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PAST YEARBOOKS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Ballyhaunis Community School Yearbook 2018. Once again a number of hardy souls convened to attempt the mammoth task of compiling the myriad of activities that have taken place in BCS in the past academic year. I'm sure that you will agree that they have more than met their brief and this Yearbook has continued the trend of being the "best one yet"! I'm sure you will enjoy leafing through its pages.

The past academic year also marked the school's 40th Anniversary. In that span of time thousands of students have passed through our doors and graduates have found success all around the globe. We would like to think that the school played some role in that success and I wish to acknowledge the tremendous work of the teaching staff over the past four decades. The original group of teachers back in 1977 established a platform built on commitment and innovation which the current staff maintain and indeed enhance. The dedication of my predecessors, Mr. Eddie Thornton, Mr. Jarlath Fahy and Mr. Pat McHugh, ensured that the school was always at the forefront of educational practice and their legacy is that the school continues to be recognised, both locally and nationally, as a centre of excellence.

But it is my firm opinion that the school's best years are still to come. The extension and refurbishment of the school is now almost complete and we will then have a state of the art building which will be in keeping with the standards of excellence in teaching and learning that have become synonymous with the school over the years. But of course a school building is simply blocks and mortar and without people, particularly young people, it would be a very sterile environment. There is an onus on us all, students, staff and the wider community, to ensure the place continues to be vibrant and dynamic. Ireland in 2017 is a very different place to what it was in 1977. Ballyhaunis is a very different place than it was in 1977 and therefore so is BCS. As a school we must continue to evolve to meet the changing requirements of our students. However the fundamental principles of academic achievement and holistic development in a caring and nurturing environment remain constant. I am happy to report that the staff of 2018 continue to deliver on these principles on an ongoing basis and for that reason the future is bright indeed. They say life begins at 40 and I truly feel that the most exciting chapters of this school's story have yet to be written and I look forward to watching the story unfold in the years to come.

Although teaching and learning are the most important functions within the school, BCS would be a much poorer place were it not for the range of extra and co-curricular activities on offer to our students. Many of these activities hone skills and characteristics that may not be cultivated through merely academic pursuits. The promotion of these activities is an affirmation of our Mission Statement which commits us to the holistic development of all our students. On my own behalf and on behalf of the Board of Management of the school I wish to thank all teachers and the increasing number of local volunteers who assist us in fulfilling this commitment.

I want to pay tribute to Mr. Ginty and Ms. Garvey for their work in compiling this excellent publication. They were as always ably assisted by a terrific team of students who can also take great pride from being involved in such a wonderful project. A special thanks to Fr. Farragher and Mr. McGarry who are responsible for most, if not all, of the pictures in the magazine.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to wish our students who will be sitting their State Exams in a few short weeks the very best. I would particularly like to extend my best wishes to our Leaving Certificate students who will be starting their own life journeys next year. We wish them health and happiness in whatever path they ultimately find themselves on and hope the values they acquired here sustain them in whatever challenges they may face in the years ahead.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE 4 PRINCIPALS THAT HAVE SERVED AS PRINCIPAL OVER THE 40 YEARS OF BCS, PAT MCHUGH, EDDIE THORNTON (RIP), JARLATH FAHEY AND DAVID MCDONAGH.



I can remember 1977 fairly clearly but I Googled the year to see what the main events were, just to jog my memory. It told me that Jimmy Carter was inaugurated as US President, Red Rum won the Grand National for the 3rd time, Star Wars broke all box office records, Jim Calaghan was Prime Minister of the UK and Elvis died at 42. In Ireland Jack Lynch swept back to power as Taoiseach, the Troubles in the North continued and Dublin won the All Ireland, again!

By just recalling those events, which will be news to anyone under 50 years, it puts into perspective just how long 40 years is. The one event not mentioned by Google for 1977 was the opening of the new Community School in Ballyhaunis. It was a new, bright, state of the art facility that was going to afford the young people of the catchment area enhanced educational opportunities not available to the same extent beforehand. Forty years pass and a reincarnated version of that vision is about to emerge. I like to think that over the past 40 years BCS has achieved if not surpassed the expectations of 1977.

As anyone can see the 1977 version of the Community School has been totally transformed and another state of the art building has emerged. It is a long time in gestation, nearly 20 years in fact, now good to go for another 40 years at the very minimum. At the end of the day however it is just a building, it is the intangible spirit that the school community create that makes a school. It is possible for a visitor to detect that spirit by the time they reach the reception desk, it is something in the air that gives the visitor the feeling that this is a welcoming, happy place where people are content. Nobody can see or touch the spirit, it is either there or it is not and visitors have always said that the atmosphere in Ballyhaunis Community School was evident in the ether once they crossed the threshold.

My wish for the School going forward is that it retains the special spirit of community that makes it unique in my mind. 3,600 students, more or less would have gone through the school since 1977, they have made a valuable contribution to society spread across the world and they appreciate the advice and guidance they received from the many dedicated staff during their time in school. Nobody of the original team is there today but the spirit and the ethos that has developed is in very capable hands and I wish the present team and all the students every good wish in their new, more spacious, state of the art surroundings.



TEACHING STAFF



STAFF PHOTO - 1977/78

BACK ROW: PAT HIGGINS, MICHAEL SMYTH, CHRIS PRATT, JOHN CLEARY, FR. MICHAEL LYONS, MICHAEL MURREN, AIDAN KELLY, VINCENT HEALY, FR. DES WALSH, MORGAN JENNINGS, ANTO O'MALLEY (RIP), MATT O'DYWER (RIP), MICHAEL GLYNN (RIP), HUGH RUDDEN

MIDDLE ROW: JARLATH FAHY, TERRY COLEMAN, SR. TERESINA DALY, RENE BURKE, IMELDA MCGREAL, SR. DOLORES BOWDEN, PATRICIA WALDRON (RIP), SR. JOAN FAHEY, HELEN HURLEY, AINE WHELAN, SR. ASSUMPTA FLANNERY (RIP), TOM GROGAN, RAY CHARLES, PATSY NOONE

FRONT ROW: SALLY HIGGINS, MARY NEENAN, MAURA GRIFFIN (RIP), JIM HIGGINS, TERESA LYNSKEY, EDDIE THORNTON (RIP), FR. FRANCIS MCMYLER (RIP), BRID WHYTE, MARY FREELEY (RIP), CHRISTY RUANE, SR. MARGURITE TOGHER



STAFF PHOTO - 2017/18

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MS. SHARON GIBBONS



CONGRATULATIONS TO
MS. MACKEN
on the birth of her baby
girl Róisín



CONGRATULATIONS TO
MS. O'BRIEN
on the birth of her baby
girl Gráinne



CONGRATULATIONS TO
MS. VARDEN
on the birth of her baby
boy Micheál



CONGRATULATIONS TO
MS. LAWLESS
on her marriage to Noel
last summer

CONGRATS!

A WORD FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...

O. Macken



Reflecting back over the school year it never ceases to amaze me how quickly it goes by but also how much takes place within our school community. As we draw to the end of the 2017/2018 school year and with the state exams fast approaching attention is focused on points, college places and reaching the finish line – but let us not forget about the year gone by and all of the experiential learning that has taken place within the walls of BCS. Both the school and I were blessed with the arrival of Ms Caroline Burns to take over the reins while I was on maternity leave. It is a real testament to the positive impact Ms. Burns has made on both staff and students and the fantastic job she did in my absence. I want to take this opportunity to thank her most sincerely for all of her hard work, her commitment to the staff and students and for her boundless energy and her infectious enthusiasm. Ms. Burns made a lasting and memorable impact on the school community. She really captured the spirit of our school, her thoughtful reflections on the intercom were a welcome sound across the intercom airwaves. Unfortunately I wasn't blessed with a beautiful singing voice to continue this trend but I am sure the students will recall those moments for many years to come.



Our school celebrated its 40th anniversary this academic year. Much has changed in those four decades, yet the core values we instilled in our students 40 years ago are as valuable and current in today's world. To experience success and failure, friendships and falling out, the expectations to do our very best have all remained constant. We move into a new chapter in our school's history with our almost complete extensive new build and refurbishment, let us not forget about the past principals, staff, students both living and deceased who graced the classrooms and corridors of our school and set down the core values of hardwork, respect, integrity and doing your very best. The onus is on us all to ensure that these core values are carried on and continue to reflect in our ethos in the years ahead.

*“At the end of the day
people won't remember
what you said or did,
they will remember
how you made them feel.”*
Maya Angelou

We Remember Them

At the rising of the sun and at its going down
We remember them.
At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
We remember them.
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring
We remember them.
At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer
We remember them.
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn
We remember them.
At the beginning of the year and when it ends
We remember them.
As long as we live, they too will live;
for they are now a part of us
as we remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength
We remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart
We remember them.
When we have joy we crave to share
We remember them.
When we have decisions that are difficult to make
We remember them.
When we have achievements that are based on theirs
We remember them.
As long as we live, they too will live;
for they are now a part of us
as we remember them.

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FIRST YEAR



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BACK ROW (L TO R): DARREN CONCANNON, HARRY FAGAN, JOHN MCDONAGH, PHILLIP COSTELLO, ETHAN COOKE, KIAN BURKE, DEAN COYNE.

MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): JOSH CLEARY, NIAMH COYNE, CAOIMHE DELANEY, CIARA FITZMAURICE, MIA FITZMAURICE, REBECCA KLEIN, DAGNE KALAINAITE, NATHEN BYRNE.

FRONT ROW (L TO R): EVAN CLEARY, ENDA CLEARY, EMER DELANEY, SAOIRSE DELANEY, CHLOE KIRrane, NOAH WALSH, JACK FLEMING, LILLY DUFFY.



1B

BACK ROW (L TO R): FIACHRA GLAVEY, AADAL ASHRAF, EGIN RYAN, WALEED SAKKAR, MARTYNA UBYCH, MARK DORAN.

MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): OISIN COLLINS, JAMES DOONEY, CATHAL GREALLY, BRENDAN CULLEN, JAMES GREALLY, AOIFE GILL, EMILY COFFEY, HORNICA AMBOKAWA.

FRONT ROW (L TO R): LEIGH FITZPATRICK, ALI AHMAD, CONOR DONNELLAN, MALAAZ HAMZA, AMY FLEMING, EVA HENRY, REBECCA GAVIN.

MISSING FROM PHOTO: PIJUS BLOZE, MICHAEL BURKE & JADE GROARKE.

FIRST YEAR



1C

BACK ROW (L TO R): BADER KEZZE, SCOTT JENNINGS, EOGHAN DUFFY, MARTIN MCDONAGH, RYAN FINN, IVAN ILIEV, PHILIP MORRIS.

MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): MICHEÁL FINN RICHARDSON, CHANEL MARQUES, GERI-MAYE HENRY, SOFIA HOPKOVA, SHAUNA JENNINGS, LORNA HIGGINS, MEGAN MCGUIRE, VIKTÓRIA LAVROVICOVÁ.

FRONT ROW (L TO R): LESLIE NNAJI, MARK JORDAN, DARREN KEADIN, MATTHEW JOHNSON, IGRA AFZAL, BISMA MAQSOOD, DYLAN GOLDEN, AARON KELLY.

MISSING FROM PHOTO: SHAUNA MCNAMARA.



1D

BACK ROW (L TO R): DÁIRE MCDERMOTT-CUNNINGHAM, BRIAN MCHUGH, JOHN MCDONAGH, CONOR MCGUIRE, REBECCA MULLIGAN, NIKITA TIGHE, MATTHEW FOLLIARD.

MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): AADIL RIZWAN, RORY REGAN, YORDAN KIRCHEV, DARRAGH MADDEN, KATE TYNAN, ALANNAH MORLEY, MIA RONANE, MEADBH MONAGHAN, ROSIE GANLEY.

FRONT ROW (L TO R): MUTHINE SAOOD, CILLIAN MCDERMOTT-CUNNINGHAM, ALEX COFFEY, EVAN MCLOUGHLIN, DARRAGH TARMEY, NIA MURPHY, AHMED TAYYAB, MUHAMMAD SAAD ASIF.

MISSING FROM PHOTO: ASAD MUNIR.

FIRST YEAR



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BACK ROW (L TO R): SARAH RONAYNE, MOHID SHAHID, JESSICA GANNON, CLAYTON NOLAN, MICHELLE RAYN, ROISÍN LYNKEY, AOIFA LOFTUS.
MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): KAITLYN MAUGHAN, CONOR RUANE, SEÁN BREHONY, VAKARIS VAITIEKUS, DARIJUS VALCIUKAS, MIKE WIKTOR, MADINA ZAMIR, PATRICK MCDONAGH.
FRONT ROW (L TO R): HOLLY GALLAGHER, CICELY COSTELLO, AVA WALSH, DAVID SMITH, YAZAN RAHMANI, AIDAN SLOYAN, LUKE RUANE, NATHEN SMITH.

TALENT SHOW

By Ella Dunleavy and Dean McGarry



On Tuesday 6th February all of the first years gathered in the study hall for our annual first year talent show. The MCs for the show were Dean McGarry and James Frayne and our panel of judges was made up of Mr McHugh, Ms Fallon, Amy Keane and Ella Dunleavy. A great variety of talent was shown in the first half ranging from singing to rubix cube fixing. At our half time interval, we had a performance from the TY2 students and the second year music class accompanied by Ms. Glavey on the keyboard. The second half was kicked off with an excellent duet on the piano by the Cleary twins. After another brilliant array of talent, the second half was over and it was down to the judges to decide the winner. After much deliberation the result was decided. Hornica Ambokawa came first followed by Alex Coffey in second and Evan and Enda Cleary and Rosie Ganley, Shauna McNamara, Jade Groarke and Rebecca Gavin in third place.



FIRST YEARS & THEIR MENTORS



1A AND THEIR LEAVING CERT MENTORS; SEAN FRAYNE, DARA HEALY, WILLIAMS GANLEY, DAVID CUNNANE, ROISIN CASSIDY.



1D AND THEIR LEAVING CERT MENTORS; JENNY GOURLAY, AMY GREALLY, HANNAH DOYLE, LAURA REGAN, JESSICA KLEIN, EMER FORDE.



1B AND THEIR LEAVING CERT MENTORS; KEEVAN MURPHY, JACK HIGGINS, KASEY CLARKE, CELIA CONROY, URSULA BRADY, ROISIN MCLOUGHLIN.



1E AND THEIR LEAVING CERT MENTORS; AMY GREALLY, EVAN FITZMAURICE, AMY MULKEEN, EMMA NOLAN, SIOFRA MURRY, ANNA NASZKIERKA.



1C AND THEIR LEAVING CERT MENTORS; DAVID RUTKAUSKAS, AINE DUFFY, CAIT PHILLIPS, ALANNAH DENNEHY, AMY MULKEEN, EMMA NOLAN, SIOFRA MURRAY, ANNA NASZKIERKA.

'PREDICT THE SCORE OF THE LADIES ALL IRELAND FINAL 2017'

a fundraiser held by the Ladies Gaelic players in the school. The proceeds made went towards the cost of the girls' participation in the LGFA Post Primary Competition. Pictured are the sellers of the winning lines.

From **L-R:** Ms. Garvey, Geri-Maye Henry, Lilly Duffy, Ms. Grogan, Megan Henry, Shauna Jennings, Mr. McDonagh.



U-14 GIRLS GAELIC TEAM

By Fiona Crawley and Eimhin Conboy



BACK ROW: EIMHIN CONBOY (COACH), MEGAN MCGUIRE, CIARA FITZMAURICE, EVA HENRY, CAOIMHE DELANEY SAOIRSE DELANEY, NIAMH DUFFY, EMER DELANEY, MEAVE DONNELLAN, LOUISE COX, SARAH RONAYNE, ROISIN DENNING, MIA RONANE, LORNA HIGGINS, FIONA CRAWLEY (COACH)

FRONT ROW: REBECCA LYONS, MEGAN RONANE, LILIAN KEANE, JESSICA HENRY, ERIN MURRAY, BETH LLOYD, NIAMH MANNION, NIKITA TIGUE, GERI-MAYE HENRY, AMY FLEMING, NIAMH COYNE, CHLOE KIRrane

MISSING FROM PHOTO: REBECCA OSGOOD, ROISIN LYNSEY, REBECCA MULLIGAN, EMILY COFFEY, SHAUNA JENNINGS, JESSICA GANNON, CICELY COSTELLO, JADE GROARKE, GRAINNE BYRNE(COACH), MS. K. PHILLIPS (MANAGER).

The U-14 girls started out having their first group stage match away defeating St. Josephs Secondary School Foxford. The next two games were away to Mount St. Michael's of Claremorris and St. Louis Kiltimagh, resulting in two great wins. The last group stage was a home game against Davitt College Castlebar, with another great win sending them through to the Connaught Qualifiers.

Ms. Phillips lead her team in defeating Mohill in the first round of the qualifiers by a score of 7:03 to 1:02. In round two of the qualifiers the Ballyhaunis U-14 girls walked all over Belmullet defeating them by 9:23 to 0:03, sending them through to the Connaught Quarter final.

The quarter-final was against St. Paul's of Oughterard who were no match to Ballyhaunis who came out with a 8:13 to 1:06 win. Again Ms. Phillips brought her confident team to Sligo to face Ursuline, but didn't realise how strong the Sligo team were going to be.

Unlike the other matches Ballyhaunis had finally came up against an evenly matched team. The U-14 team put in a massive fight but disappointingly the Sligo school of Ursuline pulled through at the end defeating the Ballyhaunis team.

The U-14 girls should be proud of themselves for getting this far with the help of Ms. Phillips and have great potential in the future.

FIRST YEAR CAMOGIE

By Grainne Delaney



BACK ROW (L-R): GERI-MAYE HENRY, EMILY COFFEY, SARAH RONAYNE, ROISIN LYNSEY, EVA HENRY, REBECCA KLIEN, MEGAN MAGUIRE, MIA RONANE. **FRONT ROW (L-R):** NIKITA TIGHE, SHAUNA MCNAMARA, CAOIMHE DELANEY, EMER DELANEY, NIAMH COYNE, AMY FLEMING, SAOIRSE DELANEY, CIARA FITZMAURICE.

On 19th September The first year camogie team travelled to COE, Began for their annual camogie blitz. This year was different however as the girls had the chance to play Galway teams also. With Ballyhaunis having great numbers, they managed to field two teams. In their group were the 2 Ballyhaunis teams, Killimordaly (Galway) and St.Endas (Galway City). Both of the Ballyhaunis teams lost their first matches narrowly to the two Galway schools in their group. Their second matches showed a great display of hurling from both teams as they both defeated their opposite opponents from the first match on big score lines. To top the day off the girls wanted to play a challenge match against each other. In what we will call a very laid back game of camogie, the tensions were high to win. The match finished with no one knowing who won as no score was taken but fun was had all round. Thanks to Mr. Patterson for managing the girls on the day.

FIRST YEAR BASKETBALL

By Eimhin Conboy and Dean McGarry

On the 26th of January the 1st year basketball team travelled to Castlebar to take on Davitt College. This was the first outing for the team yet they played brilliantly. Conor Donellan opened the scoring with a nice 2 pointer and soon followed that up with a well-taken free throw. Ballyhaunis ended the 1st quarter behind 4-3 despite playing good basketball. In the 2nd quarter Ballyhaunis dominated with two pointers from Luke Ruane, Daragh Madden and Cian Bourke. They ended the 2nd quarter 9-4 in front. The 3rd quarter was more closely contested. The quarter ended 11-6 in BCS's favour. The final quarter was again a closely fought battle with BCS emerging as winners on a score line of 15-8 with Darren Concanon bagging two excellent two pointers to seal victory for the away side. Every player gave it their all and Mr Ginty and his side returned home happy with their win. The first year boys were very unlucky in their next games. They were narrowly defeated by St. Joseph's of Foxford on a score line of 15-14 and then also went on to lose to Ballinrobe despite displaying excellent performances. The young men's final defeat came at the hands of St. Tiernan's Crossmolina. Scores again from Darren Concanon and Cian Burke were not enough to defeat the opposition yet you could tell that BCS left it all out on the court. The final basketball game of the year was against St. Brendan's Belmullet. BCS wanted to leave it all out on the court and they did just that. The first years started strong and finished strong. After the boys had performed on a very high level for all four quarters they won out the game with the final score 17-14. A great end to a year filled with some top quality displays of basketball from the first years of Ballyhaunis Community School.



BACK ROW: FIACHRA GLAVEY, DARREN CONCANNON, EOGHAN DUFFY, CONOR MCGUIRE, CLAYTON NOLAN, CIAN BURKE, DARRAGH MADDEN, NATHAN BYRNE, AADAL ASHRAF. **FRONT ROW:** CILLIAN MCDERMOTT, MOHAMMAD SADD, CONOR RUANE, LUKE RUANE, MATTHEW JOHNSTON, AIDAN SLOYAN, CONOR DONNELLEN, DARREN KEADIN, ALEX COFFEY.

FIRST YEAR SOCCER

By Aoibhe Coggins, Clodagh Byrne and Lorna Gormley



BACK ROW (L-R): MR. NOONE, YAZAN RAHMANI, EVAN MCLOUGHLIN, CILLIAN MCDERMOTT, FIACHRA GLAVEY, YORDAN KIRCHEV, OISIN COLLINS, WALEED SAKKAR. **FRONT ROW (L-R):** AHMED TAYYAB, DARRAGH MCDERMOTT, ALI AHMAD, ALEX COFFEY.

