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A Message from our Principal

“Teamwork: Simply stated is less me and more we”

As I reflect on the past year the word community comes to mind, while teaching and learning is the main business of the school I have seen a caring community working together to support one another to reach goals and deadlines, through the times of success and joy and also in sadness and tragedy. I have witnessed this “Spirit of Edmund Rice” among the students who were there for their classmates when times were challenging. This sense of community is evident in the support for one another in the staffroom, it is there in a very obvious way on the Sports day, Awards days, School Masses, the Concerts, the Open Night, the Graduations, fundraising events when students, staff, parents and members of the wider community come together in the interests of the school.

The past year will be remembered for the “Status Red” days off school; firstly Storm Ophelia and then Storm Emma which delivered snow in quantities never seen previously in Co. Clare giving students four glorious days off school but leaving teachers trying to play catch up for the rest of the year.

As ever the amount of extra-curricular activities we are involved in was mindboggling. The fixtures lists, the booking of refs, venues and buses, the substitution of classes, the trips to the laundry, the successes, the losses, the joys and the heartbreak have been part of daily life in the C.B.S. Congratulations to all our sportsmen and to their coaches on their achievements and participation during the year. Once again we had teams and individuals involved in competition in football, hurling, basketball, athletics, golf and futsal at every level even up to representing Ireland in athletics. Students in 2nd and TY had success in the Young Scientist and Scifest, students in first year were successful in Writing and Art competitions. There were field trips, outdoor pursuits, Irish language trips, musicals; the list is endless. The school community is indebted to the staff who volunteer so much of their free time to facilitating students’ involvement in these activities.



Among the many highlights of this year were the excellent Christmas Concert and the Launch of the T.Y. C.D “Home on my Back” This was the first time our Christmas Concert took place at night. It was a wonderful example of **collaboration and teamwork**, every member of staff played a part in the success of the event. The hall was full, warm and inviting while outside it was a dreadful winter’s night but the parents and families of the boys were not deterred. We have set a high bar for next year but there is no end to the talent of the “Monastery Boys” so we are looking forward to an equally enjoyable event next year “Le cúnamh Dé”

The evening of the T.Y. CD launch during the Easter holidays was another special evening, again the result of **collaboration and teamwork**. This project was a Creative Engagement initiative. Thanks to Mr Barry Moore a.k.a. Luka Bloom who mentored the T.Y. group in song-writing and poetry. His passion and genuine interest in the students was the driving force which led to such a wonderful creative achievement. Thanks also to Jon O Connell for his involvement in this project and also for his Friday afternoon guitar classes. I hope many more of our students will avail of his expert music teaching talents. We are grateful to Tomar Trust for their support in this area of school life.



I would like to thank all of the teachers and SNA’s, our patient and efficient secretary, Brigid and our hard working caretaker, Stephen for their dedicated work and commitment to the school over the year. Thanks too to the Students’ Council, Parents’ Council and the Board of Management for their commitment and continued support as we strive for academic excellence in the CBS.

Finally, the very best of luck to the exam students in Third Year and Sixth Year over the coming weeks.

Mary Lyons

Principal



Creative Engagement

Creative Engagement is an initiative funded by Department of Education and Skills. Essentially creative engagement is a fusion between a local artist, poet or musician and the school community.

The last number of years we had singer songwriter Micky McConnell and Gabriel Fitzmaurice on board to help us out with our projects. This year we were fortunate to get help from renowned singer songwriter Luka Bloom. Luka and his brother Christy have defined the Irish Folk scene for the past 20 years. Luka who has over 20 albums to his credit agreed to come on board as our mentor, producer and director for this year's Creative Engagement.

My first meeting with Luka was in Bunnratty over a cup of coffee last summer telling him about the project. Once he was sold on the idea his enthusiasm drive and energy as well as his artistic knowledge and brilliance clearly rubbed off on our creative engagement students from



transition year.

The students involved in the creative engagement were Niall Hegarty, (banjo), Adam Daniels, (poem), Evan Flanagan, (Banjo), Eoin Rouine, (Banjo), Ben Whelahan, (Guitar and Vocals).

The students and Luka met for the first time in early October and eagerly set about writing a four track EP/CD under the direction of Luka. They went into the recording studio over the February Mid Term Break and recorded the EP/CD "Home on my Back". The title track "Home on my Back" was written and composed by Colm Collins and is a wonderful reflection on the refugee journey in Ireland today. "Light at the end of a Tunnel" composed and performed by Ben Whelahan is an anthem of hope. "The Ceiling" by Aaron McGannon is a thought provoking poem of universal relevance to so many people today. The CD/EP finishes with traditional music arrangement "Trip to Durrow" and "Red Haired Lass"



Great credit must be given to the boys for their trojan work and to the expertise of John O'Connell who mixed and mastered the CD. Sincere thanks too to Mr Meehan who helped get the project over the line. Once the CD was ready post production we set about a launch date over the easter holidays. Before this the students were featured on Clare FM Morning Focus with Pat Flynn including live music and an interview. This was a wonderful experience for all.



This now was starting to generate great interest with feature pieces in the Clare Champion and the Clare People. A big crowd attended on the official launch night on April 28th with well over 100 people at the event held in Teach Ceoil, Ennistymon. Everyone was delighted to see Luka Bloom and the lads perform together.

A great night was assured. The CD was officially launched by Anthony Condrón, from the national executive of Creative Engagement. Also in attendance was Siobhan Mulcahy Arts Officer at Clare County Council. It was a wonderful night with a number of past staff in attendance to celebrate the success of the achievement. These included former principal Mary Kennelly, as well as former colleagues including Neilus O Doherty and Fr Liam Kelly. The final rendition by Luka and Shane O' Loughlin of "You couldn't have come at a better time" brought the house down.

