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A Message from our Principal

“The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today”

H Jackson Brown Jr.

This year, it has been a privilege for me to follow in the footsteps of the many great Principals who have all contributed to the C.B.S over the years. I have worked with five Principals in my time at the school and while they all had their own unique style, they all had one thing in common, the interests of the students and the continuation of the proud tradition of education at the C.B.S. I am confident that we can continue to aspire to providing excellent education in a caring environment where all students are valued and can achieve their potential in accordance with the ERST Charter.

It has been a busy year, starting with a Whole School Evaluation (W.S.E. / M.L.L.) in September which was a positive experience despite all the work it required.

A first for the school this year was the provision of Home Economics in the newly refurbished kitchen. This is also the first year that Leaving Certificate students of Construction will complete their practical work in our school.

An incredible amount of extra-curricular activities have been undertaken during the year. Congratulations to all our sportsmen and to their coaches on their achievements during the year. We have had teams involved in competitions in Munster and Connaught in football, hurling, basketball, athletics, golf and Futsol and we are competing successfully with schools much bigger than ours in many cases. The competition for best manager is reaching new heights in the staffroom, particularly following the great win over rivals Lisdoonvarna in this year's Clare Colleges Senior Football competition.

Music and the Arts are also well represented. We have traditional musicians in every year group, many who could hold their own in any competition. I would like to thank Jon O Connell for his amazing work in bringing yet another group of students together in the present school band. I trust many more of the students will avail of his expert music tuition next year on Friday afternoons. Congratulations to the boys both on stage and back stage on lighting and sound and to Ms Brown on the wonderful production of “All Shook Up” The C.B.S has been involved with Ennistymon Choral Society for many years and long may this co-operation continue.

All of these talented students give generously of their time throughout the year to Masses and school events such as Open Nights and the Christmas Concert. We are thankful to them for enriching these ceremonies and gatherings.

We are grateful to Gabriel Fitzmaurice who returned again this year to provide workshops in Poetry and Song-writing to senior students. Well done to the Third Year students who were highly commended for their short stories which were printed in The Clare Champion.

Science and Technology continues to do well in the school with our three First Year students getting highly commended at SCIFEST in L.I.T and winning the Royal Society of Chemistry Prize for Chemistry. Primary school visits during Technology week were a big success and a



big thank you to the demonstrators from Second Year and TY who helped their teachers during the school visits.

The Students Council and Green Schools Committee continue to make a contribution to the school gaining our first Green Flag and being highly acclaimed by the Inspectorate during the W.S.E. Well done to their teachers and mentors. Good luck with the task of reducing the energy consumption of the school in the coming year.

We are indebted for the support of the hard-working Parents' Council who fundraise for the school to ensure their boys get the benefit of improved facilities and resources.

I would like to thank all of the staff in the CBS for their dedicated work over the year. It is their interest in the welfare and academic future of the students that makes the CBS the great school



that it is. All of our extra- curricular activities, which make school more enjoyable and enriching for students depend on the generosity of spirit of our staff .Many extra hours are spent training teams, taking school groups on trips, organising events or offering extra classes to students etc. A special word of thanks to our school secretary Brigid for her loyalty and efficiency and to Stephen our patient and hard -working caretaker.

Finally, the very best of luck to the exam students in Third Year and Sixth Year over the coming weeks. I hope all your hard work pays off. In my experience, it is the one thing of which I am sure “the harder you work the luckier you get”

I wish all our students an enjoyable and safe summer, we look forward to seeing you all back at the end of August when we welcome another First Year class “to the Mono”.

Mary Lyons
Principal



Glory Days in the “Mon”

The academic year 2016/2017 has seen unprecedented success in the sporting fields by the students of CBS. For the first time in the school’s history, the Clare Colleges Senior Hurling and Senior Football trophies reside in the “Mon”.

Added to this the Clare Colleges U/15 Football and the First Year Football Blitz have also been won. As I write, the U/16 ½ Football and First Year Hurling finals have to be played.

The Monastery has a proud tradition in both Academic and Sporting achievements, spanning back over its long history since 1824. Both of these are achievable together provided the student gets the balance right. Team-mates will be friends for life and will look back on their sporting days long after Shakespeare, Phythagoras or Archimedes have been forgotten!!

So, Congratulations to all the students, teachers, helpers etc.; these are significant days in the life of CBS Ennistymon. Good Luck to all sitting exams – give it the same effort and determination and you will gain success in life as well.

Up the “Mon”!

Michael Clohessy





A Successful Hurling Year

It is fair to say that it has been a successful year for CBS Ennistymon hurling. We started our Munster College hurling championship campaign way back in October, against our fellow Banner school St. Pats. Luckily for us the standard of hurling in the Shannon and Sixmilebridge area has declined over the years, meaning we got our search of a Munster cup off to a good start, even with a weakened squad. Our next fixture in the Munster Championship was against Nenagh Vocational School. We knew we would have to put a huge effort into training before that game if we were going to win. So for the upcoming weeks before the game we made sure we had at least one hard session done every week with Ms. Rynne. Thankfully we came out on top against Nenagh, although it was a hard fought battle. It was a positive thing to have that experience under our belt. Unfortunately our quest to regain the Munster cup would come to an end, when we met St. Peters College of Waterford in the Munster Semi final. It was a nail biter of a match, with a few poor decisions by the referee being the the deciding factor in a close fought game. St Peters were the eventual winners of the competition. This loss gave us a new found hunger to go on and compete for the Clare Colleges Hurling title.

Our first match was against Scariff Vocational School. We knew they would be a good team



because they get a lot of people from East Clare which is renowned for being a hurling stronghold within the county. The game was on in Gurteen and the conditions weren't ideal, but thanks to the experience of a hard fought game against Nenagh and an exquisite performance by Tola Neylon, we managed to win the game marginally in the end.

Our second game was the semi final where we played Rice College. We were considered to be the underdogs of that game, but we knew deep down we were able to beat them because they didn't have the same drive or the same pride in their jersey that we had. On the day of



the game it was an absolute scorcher and both teams were out on the field early. They soon realised we were missing a key player, Aidan McCarthy, and they thought they had the game won. After the first few minutes, however, when Damien O'Loughlin played a cross field ball to Kealan Guyler and he put it over the bar to open the scoring, we had put the seed of doubt in their minds. With Colin Shannon (injured) roaring abuse from the sideline and with Tola Neylon scoring points from the sideline it was a recipe for success. In the last couple of moments, we scored a point to take the lead and cement our place in this year's Clare Colleges Hurling Final.

