

Presentation Press

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Strictly Pres Ballyphehane



TV School Tour in Barcelona



Our Sixth Years Graduate



A Word from Our Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the 2018-2019 school year, it certainly feels that the months have gone faster since our Christmas newsletter. Every school year brings with it new endeavours, new challenges and one or two surprises and this year was no different. While it was a very busy and active year, with many new initiatives, it was a very enjoyable year for both Ms. Daly and I. Within the pages of our school newsletter the life we share here in Presentation is recorded in words, images and colour.

A very momentous event this year and a highlight for me personally was 'Strictly Pres Ballypnehane.' It was very much a community event, which involved all members of the school community as well as the wider community. Current pupils, past pupils, staff, parents and community members committed to 10 weeks of practice in a competition that brought everyone together in a social gathering. Great fun was had, and it was a very successful fundraiser. Thank you to everyone involved.

Presentation Secondary is always surrounded by so many people who always go the extra mile, our dedicated teachers, Eileen and Clare in the office, Tadhg our caretaker, our cleaners, Lynda, Colette, Terry and Agnes, our hard-working Parents Council and our committed Board of Management, to each I offer a special thank you.

This year we say goodbye to a long-standing, esteemed member of our staff, who is synonymous with Presentation Secondary School. With over 40 years service to the school, Mrs. Mahon-Buckley, we salute you. Thank you for your outstanding contribution, dedication, loyalty and commitment to our school over the last 4 decades. Your presence and personality will be missed by both the staff and the students alike, as well as the parents, I can certainly say. We wish you a happy and healthy retirement and I am sure we will keep in touch.

And as the Leaving-Cert class of 2019 now enter into the history book of our school, we offer to them our sincere thanks for all they have done for our school over these six years

Finally, to you our parents, thank you as always for all your support and for sending your daughter to Presentation Secondary School, Ballypnehane. May your summer be filled with sunshine, fun and relaxation.

Nicola Barrett,

Principal.

January

5th and 6th Year IBM Talk By Sophie Owens

On January 9th, 14 staff members from IBM gave a talk to the 5th and 6th years about potential careers. The students learned about website development, marketing, coding, cyber security and cloud computing. "We all enjoyed the talk and found it very informative," said Caoimhe Barry.

LCVP Enterprise By Emily Goulding

On Thursday January 21st, the 6th year LCVP class sold ice cream to students in order to raise money for Bumbleance which is a children's charity. The 6B class collected money from the students and took their orders for their ice cream. "We were very happy with the success of the enterprise and the support that students gave," said Caoimhe Barry.



2nd Year Trip to Glucksman Gallery By Emma Kiely

As a part of their Junior Cert course, 2nd year art students visited the Glucksman art gallery with their teacher Mr. McGovern. The exhibition that they visited was entitled PRISM and it explored colour. The 2nd years enjoyed the day and would like to thank their teachers for bringing them to this exhibition.

School in Action Day By Jade Synan-Hayes

On January 23rd, our school welcomed next year's 1st year students. The day allowed the students to participate in multiple subjects such as Science, P.E., English and Home Economics. The students also had the opportunity to meet some of their teachers, their classmates from other schools and some of the older students in the school. The teachers would like to thank all of the 2nd and 4th Year students who helped out throughout the day.



Senior Camogie Semi-Final By Nicole Olden

Our school camogie team reached the Senior Camogie semi-final. The students worked very hard all season in training and in their matches. The team played Youghal and the game was very close. Congratulations to the team for reaching the semi-final. The team wish to thank their coaches for helping them throughout the season.



February

Subject Fair By Hazel Murphy

On February 1st, TY students had the opportunity to find out about their choice subjects at the subject fair. The students and their parents sat down with the teachers of each of the subjects and spoke to them about what the subject entails. "It was very beneficial and it gave me a deeper insight into the subjects that I will be choosing from," said Emily Goulding.



I Wish Conference By Leeanna O'Reilly

On Thursday February 7th, TY students attended the 2019 I Wish conference in City Hall. The students received talks from the four founders of I Wish and also attended a panel talk from four women in STEM careers. The students were then given a guided tour of stalls where the students learned about the different STEM careers. "The day was really enjoyable and we all learned a lot," said Hazel Murphy.

Edmund Rice Summer Camp Talk By Emma Kiely

TY and fifth year students received a talk from two volunteers from the Edmund Rice Summer Camp. The speakers informed the students about how the organisation was set up and what they do. The speakers were also looking for volunteers to take part in this year's summer camp. "It was a very good talk and we learned how beneficial this camp is," said Sophie Owens.