On the 7th of November 2017 the 1st Year boys' soccer team played a challenge match against Claregalway College. Mr Noone was their trainer and prepared them by putting in hard training sessions in the weeks leading up to the game. They played their match in Cloonfad and the lads played very well. All 33 players that were brought to the match had a chance to play and everyone played to their full potential. It was a very competitive sporting occasion and despite harsh weather conditions, the boys of BCS were not phased. The future is bright for boys' soccer in BCS, onwards and upwards for next year.



CHESS TOURNAMENT

By Aoibhe Coggins, Clodagh Byrne and Lorna Gormley

On the 23rd of February, Mr. Ryan took 1st years to a chess tournament in Galway Community College. He picked teams based on students' performance on Tuesdays and Thursdays during their regular practice.

The bus left the school first thing that morning. There were two teams from Ballyhaunis that day. We were playing against schools like Calasanz College, the Presentation Secondary School and St. Jarleths College in Tuam.

Considering how big these schools are compared to us, our school did very well in this tournament. A lot of the players from other schools had never played chess competitively before. The group had a very enjoyable time, it was a great experience and they competed very well considering what they were up against very tough opponents.



T.E.S.T

[Tedious Elongated Study-based Torture]

As I lay in bed, **f**alling to sleep,
Into my mind a thought does creep
Alas, as **I** was about to rest,
I **r**emembered about tomorrow's test

With a **s**hock, I jump out of bed
Panicked **t**houghts rushing through my head
Stumbling quickly **d**own the hall
Because I didn't revise at **a**ll!

Revising now, at 3 in the morning,
Instead of lying in bed, cosy and snoring
The minutes past 3 are now 15
staying awake with the help of caffeine

As I **b**ound into school with my new-found knowledge
Feeling as smart as a student from **c**ollege
Then I hear **s**omething that makes me snap
The test isn't 'till next week, oh well crap!!!

Jack Fleming

FIRST YEAR BOYS GAEILIC

The 1st Year Boys played in the Mayo Colleges blitz in September at the Began COE. We fielded two teams on the day, but lost both games narrowly, to St Louis Kiltimagh and Foxford. However 40 1st year boys in total wore the school colours for the first time in their BCS careers and all played their hearts out. The first years had another game against Castlerea Community College in the Tarmey Cup semi-final.

Ballyhaunis CS won the game well and more importantly over 30 players got to play on the day and there were great performances by all that took part.



BACK ROW (L-R) : CILLIAN MCDERMOTT-CUNNINGHAM, NATHAN DOONEY, EOGHAN DUFFY, RYAN FINN, KIAN BURKE, DARREN CONCANNON, SEÁN BREHONY, CONOR RUANE, DEAN COYNE. **FRONT ROW (L-R) :** AHMED TAYYAB, YAZAN RAHMANI, LUKE RUANE, AIDAN SLOYAN, NATHAN SMITH, DARRAGH MADDEN, MATTHEW JOHNSTON.



BACK ROW (L-R) : EOIN RYAN, YORDAN KIRCHEV, CILLIAN MCDERMOTT- CUNNINGHAM, JAMES GREALLY, FIACHRA GLAVEY, BRIAN MCHUGH, RORY REGAN, PATRICK MCDONAGH, AHMED TAYYAB , OISÍN COLLINS, DAVID SMITH, PHILIP COSTELLO, ALI AHMED, MARK DORAN **FRONT ROW (L-R) :** BRENDAN CULLEN, AARON KELLY, ETHAN COOKE, CATHAL GREALLY, YAZAN RAHMANI, CONOR DONNELLAN, MICHEAL FINN-RICHARDSON, AADAL ASHRAF, DAIRE MCDERMOTT-CUNNINGHAM

SECOND YEAR



2A

BACK ROW (L TO R): PÁIDI MURPHY, JAMES DUFFY, ORLAITH COFFEY, AUREDAS ARMONAVICIUS, RAIF COSTELLO, AROOJ AZHAR, LORNA DAVIS.

MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): NIAMH DUFFY, LANA BIESTY, RACHEL CLEARY, USHNA AHMAD, ZARA AKBAR, NATHEN DEE, MAEVE DONNELLAN, DEIRBHILE BOLAND, LOUISE COX.

FRONT ROW (L TO R): REBECCA OSGOOD-DALY, ROÍSÍN DENNING, VICTORIA BURCOVSCHI, HANNAH CLARKE, DARRAGH FLYNN, MATTHEW FRAYNE, COLIN COPPER.

MISSING FROM PHOTO: HELENA CALA, SEÁN CAULFIELD, ELIZA KEPALE & CLAIRE FLANAGAN.



2B

BACK ROW (L TO R): CARAGH KILCOYNE BURKE, JULIA GRABIASZ, SHANE GAVIN, KYAH LEGG, ERIN KIBRIDE, CIARÁN KERRIGAN, CAOIMHE HEGNEY.

MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): MARWA ZAMIR, NAWEED JUGOO, KELAN HENRY, JAMES LYONS, ÁINE GLYNN, JESSICA HENRY, JACK JENNINGS, LILIAN KEANE, ADAM KEANE.

FRONT ROW (L TO R): EDWARD GROARKE, JAYKE BEAUCHAMP, MARK GAVIN, CIARA HOSTY, NIAMH GREALLY, GRACE GREALLY, LEAH GUILFOYLE, REBECCA LYONS, SABINA ILLICHOVA, OISÍN KELLY.

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SECOND YEAR



2C

BACK ROW (L TO R): NATHAN NOONE, MARK MULKEEN, JACK MADDEN, SHAUN MORLEY, THOMAS MAUGHAN, HASSAN NASEER, PADRAIC MCHUGH, MATTHEW O'REILLY.

MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): SAMUEL KUBIK, DANIYAL GUL, PEARCE MC DERMOTT, ANNIE NAVEED, ERIN MURRAY, DENICKA COOPER STURDY, CAOIMHE MORAN, JOURDAN GUAN YUAN TAN.

FRONT ROW (L TO R): SARAH MORRIS, CHANTELE MAUGHAN, NIAMH MANNION, CHLOE MCDONAGH, ELIZABETH LLOYD, KAREN MORGAN, DOMINYKA MASELSKYTE, NIKKI HICKMAN.

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2D

BACK ROW (L TO R): BERNADETTE STAUNTON, NIALL REGAN, ELLEN TENER, PRINCE OWUSA, MIKEY REGAN, MEGAN RONANE, GUILHERME RODRIGUES, DAN SHERIDAN.

MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): IGOR POSARIC, EILÍS O'BRIEN, TENSIA LUNDOLO, KINZA TAHIR MAHMOOD, MASSA RAHMANI, GERALDINE MCDONAGH, UMAR TAYYAB.

FRONT ROW (L TO R): JAMES MCCORMACK, SHANE REIDY, DANIEL REGAN, JACK SULLIVAN, MUJTABA REHMAN, DANIEL MANNING, SEAN PEARSON.

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RETREAT

By Aine Glynn and Rebecca Lyons 2B



The Youth Ministry team in Knock facilitated the 2nd year students' retreat day. The classes 2A and 2B went on Monday, Jan 29th with Ms. Macken and 2C and 2D went on Tuesday, Jan. 30th with Ms. Flynn. Once we arrived at Knock Nicola and Mairead greeted us. We then introduced ourselves and played some icebreakers.

Once we split into our smaller groups we completed different activities such as going to visit the Museum located on the grounds of Knock Shrine, doing a quiz and learning about the story of Knock.

We then had an informal part of the day – our lunch break! Many spent the time in the chipper and rambling around the grounds of the shrine – this really added to the enjoyment of the day. The afternoon session we learned a little more about our faith and our relationship with God. The day came to an end with a short prayer service where each of us had the opportunity to light a candle. All in all we had a lovely day, it was a really enjoyable experience and also a chance to get know our classmates.

POEMS

An English class

We had a lesson at school,
The lesson was quite cool,
We read limericks out loud,
The teacher was quite proud.
We took it as a rule and it was quite cool

Sofia Hopkova
1st year

Camoige

People say camogie is not right
Not our fault we get into fights
We're not as angry then you think
Our marker just pushed us to the brink
Yes, we broke hurls out of aggression
But its only because we lost possession
We really love the game
Thats never going to change

Geri-maye Henry

A Game We All Know

a game we all know,
like a tv show
people kicking a ball,
free-kicks sailing over the wall,
goals being scored,
never a moment of bore

Mark Jordan

SECOND YEAR BOYS BASKETBALL

By Eimhin Conboy and Dean McGarry



The 2nd year Basketball team travelled to Davitt College for their first outing of 2018. Jack Jennings opened the scoring with a nicely taken two pointer which proved to be the only score of the first quarter which resulted in a score line of 2-1 to BCS. Starting the 2nd quarter, Matthew Frayne scored a two pointer which was soon followed by a well-earned free throw for Jack Madden. This quarter ended with Davitt College in the lead with 8 points to BCS's 5. Jack Madden scored a two pointer to open the 3rd quarter which was followed by Prince Owusa scoring 4 points to put BCS back in the lead with 11 points and Davitt College having scored nothing in the quarter remained at 8 points. In the final quarter Prince scored a one pointer. This was followed up by Jack Madden with 2 points to close out the match with a win on a score line of 15-11. A brilliant display of basketball by the lads earned them a well-deserved victory. When the 2nd year boys travelled to Ballinrobe they suffered a narrow defeat of just one point. Scores from Jack Madden and Cian Burke where not enough to see out the game. There only other defeat these brave young men suffered came at the hands of St. Josephs Foxford. Despite the boy's best efforts, they were beaten on a score line of 28-18. Victory then became the only thing on the young men's minds. They set out to St. Tiernan's, Crossmolina and were by far the better team. After some great performances throughout the team they came away with the win on a score line of 20-18. The final victory of the season came against St. Coleman's Collage, Claremorris. Yet again our strong 2nd year team went out fighting with a strong game from everyone involved and finished with a score line of 15-12. It was a great season for the 2nd year Boys Basketball team showing gets skill and determination throughout the year. The future of basketball in the school looks very bright.