The final was played in a sunny but blustery Gurteen against St. Annes Killaloe. It was a very one-sided affair with the CBS coming out on top easily outscoring their opponents to leave a scoreline of 2.25-2.12, with stand-out performances by Marc Barry, Damien O'Loughlin, Aidan McCarthy and Kealan Guyler. As captain I brought home the cup to the Mon! What an honour!

Overall it has been a great year of hurling for us and I'm sure there's plenty of great years to come. On behalf of the team and the school I would like to thank Ms. Rynne for the huge amount of time and work she put into our team over the years.

Darren Cullinan





CBS Ennistymon Football Success

It must be said that CBS Ennistymon had a very successful year with the winning of the Clare Colleges Senior Football title for the first time since 2013. The victory was made all the sweeter coming off losses in the final in 2014 and 2015 as well as not getting the chance to play the final in 2016. We had a very strong panel with the majority of players wearing the saffron and blue of Clare at numerous age groups in the last year.



Our Clare campaign began in early October with a comprehensive win over Kilrush. Man of the match was given to big full forward Tola Neylon who netted three goals. Clare Minor football manager Seamus Clancy was in attendance and Tola can count himself very unlucky not to have got the call up to the Clare squad after his impeccable performance.

The following week was our first outing in the Munster competition against St. Augustines of Dungarvan. The long bus journey to Tipperary did us no favours as we were still asleep for the first 15 minutes and chasing the game thereafter. Coming from 10 points down at half time, we managed to close the gap to 2 points with 20 minutes to go. Unfortunately injuries to two of our players killed our momentum and we were unable to reel in our opponents, eventually losing out by a point. This first round loss was made all the more worse for us when St. Augustines went on to win the Munster title this spring.

After the Winter break we set our sights again on the Clare competition. In February the quarter final was played against Kildysart. This turned out to be a routine victory for the Monastery boys. Next up was a semi-final versus Kilkee in a windy Lahinch Sports field. We had a strong first half but two late goals for Kilkee put the game right back into the melting



pot. Led by Cillian Rouine and Aidan McCarthy, CBS managed to find another gear and pull away to win by 6 points.

Mary Immaculate Lisdoonvarna had advanced to the final on the other side of the draw. We definitely owed them one, with losses to them in u15 and u16.5 finals as well as the senior final in 2015. The 2016 final between us was never played when they refused to show up on the proposed date as they were missing a player. This did not sit well with us.

The final was played on the 2nd of May in a sun drenched Pairc Finne, Corofin. We knew we had to put in our best performance of the year to stand any chance of victory. CBS Ennistymon started brightly, really bringing the game to the Lisdoonvarna side who incidentally were coached by local man and CBS past pupil Brian Conway. Our first half dominance showed on the scoreboard at half time, with us leading 2.5-0.3. The goals came from Ross O'Doherty and Cillian O'Flaherty. Lisdoonvarna threw the kitchen sink at us in the beginning of the second half, scoring three points on the spin. Nevertheless we rediscovered our form and hunger and strolled to a resounding victory. The final scoreline read 5.12 to 0.10. The second half goals came from the Inagh men Keith White, Aidan McCarthy and Cian Shannon, from the penalty spot. Goalkeeper Darren Torpey was awarded man of the match pulling off 4 brilliant saves during the game. The team and scorers were as follows:

Darren Torpey, Micheal Vaughan, Jamesie O' Connor, Aidan McCarthy (1-0), Cillian Rouine, Damien O'Loughlin (Capt, 0-2) Tiernan Hogan, Conor Dillon (0-1), Niall Shannon, Eoin Marrinan (0-5), Sean Rouine (0-1), Cillian O'Flaherty (1-0), Ross O'Doherty (1-1), Cian Shannon (1-0), Andrew Shannon (0-1). Subs: Keith white (1-0), Kealan Guyler (0-1), Tola Neylon, Shane Kearney, Tim Keane.

It was great for this team to finally have some silverware to show for our 6 years of hard work. A big thanks has to be given to Ms. Rynne for the massive effort she put in this year, managing the side

Damien O'Loughlin





U-15 County Football Champions 2017



Up the "Mon"





Conor Murphy Senior Student of the Year 2017



Niall Hegarty Junior Student of the Year 2017





Damien O'Loughlin Senior Sportsman of the Year 2017



Eoin Rouine Junior Sportsman of the Year 2017





IB AND 2B REVIEW SPORTS DAY



“It was the best sports day I’ve ever been to. It had creative games, friendly people in charge, but above all Neville Fitzpatrick’s delectable burgers, which was, as always, mind blowing. He had a little help from his assistants Aaron McGannon, John Leahy, Kieran Meehan and Daniel Hanrahan.

- Robbie Barry 2B

“The best part was the teachers’ tug of war. The male teachers had half the amount that the female teachers had but they held their own until Mr. Daffy slipped and it all went pear-shaped”

- Èanna O’Connor 1B



“Tug-o-war was the last and most intense event of them all. People’s hands were slipping and burnt from the rope and pains from where Colin Shannon was hitting them with his crutches”

Matthew Thynne 2B



“Tim Keane came out victorious and left the sports day a happy man knowing that he has won the tug-o-war in his last year in CBS”

Seàn McGeary 2B

“I can tell you first hand that tug-o-war is WAY harder than it looks! Your arms are heavy, knees weak, palms are sweaty. Your hands slip at the rate of ninety! You dig one leg as far into the ground as you can and the other one balances you. You try to sit back and hold ‘til you hear “PULL” and you pull with all your might, like there’s no tomorrow! You try your hardest and grunt and wheeze and shout and scream or anything that would relieve you of any ounce of pain, but it’s not enough. You pull yourself up and walk away with your head sagging and your tongue hanging five inches out of your mouth while you gasp for water and collapse to your knees.”

-Dara Rouine 1B

“The highlight of the first round was Cillian O’Flaherty’s massive comeback against Darragh Cuddihy’s favoured team. With Darragh’s team nearly victorious Killian’s team came back from the dead with an inspiring pull- the crowd ecstatic with this Hercules effort and then grabbing the second pull and advancing to the next round. Tim Keane’s team steamrolled into the final with tug-o-war superstar Cillian Devitt hoping for his 4th successive victory. The semi-final saw Darren Cullinan’s team put in a very impressive performance quickly beating Jamesie O’Connor’s team 2-0. With a quick break in proceedings before the final we saw a surprising victory- the female staff captured a win against the male staff. The final looked like a Titanic battle between Cullinan and Keane. The two teams stepped up, ready for war, and in an extreme anti-climax Tim Keane’s team easily captured gold.”



“I had the chicken burger with barbeque sauce which I’d say was the best burger I’ve ever eaten. Overall the day was class and unfortunately I got sunburnt.”

