transition Year students attended a Spanish Language School in Cádiz in September. They also participated in some cultural activities.



Emma Coldrick, Bronagh Davies, Lauren Doherty, Katie Duffy, Emma Gorman, Orla Keating, Ciara Kilgallen, Alanna Knowles Kelly, Bláthnaid Mahon, Holly McCabe, Aoife Murphy and Áine O'Reilly. The trip was organised by *Mr. McKee*.



Erasmus Project

The Erasmus team (**Nora Barry, Roisín Bogie, Amy Jo Coyle, Faye Donaghey, Aisling Drumm, Eirinn Farrelly, Tara Fitzgerald, Emily Halton, Sophie Hamilton, Jessica Lynch, Emma Jane McKeon, Alannah O'Reilly, Crea Shine, Aimeé Smith, Ruth Smyth and Lucy Smith**) were in Andalusia in Spain last October, visiting Malaga, Marbella & Ronda. Eureka will host students from other European countries (Belgium, Italy, Spain) on 25th-29th March. Teachers: Mr. Lynch & Ms. Malynn.

Eureka Secondary School App

The Eureka Secondary School App is now available to download from the App store. You need to register and once verification is complete you will be able to view it on your smart phone. It will be used as a communication tool between all members of the school community. When fully functional you will be able to view your daughter's Attendance and Reports. You will also be able to send in notes via the App.



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