The CD is selling well in six retail outlets as well as selling up to 100 on the night of the launch. It is hoped to be sold out soon. We have been invited to the National Exhibition of Creative Engagement in Dublin on October 3rd next year where the boys will showcase their talents. Many thanks to all involved in this year's project, to all the teachers who helped out on the launch night as well as to Mary Lyons and Michael Clohessy for their support. Indeed without all this encouragement the project would not have taken place. Certainly 2018 was a unique year for the Creative Arts in Ennistymon.

Míle Buiochas gach duine.

John Galvin





Ronan O'Connell & Christopher Callinan

Joint Senior Students of the Year 2018



Tommy Nunan Junior Student of the Year 2018





Cillian Rouine Senior Sportsman of the Year 2018



Cillian McGroary Junior Sportsman of the Year 2017





Eoin Rouine Best Athlete on Sports Day





“Get off the Sofa!”

It’s a cry that has come synonymous with a Monday morning, as a select few students, weary facing into another week, try to pile onto the brown oasis which somehow attracts the lads like no other piece of furniture in the CBS. Welcome to another start to a week.

However, as soon as it goes to choosing who comes into the kitchen this week, there are many takers. Hands are washed and aprons are put on, and away we go. It is a real credit to the students on how they behave and perform in the kitchen.

There has been a real interest in learning this essential life skill and the lads took to this class with gusto! In its second year, the CBS Kitchen has become a busy hub of activity. Incorporating the schools wellbeing programme, students from different years have been given an introduction to the basics of cooking, hopefully learning a few skills that they will keep for life.



The kitchen hosts a regular module for TY students, where some of the dishes created this year included homemade granola bars, traditional Pasta Carbonara, homemade beef burgers and chocolate brownies. A life skills module for older students has been a real success! This smaller class, enabled students to gain the confidence in the kitchen, leading to summer employment for the majority of them.

The kitchen was proud to play host to our first year students this year, as for religion Ms. Brown wanted to allow the lads to experience bread making. Learning the traditions and skill to make Irish Soda bread and Arabic flatbread, it has to be said these young men will be remembered this year for their efficiency, teamwork and ability to get the job done, with the minimum of fuss!

Furthermore, Ms. Griffey utilised the space, by bringing her third year students down to learn the simplicity and nutritional value of preparing a fresh omelette.

Between catering for school open night, enrolment day and culminating in a huge team effort in producing homemade burgers for the annual sports day, it is nice to know the the Mono has a bunch of students who can produce quality food with confidence in the kitchen!

Neville Fitzpartick



“Guten Tag Jana!”

As soon as I got to hear that phrase I knew another school day at the CBS Ennistymon has started. Being part of a staff in an all-boys school was new to me, but I never felt as welcome as in this special small secondary school. No matter if I entered the classrooms, the staff room or the hallway I looked into happy and friendly faces.

My work as a German language assistant was exciting and interesting every day and no one was like another. Over the last six months, I got to see every German class from 1st years to Leaving Certs for at least once a week. I tried to talk German to the students as much as possible in order to make them understand the language in everyday life and encourage them to express themselves as well. I think that at the end of my time at the school many students are more confident in speaking already (at least it felt like that).



By talking about German culture and traditions, I wanted to provide an insight to life in Germany and let the students spot similarities and differences to the Irish life here. Of course, I got to know a lot about Irish culture in exchange, I was even told that my best version of an Irish accent was not too bad... Grand, thanks!

By reflecting the work with the Leaving Certs with whom I probably spent most of the time getting prepared for the oral exams, I have to admit that I already dream about the “Rollenspiele” and “Bildergeschichten” – I hope so do the students (in a good way)!!

I really appreciate how each member of the school made me feel included and part of it. This is the main reason why I am so sad to leave and at the same time so sure to be back one time again. It was a pleasure to meet everyone at the CBS. Thanks for the great time, the new experiences and the loads of fun. Vielen Dank für alles!

Good luck for the exams!!

Auf Wiedersehen und bis bald!

Eure Jana



An International Star in the Making...

Darragh Miniter 5th year has progressed in his athletics training, he finished off the 2017 Irish Schools outdoor season in June and July last year with a clean sweep winning the North Munster, Munster, All Ireland and Tailteann Games 110m Hurdles and also ran as part of the Gold medalist 4 x 100m Munster boys relay team all while representing the CBS Ennistymon. Darragh was also very proud to receive the overall trophy as Captain for the Victorious Munster Schools team at Santry stadium, Dublin. In November of 2017 Darragh travelled with



the Irish Schools team to

the Emirates Stadium in Glasgow. Darragh was selected for the schools scoring over 3,000 points competing in five events nationally: hurdles, shot putt, long jump, 200m sprint and 1,000m run.



Darragh put in an exceptional performance winning the shot putt, running a superb 200 m. He ran a superb sprint hurdle coming into second place., before posting an impressive long jump of 6.15m. Unfortunately Darragh suffered a groin strain in the long jump and was unable to compete in the final event. This was a tremendous blow to Darragh and the team who were at that stage in contention for the gold podium spot.

The Schools International combined event is a gruelling multi event competition with a team of top class athletes and the Ennistymon CBS 5th year student did not disappoint. Darragh had enough points secured for a Bronze International medal.

Darragh is a promising athlete and divides his time between academics and athletics. We, the school community, are delighted to have Darragh at the Ennistymon CBS where he has settled in well and we wish him every success in all his sports endeavours.