-Kieran Daniels 1B

“My favourite part of sports day was when I took my first bite out of the delightful burger. It had to be my shucky ducky quack quack moment of the day. That’s not an insult, that’s just a fact of life”

Brendy Rouine/ Buff Egan 1B

“In the final stood Darren Cullinan’s physical team and Tim Keane’s fearless team. In the end Tim Keane’s team won comfortably, putting an end to a very good day”

- Sèan Rynne 1B (on the Tug O War Final)

“I liked that day, it was a funny day. We did lots of sports, we did running, long jump, soccer and hurling on that fabulous day. Neville made sandwiches and they were nice.”

- Nour Eildin 1B





Mo Chéad Bhliain sa “Mon” le Joshua Guyler 1A

Déireadh mí Lúnasa a bhí ann. Bhí mé ag tnúth go mór leis an scoilbhliain nua. Bhí mé ag dul go dtí Méanscoil na mBráithre. Bhí mé ag tosú an chéad bhliain.

Shiúil mé go dtí bar an chnoic don chéad uair, agus isteach sa scoil liom. Bhuail mé le mo chairde nua agus an príomhoide. D’inis sí rialacha na scoile dúinn. Thaispéan sí na háiseanna timpeall na scoile.

Chuir an múinteoir mé isteach i Rang 1A. Bhuail mé mo múinteoirí. Phioc mé adhmaadóireachta agus liníocht theicnuil mar ábhar roghnach.

Tá a lán spóirt sa scoil. Chuaigh mé go dtí cluichí iománíochta, cluichí peile, cluiche cishpheile, “5 a side” sacar, lúthcleasaíocht agus rás trastíre. Is bréa liom spóirt sa scoil

seo. Bhuaigh an scoil cluiche ceannais peile agus táimid sa chluiche leathceannais san iomáint. Beidh sé ar siúl go luath.

Ag an Nollaig, bhí ceolchoirm na Nollag ar siúl. Bhí sé go hiontach. Chanamar amhráin agus bhí sé an-leadránach.

Chuamar go dtí eolaí óg agus bhí sé an-suimiúil. Nuair a bhí an RDS críochnaithe, chuamar go dtí Funderland agus bhí sé an-mhaith. Chuiagh me ar a lán rollchóistir.

An mhí seo caite, thug heileacaptar cuairt ar ar scoil. D’fheach gach duine amach an fhuinneog agaus bhí otharcarr ann.

Tá an mhéanscoil an-difriúil ná an bunscoil. Tá na ranganna gearr agus tá go leor múinteoirí ag múineadh daltaí na scoile. Tá sé an-mhór agus tá an bunscoil beag. Thaitin an chéad bhliain sa scoil liom.



Is maith liom a lán múinteoirí ach is í Iníon Ní Rinne an múinteoir is fearr liom. Is bréa liom Meánscoil na mBráithre!!





First Year Football Blitz

On Wednesday May 10th 2017 a team of 20 first years took part in the annual 11- a-side football blitz in Ennistymon. It was in the middle of a hot spell of weather so the pitch was in great condition and we had new goals too. The sunblock was on and the warm up was done. The CBS faced their first opponents: our neighbours the Vocational School Ennistymon. We had a great victory on a scoreline of 5-4 to 1-3. We played some great football with Oisin Conway, Niall Mullins, Dylan MCoy and Brendy Rouine doing well. Next up we faced Lisdoonvarna who didn't put up much of a challenge. We had great performances from Marc O'loughlin, Niall Hogan, Dara Rouine and Sean Rynne.

Our third game was against Caimin's and they were our toughest challenge so far. We had to win if we wanted to stick around for the final. Joshua Guyler, Keith Barry, Liam Cotter and Diarmaid Fahy did untold damage and we beat them after a good team performance. Now we had to wait for Rice College to come in from Lahinch. They had beat all their opponents on their side and we knew they were tough. By 2.30 we were ready to go. It was a very competitive game and they had some very fast players. We needed to be at our best. We all played really well and we were thrilled to come away with the win on a scoreline of 4-6 to 2-5. We had a great day out. Thanks to Ms Rynne and the TYs who helped us out on the day. Up the Mon!

James O'Dwyer





Irish Junior Mathematics Competition 2017

Each year the Irish Maths Teachers Association runs a maths competition for first year students. The school has been taking part in this since its inception. Two years ago, Cathal O'Halloran placed 3rd in the competition. This year all 40 first year students took part and 3 succeeded in reaching the final. It took place in St. Flannans College, Ennis, on Friday May 12th 2017. There were forty finalists from schools all over Clare. We were thrilled when a student from Ennistymon CBS, Patrick Kivlehan, took first place. A huge congratulations to Patrick for this great achievement and to the other 2 students, Eoin Dalton and Miko Augustyn for reaching the final.

There's nothing like a few hard sums!!!!





SCI-FEST

Sci fest was our second science competition in first year, we went there slightly subdued by the fact we hadn't won anything at the BT Young scientists. Though we weren't expecting much we certainly had a great time. We had changed the name of the project and contacted Prainnie Rhatigan. We got up quite early in the morning to go, we travelled by car and chatted amongst ourselves slightly nervously, but still looking forward to the day.

We arrived there and set up our stall, we were early so could manoeuvre it anyway we wanted which made it very easy to set up. We were told that we would have two judges, we ended up having three. They were all very nice and seemed genuinely interested in our projects, which was very nice.

We got highly commended and won The Award for Best Use of Chemistry in a Project which was amazing. Over all it was a great day.

Michael McInerney





Clare Minors

Ennistymon CBS are known for providing talented players, many of which represent Clare at different levels. Joe Minter , Ross O' Doherty , Conor Dillon, Keith White and Seán Rouine make up the schools contingent for this year.

Our journey began on a cold, damp Wednesday evening in October. Clare's only All-star; Seamus Clancy was given the managerial role. The opening months of training were every player's nightmare, running in soft muddy pitches and gyming before there was any sign of light. We took part in the Leinster League in February. After losing to Offaly and beating Longford we bowed out of the competition. This was only the beginning for us and our attention immediately turned to the Kingdom boys.

The 13th of April arrived and we headed across the Estuary to play the much feared Kerry men. Mr. Clohessy always said the "Kerry teams think they have the divine right to beat us Clare men" and unfortunately on that day they did. We were outplayed and outclassed by a much superior Kerry outfit. We lost on a score line of 2-16 to 1-6. We had to lick our wounds as were down to play Waterford just seven days



later. The two sessions between the games were filled with intensity I had never seen before. We felt as though we hadn't done ourselves and our managers' justice. We were determined to show our supporters what we were made of and after a nervy first half we eventually displayed glimpses of our talent. We ran out easy winners in the finish on a score line of 5-11 to 0-6. Again, we didn't have much time to admire ourselves. We took to the field again 7 days later to face a strong Tipperary team. After a titanic battle we came out on top with 5 points to spare. That brings us to here, facing a Munster semi – final against the Treaty County.