Fourth Year Trip to Airtastic By Ciara Golden

On February 12th, TY and LCA 1 students went on a trip to Airtastic. The students had an hour and enjoyed the activities in the trampoline centre. The students would like to thank the teachers that accompanied them to Airtastic. "We all had a lot of fun and really enjoyed the day," said Eva Carroll.

Psych Slam By Chloe Kasali

On the 11th of February, five fourth year students competed in Psych Slam in UCC. The students had to prepare a 6 minute presentation based on the topic of 'The Psychology of Food and Diet,' which they presented in front of 3 members of the psychology board in UCC. "We learned a lot from this experience and we really enjoyed doing the presentation," said Molly McCarthy.



Cork Taekwondo Open Championships By Shauna Kidney

The school would like to congratulate first year student Shauna O'Connor who won 2 gold medals in the Cork Taekwondo Open Championships on the 10th of February. "The competition was difficult so I'm glad to have won these medals," said Shauna O'Connor.

March

International Women's Day By Hazel Murphy

To celebrate International Women's Day on the 8th of March, the school hosted a basketball blitz. Students were split up into four teams and played against one another. The winner of the student blitz went on to the final and played a team of teachers. The school would like to thank Ms. Barry-Murphy, Ms. Coughlan and the TY students for organising the blitz. Congratulations to the teachers who won the match. "The blitz was really fun and we were unlucky to lose," said Hannah Albangbee.



French Film By Emily Goulding



On Thursday March 7th, all TY students went on a trip to the Gate cinema to see the French film 'Miss Impossible/Jamais Contente.' The students saw this film as a part of the 30th Cork French Film Festival. The students were accompanied by their French teachers and would like to thank them for organising this trip. "We all enjoyed the movie and we found it very entertaining," said Emma Kiely.

Teen Talk By Nicole Olden

On Tuesday March 5th, TY students attended the Teen Talk conference in the Radisson Hotel in Little Island. The students received talks from Derval O'Rourke, Graham McCormack and many other inspirational entrepreneurs. They spoke about physical and mental health. The students also had the opportunity to speak to other organisations such as: Pieta House, Healthy Ireland, Samaritans and the ISPCC. "We all took something from the talk and found it very beneficial," said Hazel Murphy.



International Women's Day By Jade Synan-Hayes

To celebrate International Women's Day, fourth year politics students welcomed Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond and past pupil Cllr. Fiona Kerins to speak to them about their journeys in politics. The students asked questions and showed the Cllrs. their projects regarding gender inequality. The students also presented the Cllrs. with a copy of 'Blazing a

Trail,' which was signed by the TY students. "We all found the talk very inspiring and we now understand the difficulties women face in politics," said Emily Goulding.

Regional Geography Quiz By Leah O'Neill

As a part of the annual Regional Geography Quiz, eight of our third year students formed two teams and participated in the quiz. The girls competed very well and they want to thank their teachers for giving them the opportunity to take part in the quiz.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Tráth na gCeist By Jesse Mendez

To start off Seachtain na Gaeilge, fourth year students held a 'Tráth na gCeist' (table quiz), for first year students. The quiz contained all questions in Irish and the first years were split up into teams. "The quiz was really fun and we all had a great time playing," said Shannon Murphy.

Ceili By Eva Carroll

On Wednesday March 13th, Ms. Kingston organised a Ceili as a part of Seachtain na Gaeilge. Junior students and TY students were taught a few Irish dances. The TY students and fifth year students then danced with TY students from Christ Ri. "The Ceili was great fun," said Ciara Conway.



Cluiche Biongo By Hazel Murphy

On Friday March 15th, TY students organised a game of bingo for first year students. The students visited the first year's Irish classes and each girl received a bingo card. The TY students explained the rules and called out the numbers in Irish. "The Cluiche Biongo went really well and all of the students enjoyed it," said Sophie Owens.



Blitz Peil By Emily Goulding

On Friday the 15th of March, first and second year students participated in a football blitz organised by TY students. The students were split up into teams and played one another in a series of games. The two best teams then played each other in the final. Well done to all of the students who took part in the Blitz Peil.

Cake Sale By Chloe Kasali

On Friday the 15th of March, TY students held a cake sale in the PE hall in aid of Penny Dinners. Each TY student baked their own cakes and brought them in for the sale. The rest of the school and the teachers bought cakes. The students managed to raise €170 for Penny Dinners.



Maidin Caife Gaelach By Emma Kiely

On Friday the 15th of March, TY students and Ms. Kingston organised a coffee morning for the teachers. The students made scones, cupcakes, tea and coffee for the teachers. The teachers and students spoke in Irish and the students decided which teacher made the best effort. Congratulations to Ms. O'Sullivan and Ms. Coughlan who spoke the best Irish throughout the morning.



