



# St Fintan's CBS Newsletter



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Welcome to our first newsletter of this school year.

## **Parents' Council**

The AGM of the Parents' Council was held recently. Chairperson Mrs B Leonard and Secretary Mrs Maria Campbell gave a comprehensive account of the activities of the last year. The outgoing Chairperson was re elected for the coming year. Mrs Nano McMahon was elected as Secretary. Mrs Eileen Hayes and Mrs Mai O'Dwyer were elected as parent members to the Board of Management.

## **Board of Management**

A new Board of Management takes office from 15<sup>th</sup> October for a three year term. The Board comprises of four trustee nominees, Mr Ignatius Walsh, Mrs Margaret O'Brien, Mr John Moloney and Mr Con Hayes, two parent nominees as above and two staff nominees, Mr Tom Lynch and Mr Jason Carrig.

## **New School**

At a recent meeting of the Steering Committee the name for the new school was discussed. After a consultation process involving the partners of all three schools, the idea of using the name Trinity, to signify the coming together of three schools into one was proposed. Two variations of this were considered:-

1. Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa
2. Holy Trinity School

Any parent wishing to express a preference for either of these names may do so by dropping a note into the school or by following the link on the school website.

## **Well Done**

Congratulations to former student Kian Eichholzon achieving 580 points in his Leaving Cert this year. He is going on to study Bio Medical Engineering in UL. Huge congratulations to all our Leaving Cert students this year. We are very proud!



Our 5<sup>th</sup> and Transition Year students received their Junior Certificate results and they are to be congratulated on their fantastic achievements with the result reflecting the effort put in by each of them over the past 3 years. The Junior Certificate is the foundation that has now been laid in advance of the work involved in the Leaving Certificate programme and further education and training. Well done to them all. They are pictured above with 5<sup>th</sup>



Year Head Mrs Breda Leahy and Class Tutor Mr Denis Leonard.

## **Transition Year News**

The Transition Year programme is well underway for this year and there have been many exciting and educational trips and activities.

## **Aran Islands**

After the Junior Cert results, the TYs travelled to Inis Mór for a 3 day tour and enjoyed the best the Aran Islands have to offer including a visit to Dún Aenghus Fort, cycling (sometimes at high speeds!), swimming, pier jumping, beach soccer and learning to cook and wash up (Jamie!).

## **Media Studies**

The class had a one day film making course in early September and this was followed by a trip to the Fresh Film Festival in Limerick in October with Mrs O'Shea. Half of the class are in the process of writing their movie, to be shot and edited for Christmas.

## **Law Education**

The TY students enjoyed an informative and stimulating Law course, given by solicitor, Kate Hedigan. They will travel to the Criminal Courts of Justice in December to see the law in action first-hand.

## **TY Mini Company**

TY students are busy setting up their various companies. Gary Lowe from the Limerick County Enterprise Board has visited already registering their enterprises. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and work as a team, keep up the motivating work.

## **Other Activities**

A mucky trip to the ploughing championships was followed by a team-building day and a creative-writing course, which will benefit the boys in their English in the Leaving Cert. An ongoing activity is a poetry course, which runs every Wednesday for four weeks. Mr Hassett is guiding the class in the MABS (Money

Advise and Budgeting Service) programme. Work Experience takes place every Friday and reports from employers are extremely positive and the class are to be commended for their enthusiasm and commitment. Future events include horse riding, go karting, fashion show and a visit to an aircraft simulator. And along with all of this there is still time for maths, french, german, science, technology, business....a busy year for the TY class of 2011!

### **3rd Year CSPE**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years enjoyed the Cheerios Childline breakfast morning last Friday. It was a great success raising €200.77. It was run by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year CSPE Classes and thanks everyone involved.

### **Student Wins All Ireland Medal**

15 year old 5<sup>th</sup> year student Seán Ryan (Wall) achieved success when he won an All Ireland medal in hurling with Tipperary under 16's against Galway. The game took place in Semple Stadium, Thurles. Seán plays corner back and he said all the hard training and dedication was worth it.

### **1st Year Soccer Tournament**

On Friday 8th of October, 1st years took part in a soccer tournament organised by the LCA class with their teacher Ms Lynch. There were eight teams involved. The final was a keenly contested affair between teams B and C. The teams could not be separated in normal time and so a penalty shoot-out ensued. The pressure of the occasion was clearly evident on the faces of each player during the penalties. Sudden death was required which team C winning with the final kick. The winning team was made up of; Joe Lonergan, Éanna Buckley, Iobhar Stokes-Rodriguez, James O'Dwyer, Eddie Campbell, Fiachra Hogan and Harry Kinane.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Year Hurling & Football**

1<sup>st</sup> years have been training well for the last month and at lunch-times we have been running a 1<sup>st</sup>

year hurling league. We played a challenge game against Castletroy in Doon, 38 players togged out. Last Thursday in Ahane we participated in a blitz with Castletroy, Newport and Árd Scoil Rís winning one and losing two. Football training has commenced and there are two blitz's to take place in November.

### **FAI Junior Cup**

Past student, Michael Ryan, Leaving Cert 2004, arrived to the school this term with the FAI Junior Cup! It was won by his team Fairview Rangers this year. They beat St Michaels of Tipperary in the final where Michael scored the winning penalty. Also on the team was Ross Cosgrave, another past pupil L.C. 2000. St Michaels also had two past pupils playing – Jim Carr LC 2006 and Ross Dunne 2004. Michael's brother Tadhg in class 1.1 helped to celebrate his win in school.



### **Sr Mary Killeen**

On Tuesday 12th November, Sr Mary Killeen visited our school. This remarkable woman spoke to the students about her work in Nairobi, Kenya, where she has overcome great obstacles to provide schooling for the poorest children living in the slums. This work was witnessed first-hand last October by the Immersion group when the 10 students and 4 teachers from St Fintan's visited two of her schools and saw the amazing facilities that have been provided for the children and adults of Nairobi by Sr Mary and her colleagues. Thousands of children are being educated in happy, structured environments and the skills and knowledge being im-

parted to them will surely benefit them for life. Her work is of immeasurable importance and we are delighted that such an important and inspirational woman visited us.

She told us that the students who visited her schools from St Fintan's were remarked to have been the best that ever visited from any country and all were very impressed with them. Sr Mary hails from Dublin, her mother was from Doon and attended school in St Josephs. She is a cousin of the Sweeney family in Doon.



### **Adult Education - Evening Classes**

Commencing 1st November.

#### **Trace Your Roots**

This six-week class explains how to begin your genealogy, find your ancestry, and trace your family tree.

#### **Webpage Design**

This is the ideal course to help you design or to improve your page. Step by step approach by an award winning website designer will get your webpage up and running in no time.

#### **Grow Your Own Fruit And Vegetables.**

There's nothing quite like the taste of home grown food! So why not get some expert advice on how to start your own garden before Springtime.

#### **Conversational French/Spanish.**

Both of these courses are at an introductory level. Whether it's for a dream holiday, or maybe relocating entirely, learning conversational French/Spanish fast is an important way to help get the most out of any extended trip abroad.

All courses are of six weeks duration, and will be held on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays, an hour and a half each night. Cost €75. Call 085-1221322 now to enroll.