The prize for the winners is priceless, a chance to play against either Cork or Kerry in the new Pairc Uí Chaoimh and a chance to play in Croke Park. It's games like these you dream about playing in. The CBS boys are relishing the challenge and we hope to do our bit to drive Clare to their first minor final since 1944

The whole journey has been amazing, countless memories and friends have been made and we are not done yet!

Sean Rouine



Athletics

Being an athlete is about taking part in any sport that involves physical exercise, for me athletics is just one of the many sports that I love. Athletics is not just about running it can be jumping or throwing. Watching the 2016 Olympics from Rio last year I do believe most of us watched some part of Rio either following the O'Donovan brothers, the boxing, sailing or Barr finishing 4 in an Olympic 400m Hurdle final, all these people are athletes and all these people represented Ireland. In July and December of 2016 I got the opportunity to put on an Irish singlet, to describe this moment is an unbelievable feeling, the adrenalin rush and my heart beating so fast. When you are introduced to the crowd, the announcer says representing the CBS Ennistymon, is Joseph Minter, and the other international athletes around you are saying what's a CBS and where is Ennistymon?

Athletics have always been part of my life but getting to an elevated level is not easy and I am a long way from that, commitment is serious there are early Sunday morning starts 6 am to be in Athlone for team training, after school training in Nenagh, Clonmel and UL. Fitting in everything like homework, socialising, organising even cooking my dinner at six in the morning and family is hard but it works because I love sport and I want to do it. In Kent, last summer I jumped a PB of 6 meters 71cm in the long jump that is about 21 feet. I also finished third in the International Combined events. Since I moved to CBS, Mr Galvin has been a great support and shows huge interest in Athletics with in the school, we have had a successful cross country season and of late a very good indoor Munster track and field with 12 athletes competing bringing home 7 gold 1 silver and 2 bronze medals. The Outdoor track and field season starts in early May and again the Mon boys will be pulling on the Spikes and heading out onto the tartan hopefully collecting a few medals along the way.

Joe Minter





CBS getting All Shook Up

EJ Browne

Ennistymon Choral Society was delighted to have several students of the CBS join their production of the jukebox musical All Shook Up this year. Taking place in the Ennistymon Community Centre in April 2017, the students involved were Daniel Hanrahan from Transition Year, and the following students from 5th Year; Ronan O'Connell, Cailum Burke, Corran Breathnach and Christopher Callinan. Involved on the technical side were Tadgh Kennedy and Timmy McGlennon from 5th Year and from 6th Year Tim Keane, Darragh Cuddihy and Mattie Crowe.

This was a difficult show to put together but all the work was well worth it, and all students did really well all through the year. Rehearsals began in October 2016 and continued through April 2017. It is a big commitment but everyone involved stepped up and did the school and themselves proud.

Ronan O'Connell first joined the society last year for the production of How the West Wasn't Won as a member of the chorus, and this year won his first lead role, playing young military student Dean Hyde. Cailum, Corran and Darragh were all involved in 2016's production as well as this year. This was Christopher's first time to take to the stage. Tadgh Kennedy assisted by Timmy, Darragh, Tim and Mattie on different nights, was a huge help on the technical side, as he operated the lighting board and the projector for the stage back drop.

All the lads thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and would recommend taking part in the show to anyone coming into Transition Year. The society is grateful every year to have such talent coming from the
CBS.





The Leaving Certificate trip to Vienna

What a wonderful city Vienna is to visit and spend time in but who would want to do this with a crowd of “Teenage boys”??

Well I can confirm having organised a school tour there with my Leaving Cert class that those “Teens” can make you see a wonderful city like Vienna, a city that I have visited many times before, a whole NEW experience and a fantastische Erlebnis!

The itinerary may be the same as it has been for the many other trips that our school has been fortunate to make to this fine city but somehow I found myself seeing it, yet again in a different light due to these wonderful young people that CBS has nurtured throughout their teenage years.

We visited the museums, the castles, the UN, a Viennese School, and we even fitted in a brilliant Musikal, but it was the craic on the U-Bahn, the chit chat through the elegant streets of the city and the poses for photos and those crazy selfies that I’ll remember most from the trip. (Oh ...And how much Pizza a group of lads can EAT!!) As a teacher the highlight was seeing another Leaving Cert class become more than just school friends to “enge Freunden”.

I wish this LC class all that they wish for on their next journey and the many trips that they make on their journey. I hope that they cherish the memories from their school trip as I know Carmel and I will certainly look back to it with much fondness in the coming years.

Danke schön! Frau C





FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO ENNISTYMON

This last Saturday I awoke at 3am to meet up with new friends for a walk from Darkness into Light. This walk yet another example of how much part of a community I have felt since starting to teach at CBS Ennistymon. It is said that it takes a community to raise a child and never is it more true of the parents and staff of this wonderful school. I arrived to teach on my first day not knowing anyone and in these past four months I have met a truly caring, warm and friendly group of teachers whose priority is creating a safe and supportive learning environment for all of our students. I have learnt so much about Irish culture and history while teaching science to boys who have explained the rules of basketball, Hurling and Gaelic football and it has been awesome to see them in action on the playing fields. I danced in a snow flurry, watched the new school flag raised and saw much time and attention paid to science projects where students achieved awards. CBS Ennistymon is a school of wonderful activity and filled with students brimming with great potential in many areas. I am delighted to have been part of the CBS Ennistymon Community as Winter turned into Spring in 2017.

Deirdre Yelverton





The Road to Croke

Rose-Anne Healy

As May approaches both the Liam McCarthy and Sam Maguire Cups are on their way to Kilkenny to be buffed and shone to be ready for the Hurling and Football Championship of 2017.

Last year's winners Tipperary certainly look like most likely winners with outstanding players like Paudie Maher and Seamus Callinan still to reach their peak. Young talent in the form of John Mc Grath and Jason Forde promise lots of high scoring games this summer.



Waterford are a team who could possibly topple Tipperary in the Munster Championship with Austin

Gleeson, the Bennett brothers and old reliables like Brick Walsh and Kevin Moran.

Following Galway's outstanding win in this year's league final they do appear to be serious contenders for a place in the semi-final and maybe even the final. With Joe Canning and David Burke still providing inspiration for this team, coupled with the young talents of Jason Flynn, Conor Whelan, Cathal Mannion, this year could be the year they end their thirty year famine.