JUVENILE GAELIC

By Luke Walsh



PAST JUVENILE GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM MANAGED BY MR. NOONE

The juvenile boys team were managed by Mr. Patterson this year. The first outing of the year was the O'Heir Blitz on the 14th of September held in Began in the Centre of Excellence. The young side played two games on the day, the first of which was against local rivals St. Louis Kiltimagh. Scores came from Prince, Jack Sullivan, Jack Madden, Jack Jennings and Jason Reinhart, with blistering runs up the middle from Jack Jennings and fabulous goals from Prince. Kiltimagh were the better side on the day winning out by four points

The second game the boys faced St. Josephs of Foxford and it was an entirely different game. Solid defence led by Nathan Dee and Cian Walsh meant that after 15 minutes Foxford finally got their first score of the game. Star man Prince levelled the sides with a goal before half time. Towards the end of the day Ballyhaunis felt the legs going as Foxford pushed on to win in the end

After lots of pre-season training, the lads were ready to play their first game of the campaign. An away game to Strokestown resulted in a bad start to their journey in the league after losing narrowly to the Roscommon side. Jack Sullivan and Eddie Groarke got their names on the score sheet. More league games had the same results as the lads couldn't seem to finish as strong as they started. After a long year the boys finished their league campaign and never wavered as a team. It wasn't the most successful year of football but the boys should be proud of their teamwork and determination.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Lana Biesty



Congratulations to 2nd year student Lana Biesty who won the bronze trophy while competing for Ireland in the U-14 - 40kg category at the Banzai International Karate Cup held in Berlin, Germany recently. This is the 12th international honours received by this talented sportswoman and she deserves great acclaim!

THIRD YEAR



3A

BACK ROW (L - R): SHANE FLANAGAN, OÍSÍN DUFFY, DIARMUID PHILLIPS, JAMIE ALLEN, SIMON MCDONAGH, HENRY CONCANNON, PATRICK MANNION, CONOR MORLEY.

MIDDLE ROW (L - R): JOEL GREENAN, TAMZIN WHELAN-MANNING, SARA ALTHOBHANEY, HALA KEZZE, DEARBHLA GLAVEY, AOIFE DOHERTY, RUTH HENRY, SARAH KEANE-HIGGINS, DOMINIC PARR.

FRONT ROW (L - R): JANNA MAAZ, ELISKA VICTHOVÁ, LEAH JOHNSTON, LAURA MADDEN, LEAH FALLON, MEGAN HENRY, ROÍSÍN MURPHY, DANIEL FAGAN, DYLAN LYONS.

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3B

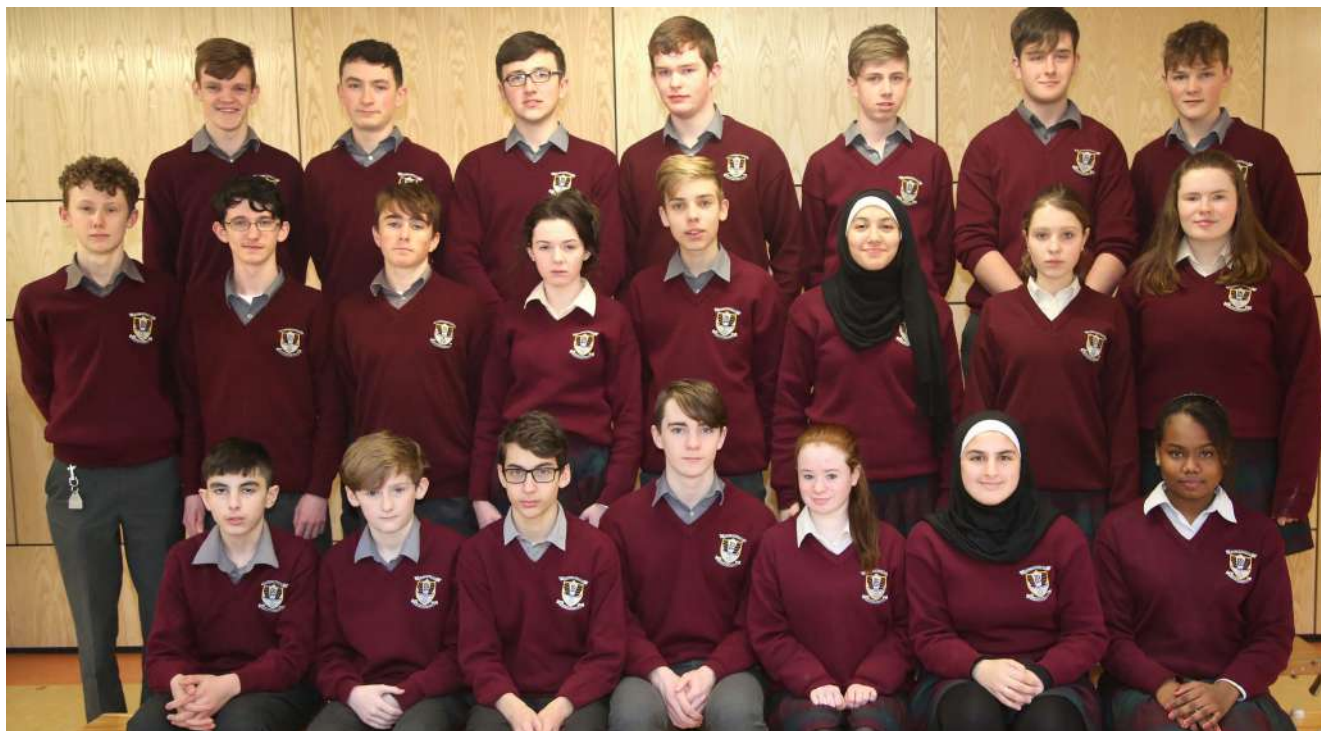
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MIDDLE ROW (L - R): LAURA GODFREY, ANNA CUNNANE, MÉABH DELANEY, EMILY SHARMAN, KIRAN MUQADAS, DEAN LYONS, STEPHEN CANNON, NATHAN MCGARRY.

FRONT ROW (L - R): MAHAM ASIF, EILÍS DUFFY, TAMARA SQUIRE KEANE, BRIANNA CASEY, RONA HOSTY, ANGELA KILLEEN, RIDA NASEER.

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THIRD YEAR



3C

BACK ROW (L - R): DECLAN HENRY, THOMAS KEANE, JACK DEEGAN, STEPHEN DOONEY, PETER MORRIS, DANIEL HILL, NATHAN COLLERAN.

MIDDLE ROW (L - R): AARON KEAVENEY, ETHAN CONNEELY, JACK GREALLY, BARBARA MCDONAGH, WIKTOR SIEMIONKOWSKI, BOTHINA KAZZEH, KAMILE PASUKEVICIUTE, CAITLÍN COLL.

FRONT ROW (L - R): ADEL HABIB, DARA RATTIGAN, REY BENKHELIFA, KIERAN O'GARA, ERIN RALEIGH, SALWA RAHMANI, JOY ABIOSE.

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3D

BACK ROW (L - R): CLAIRE FLEMING, ANNA TIGUE, AOIBHEANN CRAWLEY, MIRADIE KABONGO, JOSHUA WEBB, CIAN WALSH, JACOB JURAK.

MIDDLE ROW (L - R): JACK HARRINGTON, KATE MANNION, HANNAH TENER, KATE DELANEY, LENA KUDIMATI, JASON REINHARDT, MOHAMAD KEZZE.

FRONT ROW (L - R): OPEYEMI FABUNMI, MERLIN PEARSON, MOHAMAD IBRAHIM, CONAL HESSION, KEVIN DURKAN, CALLUM CASEY, COURTENEY CLIFFORD.

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JUNIOR BOYS GAELIC

By Amy Gildea and Tony Aylward

BALLYHAUNIS JUNIOR BOYS COLLERAN B CHAMPIONS

Ballyhaunis Junior Boys were in a group along with Ballinrobe, St.Louis, Kiltimagh and Gortnor Abbey. They played St.Louis' first and lost by a small margin. Then they played Ballinrobe and won impressively. After this they played Gortnor Abbey and even though there were tired legs out on the pitch, they ran out victorious progressing to the final. Colleran B Cup Final

BALLYHAUNIS VS ST.LOUIS (KILTIMAGH)

On the 6th of October Ballyhaunis Junior Boys played Kiltimagh in a final in the comfort of their own pitch. The match took place at 11:00am on a cold miserable day but that didn't stop the lads going out to give it their all. The ref threw up the ball and Kiltimagh won possession but that didn't last long and soon Daniel Murray had scored the first point of the game. After this, both teams were anxious to get the next score but they couldn't stop Daniel from scoring another point. Kiltimagh won a few frees but they were well cleared out by the full back Luke Walsh. Kiltimagh were disheartened when Joshua Webb scored the first goal of the match. Kiltimagh were more worried when Danny Murray took the 45 and sent a great ball into our full forward line where Shane Glynn took matters into his own hands and batted it into the goal. Shaun Morley had a number of amazing saves throughout the contest in a man of the match performance. His kickouts were also impressive with ballyhaunis sweeper Conal Hession getting free to win a lot of ball. More battles continued throughout the field but Ballyhaunis heads didn't go down when Kiltimagh were coming back with a few scores of their own. Greats runs were made by Jack Madden and Diarmuid Phillips when the two backs came up and scored great points respectively. Ballyhaunis were on the top of their game when Henry Concannon gave a great pass to the captain Joe Murphy who scored a point of his own. Simon McDonagh then put his name on the scoreboard with a great goal. Kiltimagh were on the attack but Dean Lyons and Ryan Keadin make it hard for them to get into scoring positions. Everyone played outstanding and they all did the school proud. Despite a few nervous moments late on Ballyhaunis came out on top winning the Colleran B cup. Throughout the rest of the year they played another 3 games. They played Balla, Glenamaddy and Westport. Unfortunately they only came out on top against Westport but the lads showed great courage and bravery as they fought right till the end in each and every game. They made the school very proud.

THIRD YEAR RETREAT TO BALLINTUBBER ABBEY



On the 19th and 20th of September, all the 3rd year classes went on a retreat to Ballintubber. This retreat to Ballintubber Abbey has become a highlight of the third year calendar. When we arrived at the Abbey Fr. Fahey welcomed us and he gave us a short summary of the history of the Abbey. The day consisted of reflective activities and a pilgrimage walk. It was a very enjoyable day. It gave us the chance to bond with other people in different classes. We learned a lot throughout the day about ourselves and our faith and had a great time! Many thanks to the RE teachers for organising and accompanying us on both days.



BACK ROW (L-R): NATHAN MCGARRY, JACK MCGOLDRICK, TONY AYLWARD, SHANE GLYNN, SHAUN MORLEY, JACK MADDEN, SIMON MCDONAGH, HENRY CONCANNON, DANIEL HILL, DYLAN CAULFIELD.
FRONT ROW (L-R): DARA RATTIGAN, JACK HARINGTON, JOE MURPHY, DEAN LYONS, DIARMUID PHILLIPS, CONAL HESSION, DANIEL MURRAY, LUKE WALSH, RYAN KEADIN, JOSHUA WEBB, KEVIN DURKAN, CONOR KEANE, JACK GREALLY. **MISSING FROM PHOTO:** EIMHIN CONBOY, JASON REINHARDT, OISIN DUFFY, CALLUM CASEY, STEPHEN CANNON, DYLAN LYONS, PETER MORRIS, CONOR MORLEY, DANIEL FAGAN, AARON KEAVENEY, DANIEL COYNE, OISIN GREALLY.