Scifest 2018

CBS Ennistymon had great success at Scifest this year. Following on from the success and words of praise at the BT Young Scientist at the beginning of the year, six of our CBS students entered their projects into Scifest. Scifest was held at the LIT campus last month. Micheal McInerney, Darragh Nagle and James O' Dwyer won their category of Life Sciences with their project “Investigating the effectiveness of everyday cleaning products on bacteria”. They also picked up the Science Teachers of Ireland Award of special recognition. Transition year students Niall Hegarty and Ruairi Murphy finished second place in their Senior Life Science category with their project “Meditation and Wellbeing, What’s the link? A study into the effects of meditation on teenage boys”. Patrick Sheridan, a third transition year student picked up the award for best overall communicator after showcasing his project “A statistical analysis of cryptocurrency mining in 2017 versus 2018”. It was great to see the students getting the recognition they deserve by way of awards, given the amount of time and effort they put in over the past couple of months.





CBS Boys Excel at the Young Scientist Exhibition

TY student, Patrick Sheridan, saw his project on using renewable energy in mining crypto currencies such as Bitcoin, garner a lot of attention at this year's BT Young Scientist Exhibition.

Patrick explained his project to hundreds of curious minds, including the French and American ambassadors, prominent figures in successful companies such as Intel and BT as well as being given the opportunity to outline his idea to President Michael D. Higgins.

Patrick's efforts were not lost on the media as he featured in articles in the Journal.ie and siliconrepublic.com as well as being featured on RTÉ news!

Patrick's hard work was rewarded on the final night when he received the special prize from the Science Foundation Ireland as well as winning third in his overall category, intermediate technology, a competitive category and a wonderful achievement. He also won an additional ribbon for his impressive display.



Congratulations also to Ruairi and Niall whose project on meditation and its effect on the well-being of teenage boys gained interest from numerous parties working in the area of mindfulness including visitors from UCD.

Well done to the three boys and all involved.





Reflections from some Past Students

Alan McDonagh

Valuable lessons I learned at the CBS Ennistymon

I started in the CBS in September 1999, as a socially awkward twelve-year-old and went into my first day with a nervous excitement. New school, new subjects, slightly longer days and the chance to meet new people. I think looking back on my experience there, I can say that a lot of the valuable lessons learned within the four walls of the mono have stayed with me throughout my time at university as well as in my working life.



It prepared me to meet deadlines, via the homework assignments and projects we were given throughout the five years, it provided lessons on how to develop an effective study method which has supported me with me right throughout some difficult exams both at the CBS, in university exams and my professional exams. The CBS and the teachers there provided me with valuable lessons on how to manage my time effectively in order to be able to get my school work completed effectively but also allowed time to get involved in hobbies and other interests outside of school and in my case this was usually playing pool with mates or playing video games (usually FIFA at which I was absolutely horrendously terrible....but I have improved slightly... instead of losing games 10 - nil I only loose by at least half that as a thirty year old.)

My time at the CBS allowed me to develop myself as a person, and it was here that I developed an exceptional group of friends that have also remained with me to the present day even though we all veered in different directions at the end of our time at the mono. The friendships we forged there were strong enough that they still provide valuable support and wise advice anytime I may need it. This process of building friends up/ getting to know new people is also a skill and although it wasn't developed in the confines of a classroom I believe the environment at the CBS played an important role in allowing me to develop this aspect of self.

Secondary school is an experience, and while it is a challenging experience at certain times, it should also be an enjoyable one. It provides us all with valuable lifelong lessons. I am very grateful for the education I received at the CBS in Ennistymon while I was a student there, and the lessons I learned and experiences that the CBS provided for me, have created the person that sits in front of this computer today, and without my education there, I can safely say I wouldn't be here only for it.



Cillian O'Flaherty

"I can honestly say I enjoyed my school days in the CBS. I made great friends and we had a lot of fun. The teachers were helpful and friendly and always had our best interests at heart. They treated us with fairness and respect.

I especially enjoyed all the sporting activities. I played on all the school teams, both hurling and football during my six years. I was very fortunate to be part of the Senior Hurling Panel which won the Senior Munster Championship in 2014/2015...a first in the history of the school!! We also won the Clare Senior Football and Hurling Titles in 2017. I am very proud of these achievements. All of this has helped to make me what I am today. Keep up the good work...."



Colin Shannon

My Experience in the CBS and where it has led me to today My experience in the CBS has been a fantastic one. I have made friends and memories that I will remember forever. The school and especially Transition Year gave me many opportunities to better myself not only in terms of education but as a person too. Little did I know in first year, sitting down the back of Miss O'Brien's Business class that I'd be studying Business 6 years later in Limerick. I'm very proud to be able to say that I was once a Mono boy!

Nathan Garrihy

The years I spent at Ennistymon CBS were some of the best years of my life. By far the biggest benefit of Transition Year, was learning what career path to choose. Transition Year, as well as help from all the teachers and guidance councillors that work in the school guided me on the right path. Transition Year really showed me that Software Development was the right career path for me and now I'm doing a level 8 Honours Software Development Degree in GMIT, it's a 4 year course and I've loved every bit of it so far.







From Then to Know

I cast my mind back to day one,
Little did we know we would have so much
fun,
Just touching five foot in height,
By God, that hill was some sight.

Little quite boys at the start,
Sitting in our chairs trying to look smart.
Sadly for the teachers it didn't last so long,
They often wonder where it all went wrong.

Often we find ourselves staying in at break,
"Sorry miss" we'd say, "It was a mistake!",
Ripping the shirt pockets off each other,
It was a friend is what you'd tell your mother.

It wasn't long before we got to know our
Mayo lady Miss Ahern,
At the end of every class she goes, "ye learn,
ye learn, ye learn".
She flicks with that pencil through all the
classes,
Be careful if she's staring out over her glasses.

Next door to her is her partner in crime,
The business woman, Miss O' Brien.
Did you hear her room is a food and drink free
zone,
By God, she has some eye for a phone.