April

CIT Open Day By Sophie Owens

On the 2nd of April, TY students attended the CIT open day in the college. The students had the chance to find out information about the different courses and they received a talk about the college. "The open day was very informative and we all now know a lot more about the college courses," said Leeanna O'Reilly.



SciFest By Hazel Murphy

On Friday the 5th of April, three TY students took part in SciFest in CIT. The students' project was titled 'The Attitudes of Girls Towards STEM.' To prepare for the project, the students went to different schools and surveyed students based on their interest in STEM subjects and careers. Throughout the competition, the girls were evaluated by many judges. "The day was really enjoyable and we enjoyed telling people about our project as we felt that our project was very topical and important to this generation of young women," said Emily Goulding

CIT Easter Schools Week By Leeanna O'Reilly

During the week of the 1st of April, ten TY students attended the CIT Easter Schools Week. This week gave the students the opportunity to sit in on lectures from different courses that the college has to offer. "It was a great week. Not only did I make many new friends but I also learned about the different college courses and it has helped me in making the decision of what I want to do after school," said Molly McCarthy.



Easter Camp By Nicole Olden

On April 15th-17th, our school organised an Easter camp for the incoming first years. The camp started each day at eleven and ended at half past one. The students played games, played sports, did art and played on bouncy castles. "All of the students had great fun and are excited about coming to the school in September," said Ms. Waldron. Thank you to all the teachers who were involved in the organisation of the camp.

Bring me Back Alive Play By Lily Boyle

On the 11th of April, Shine a Light hosted the play 'Bring me Back Alive,' in our Nano Nagle Theatre. The play was a very eye-opening experience that taught all of the students the awful effects of suicide, especially on family and friends. "This play was the perfect way to break the stigma around mental health," noted Lily Boyle.





Life Long Learning Festival By

Niamh Crowley

On Wednesday the 10th of April, TY students performed the piece 'War,' as a part of the Life Long Learning Festival. They chose the theme peace and justice. The piece included a poem, dancing and singing and had a very powerful meaning. "The piece was performed very well and had a very powerful message," said Emma Kiely.

TY School Tour By Emily Goulding

From the 12th - 15th of April, TY students went on their TY school tour to Barcelona, Spain. During the trip, the students received a tour of the city and learned about its history. The students also visited many churches and cathedrals, including the Sagrada Familia. On their second day, the students went to Montjuic and went on a cable car. They also visited Barcelona FC's home ground Camp Nou. On their third day, they went to PortAventura Theme Park. On their last day, the students went shopping at Maremagnum shopping centre.



Throughout the trip, the students also visited the beach, went bowling and went to the local shops. "The school tour was amazing and we loved everything that we did," said Lily Boyle. The TY students wish to thank their teachers; Mrs. Lynch, Ms. O'Grady and Mr. Walsh for accompanying them on their school tour.

Ballymaloe Foods By Emily Goulding

All fifth year students visited Ballymaloe foods in Little Island as part of their LCVP course. They got a full tour of the enterprise and were told the history of Ballymaloe and it's original product, Ballymaloe Relish. They learned that Ballymaloe are now producing a long line of other products with the latest being Mayonnaise.



Strictly Pres Ballyphehane

Strictly By Emily Goulding

Our school held a fantastic Strictly Come Dancing fundraising competition in the Clayton Hotel Silver Springs which got the whole school community involved. Parents, neighbours, students, teachers and past pupils took part. 6th year student Kellie Murphy was part of the winning couple. Teacher Aidan O'Connor, a former Irish dancer, took part in the competition and said that he "enjoyed learning different styles of dancing." Ms. Cayce Waldron also took part and noted that "it was very enjoyable and a massive community event."



Tickets
€25.00

Strictly By Sophie Owens

On April 5th Jesse Mendez and myself took part in Strictly Pres Ballyphehane. After 10 weeks of rehearsals we performed a group dance to 'Stayin' Alive'. We then danced a jive to 'Wake me up before you go-go', an upbeat and fun dance. We really enjoyed taking part in this event and we had a great time on the night.



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May

Wheelchair Basketball By Emily Goulding

On Friday the 3rd of May, TY students participated in wheelchair basketball. The students learned how to move up and down the courts with the wheelchairs and how to manage the ball. The students then competed against each another in a series of matches. The winners of these games then went on to play against the teachers. Congratulations to

the students who beat the teachers in the basketball match 4-6. "The wheelchairs were very difficult to work at first but we soon adapted to the game," said Jesse Mendez.