CSPE 3A Action Project

By Leah Johnston and Ruth Henry

As part of our 3A action project, we went to Dublin Zoo. Here we participated in their Zooardship programme, which is based on the concept of Stewardship.

Our preparations began back in September. We all had a part to play in organising the trip. We were divided up into committees and each had a certain responsibility. Sadly, due to snow days, parent teacher meetings and the mocks, our trip was cancelled and postponed several times until finally we found a date that suited.

During our trip, we learned about how the Zoo conserves and preserves wildlife of all different kinds. From penguins to elephants, the Zoo does their best to ensure that the animals are living like they would in the wild. Afterwards we went to Liffey Valley to treat ourselves for all our hard work!



CSPE 3C Action Project

In semester one our 3C class held our CSPE Action Project. This project is worth 60% of our Junior Certificate mark. Our class was very interested in furthering our knowledge on the concept of law so we decided to invite a prison officer to speak to our class. Declan Deegan provided us with a deep insight into his profession and the Irish prison system. It was extremely interesting and we got to ask many questions. It was a very effective way of learning. Overall, our project was a major success. We all worked together as a class group to ensure everything ran smoothly.

We would like to sincerely thank Declan Deegan for making our project so enjoyable and so engaging. We would all like to thank our teacher, Ms Mooney, for her guidance throughout our action project.

JUNIOR GIRLS GAELIC

By Sheena Roddy and Shane Glynn



BACK ROW: MS. CARTY (CO-MANAGER), LAURA MADDEN, AINE PHILIPS, AOIFE DOHERTY, LEAH JOHNSTON, KATE MANNION, FIONA CAWLEY, AOIBHINN CRAWLEY, DEARBHLA GLAVEY, KATE DELANEY, CLAIRE FLEMMING, RUTH HENRY, NIAMH O'NEILL, ERIN MURRAY, DAVID DELANEY (CO-MANAGER). **FRONT ROW:** NIAMH SMITH, GRAINNE DELANEY, RACHEL CLEARY, CLAIRE FLANAGAN, NIAMH GREALLY, HANNAH CLARKE, ANNA LYONS, MEABH DELANEY, ELIZABETH LLOYD, LILIAN KEANE, AOIBHINN KELLY. **MISSING FROM PHOTO:** GRAINNE BYRNE, LORNA DONELLAN.

The Junior girls started off with a rough start to the year, but after losing the first game of the campaign that didn't stop their determination to drive on with girls training over the weekends and school holidays. Then with back to back wins they got the momentum going and they were the team to beat in the group stage. This was thanks to Ms. Carty and her co-manager David Delaney. They then moved on to the Connaught quarter final against St. Cuan's Castleblakeney. They posed as a tough challenge but our girls came out on top with a comfortable win. Next was the Connaught Semi-Final the Junior girls came close to glory but sadly their dreams were shattered after a defeat by St. Clare's Comprehensive, Leitrim. There is definitely a bright future ahead for these girls.

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

By Mila Maciukaite and Sarah Gavin

This year the U16 boys' basketball had a great season despite not having access to any training facilities as the gym was still under construction.

Kicking off the season with a win against Foxford the boys won by 11 points.

On their next game against Belmullet the boys won yet another game with another great performance.

The next game they played was against Davitt College, Castlebar. Even with the team's best efforts they lost 36-27.

These results meant BCS got through to the next round and played Abbey Community College, Boyle. In a hard fought game BCS were leading narrowly for most of the game and were just pipped by a basket in the last quarter. Top performers this season were Daniel Murray and Joshua Webb.

There is huge potential in this team and with state of the art training facilities available next year I'm sure they will be very competitive next year.



U16 BOYS BASKETBALL

BACK ROW (L-R) : DIARMUID PHILLIPS, CONOR MORLEY, DANIEL MURRAY, JACK MADDEN, HENRY CONCANNON, MOHAMMAD IBRAHIM, SHAUN MORLEY, DANIEL HILL
FRONT ROW (L-R) : DARA RATTIGAN, OISIN DUFFY, JOSHUA WEBB, DECLAN HENRY, DEAN LYONS, NATHAN MCGARRY, CIAN WALSH

JUNIOR HURLING

In February, the junior boys hurling team played Westport in the Adrian Freeman Memorial Pitch, Tooreen. They came up against a strong Rice College team. A strong first half display put B.C.S in front at half time with the help of the wind with a score line of 2-5 to 1-2. Rice college came out in the second half with all guns blazing scoring a few points on the trot. The lads bounced back with 2 goals in a matter of minutes to see off the valiant comeback. A late consolation goal from Westport left the score line in Ballyhaunis favour 4-9 to 2-5.

The next game was the North Connaught semi-final vs St. Coleman's, Claremorris. In a game full of goals BCS won through 9-13 to 9-2. Another good performance from BCS has taken them through to a North Connaught final.

MAYO HURLING



Congratulations to the Mayo Senior Hurling team, featuring many past pupils of BCS, who were crowned Allianz Hurling League Division 2B champions and promoted to Division 2A.

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

By Clodagh Byrne and Aoibhe Coggins

The Junior boys' soccer team is made up of a group of 2nd and 3rd year students. Mr. Ryan was their trainer and he spend many classes and lunch breaks training them to ensure that they would be prepared for the matches ahead.

In March, the Junior boys travelled to Castlebar to play a match against Westport. Unfortunately, half way through the first half two of our important players, Daniel Murray and Jack Madden sustained serious injuries when they were bravely challenging for the ball. Thankfully our first aid team were on hand to access the situation. We ended up deciding to forfeit the game to Westport. The two players had to go to A&E and although the lads did not win they played to the best of their ability on the day. They were extremely dedicated and showed up to training and matches despite the gloomy weather.

JUNIOR CAMOGIE



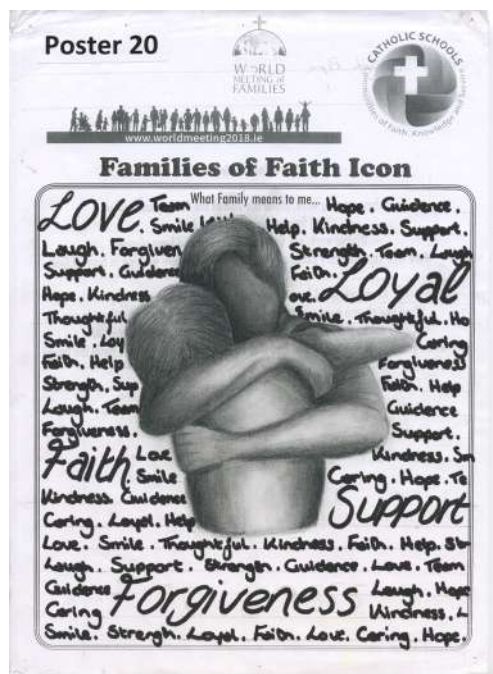
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The Junior Camogie panel consists of students from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year but no matter the age of the player on the field each one stood up to help their team win the Junior Mayo Camogie Cup.

The Junior team faced two teams: Scared Heart Secondary School, Westport and Castlebar each posing as worthy opponents but neither could get the better of Ballyhaunis Community School. The girls played excellently as a team and displayed great skill throughout all their games.

This day out in Castlebar once again proves the outstanding ability of the students of Ballyhaunis CS in camogie.

ART COMPETITION



Pictured are the students who were shortlisted in the Families of Faith Art competition organised by the RE department to mark the World Meeting of Families and the Pope's Visit taking place during the summer of 2018.

Students were asked to create a poster capturing what family means to them.

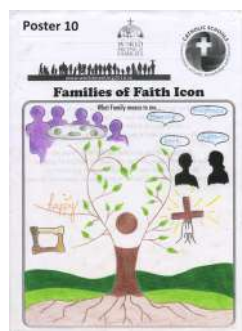
20 finalists were selected and students voted for their top 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall winners.



1ST PRIZE: Clodagh Byrne TY

2ND PRIZE: Aoife Loftus 1E

3RD PRIZE: Chloe Kirrane 5C



BACK (L-R): ADAM KEANE 2B, MEGAN MCGUIRE 1C, AMY FLEMING 1B, CLAIRE FLANAGAN & NIAMH DUFFY 2B, AINE GLYNN 2B, NIAMH GREALLY 2B, AURELAS ARMONAVICIUS 2A, VAKARIS VAITIEKUS 1E. **SEATED (L-R):** ROISIN DENNING 2A, DARRAGH FLYNN 2A, SOFIA HOPKOA 1C, CHLOE KIRRAANE 5C, CLODAGH BYRNE TY, VANESSA HENRY 5C, AVA WALSH 1E, AOIFE LOFTUS 1E, LOUISE COX 2A. **MISSING FROM PHOTO:** ETHAN COOKE 1A, JENNIFER LYONS 5C.

NEW BUILDING & REFURB



JC METALWORK PROJECTS



TY GLOBAL GOALS

by Gráinne Byrne and Dean McGarry

On the 10th of October 2017 transition year students travelled to Brigit's Garden in Moycullen, County Galway. This trip was aimed at furthering our knowledge of the seventeen global goals that we are learning about in our development education class. When we arrived in Moycullen, the leaders of Brigit's garden greeted us and explained to us the tasks we would complete throughout the course of the day to help us learn more about the global goals. We were split into groups and each student was given a different role within the group. Each group had to complete tasks that made us appreciate the importance of renewable energy; clean water and sanitation; and no poverty. At the end of the day, the leaders of Brigit's Garden invited back six representatives from the school that would bring them our global goals wheel which was made by the transition years students in the school. The wheel will be used by Brigit's garden in future workshops with other schools. We all really enjoyed our day in Moycullen.

In January, Claire Marshall from Concern came in to speak to us about gender equality and poverty in 3rd world countries. We had a lot of debate, discussion and picked up some tips in relation to teaching other students about global goals. Claire invited six students to present their projects and represent our school in Dublin at Concern's showcase on the 13th of April. The students had made a video highlighting what BCS are doing in the school to help achieve these global goals. The videos will also be shown at the Worldwide Conference. These students were presented with certificates by the founder of Concern: John O'Loughlin Kennedy.

During our development education class, we were also given the opportunity to teach 1st and 2nd Year schools about global goals. We were divided into groups and each group picked a goal. It was a great experience and let us highlight our knowledge of global goals as well as pass on the message to others.

Finally, our development education class plan to host an intercultural day which will coincide with the open day in September. This is showcase the different cultures in our school and allow people to develop a greater understanding of each one.