Before we knew it we were no longer the
babies,
And non-stop talking about the convent ladies.
The teachers began to take extra care,
But if Mr. Murphy knew your name, you were
rare.

Finally the time came, we were allowed down
the street,
Walking up the hill with a pocket full of
sweets.
Talking about the latest fight,
Or the girl you've in mind for Friday night

Miss Molloy took us to Achill Island for an
overnight stay,
Máirtín, the man of the house almost sent us
on our way.

What happened out there, I better not say!
But one things for sure, the memories will
stay.

By this stage our voices had gone deep,
And we were ready to take the next big leap.
We all said we would knuckle down,
But one week later we were back talking
brown.

One day, a free class we had,
No teacher showed up and we all went mad.
Shouting, screaming and piled up in a heap,
While Evan Devvitt was flat out asleep.

We used to make plans before going to class,
Thinking to ourselves it will be gas.
Facing the table and chairs towards the back
wall,
The teacher would freak and head for the top
of the hall.
As soon as she'd leave, we'd put everything
back the same as before,
And when she'd return with the boss, you'd
hear an awful roar.

The first three years went by in the blink of an
eye,
And on we went into TY.
Mister Sexton in charge, a top class bloke,
And as you well know some man for a joke.

We played the tin whistle, danced, surfed, and
sang a song,
We slagged each other all day long.
Sexton used say, if he rolled over twice he'd
be in Cork,
Jesus Sir, I'd say you'd be as far New York.

Rested up and ready for year five,
Starting the year with a new found drive.
Mister Galvin for English, the man with the
fresh cut,
Our iron man, he is a tough nut.
He teaches poetry to the bone,
Hoping we'll impress the man from Athlone.



“You may as well be outside with the jack
daw”,
Says the one and only Mr. Claw.
He has taught half the men in North Clare,
With a brilliant sense of humour, to be fair.
Some people say he’ll never retire,
Definitely a man we all admire.
One thing for sure, sport is special in the CBS,
With four teams coming together, you would
think we’d be a mess.
But, last year the county final we did win,
Lead and managed by the mighty Miss.
Rynne.

We sometimes do the thing called the silent
game,
The poor aul teacher has nobody to blame.
When a teacher asks you a question, you sit
silent and still,
After five minutes , the teacher is fit to kill.

And Carmel Minitier a mother to us all,
Strict, scary, kind and caring never does she
stall.
She comes up from Kilrush to march the hall,
Next year with Ennistymon, Joe will play ball.

And the, time for the dreaded L.C
We say to ourselves, this year, there’s no
stopping me.
Time to stay in for after school study,
But the jokes never stop with your best buddy.

We welcomed a Sligo lady Miss Kennedy,
Already asked to the debs by James Leigh.
I think Mr. O’Connell is quiet fond,
Of that Sligo lady and she blonde.

The battle of the blondes getting very intense,
Miss Moroney had to go to an extra expense.
She bought a black BMW,
Trying to get to the top of the blonde crew.

In a few months’ time, I will stand at the top of
the hill,
And I’ll say to myself it has been a pleasure
and a thrill.
And now it’s time to apply for the CAO,
Wondering where my life will go.

And not forgetting the lady in charge of us all,
The lady at the top of the hall.
Miss Lyons, everyone is happy in the school
You keep us in order if we break the odd rule.
So, I must thank you and your incredible staff,
For making my time on top of the ‘Mono’ hill
one hell of a laugh.

Seán Rouine.



Transition Year under the microscope ...

...a time to grow or just an excuse to doss?

It's nearly 9 years since entrepreneur Bill Cullen made headlines by branding Transition Year as a 'doss'.

Yet that notion still lingers among some parents, despite the huge growth in popularity of this 'gap year between the Junior Certificate and starting to study for the Leaving Certificate. There were just 27,000 pupils doing TY in 2009 when the out spoken businessman suggested it should be scrapped. Now, it's close on 45,000. Here at Ennistymon CBS, the story is no different. In the past ten years, the number of students taking up TY have doubled.



Nearly 80 per cent of pupils surveyed by the Irish Second-Level Student's Union (ISSU) found TY to be a worthwhile experience, according to a 2016 report, *Transition Year: Exploring the Student Experience*.

Ennistymon CBS introduced TY to its programme provision in 1986. The school offers TY as an optional programme,

although in reality nearly all third year students now opt for Transition Year. There is currently one class group of thirty one students following the programme. This year for the first time ever, there will be a 100% uptake, as all of the current crop of 3rd year students have opted for Transition Year. The group is divided into two smaller groups for many subjects and modules. The stated mission of the TY programme in the school is 'to promote the personal, social, educational and career development of our students and to prepare them for their role as responsible members of society'. The mission is fulfilled through many aspects of the TY programme such as student participation in community work, creative engagement, work experience, outdoor education and An Gaisce.





Over the years there have been many subject additions in TY.

We now have Hotel and Catering, Construction, ECDL, Driver Education, First Aid, Horticulture, Music, as well as the standard Leaving Cert subjects of English, Maths, German, Gaeilge, History and Religion.

When you add in Work Experience, Outdoor Education, Surfing, Ennistymon Choral Society, Sport Coaching Courses, The Young Scientist, The Bord Gais Theatre Awards,

Creative Engagement, Fundraising and Community events, TY is fast becoming a really busy year. Its been 40 years since the first TY was piloted in 3 schools and Ennistymon CBS has been there for most of that time. TY has weathered plenty of criticism in that time.

When entrepreneur Bill Cullen described it as a 'doss year' in 2009, he certainly wasn't the first. Many predicted its demise when the recession started to bite. How could we afford a school year of trips and subject tasters when we couldn't even fix the plumbing?



Nevertheless, TY has prevailed and prospered not alone in Ennistymon CBS but throughout the country, fortified by positive studies by the ERSI and the NCCA.