Darkness into Light By Ciara Golden

On the morning of May 10th, students and teachers took part in the annual Pieta House Darkness into Light walk. The students met in the Amphitheatre in UCC and walked from darkness into light. All of the students really enjoyed the experience. "I think that this event is very beneficial to those who are struggling with mental health issues," said Lily Boyle.



Royal Irish Academy of Music Exam By Chloe Kasali

On Thursday the 9th of May, TY students did their Royal Irish Academy of Music exam. The students practiced for weeks on end and were very dedicated. They played pieces of music on the recorder and did sight reading. "We were all a bit nervous at first, but once we started playing we felt fine," said Molly McCarthy.

Outdoor Pursuits By Laura O'Sullivan

On Monday the 20th and Tuesday the 21st of May, second year students went to Ballyhass Lakes for their outdoor pursuits trip. Throughout the two day trip, the students participated in many land and water- based activities including rock climbing and kayaking. The second years noted how they have bonded as a group and that they will never forget their second year trip to Ballyhass Lakes. The second years want to thank their teachers for accompanying them and for organising the trip.



TY Fencing By Emma Kiely

On Monday the 12th of May, TY students learned how to fence. They learned how to stand correctly and how to hold their weapon correctly, the different types of footwork and how to defend themselves. "It was great fun as it was something different that we hadn't tried before," said Nicole Olden.



Chemistry Camp By Amy Arundel

On May 8th, 10 second year students attended the UCC Chemistry camp. The camp gave the students the opportunity to learn about elements, molecules, and many other different sections within science. The students attended classes and lectures where they conducted different experiments. At the end of the day, the students attended a Chemistry Magic Show, which was performed by Declan Kennedy. The students really enjoyed the camp and found it very interesting.



Kinsale Activity Centre By Eva Carroll

On Friday the 19th of May, TY students went to Kinsale Activity Centre for their outdoor pursuits. Throughout the day, the students did kayaking, rock-climbing and archery. They also swam in the water and had team-building competitions. "The day was great fun and we all really want to go again," said Nicole Olden.

Gougane Barra By Hazel Murphy

On Monday the 20th of May, TY students went to Gougane Barra for their end-of-year mass. The students organised a mass in the church and went for a walk through the forest. "It was a great thing to do for our last trip of TY and we all enjoyed it," said Sophie Owens.



Awards and Sports Day By Nicole Olden

On Tuesday the 14th of May, the school held its annual sports and awards day. During the morning, we had our awards day. The awards give recognition to students who take part in sports, who are academic and to those who work hard throughout the school year.



During the afternoon, the school held its annual sports day. Students and teachers took part in various events including the sack race, the egg and potato race, the three-legged race, the 100m sprint, the 400m and the 400m relay. Congratulations to all students who took part and to the students who received prizes for the events. "Sports day is always good fun and the events this year were great," said Ciara Golden.

All-Ireland Schools Track and Field Competition By Emily Goulding

Huge congratulations to Kate Jean Baptiste who represented the school and came first in the minor shot in the South Munster Schools Track and Field event in CIT. She then proceeded to the next stage of the competition and came second in the Munster Schools Track and Field which was also held in CIT. On June 1st Kate Jean took part in the All Ireland Schools Track and Field in Tullamore where she placed 12th. Congratulations to Kate as this is a great achievement.





Fifth Year Cycling By Emma Kiely

On Friday the 10th of May, all 5th year students went cycling in Killarney National Park. They visited Muckross Abbey, the shores of Muckross Lake and Torc Waterfall all before lunch at Muckross House. A great day was had by all students. "Cycling was great fun and we all had a lovely time. The route was lovely and we all enjoyed the views," said Emma Olden.

TY Graduation By Emily Goulding

On Monday the 27th of May, our TY class of 2018/19 graduated. During the ceremony, the students received awards based on different events that they took part in throughout the year. The students also performed the piece 'War,' that they performed during the Life Long Learning Festival in April. Lastly, the year performed their dance from the musical 'Grease,' that they had learned during the year as a part of their ACM module.



Sixth Year Graduation By Hazel Murphy

On Thursday the 23rd of May, our sixth year class of 2018/19 graduated. A beautiful mass was held in the church where the choir dedicated the song 'Never Enough,' from 'The Greatest Showman,' to the sixth year students. The students were also given individual signing books that would allow them to always remember the school.



Afterwards the sixth year students and their families had a graduation ceremony in the theatre where the students received their graduation certificates. "It has been a great final year and we've all enjoyed our time here in Presentation," said Ciara Cooke.



Mrs. Catherine Mahon-Buckley

'Retirement is the end of one chapter and the beginning of the next one'. Your artistic creativity, many talents, laughter and sense of fun will be greatly missed in Presentation Ballyphehane.