DRIVING



Our TY students recently completed a one-day extensive Drivers Education course. The course covered topics such as car maintenance, driver theory testing, alcohol awareness, and road safety. All the students got the opportunity to get behind the wheel and experience driving for themselves under the supervision of qualified driving instructors. Many thanks to WestDrive for providing this excellent course.



TABLE TENNIS

By Aoibhe Coggins, Lorna Gormley and Clodagh Byrne.



On the 24th of April a group of 1st and 2nd year students travelled to Claregalway for a table tennis tournament along with Mr Ryan their coach.

There were 6 different teams from our school competing. Although the team didn't win the tournament, they played well and fought hard considering they did not have much practice due to the renovations in the school. Overall the students enjoyed the day out and learned a lot from their experience. Mr Ryan awarded Jade Groake the player of the day for winning her first competitive match and extreme dedication throughout the year.

CONNAUGHT TABLE TENNIS

By Kelan Henry

This year so far has been a bit of a disappointment for us in Ballyhaunis. The 1st year girls (mixed with 2nd years) looked to retain their Connaught Championships trophy and title, but they were unfortunate to lose their last doubles match against Clare-Galway in the tie. The 1st year boys had hope that they could win in their first year of table tennis, but unfortunately it just wasn't to be, having to settle with 3rd place medals.

The 2nd year lads were hungry to beat their rivals Claregalway and to win the Connaught Championships for the first time. The first matchup was between Kiltimagh, which we won on the 2nd doubles match. We then faced off against our rivals, Claregalway. Each player played at their very best and could've won their game, but sadly Claregalway beat Ballyhaunis and knocked us down to a 3rd place match. We were forced to forfeit and came 4th place. Hard luck Ballyhaunis, maybe next year. This year of table tennis would've never have been possible without our coach Mr. Ryan, so a huge thank you to him. Also, Mark and Seá stepped up and allowed us to train twice a week in the hall downtown, huge thanks to them as well.

MICHAEL GLAVEYS AND TOOREEN CONNAUGHT CHAMPIONS



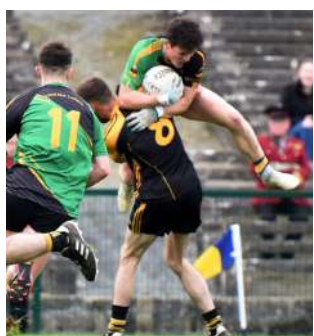
First Connaught Titles for Michael Glavey's GAA Club & Tooreen Hurling Club

Sunday the 5th of November 2017 marked a special and unique day for Ballyhaunis Community School as Tooreen Hurling Club were in Athleague winning their first Connaught Intermediate Hurling title and Michael Glaveys GAA Club were in McHale Park winning the Connaught Intermediate Football Semi Final therefore securing their spot in their first Connaught Club Football Final. What makes it so special is the fact that the majority of both teams were composed of past pupils of BCS and not only the players but the managers Paul Hunt of Tooreen and Iain Daly of Michael Glaveys are also past pupils. It was a proud day for BCS and especially for all the teachers who had coached these players and indeed managers through their formative years.

Tooreen Hurling Club claimed their first Intermediate Connaught title, overcoming Galway Intermediate Champions Ballinderreen in a thrilling encounter in Athleague. Tooreen took the crown with a winning scoreline of 1-15 to 1-11 and as a result gave a huge boost to hurling in Mayo. Alas an All-Ireland Final wasn't meant to be for the boys in blue and white as Tooreen's All-Ireland Championship journey ended at the semi-final stage to Kilkenny's Ballyragget with a score line of 3-14 to 1-9. However, Tooreen can look back on a campaign like no other for them and be proud of their achievements.

Michael Glaveys faced Claregalway in their Connaught football club final in Hyde Park, Roscommon on the 19th November. Glaveys put on a wonderful display of free flowing open football. They came away as champions with a score line of 3-14 to 1-12. Michael Glaveys met Kilanerin in the Semi-final and again showed pure steel grit and determination to win 0-13 to 0-11 and march onwards to the All-Ireland final in Croke Park against Ulster Champions Moy. Unfortunately, on the day Moy proved to be the stronger side and took the title with a score line of 1-10 to 0-7. Dreams are made of days out in Croke Park and the Michael Glavey's team represented their club with honour.

With that said, we at Ballyhaunis Community School would like to congratulate both Michael Glaveys GAA Club and Tooreen Hurling Club on an extremely successful season and we look forward to an equally successful 2018.



I got a new I-phone

I got a new I-phone
I named it Joan
It is so fast and in the zone
My I-phone Joan

Martin McDonagh

1st year

When it rains

When it rains,
It gives me the pains,
I try not to go insane
But with all the rain,

Coming and going,
The sun shows up

I drink from my cup
Then it starts to rain,
And the pains come back again

I'll see the summer next year
Even if it's a day or if it's half a year.

Shauna Jennings

WELLNESS WEEK

Mon 20th - Fri 24th Nov 2017



"Mental illness shouldn't have a black cloud put over it...people who suffer from mental illness can emerge from it much stronger" (B.C.S Student)

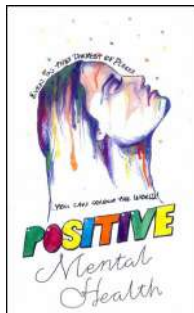
From Monday the 20th of November to Friday the 24th, the school ran another very successful "Wellness Week" for the entire student body. The emphasis of the week was to ensure that all students got a chance to take a step away from the classroom, study and books. We wanted students to take some time out for themselves, to experience new activities and gain new insights about healthy relationships, realise their potential and emotional resolve. With our wellness slogan firmly in mind, "Even in the darkest of places you can colour the world" planning for the week-long programme of activities began in early autumn. A large committee of teachers, led by Ms Orla Phillips, set about putting together a week of activities and workshops that would cater to the needs of all students.



Once again, the Wellness programme was designed around the concept of "do something positive, hear something positive, think something positive". Each day began with a "Thought for the Day" led by our chaplain Ms. Caroline Burns. It allowed students the opportunity to settle their minds and focus on what they wanted to gain from the day's activities.

Throughout the week students took part in a variety of physical and relaxing workshops including: self-defence, drumming, dance, art, zumba, yoga and Gaelic football training sessions led by Keith Higgins and Frank Browne. Fifth and Sixth year students also had the opportunity to participate in a Wellness Retreat facilitated by Mr. Declan Browne. The Wellness committee and school would like to thank the facilitators of all these workshops and events: Mary-Kathleen Henry, Tracey Cunnane, Tommy Stenson, Anthony McNamee, Janette Webb, Merrick Masur, Deirdre Finn, Keith Higgins, Ms. Antoinette Lennon, Mr. Paul Ryan, Mr. Ray Woolley and Mayo Sports Partnership.





Additionally, we were fortunate to have a wide and varied selection of insightful guest speakers, including past pupils, Niamh Cunnane, Laura Patterson, Deirdre Finn and Keith Higgins. These talks were centred around the various aspects of well-being: physical, emotional health, resilience and mental resolve. A small sample of these talks included: Dr. Dermot Burns, NUIG "Unlock your Potential: How to learn, remember & succeed with confidence and power", "Mindsets" given by Steve Lane, "Stress and Coping Strategies" by past pupil Laura Patterson, "Nutrition" by Deirdre Finn, "Physical and Emotional Strength", by Kevin McStay, "From BCS to Nashville" by Niamh Cunnane, past pupil. "Be the Change", presented by Darren Cawley, "Breathe-Coping mechanisms and stressors", Niall Dunne, M.M.H.A, "Healthy Relationships"- Mayo Women's Support Service and "Motivations and Mechanisms to Thrive" by Yvonne Maguire. The Wellness Week committee and school would like to extend a sincere word of thanks to all workshop leaders and speakers that gave of their time, insight and enthusiasm. The committee would also like to acknowledge the support and commitment of the entire school community in the organising and running of "Wellness Week"- our Principal, Mr. David McDonagh, Ms. Majella Morrison, our Deputy Principal, Ms Orla Phillips, (Event Co-ordinator) all members of staff, Mr. Gerry Glavey, Transition Year students and the entire student body. We look forward to next years "Wellness Week" with enthusiasm and positivity.





40TH ANNIVERSARY VARIETY SHOW

By Gillian Donnelan

The 40th anniversary of BCS was celebrated on the 14th of December in style! Students and teachers together with past pupils and staff packed into St. Patrick's Church for a 7.30pm show. We had a serious line up of talented musicians from All Ireland winning set dancers, some Djembe drummers, mysterious magicians, the BCS School band with some inspirational and heart-warming songs, contemporary dancers and not to mention the infamous BCS staff choir!

The night became with a trip down memory lane as former Principals Pat McHugh and Jarlath Fahey said a few words. The MC's for the night Cáit Phillips and Dara Healy did a fantastic job introducing each act and to top it all off... even Santa made a surprise visit!

A big thank you to all who took part in the night- especially past pupils Davóg Frayne, Áine Coyne, Edel Walsh, Eleanor Harrison, the stage crew Dean McGarry, Shane Glynn and James Frayne, the sound engineer Michael Neary together with his team of Aaron Dee and Evan Fitzmaurice and to Fr. Stephen and his committee for allowing us to use the Parish Church.

It was a very special night celebrating past and present achievements of BCS and all the people that passed through its doors over the last 40 years.

Happy Birthday BCS!





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MAYO PINK RIBBON CYCLE IN AID OF BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

O. Macken

Our students have been busy over the last number of weeks preparing Pink Ribbons to line the routes for the annual Mayo Pink Ribbon Charity Cycle which takes place during the May Bank Holiday weekend. Since it's inaugural event in 2010 more than 1,000 cyclists have taken part and almost €800,000 has been raised for breast cancer research. A special word of thanks to TY students Lorna Donnellan, Molly Curran, Houda Kezze, Mary Carr, Aisling Regan and Clodagh Conway who spearheaded the ribbon making efforts. They provided demonstrations to the other students on how to make a pink bow (not as easy as it looks!). Each of the RE classes had an opportunity to make a pink bow and if they wished write a name of someone they know who has or is battling cancer. Thanks also to Ms. Flynn for overseeing the efforts and organising BCS to be part of this very worthwhile charity event.



Rachel Fitzgerald-Feeley from Breast Cancer Ireland gave a very informative presentation to TY girls. Rachel is herself a Breast Cancer survivor diagnosed at 28 years old. She shared with the students some of her journey. She talked through the signs and symptoms of Breast Cancer, encouraged the students to be breast aware and demonstrated on the specialized medical mannequin how to self-examine.