These studies have shown that those students who take the programme earn more points in the Leaving Certificate than those who don't

The TY participation rate has gone up consistently as more and more parents recognise the

value of a six year cycle. As a testament to its success the values that are informing the new Junior Cycle have been tried, tested and proved in TY methodologies.

Many students head into fifth year with no idea of what subjects or career area they hope to pursue but students doing TY have a better sense of direction and are more focused albeit it may take them a while to get back into a regular study rhythm.

Today mental health is a big issue for teenagers, I feel that anything that makes students feel less stressed and happier is a good thing and happiness is a bigger indicator in life than academic success.

Gerry Sexton



Culture Day in the CBS

The school was delighted to take part in its first Culture Day on Friday 22nd September 2017. Culture Day is an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts. The students of 1A created a class showcasing what they considered to be important to their understanding of Irish culture. Neville Fitzpatrick brought the class to the CBS Kitchen for the first time, where the students prepared and baked Irish Soda Bread. Mr. Galvin, as part of his English class, prepared a poem, 'The Music of Hurling' by George Harding, which the students acted out with great enthusiasm, showing great hurling skills throughout.

The students also wrote their own poem, called 'the Art of Trad', telling the story of a trip to the Fleadh, which was performed to the class. Presentations were made on topics chosen by the students; the GAA Stadiums of Ireland, Irish Music (which included a video of a song in support of Conor McGregor), Famous Irish People, the Irish Flag and Irish Food.

Culture Day ended with the class of 1A singing 'Beidh Aonach Amárach' accompanied by 6th Year students Tadgh Kennedy and Christopher Callinan





CBS went Crazy for You

In October 2017 two CBS Transition Year students, Adam Daniels and Ruairí Murphy joined the Ennistymon Choral Society in rehearsals for Crazy for You, the new Gershwin musical comedy. The CBS has a long history with the society, with rehearsals being held in the school for over twenty years. Past Principals and teachers of the school have often been on stage since the inaugural show in 1973, including Micháel Mulqueeny, Mick Concannon, Mark Hogan, Ann O'Brien and Maeve McGaune.



Rehearsals took place from Autumn 2017 and continued until show-time in April 2018. In the lead-up to the show, more students became involved. Patrick Sheridan of TY operated the lighting board and projector, which was a very responsible role. Darragh Conneely became the assistant to the sound engineer, aided also by Mikey Rynne and Darragh Benis. Calum Leigh of 5th Year helped front of house, along-side Christopher Callinan and Tadgh Kennedy. Before the show began several other TY students helped with the setting up of the hall, including Eoin Rouine, Tadgh Flynn and Mike Marrinan.

The society was delighted as always to have the involvement of the CBS students. Every year TY students join the show, often as part of their Gaisce Awards which they complete during the year. Community involvement is a very important aspect of the student's self-development. The behaviour and conduct of the lads was impeccable; they were a wonderful reflection of the CBS. The society is delighted to be able to provide this outlet for the students each year. Congratulations to all involved.



1st Year Ecology studies

On Tuesday the 19th of April, Our class 1B carried out an Ecology study of the local area, as part of our science course we identified different habitats around the school grounds.

We settled on the grassland habitat around the woodwork room and garden. Mr. MacMahon helped us to find the abiotic factors of the ecosystem. It was a lovely sunny day, and it felt great to get out of the classroom.

All groups got a quadrat for surveying plants, a pooter to catch insects, a key to identify the plants and insects and a qualitative survey sheet. We all had lots of fun and it was



interesting to see what we were learning in class being put into action.

When we finished we returned to the lab and working together with the help of Mr. MacMahon and the keys began to identify what we had captured. The

insects we found were a hawthorn shield bug, common woodlice, a cellar snail, earthworms, a ladybird, a centipede and a millipede. We then wrote up the experiment in our experiment copies. It felt like the first real day of summer.

by Conor Farrell



Ennistymon CBS 'reels' in environmental award

Students from Ennistymon CBS has been named winner of the inaugural Greener Clare Secondary School Video Competition Awards for their work in promoting an environmental message through video.

Clare County Council invited secondary schools from across Clare to participate in the initiative which asked students to produce a short three-minute film highlighting how the public can make a positive contribution to protecting the environment through every day actions such as recycling, reducing waste and reusing items that otherwise would be sent for disposal.



Ennistymon CBS, which received a €500 voucher for IT equipment and a €300 One-For-All Voucher as overall winner, focused on how the public can help the environment through reducing electricity and water usage.

Having won a National Award last year at The Bord Gais Energy Theatre awards this will have been the school's second major award in video competitions. Fifth year students Tomás Coleman, James Kivlehan, Fionn Reidy and Jason Brown have had their TY Production of

'The Badminton Club' nominated for The Cast Film Festival which is held each year for secondary schools nationwide.

Coláiste Muire's video about how students can reduce the Ennis school's carbon footprint by cycling to school earned them a Runner Up prize (€200 voucher), while St Michaels Community College in Kilmihil received a Special Recognition Award (€100 voucher).

Mayor of Clare, Councillor Tom McNamara, commented, "Not only is this a great way to promote a better understanding of environmental issues within secondary schools but it also is a great way for students to use language, image and music through video to convey what they have learned."

Karen Foley, Environmental Awareness Officer, Clare County Council, said, "The contest was developed to help build on the information and commitment that secondary school students across Clare currently have around environmental issues."

She continued, "Second level students have learned a lot around the importance of protecting and improving their environment through their participation in the An Taisce Green Schools Programme as well participating in the ECO UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards as well as the BT Young Scientist and Technology exhibition".

In many cases students are being supported by teachers who have assumed the role of environmental champions within a school. The dedication and energy that these teachers have must also be acknowledged," she concluded.