Meanwhile those pesky Cats just won't go away. While it appears that the conveyor belt of emerging talent has slowed down any team with the calibre of TJ Reid, Richie Hogan, Cillian Brennan and Paul Murphy not to mention the managerial genius that is Brian Cody-this team is not to be written off just yet.

Clare under new management will be hoping to revive their fortunes following an uninspiring run of results since their all-Ireland win of 2013. There is no doubting the depth of talent in this current panel in the form of Tony Kelly, Conor Mc Grath, Shane O'Donnell, Jack Brown and Conor Cleary. Clare face a battle against Limerick in their opening round on June fourth with a place in the Munster Final at stake. A win for Clare could be the beginning of a busy summer for all the Clare fans.



Down Leaside there seems to be a revival following years of disappointing results from a County with a proud record in hurling. They face a very challenging opening round against Tipperary who will be eager to get their year back on track after a heavy defeat to Galway.

Following a disappointing league campaign Limerick remain a team with much to prove if they are to be serious competition in the Championship of 2017. With many promising players from their under 21 All-Ireland win of 2015, this team has many promising players such as Cian Lynch, Diarmuid Byrnes, Barry Nash and David Dempsey.

The wild card team of 2017 could well be the Yellow Bellies. With Davy at their helm Wexford appear to have found a new rich vein of form. A win over Kilkenny recently in Nolan Park shocked and delighted all Wexford supporters. This was their first win on this pitch since 1957.

Prediction for this year's Final: Tipperary v Galway.





Lads, be glad that you are at this school!

I assume that most of you know me by now but I will introduce myself. I am Nils Brombeis and I am from a small town called Mettmann in the west of Germany. There is nothing great to say about this place except that cavemen lived there 40 000 years ago. This was the last time something interesting happened in Mettmann. I am serious, when I say that you should be glad that you are in this school. I came from a school where you got detention for everything. Too often too late. Three times per year no homework in one subject and stuff like this. Then I came to this school and my first impression was "What the hell exploded in room eight?". The first time I sat in a class here I asked myself where half the class was because I was used to classes of 30 students. I got used to the small classes, even if my English class consists on most days only of myself and Mr Sexton. At other places, you would pay for a one-to-one class so I won't complain. I also started to appreciate the few times in a year where we got 18 degrees. 18 degrees in Ireland feel like 30 in Germany. I liked the fact that you know every teacher and most of the other students. My old school was so big that I didn't even know all people in my own year. I had fallen in love with Ireland by January last year so that I decided to stay another year in Ireland and do my Leaving Cert. I would save this way two years of time in Germany and I am so glad that I did it. I really enjoyed a second year here even if I must study much more this year. I really enjoyed my time here in Ireland and I am very thankful for the support that the teachers have given me during my time here.



Auf Wiedersehen!

Nils Brombeis LC 2017



Technology

CBS Technology Club had its most successful year yet this year. We have now got a dedicated Technology Room (the back of classroom 14!) where we have set up 7 dedicated Raspberry Pi stations, thanks to a new investment in technology by the school.

Raspberry Pi's are basically miniature computers that are designed for technology projects, and are ideal for introducing students to computer coding, building electronic circuits, controlling light/temperature/motion sensors etc.

A large amount of this year's success was down to the excellent technology team we put together in the 2nd year science class. This core group of 7 demonstrators mastered the Raspberry Pi's quickly, and went on to put together impressive technology shows for visiting Primary schools. These shows proved to be immensely popular, with local Primary schools getting hands-on experience designing attractive Light Displays on

LED Boards, and using Python coding language to automate building structures with blocks etc. in Minecraft. Robert McDonnell, Donnacha Farrell, Eoin Birmingham, Aaron Fitzgerald John Leahy and Eoin Dalton (1st Year), in particular, have taught themselves some impressive coding techniques for building Minecraft structures, which the Primary school students loved.



Robbie Crowe has specialised in electronic sensors, and his display with our Logger Pro sensor kit was also very popular with the Primary schools. At this station, he gave a hands-on exhibition of motion sensors, pressure sensors, and how voice



recognition works (i.e. each person's voice has a unique 'fingerprint' which can be mapped on a computer screen.)

Darragh Minter from TY was also drafted in to co-ordinate all the displays during open days and did an excellent job keeping the whole show running smoothly. Darragh is now in a position to mentor a whole new crop of CBS students and, with the help of the second year group, will hopefully spread Raspberry Pi expertise further throughout the school. Our aim, from now on, is that every student coming into the school from First Year onwards will be trained up on Raspberry Pi's.

Keep your eyes on the Science Noticeboard for further announcements!

'The Technology Team'





FRIEDEMANN SPRICHT....

Hello everyone, my name is Friedemann and I come from Germany. I have been in Ireland for 2 months and I have one month left.

In Germany I go to a mixed school. It is very different to the Irish school. For example the teacher has to move to the class rooms and not the students. In Germany we are not allowed to use the phones in the break. But I really like this school.

In Germany I live in a city. Here in Ireland I live on a farm in the countryside. I like the farm and the countryside and I think I prefer it.

I am not looking forward to going home because I like Ireland. Everyone is very friendly and funny. I also like the Irish food. Potatoes, Bacon and Cabbage are very nice.

I am only missing the snow. In Germany we had lots of snow. The weather here in Ireland is not really good but I do not mind the rain. If I can, I will come back to Ireland!

Thank you for a very nice time in Ireland!

My Experience in Ireland

Javier Novo

These three weeks in Ireland are one of the most successful things I've done. First of all, I have to say that we're perfectly treated and the school is wonderful. I don't want to go home. I want to stay here for whole year.

I have learned a lot of English. Not only grammar, also I have learned how to do the speaking and improvise all the time.

Next year I'll stay in other country, and now one of my possibilities is Ireland. It's been an incredible experience.



TYs appear in Croke Park!

On Wednesday the 3rd of May our class made a journey to Dublin to take a tour of Croke Park. It was quite an experience.

We were greeted upon arrival by our tour guide who was a very interesting storyteller with a great passion for GAA.

He began by taking us into the Press Centre and showing us a short video about Croke Park on All Ireland Final Day. He then explained that the Centre was used to brief ground staff and stewards on the day of a Final. It is also used to perform interviews with members of the Press.

After that we were taken to the tunnel and the guide proceeded to explain the routine that took place there during every match.