PEER 4 PEER

Peer 4 Peer is a programme provided by the Tuam Youth Ministry where Siobhan Bradley and Yvonne Horkan provided a two day training course to our TY class. This programme allowed us as TY students to teach and educate sixth class students from primary school about four essential modules which are required for the sacrament of Confirmation. These modules are 1. Communication skills, 2. Friendship, 3. Decision Making & Internet Safety and 4. Misuse and Abuse of Alcohol and Smoking. Every module was taught over a 1 hour period for four consecutive Wednesday mornings during our Religion class. Overall this was a fantastic experience firstly to be put in the shoes of a teacher and secondly to develop our leadership, time management, public speaking and our organisational skills. It was a great opportunity to act as a responsible role model for the children. The feedback from this programme was excellent both from the students and their teachers.



TOOREEN: Grainne Delaney, Molly Curran, Eimhin Conboy, Clodagh Conway.

BEKAN: Dean McGarry, Tony Alward, Shane Glynn, Houda Kezze, Amy Gildea.

CARRICK: Lorna Gormally, Grainne Byrne, Aoibhe Coggins, Mary Carr.

SCOIL IOSA: Clodagh Byrne, Sheena Roddy, James Freyne, Lorna Donnellan, Grainne Collins, Aoife Carney.

GORTAGANNY: Aisling Regan, Fiona Crawley, Ciara Loftus.

We want to thank Siobhan Bradley and Yvonne Horkan from the Tuam Youth Ministry. Thanks to all the local national schools: Scoil Íosa NS, Carrick NS, Began NS, Gortaganny NS and Tooreen NS and to their sixth class teachers and Principals for allowing us to deliver this programme to their schools. Finally, we would like to thank Ms. Murphy, Ms. Macken and the parents who assisted by providing the transport to and from the schools.



TY COMMUNITY CARE



As Transition Year students, we are scheduled three classes every Wednesday morning for Religious Education. Instead of reading about putting faith into action, we actually get to do this on a weekly basis. We were automatically placed into community based placements with the opportunity to experience four placements throughout our T.Y year. These placements could be reading with children in Scoil Iosa, walking dogs for MSPCA or even peeling potatoes for Meals on Wheels service. All T.Y students participated in each placement for 4/6 weeks in duration so we had plenty of variety throughout the year.

Looking back at our time spent at each placement, we thoroughly enjoyed them and always looked forward to our Wednesday mornings participating in our community! From the word go, our teachers encouraged us to be respectful, well mannered and caring with every role we carried out. The Community Care programme was a brilliant experience for us all and it gave us a great insight into the world of work, interacting and working with others in our local community. This year, the Transition Year classes volunteered in the following placements:



- Scoil Iosa Primary School- helping with the Literacy and Numeracy Programme.
- Rita Lundon Playschool.
- Lohan Park Group Home- Meals on Wheels.
- MSPCA- Mayo Society to Prevent Cruelty to Animals.
- Little Acorns Creche Brickens.
- The Charity Shop
- The Enterprise Centre
- Western Care
- Friary Creche

We are all delighted that we embraced this challenge and attended each of our placements with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. A huge thanks to Ms. Murphy, Ms. Burns and Ms. Macken for providing the transport each week.

KILLARY

By Ella Dunleavy, Anna Lyons and Amy Keane

At the end of September, we all packed our bags and set off to Killary for a three-day adventure. When we got there the girls were immediately sent on the ten-minute walk down to the hostel while the lads got the comfort of staying in the adventure centre. Each day promised a new challenge for us all, from gorge walking to the bog challenge which even Mr. McGarry couldn't say no to! On the first night we all went to the 'dome' for games where there was an overly competitive game of dodgeball between the girls and boys which got even more terrifying when some of the lads thought it would be a good idea to turn all of the lights off. The girls then set out in the dark with only their phones for light back to the hostel where some of us made new friends from other schools. On the second night we all went outside for a campfire which was soon halted by the rain. We all went back inside for an evening of card games and other games involving bananas and salt. When it was time for bed some of the lads made a new friend from Limerick. We were all sad to have to pack up the many bags that we had brought which were considerably lighter after having eating all the food that we had set off with. Overall, it was an amazing few days and it brought us all closer together as a year.



WESTERN CARE XMAS PARTY

On the 20th of December the TYs with the help of Ms. Macken, Ms. Murphy organised a party for everyone at Western Care. It was held in the Parochial hall in Ballyhaunis. This was to celebrate the Christmas Spirit throughout the community and to create a festive atmosphere for the service users. We decorated the hall with balloons and Christmas decorations, we also wrapped up Christmas presents for all of the service users. We welcomed everybody as they arrived for the party. The TYs were dressed with Christmas jumpers and hats and some even dressed up as Ms. Clause and Rudolph! We sang Christmas carols for them all and their gifts were presented by Santa. A big thank you to all the students who provided entertainment for our afternoon. Ciaran Kerrigan performed his magic show followed by Helena Cala and her modern dance display. James Freyne wowed us with his Sean Nós and Eliska Vichtova and Roisin Kerrigan sang beautifully for the audience. It was a lovely afternoon where students helped to spread some Christmas cheer with the staff and service users of Western Care.



OVER 55'S CLUB



Our TY's received an invitation from the Over 55's in Ballyhaunis to join them at their one of their weekly meetings. The student's task was to get creative and organise activities for the Over 55's members.

Well done to the following TY students: Eimhin Conboy, James Freyne, Oisin Greally, Shane Glynn, Dean McGarry, Sheena Roddy, Lorna Donnellan, Houda Kezze and Fiona Crawley who facilitated a fun



morning with lots of games, story-telling and card playing. It was a lovely way for everyone to get to know each other and well done to all involved.



FIRST AID

By Aisling Regan and Gráinne Collins



On Wednesday the 6th of September we began an NFQ level 5 occupational first aid course. The course took place over a period of two days. All students involved found it very beneficial and a worthwhile course. The two instructors, Jerry and Michael taught us so much and told us about some of their first aid experiences. The first day consisted of mainly theory where we looked at different slides on a PowerPoint. The second day however was more practical. We did CPR and defibrillating on the mannequin and we also learnt how to put a bandage on an injured person. At the end of the second day we had an exam. Although we hope very few people would need first aid at least we are able to assist in an emergency. We are very grateful for having the opportunity to learn first aid, it is a great life skill and will stand to us in the future. BCS staff also received First Aid training and there are now 18 teachers trained. This all helps our school to remain a safe environment for all of our students.



FUNDRAISING

By Megan Morley

Our TY students were involved in several fundraising activities throughout the year. At Christmas we decided to create handmade cards to distribute around the town. We decided that the funds raised should be given to MSPCA, to provide some much-needed food and supplies. Marian from MSPCA was very impressed and grateful for our donation of €260. To thank us, she came along to the school and brought along two dogs. Other fundraisers included a Green Day and Christmas jumper day. For these we asked each student to bring in €2 and in return they wouldn't need to wear their uniform. The school was decorated with some posters to celebrate each day.

During March we celebrated Daffodil Day by selling some tea towels, mugs, badges, pins, pens and postcards in the staff room. The teachers were very generous and bought lots of items. We also sold some badges to the students in the A area. We raised €120 for the Irish Cancer Society. We are currently organising a further fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society through Shave or Dye and hope to have an enjoyable fundraising event while raising much needed funds.

Thank you to all the students and teachers involved in organising our fundraisers throughout the year and to all those who gave so generously.



TRANSITION YEAR

This year Mr. McGarry decided to oversee the Transition year programme for a second year in a row which he is more than likely regretting now! Only kidding sure we are a lovely bunch. It was also the first year that BCS have had two TY classes and which only proves the growth of the programme within the school.

We arrived back to school on the 4th of September and we were all happy to see our classmates again, but soon the countdown for Killary began. Thankfully the 20th of September came around very quickly and before we knew it we were all standing outside the school with our bags full of food and a few items of clothing to get us through the couple of nights away from home. We stopped in Castlebar for a bite to eat at McDonald's before Mr McGarry started to round us all back up to continue our journey to what can only be described as the middle of nowhere. We eventually arrived in Killary and we were brought to the 'dome' to go through the rules and agenda for the next few days. We were told we were only allowed our phones up until a certain time at night and then they had to go into a bucket until morning, this was harder for some than others. In the morning, we were called at 8:30am for breakfast which after a long day of travel proved to be a difficult task. We were outside at 9:30am and split into our groups for the next 2 days. After the 3 days of activities we were shattered, and we were all very quiet on the bus on the way back to Ballyhaunis.

Mr Woolley organised our first aid course on the 25th and 26th of September which we all received a certificate. On the 9th of October we were brought to Breaffy by Ms. Nolan and Ms. Mulroy we all had a great laugh. We had our drumming workshop in November with Anthony and we performed our drum routine at the school's 40th anniversary which we all really enjoyed.

Both TY classes went to Breaffy house to watch the comedy show Psycho Spaghetti. It was a one-man show performed by Ger Carey. We heard many different reviews about this show but when we saw it ourselves we found it very funny and enjoyable. As part of our study of the global goals initiative, we travelled to Brigit's Gardens on the 10th of October. We were split into different groups to carry out activities to teach us more about the 17 global goals. We all thoroughly enjoyed our day.

We went swimming for a number of weeks in Claremorris with Mr Woolley. We completed a lifesaving course at the end and were given a certificate on its completion. We also went horse-riding in Claremorris for 2 weeks.

For the annual Christmas trip both TY classes, the LCAs along with Ms Murphy and Ms Grogan went on a trip to the Jump Lanes in Galway. When we arrived, we were split into two groups, one group went on the trampolines and the other group were brought to the ice-skating rink. The trampolines were big strips of trampolines stretched across the room. It was really good fun, and everyone enjoyed it. We were on the trampolines for 1 hour and then we were brought to the ice skating rink, it was difficult to skate, and many found it hard to stay on their feet but it was still fun. After we finished up the skating we were brought to the party room for food, after we had finished eating we went back on the bus and into Galway city, we were given 2 hours to go shopping before we went home.

On the 8th of February, both TY classes went to Castlebar to the Road Safety Workshop. We were shown the importance of road safety and the consequences of drunk driving, speeding, and being on your fun. We all learnt the importance of road safety.

On the 19th of February, the TY girls had a make-up demonstration. Our French teacher Ms Conway had organised for Haley Coleman a make-up artist from Manulla to give us tips on appealing make-up. When she arrived, she introduced herself and told us a bit about career. In the TY1 class she asked Aisling to be her model and Mila in the TY2 class. She showed us different techniques and advised us on good cheap makeup brands to use. The day was very beneficial to us and we learnt so much.

We also had a GAA coaching course. It was a foundation course that give us an insight on how to coach a club team. Eugene Lavin coached us for the day. He first talked to us about how to coach a team using different things like ABC-Nursey Programme and RJT- running, jumping and throwing. He gave us tips on how to coach a young team and how to deal with them. Overall, it was a very beneficial day for all of us, even for those who could not play Gaelic as now they had a foundation level course.