Click [here](https://bit.ly/2k5oSGV) to view video. <https://bit.ly/2k5oSGV>



MOG Car Safety Demonstration

As part of their TY Driver Education module Ennistymon CBS Transition year students attended a car safety and maintenance workshop on Tuesday the 24th of April last. The workshop was facilitated by Michael Gleeson who invented the MOG car, which has been modified to show all working parts through the removal of panels. Gleeson, a mechanic for more than 30 years, says he is appalled at the state of disrepair of many vehicles he has come across. He says people have no idea whatsoever of what they are driving. The MOG car safety demonstration is a unique practical training programme that reveals all the key components of a car. The demonstration showed would-be drivers the practical function of car components, covering safety and car maintenance. The safety demonstration highlighted the importance of the wearing of seatbelts and the dangers of irresponsible behaviour while driving a car. The workshop, while educational was also entertaining as Michael has an unique style of getting his hard hitting message across. !





Basketball CBS Ennistymon 2017-2018.

The All Ireland Playoffs were held in Ennistymon Community hall on Sunday last 21st January 2018. This was a huge occasion and event in the school year. There was six games played in total which CBS Ennistymon played in three of these. The Senior Basketball Team competed in the school's basketball league which was hosted by Ennistymon CBS in the Ennistymon Community Hall on Sunday last. With only one team to qualify for the All Ireland Semi-Finals it was always going to be a difficult task.



The first game CBS Played against St. Michael's School, Ballsbridge. CBS Ennistymon were slow to start and it took a while before a score was produced, but once the scoring began CBS Ennistymon took the lead and won the game easily, with a score of 42-18. This was the perfect start needed for the team.

The second game was against O.C.C. Nobber, this was a tough, physical game. CBS Ennistymon put in a strong performance and got over the line in their second game of the day with a score of 34-33. This was a close tight and exciting game. With St. Brendan's Bellmullet, beating St. Micheal's Ballsbridge, it all came down to the final game of the day CBS Ennistymon against St. Brendan's Bellmullet. This was a must win game for CBS Ennistymon



to get through to the next level or O.C.C., Nobber would be going through to the next stage of the competition.

CBS Ennistymon put in an outstanding performance, especially with a key player injured in the opening minutes of the game and unable to return to play until the final quarter. The score was back and forth throughout the entire game, with St. Brendan's Bellmullet, taking the victory at the final whistle. This meant the Basketball journey was over for the CBS Ennistymon, as O.C.C., Nobber were the team to go through on point's difference.



The players can be extremely proud of their achievements and display of exciting basketball talent, and how well they played on Sunday, they played with heart and commitment and showed control, skill, team work, cooperation, desire, intensity and pride. This was not to be their day, but the enjoyment, pleasure and pride that this basketball team have given throughout their six years in the school playing basketball for the CBS Ennistymon.

The School and players would like to acknowledge the supporters, parents and friend's involvement and encouragement throughout their basketball games for the CBS Ennistymon.





Second Year Basketball Blitz 2018

On the 8th of May our Second- Year basketball Team, under the guidance and expertise of Cillian Devitt and Ms.Molloy, took part in a blitz with four team involved. These teams included Tulla, Kilkee, Ennistymon Vocational School and the CBS Ennistymon. Tip off was at 11am for the first game, the team taking part were the CBS Ennistymon and Tulla. The CBS were trailing by three points at the end of the first quarter, however this did not deter them and with great determination they fought back and outscored Tulla, with a final score of 24-40 in favour of CBS Ennistymon. Top scorers for CBS on the day included Ciaran Harrington (13) Cillian O'Connor (10) and Dylan Heneghan (5). With all players on the day contributing to the win.



The second and final game of the day saw CBS Ennistymon pitted against Ennistymon Vocation School. The CBS started the game off determined to get the win. It appeared at the end of the first quarter, it was going to be an easy win for the CBS, with the vocational school having yet to score. At the end of the second quarter CBS continued to hold the lead with a recorded score of 6-17 in their favour. However after regrouping and a bit of a pep talk Ennistymon Vocational School came back fighting, going on a scoring spree resulting in a final score of 32 – 28 in favour of Ennistymon Vocational School, who proved to be just too much for the CBS players on the day. Leading the scoring for CBS Ennistymon were, Cillian O'Connor (6) Ciaran Harrington (6) Dylan Heneghan (4) and Brendy Rouine (4) with the rest of the team play a contributing role.

This young team played two well fought games on the day and did the school proud, they are a very promising team and we expect to see great things from them going forward.

Cillian Devitt 5th Year.



U15 MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

We started off our u15 Munster championship down in Rathkeale playing CastleIsland from Kerry. We got off to a great start in the game, scoring 4 points without reply. CastleIsland came back into the game converting a few points and scoring an unexpected goal. We never dropped our heads and drove on scoring a goal for ourselves. We went in at half time 5 points up, we were in a great position. We never took the foot off the gas from the re-start. They never seemed to be catching up to us. We gave away a silly penalty that the CastleIsland full forward slotted into the top left corner but the whistle blew after that and the game ended up 2-12 to 2-6 in our favour.



Next up we had Gaelcholaiste Tralee, without injured Cillian McGroary and Diarmuid Fahy. We were up against it. From the throw in both teams were point for point. We played against a strong breeze in the first half, finding it hard to score from long range. We took any chance we could. Young Mark Callinan taking on his man and scored our only goal of the game. At half time we were only a point down going into a strong breeze. It was a close encounter throughout the game, with Marc O'Loughlin and Brendan Rouine receiving black cards in the last ten minutes. However, we pulled through in the end to win 1-07 – 1-05.