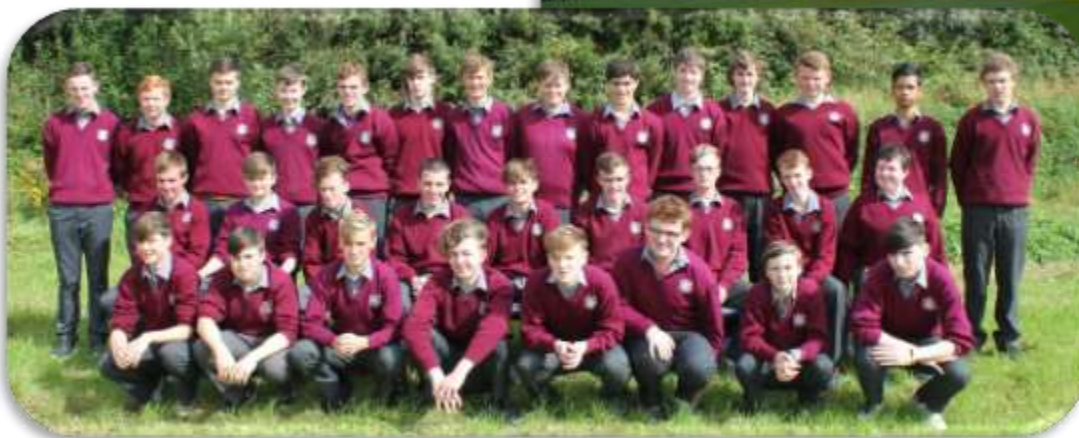
We then visited the dressing room and again the guide told us stories about what took place there with different teams and players on different years. The jerseys of every County hung around the dressing room and it created a great atmosphere in the room.

Following that we were shown the post-game lounge where teams came to eat, drink and celebrate after a match. Hanging from the ceiling was a chandelier made entirely out of Waterford Crystal and in the shape of thirty two footballs and seventy sliotars. There was originally going to be four but after the cost was discovered they opted to install mirrors instead to create the illusion of more.

Then we were taken to the stands to get a great view of the pitch. We learned that the pitch is higher in the middle than it is on either end so that it appears to be flat from up high.

We spent a short while exploring the GAA museum before the trip was brought to an end. Croke Park is a very interesting attraction and the guide's storytelling abilities and use of anecdotes made the visit an unforgettable experience.

James Kivlehan





CBS Ennistymon Basketball

This year for our basketball team was a very exciting one but all our wishes didn't come true. With missing players through injuries and not training enough to go the extra mile, our fitness and performances were never 100 percent. Seven days without training makes one weak.

We started off by winning six in a row and getting off to a great run of form. Then our first defeat came down in Cork against Coláiste an Phiarsaigh by eight points. They were a very strong team and went on to win the cup with Captain Cian Heaphy averaging forty points a game.

In our league we had a good run of games beating everyone up until the regional final against St. Endas in Galway. It was a very intense game with St. Endas playing with speed and accurate shooting. It got even better when the majority of St. Enda's school arrived and made the whole event even more exciting. Unfortunately the support pushed St. Endas on and they won by 6 points to lift the trophy.

In the All-Ireland play-offs we played against a team from Dublin, a team from Cork and a team from Sligo. We won our first two games and had to beat the team from Dublin to continue on in the league but they were too big and strong and we lost by 4 points.

It was a very exciting year with all our games going down to the wire. Hopefully next year we can get some silverware back in the CBS trophy cabinet.

Thanks to Mr. Hannon and Ms. Molloy for all their help and support.

A huge thanks to Stephen Leigh who gave his time to the team both coaching and coming to all the games to give the students the best chance possible. It was greatly appreciated by all the players.

James Leigh





Beart an Bhainc (TY Film)

During Transition Year, our Irish teacher Mr Hannon asked us to make an Irish movie. It could be about whatever we wanted but of course had to be in Irish. This was a great opportunity to combine what we learned in Media Studies with our Irish. We split ourselves into groups and began to come up with ideas. The group consisted of Tomás Coleman, James Kivlehan, Fionn Reidy, Vlad Gal, Jeffrey Guinane, Aidan McGeary, Niall O’Sullivan, Declan Brennan, Jack O’Regan and me Harry Kerin. We started into it straight away. We began writing the script and making the characters. The film was about two druggies (James Kivlehan and Fionn Reidy) who bought drugs off Russian dealers (Vlad Gal, Jeffrey Guinane, Aidan McGeary) and failed to pay them back. Nearly a week after completing the script by Tomás and James, we started filming. The filming took nearly



2 months and was filmed all around Ennistymon and around the school. After lots and lots of editing by Tomás and me, it was finally finished. The title of the movie was “Beart an Bhainc”. Tomás entered the film into several film competitions and we got shortlisted for 2 of them which involved going to Limerick and Dublin. On March 7th, we went to Limerick for the Fresh Film Festival. We all met at the Belltable Theatre on O’Connell Street where we watched nearly 100 films including our own. Our film got quite a good reception from the audience, but unfortunately didn’t get through to the next round.



We headed to Dublin to The Bord Gais Theatre in anticipation of greater glory, to see our film which was being shown to a bigger audience. Our film was shortlisted in the “Best Original Production” Category and with over 3000 entrants in this competition, we were delighted to have gotten this far.

Guess what, we were prize-winners on the day and we picked up the award for ‘Best Original Production 2017!’ We were thrilled. What a surprise and what a great way to end our TY year!

Our film is available to watch on YouTube and is something we really enjoyed doing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCVDu4I2uFo>

Harry Kerin





Michèal McInerney (First Year)

Waves

Back and forth, back and forth
A simple process,
Yet so unique,
White horses prancing on a blue plain,

Back and forth, back and forth
Curling around jagged rocks,
Falling back with grace like a dancer,
Rough and uncaring yet passionate and gentle,

Back and forth, back and forth
A mysterious mistress,
With deep blue eyes,
Mesmerizing many a sailor with deep blue eyes

Back and forth, back and forth
Executing rock and rubble with a blade of water,
Cutting ships and sailors sadistically

Back and forth, back and forth
The storm has passed
Suddenly all is still
The water as clear as day, shines like a diamond





Hurlin'

Niall Mullins (First year)
Got up at eight,
Just can't wait,
Can't be late,
Have to play great,
Have to be tough,
Need to be hard,
If you're not rough enough,
You won't get a card
Breaking hurleys, breaking ankles,
Work rate is key, and getting in tackles,
Fixing the hurley, cleaning the boots,
Eating the spud down to the root,
Ready to play,
Went for a pray,
Final to win,
This is Hurlin'.

ICELAND

BY MORITZ

A lot of glaciated mountains,
Next to volcanoes that spew out flames,
Big hot water fountains,
And all the people with Bjormik-son as their name,
You will not see trees for more than a mile
And I hope that this poem doesn't come into your pile .



CBS Kitchen



This year,



students embraced the chance,



in using their skills and creativity,



in helping our first year in our new kitchen,



become a successful one!