We now faced Newcastle West in the North Munster semi – final. We made a brilliant start, with Cillian McGroary scoring a goal from throw – in. After this, our opponents fought hard to come back and we found ourselves trailing by three points at half time. A cagey second half saw us barely come out with the win against a strong side. It finished up 3-5 to 1-9.



We were now in the North Munster final against Patrician Academy Mallow. We drove down to UL astro turf for this game, which was nothing like we had played on before.

The ball moved faster than our other games but we used this to our advantage by letting it in to Diarmuid Fahy whenever we could. Diarmuid got 2 of our 3 goals with Sean Rynne getting other. We were always in the driving seat throughout the game. The end score was 3-7 to 1-9, they made the score line more respectable by scoring 3 or 4 late frees.

We had made it to the Munster Final. It was most peoples' last year at this age and we were really up for the match. It could be said that the occasion got to us. We fought hard in the first half and were behind at half time by 4. After that we got tired and the mistakes were building up. It ended on a disappointing score line of 1-9 to 0-5.

However we did finish the year on a high when we won the county u15 title. We played Rice College in Corofin on a sunny Tuesday in May. We started slowly having received a walk over in the semi final and found ourselves 6 points in arrears at half time. We weren't letting another one get away though and we stormed out of the dressing room in the second half and never looked back. We went on a



scoring spree and found ourselves 4 points in front midway through the second half. Now all we had to do was defend. We were glad when the final whistle went and we were victors by one point. Marc O'loughlin and Brendy Rouine collected the cup! Great performances throughout the campaign came from Marc, Thomas O'Dwyer, Brendy, Liam Cotter, Cillian McGroary, Niall Mullins, Cian Guerin and Joshua Guyler.



Senior Hurling

We had a very handy win on our first day out this year over De La Salle College, Macroom on the 23rd October in Rathkeale. The score line of 5-18 to 1-5 reflected our dominance throughout the game. Aidan McCarthy, Kealan Guylar, Brian Fitzgibbon and Shane Vaughan were prominent features on the score sheet.

We then faced St Pauls Community College, Waterford in the Munster Quarter Final on the 15th on November in Cappamore. This was another very good win and the final score was 6-15 to 2-5 to us.

This set us up for a Munster Semi Final on the 30th of November, where we beat Davis College, Mallow in Cappamore by 1-17 1-2. This was our third big win and we were now in to a Munster Final.

On the day of the final we were unlucky to lose to Coláiste na Trocaire

Rathkeale after extra time. The final score was 1-20 to 2-13. Aidan McCarthy, Keith White, Marc Barry and Cian Shannon all played very well, while a Declan Brennan goal in extra time kept us in the game. The lack of competitive games leading up to the final was a factor in our downfall and it was also our 3rd Munster final of the week with a lot of players winning the u16.5 final two days prior and losing the u15 football final at the start of the week. Cillian McGroary, who had an inspiring year with CBS, featured in all 3 finals.



In the Clare Colleges Senior Hurling Competition, our first match was against Scariff in Gurteen. We were underdogs going into this match as they had beaten us in an U15 Munster Final in 2015 and they were champions in the Senior All Ireland this year. On the day, we played very well and after a tough match we ended up on top by 8 points after a storming performance from Dara McInerney, Jack O'Connor, Tom Barry, Dean Lynch and Eoin Fitzgerald.

In the Clare Senior Hurling Final, we played Tulla in Clarecastle on the 26th April. Despite a good performance, Tulla proved too strong on the day and won 2-14 to 14 points. CBS were slow to start and trailed for a lot of the game. An inspirational score from substitute Cillian Rouine from the 65 sideline started the comeback in the second half but we eventually ran out of time, with Tulla finishing the game stronger with a goal to leave 6 between us. Our defenders did well on the day with good performances from Cian O'Loughlin, Jack O'Regan and Aidan McCarthy. It was a disappointing end to the year but the future is bright for the Mon having reached finals in almost all age categories in both hurling and football.

Cian O'Loughlin and Declan Brennan.



Junior Cycle Science in Pictures

JUNIOR CYCLE SCIENCE - 1ST YEAR IN PICTURES

Example Who is the best penalty taker in Class 1A?

Hypothesis (Hunch) - Eamon is best

Experiment:

Everybody takes 10 penalties against **Mr Murphy (Not extinct)**

Same goalkeeper Same ball
Same spot Same goals
Variable (Control)

Count no. of **Variable**

- 1 We built Electricity circuit
- 2 First we had to talk were doing
- 3 We made electricity up in voltage on the to a for bulb it would
- 4 If you turned it down
- 5 If you turned up the connected to the circuit



People I chose for scientific information

Isaac Newton Benjamin Franklin
 Maria Theresia Galileo Da Vinci

What we did today

Today we experimented with electricity. There was a power generator on the desk, used to attach cables to. The ends of these cables could be placed on a burger, which would heat, depending on the volt input. The minimum input was two volts and the maximum was fourteen. There was other instruments powered by cables that we used. For example, there was a...

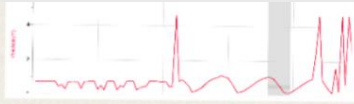


Scientists Visit & Questions

- 1 The scientists name was Prof. David McGrath
- 2 We were talking about looking at batteries up to things
- 3 He was trying to make us think like scientists
- 4 He was also trying to make us think about a science project.

Charles Darwin

Charles Robert Darwin was born in 1809 in England. He was a naturalist geologist and biologist, best known for his contributions to the science of evolution. In 1859 Charles Darwin published a book called ON the Origins of the species about Evolution. He had 10 children and sadly he died in 1882 aged 73.



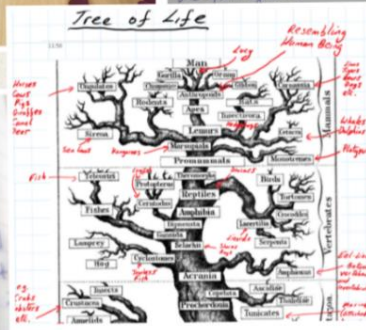
Everyone in your class has fidget spinners they bought in different shops. They pick you as a judge to find out which fidget spinner is the best. Write out, step by step, what you would have to do to make sure you find the best fidget spinner.

1. You would first lay out everyone's fidget spinners on a table. You would then spin them, one by one, and see how long they spin for. You would then record the time shown on the stopwatch on a piece of paper, or a computer, do this same process again, with the second fidget spinner then the third, the fourth, and so on. Make sure to spin the same fidget spinner the same amount of times. Make sure only one fidget spinner is spinning at a time. The same person will spin the fidget spinners every time. Make sure the fidget spinners do not move once they are spun out, until the experiment is complete. 2. Whichever fidget spinner stayed spinning for the longest duration of time was the best one.

Make sure to spin them on the table only, do not pick them up, it spins them for different rotation angles may have an effect on the spinning time.

Bird mating dance facts

There are 162 different species of birds of paradise in New Guinea. They show off to females to get them to mate. They dance and expand their pupils to attract females. Birds all have different dances. They make the females a bird of very dull color. The females are a lot of noise while dancing.



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Woolly Mammoth - Extinct

We went into the lab and were looking at microscopes. We learned how we used them. We looked at lots of different things. They were very cool. My favorite was the animal and plant cells. I'm glad that now instead of just seeing the word under but you can see it.



Hell, in a Ditch by Seán Conneally



I felt something scurry across my hand. It seemed like wet sand paper had slithered across my skin. I jumped suddenly and glanced in every direction. An enormous rat the same size as a cat, inspected me. I could see his hungry eyes wondering would I taste nice. I quickly pulled out my rifle and lashed out at the ugly beast until it disappeared under the wooded planks. My bloodshot eyes were closing. I was exhausted. I started counting the gun shots to keep me awake. They sounded like angry claps of thunder. The bullets were constantly punching holes in the sandbags near me. Every bullet could kill me. Death was the only thing that men in this trench could think of. I could hear coughing. I knew Rob was on his way. I was looking forward to his visit as he was always so happy and brave. I wished I was like him. 'Lovely day, Mate' Rob said cheerily. 'Ya sure' I uttered sarcastically. 'I heard an exciting rumour about tonight' he whispered enthusiastically. 'What?' I asked, hoping to hear that this nightmare of a war was over. 'We are going over the top tonight' he said with great excitement. I was frozen with terror. My heart seemed to stop. How could Rob think this was a good thing? No one ever survived No-man's land. I stared at him blankly wondering if he was mad. The stars were looking down on us as fifty-two petrified men and one crazy excited person all got ready to go over the top. I scrambled up the cold frosty ladder and waited while the general cut the icy barbed wire. As we crawled forward I heard someone slip on the frosty sand bags just before the barbed wire. For the first time in my life I was thankful for the darkness. The stench of death almost made me vomit. I could hear wild animals feeding on rotten corpse's. The sound made my stomach



churn. The ground was wet and squishy, but no one wanted to think about what they were crawling over. Rob was crawling quickly beside me with his dim flash light in his mouth like the rest of us. We stopped suddenly, I pushed to the front to see what was going on. There was a massive crater that must have been caused by a land mine. I wondered how many men's lives had been lost because of these. Suddenly a red demon-like flare shot into the sky. The enemy would be able to see us. I broke out in a cold sweat. I looked over at Rob for encouragement. 'We're dead now ', Rob whispered. His face was pale. I heard bullets wiz past me. I quickly scanned the area to look for some place to take cover. I crawled backwards into the massive crater that we had spotted earlier. I was terrified, but a burst adrenaline gave me strength. I saw the dust spraying up from the ground where the bullets ploughed into it. Then I heard a thunder like boom which left a ringing sound in my ears. The ground vibrated as if there was an earthquake. For a moment I was suffocating. Dust and smoke filled my lungs and blinded me. I fell to my knees and felt the cold ground. I wondered if I would die here. Then it hit me. I had left Rob on the open plane of No-man's land. I poked my head up out of the crater and squinted my eyes while trying to scan the cold winter's night. I called his name quietly. I heard a groan and then a figure dragged itself into the crater beside me. It was Rob. I was so relieved that he was alive. Just then another flare shot into the sky. I could not believe what I saw. Rob was covered in blood. His lower left leg was missing, and I could see the bone sticking out. I crawled over to him. 'What can I do Rob' I said anxiously. 'Try and stop the bleeding Mate' he groaned painfully. I unbuckled my belt and fastened it as gently as possible around his thigh. My hands were wet with his blood. 'Tighten it' Rob grunted as he braced himself for the pain. I froze. I didn't want to cause him any more pain. 'Do it now or I will die' he ordered. I pulled the belt as hard as I could. Rob screamed and passed out. My heart was beating so fast. I could not leave Rob. I knew that I had to try and get back now because it would be day soon and we would have no chance against the snipers. I scooped mud into my hand and rubbed our uniforms and faces with it. The shelling had stopped so I dragged Rob out of the crater carefully. I barely managed to pull him up. I moved slowly so that I would not draw attention to us. Whenever a flare went up I froze, and my heart felt like it was going to explore with fear. It felt like were crawling for years across this frozen plane. It was a hellish nightmare and I thought that it would never end. As the sun lifted from the horizon we reached the barbed wire. I was never so happy to be back in the trenches. I called for help and collapsed into a heap. Two soldiers rushed from the trench and carried Rob and I to safety. For the first time in my life I felt brave. I was proud that I had saved someone. Rob was alive because of me.