BT Young Scientists

Going to the BT Young Scientists was an amazing experience. We were astounded when we first received the news that we had been picked for BT Young Scientists 2017. We were excited to do our experiment and over all to go there.

We knew there was a lot of work to be done, but we also knew that our teachers would help us. Over the next few weeks we worked on our booklet. When it came time for the experiment we had a whole day of experimenting which was amazing.

There were some times where we were slightly behind on things and they were stressful, but in the end we got everything done.

When we went to Dublin on the 11th of January our teacher had pre-booked a B&B that was very close to the RDS, so we didn't have to get up super early.

We made quite a lot of friends there, and saw some very interesting projects. We were very nervous about the judges but in the end everything was fine.

When it came time for the Awards we were excited and nervous. We didn't win anything, but we know we will always remember the experience.

Micheal McInerney, Brendan O'Gorman, Darragh Nagle





My First Year in CBS Ennistymon

When I came to the CBS I liked the school. I met new friends and they were sound. I really like this school. The breaks are longer and you're allowed down town. PE is unreal when you can play soccer for 80 minutes. The 40 minutes of a class just goes so fast you only think you're here until 1 o'clock. English is fun when you have a fun teacher. CSPE is one of a kind, be good and don't get in trouble. I always get in trouble when I fight. My results are going up which is good. My next aim is to get a 100%. Mr Daffy is sound, he always lets you out for break and he is a good trainer but not better than Miss Rynne. Miss Rynne is our teacher for CSPE, she is so sound – if you ever need her she is always there.

Dylan McCoy

My First Year in CBS Ennistymon

First year has been very good. The year has gone very quick. My highlight was going to Young Scientist. We left really early in the morning, we went up to Dublin on the bus. Me and Coley were watching a movie until we got there, it took a long time to get in, we got our wrist bands and entered. First thing we did was go to the robot arena and then met Brendan, Dara and Micheal. It was a great experience and I enjoyed it. At the time of writing we are in the semi-final of the hurling. First years hurling with my friends from primary school and other lads from other schools is nice to do; the fact is I will be hurling with these lads for the next 6 years and potentially against them too. I liked going to the Senior Football Final, they had a good win beating Lisdoon, a cracking score. It turns out that some lad from Lisdoon broke his hand and can't sit the Leaving Cert. I really liked this year, it went so quick. Most of the teachers are kind and nice. I'm looking forward to the next 4/5 years in this school. My number 1 highlight would have to be when Dara Rouine scored against the Comp.

Jack Lyons

My First Year in CBS Ennistymon

It has been an adventurous year. I would say I like first year better than primary school for reasons like we get to change class every 40 minutes. The subjects are different, my new friends and new teachers. The sport selection is different. Our school tour was also class, we got to go up to Dublin to the BT Young Scientists where 3 of our classmates were in it. I am currently playing hurling where we are close to winning the schools competition. The bad thing about first year is detention, a lot of homework and the heaviness of the schoolbags. Currently I have had 2 detentions for the whole year. Also the change of uniform is different to primary school. Also we get off 3 weeks before primary schools. I would say the best thing about moving into secondary school is the new friends I've made. I had to make new friends and most people didn't really cos everyone knew each other going in and I didn't know anyone – I was the only person from my old school to go to the CBS.

Kieran Daniels



The Bard Of Moyvane Visits Our School

**Kerry has coughed up some real gems into Clare.
From Waterville came Mick O'Dwyer, Clare's football sentry,
Paudi O'Shea too, came up from Ventry.
The Liberator came from the big house at Derrynane,
But the greatest of all was the Bard of Moyvane.**

**Likes Cortes sailing the pacific blue,
And Columbus went across the Atlantic in
Fourteen hundred and ninety two.
A poet too would cross the Shannon to
educate the north Clare masses,
With poems and songs in eight workshop classes.**

**To the town of Ennistymon he came,
With Merriman and Dylan Thomas, sure it has its own poetry frame.**

**Like master craftsman, the Bard, plied his trade,
After eight long weeks with the students
Wonderful poems and songs were made.**

**Many themes were discussed, some real
some were even plastic.**

**Some indeed were as descriptive as Gabriel's poem about
Ballybunion's knicker elastic.**

**Then one day in desperation, the Bard was not quite so sure,
So he sat down and sang The Valley of Sweet Knockanure.**



**In the staffroom too, teachers would
talk about everything under the sun,
From Plato, Aristotle to the Pecker Dunne.
Oh Bard “What’s the difference between
Poetry and Prose?” I heard you say!
Brendan Behan’s thesis had to do
With tidal conditions around Dublin Bay.
Nothing would deter the Bard from
his ultimate vision.
Similes, metaphors and onomatopoeia were
his poetry mission.
No floods, bad weather or even his car
breaking down one day,
In Willie Clancy country outside Miltown Malbay**

**The Cliffs of Moher stand like an
Edifice to the Atlantic foam,
Way up in Doolin is the Ceili music home.
Not even the great Brian Boru and his tribe
The Dal gCais, at Lake of Cullaun,
Could hold a match to the bard of Moyvane.**

**Like the great druids, sages and bards of old,
Our Leaving Cert class next year, will be
bursting with knowledge tis foretold.
Thanks to Gabriel our great bard sure tis time to leave us,
Best Wishes to you and Mile Buiochas.**

John Galvin, CBS Ennistymon



Then and Now

Evan Howley

THEN AND NOW
BY EVAN HOWLEY

IN 1916
MEN BRAVE AND BOLD
FOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE,
FOUGHT FOR WHAT WE OWN.

THEY FOUGHT FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE IN
AND FOR WHAT THEY LOVE,
THEY FOUGHT FOR OUR PEACE,
THEY HAVE HAD ENOUGH.

TODAY WE SEE
ALL THE BOYS AND GIRLS
PLAYING AND LAUGHING
IN A FREE WORLD.

SO I THANK THOSE MEN
FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE -
WE DON'T LIVE AS TWO COUNTRIES,
WE LIVE AS ONE.



The Times they are a Changing!

Just wondering if the Christian Brothers who arrived in Ennistymon in 1824 to set up a new school, came back to the school they founded all those years ago, what would they make of the changes that have appeared since? In a few more years Ennistymon CBS will no longer be with us and the arrival of Ennistymon Community School will herald a new era in education. For those of us with grey hairs, we will be looking back in awe at the many changes that have occurred particularly in the last 20 years, so here are just a few things for us all to ponder, especially the younger ones amongst us.

Way back in 1971 when I arrived at Ennistymon CBS as a 'still wet behind the years' First Year Student there were no computers or mobile phones. The bicycle was the favourite form of transport while now the mantra in the classroom is 'if you are driving home, don't forget the car' as many senior students now drive to school. There are no more bicycles in the bicycle shed. Did you think back in 1998 that 3 years later you would never take pictures on film again? In 1998 Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85 % photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. What happened to Kodak will happen in a lot of industries in the next 10 years and, most people will not see it coming. Digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's Law. So as with all Exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time, before it became way superior and became mainstream in only a few short years. It will now happen again with Artificial Intelligence, health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs. Welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution. Welcome to the Exponential Age.

Software will disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years. **Uber** is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world. **Airbnb** is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties. **Artificial Intelligence**: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go-player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

In the UK, young lawyers already can't get jobs because with IBM's Watson you can get legal advice (so far, for more or less basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy, compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans. So if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90 % less lawyers in the future.

Only specialists will remain. Watson already helps nurses in diagnosing cancer, which is four times more accurate than human nurses.

Facebook now has a pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030 computers will become more intelligent than humans. (NEVER says Albert).

Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self-driving cars will appear for the public. Around 2020 the complete industry will start to be disrupted. You will not want to own a car anymore. You will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination. You will not need to park it, you only pay for the driven distance and can be productive while being driven. Our kids will never get a Driver's Licence and will never own a car. It will change the cities, because we will need 90-95% less cars for that. We can transform parking spaces into parks.

Worldwide - 1.2 million people die each year in car accidents. We now have one accident every 60,000 miles (100,000 km). With autonomous driving that will drop to one accident in 6 million miles (10



million km). That will save a million lives each year. Most car companies will probably become bankrupt. Traditional car companies will try the evolutionary approach and just build a better car, while tech companies like Tesla, Apple & Google will do the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels. Many engineers from Volkswagen and Audi are completely terrified of Tesla Insurance as companies will have massive trouble because, without accidents, the insurance will become 100% cheaper. Their car insurance business model will disappear.

Having to own a house will change because if you can work while you commute, people will move further away to live in a more beautiful neighbourhood. Electric cars will become mainstream about 2020. Cities will be less noisy because all new cars will run on electricity. Electricity will become incredibly cheap and clean. Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, but you can now see the burgeoning impact.

Last year, more solar energy was installed worldwide than fossil. Energy companies are desperately trying to limit access to the grid to prevent competition from home solar installations, but that can't last. Technology will take care of that strategy. With cheap electricity comes cheap and abundant water. Desalination of salt water now only needs 2k Wh per cubic meter at 0.25 cents). We don't have scarce water in most places, we only have scarce drinking water. Imagine what will be possible if anyone can have as much clean water as he wants, for nearly no cost.

Health: The Tricorder X price will be announced this year. There are companies who will build a medical device (called the "Tricorder" from Star Trek) that works with your phone, which takes your retina scan, your blood sample and you simply breath into it. Then it analyses 54 bio-markers that will identify nearly any disease. It will be cheap, so in a few years everyone on this planet will have access to world class medical analysis, nearly for free. Goodbye medical establishments.

At the end of this year, new Smart phones will have 3D scanning possibilities. You can 3D scan your feet and print your perfect shoe at home.

Work: 70-80 % of jobs will disappear in the next 20 years. There will be a lot of new jobs, but it is not clear if there will be enough new jobs in such a short time. This will require a rethink on wealth distribution.

Business Opportunities: If you think of a niche you want to go in to, first ask yourself, "In the future, do I think I will have that?" If the answer is yes - how can you make that happen sooner? If it doesn't work with your phone, forget the idea. Any idea designed for success in the 20th century is doomed to failure in the 21st century.

As our current crop of Leaving Certs head out into a new world, they are certainly facing a new set of technological challenges. Food for thought.

All has changed, utterly changed, a terrible beauty is born

Gerry Sexton



Wall Mural

In late September,



students came together,



to work on our wall mural,

with local artist Trish Robertson,



which celebrates the work of Edmund Rice.





DON'T DO DRUGS

Christopher Callinan & Tadhg Kennedy

I knew a man
who did cocaine,
One day the coke
went to his brain;
He had a big seizure
and eventually died;
His family and friends
cried and cried.

So when you are out
and offered cocaine,
Think about the man
when it went to his brain,
And remember if you take
A snort or two,
You might end up
like that man did, too.





The Mentoring System

Joanne Hession

The Mentors main role initially is to orientate the First years around the school, help them figure out their timetable and throughout the first year be available to answer questions and generally keep an eye on their students. They are there to help First years to navigate the social side of school.

The mentoring process begins each year in May when aspirational Transition Year students are invited to apply for the position of Mentor. Many Applications were received in May 2016 and ten Mentors were chosen.

Characteristics of Mentors include:

Good role model;

A student who is genuinely interested in others;

Someone who is warm, empathetic & available.

Mentors were assigned 4 First Year students each which were a mixture of 1a and 1b. They met each Monday in Room 7 for 15mins during lunch.

Where possible mentors and First years were matched on similar interests. Mentors surveyed First years as to the activities they would like to participate in during lunch time which gave valuable insight as to personalities.

Student participation was fully demonstrated with the Mentors aiding the First year classes elect their First year student Reps. Using the small group system, Mentors explained how Student Council works and its merits. A mock election was run in each class with Tom Hanrahan elected for 1A and Micheal McInerney for 1B.

In the final term, Mentors run a Soccer Blitz at lunchtime for the First years.

Peer guidance is an invaluable tool in any school and allows support to filter through and vulnerable students to be identified that otherwise may fly under the radar. Being a Mentor also encourages skills such as communication and teamwork as well as developing empathy.

Mentors 2016/17

Christopher Callinan

James Clair

Evan Devitt

Brian Fitzgibbon

Joseph Minter

Conor Murphy

Ronan O'Connell

Sean Rouine

Shane Vaughan

Tadhg Kennedy



A Piece of Grass Is All I Am

Brendan O’Gorman (First Year)

A piece of grass is all I am
stuck in the same place for eternity
I’m shaded by the intersection of two dull walls
while my back is turned from a derelict house

Back and forth the breeze brings me
in the same position, it’s sickening
I hate it here
I wish to leave

All I want in this life is to be set free
so I can venture past the house
and the walls that block me from the whole world around me
day and night I lie here ever so helpless

I want to be able to see the sunrise in the morning
and the sunset in the evening
I want to fly like the birds above me
and soar through the sky

I hope one day my dream will come true
but for now
I’ll remain here
as a piece of grass is all I am.





Life in the CBS 2016/17

From murals...



To Holidays....



POW

From catering....



to
challenges....



To future
scientists....



ZOOOM

WHAT!?

To perfecting the Dab....



The CBS has
it all!!!