On the 18th and 19th of April, both TY classes got the opportunity to take part in a driving course. We got to drive for 10 minutes at the GAA pitch in Ballyhaunis and then we were brought back to the school and went through theory in the classroom.

Overall TY has been a great year for all of us and we are really looking forward to our trip to Rome on the 9th of May. Throughout the year many memories have been made and new friendships formed which will carry on for years to come.



TRANSITION YEAR



TY1

BACK ROW (L - R): CIARA LOFTUS, LORNA DONNELLAN, JAMES CORMAC FRAYNE, EIMHIN CONBOY, DANIEL COYNE, SHANE GLYNN, FIONA CRAWLEY, GRAINNE BYRNE.

MIDDLE ROW (L - R): DEAN MCGARRY, MARY CARR, OISIN GREALLY, SHEENA RODDY, CLODAGH BYRNE, AMY GILDEA, MOLLY CURRAN.

FRONT ROW (L - R): CLODAGH CONWAY, NATHAN COLL, HOUDA KEZZE, AOIFE CARNEY, GRAINNE COLLINS, GRAINNE DELANEY, AOIBHE COGGINS.

MISSING FROM PHOTO: TONY AYLWARD, EGIS ARAVICIUS & AISLING REGAN.



TY2

BACK ROW (L - R): JAMIE MCGOWAN, LUKE WALSH, JACK MCGOLDRICK, NIAMH SMITH, ANNA LYONS, TARA COYNE.

MIDDLE ROW (L - R): ROISIN KERRIGAN, AMY KEANE, ELLA DUNLEAVY, LAURYN GOLDEN, AOIBHINN KELLY, LORNA GORMLEY, MILA MACIUKAITE.

FRONT ROW (L - R): LIAM LAVIN, CONOR KEANE, RYAN KEADIN, RACHEL DILLON, AINE PHILLIPS, NIAMH O'NEILL.

MISSING FROM PHOTO: SARAH GAVIN, JASMIN GLAVEY, ETHAN KEANE, RONAN MORAN, MEGAN MORLEY & AMY WALDRON.

JUNIOR CERT RESULTS



Congratulations to present TY students Molly Curran and Ciara Loftus pictured receiving their Junior Certificate results from Mr McDonagh. Molly received a phenomenal 10 A's and one B, while Ciara received a superb 9 A's and two B's. Both girls took the opportunity to thank all of their teachers and their respective Year-Heads Mrs Mooney and Mrs Waldron.

MACRA NA FEIRME TY QUIZ

By Molly Curran and Ciara Loftus

On the 31st January, Ms Nolan and a group of students from TY went to Castlebar to take part in the school's first general knowledge quiz. Macra na Feirme is an organisation that caters for young adults aged 18 to 35. They have social events such as the quiz for their members to aid their community. There were three teams from each school who participated, and the schools were from all over Mayo. We spent a lot of time preparing for the quiz and performed well on the day. They have social events such as the quiz for their members to aid their community. Although we didn't get first place, overall our school did really well and everyone had a fantastic day. We would like to thank Ms Nolan for all her help and guidance.



ICE SKATING

By Aisling Regan and Gráinne Collins

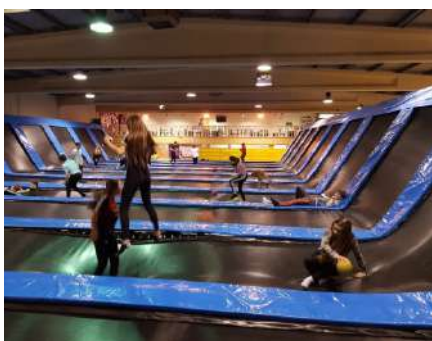
On the 18th of December we went as a T.Y. and LCA group to Jumplanes Galway to go ice-skating, trampolining and do some shopping.

When we arrived in Galway we were split into two groups. One group would begin with trampolining and the other group would begin with ice-skating.

The trampolining was a lot of fun and we would recommend it for all age groups and even the teachers joined in.

The Ice-skating was quite daunting and challenging, it takes a while to get used to it if it's your first time and it is extremely hard to get up after falling on the rink!

We had some pizza or chicken at Jumplanes before getting the bus to the city centre for shopping. At the time the Christmas markets were open and overall it was an extremely fun day. We would like to thank Ms. Murphy and Ms. Grogan for organising the trip and for accompanying us on the day.



TY MED CAMP

By Molly Curran

On the 20th to 22nd of March, a group of four TY students attended a course in Castlebar which was designed and directed by Mr. Paul O'Grady, a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon. The course was put in place specifically for TY students interested in pursuing a career in medicine or healthcare. Doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals kindly gave up their time to speak to students about what their jobs entail.

The course covered a wide variety of topics and was designed to introduce the students to both undergraduate and postgraduate medicine and healthcare courses. This interactive programme gave us the opportunity to experience what it is like to train and work as a healthcare profession.

We all enjoyed this course a lot and found it gave a very good introduction on how to go down the medical route in the future.



THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY OF TY 2017/18

By Ciara Loftus, Clodagh Conway and Molly Curran

For the first time in... forever, there were two TY classes in Ballyhaunis Community School. This meant that this TY year would be unlike any other before, so we were a bit apprehensive but mostly excited for the fun-filled, pivotal year ahead. September arrived, and after a few sneaky switches from class to class, we started what would be an unforgettable and extraordinary year in secondary school.

The Good

Work experience... we feel, was definitely one of the highlights of TY. From primary schools to radio stations, everyone found a place they would enjoy to pursue as a career. The possibilities were endless! We learned how to be organised and professional. First, it was a bit daunting to be given responsibilities but once we got used to being an 'EMPLOYEE' so to say, we found it a great learning curve. Community care is an opportunity to volunteer and help out in the local area. Crèches, primary schools, charity shops, dog walking, you name it we did it all. It was a bit of a culture shock for those who had to walk down to Scoil Iosa in the rain, hail and snow to say the least, as well as for those walking the dogs more wrapped up than they were (a perfect opportunity to design TY hoodies though!) However, it is safe to say we all felt the rewarding and feel good factor that came with helping others or even just playing dress up with the kids. Obviously, the laid back atmosphere and lack of academic stress is a massive YES from us after the big JC! We had more time to pursue extra-curricular activities like sports, knitting and Netflix marathoning.

The trips away in TY were always going to be the highlight, starting with Killary. This is an annual bonding trip for TYs and was especially important this year as there are so many of us. We eventually managed to get ALL our bags onto the bus and headed off for a brilliant 3 days full of adventure, laughs and MUD. Little tip for any future TYs, be sure to bring a kettle for the tea lovers, old clothes you don't mind losing to the bog and lots and lots of food. Our much anticipated trip to Rome is probably the main reason some people did TY and we were all looking forward to it. A lot.

As students, we have all become a bigger part of our school community (especially those of us who could be seen roaming the halls on one of our never-ending jobs) The dreaded English oral in 2nd year surprisingly prepared us to be able to interact with other years through coaching teams, fundraisers and presentations. It has been a lot of fun displaying our work to the rest of the school and we think we have all gained more confidence and independence, especially when we have to organise things by ourselves. Charity work outside the school for other organisations has played a massive role in our year and we feel we are now more considerate and generous.

The Bad

TY isn't going to be the perfect year, there are ups and downs and the planned calendar can change drastically at any time. Also, we were expected to go to a lot of classes this year and so it was not the complete 'doss' people told us it would be, it was more structured. The projects we needed to do for each class sometimes piled up and we would be rushing at the end to finish them. However, this is because we would usually have been asked by other teachers to do more for their class, or help out with one of those constant jobs. So, you just have to be careful how much work you take on and learn some much needed time management skills. The cost of TY does add up as well and we would advise to fundraise if you want to do things. The more original the better and you'll most likely end up having more fun than expected. But it all works out in the end and memories will definitely be made, like having to film a video in the middle of a snow shower.

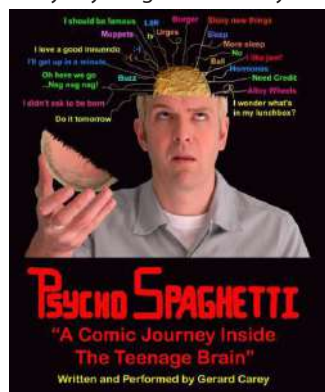
The Ugly

TY is most definitely the year to get stuck in a few ugly situations. You're likely to get stuck in the mud, quite literally neck deep in a bog in Killary. You'll be open to new experiences like being forced to have an ice cold shower after having battled through all kinds of muck in the pouring rain. You will also become very close to your classmates, after hauling them over a wall of muck taller than yourself.

Driving into walls, exploding gingerbread, deciding whether to amputate the day after our first aid training, we've had our fair share of ugly but certainly memorable moments. Not to mention the 6a.m. flight.

One thing about TY is the fact that the time really flies by. Although the days' drag on sometimes, before you know it, it's nearly May and you're running around trying to get everything done. Teachers may not be your biggest fan when you miss class, deadlines or the bus but the next day they'll be back with a job or two and some much needed motivation. You never know what's coming up next, one day it's all class and ECDL and the next you're cycling to Knock in the middle of a storm. However, study plans and the -b formula are far from your minds and your biggest worry will be fitting 10 outfits into a carry-on bag for Rome.

All in all, TY is a rollercoaster of a year. We've laughed, we've cried, we've nearly died (several times especially on that fierce cycle) and needless to say we're certainly not ready for 5th year to start. And to any future TYs, be confident in your choice, be brave enough to try anything and be ready for one hell of a year.



PSYCHO SPAGHETTI

On the 9th of October, the two TY classes travelled to Breaffy House to watch a one-man comedic show called 'Psycho Spaghetti'. The show was designed specifically for transition year students. Many schools from around Mayo attended the event. The comedian wanted to address the trials and tribulations that come with being a teenager and did so by making it a comedy. The show was very enjoyable and judging by the constant laughter of the audience everyone had a great time.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Niamh O'Neill



Congratulations to TY student Niamh O'Neill who won another All-Ireland athletics title this year. Niamh won the National Indoor U-18 Long Jump title with a superb jump of 5m10. It is another fantastic achievement from this supremely talented athlete.

Earlier in the school year she represented BCS with distinction in Scotland by finishing second as part of the Irish School Athletics team in the combined events. Niamh still has another year at this age group which makes her performances even more impressive.

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SPORTING ACTION



FIFTH YEAR



5A

BACK ROW (L - R): JACK RONAYNE, YUSNF SAOOD, SINEAD TARMEY, BEN LYNSEY, JAKUB UBYCH, KRISTYN O REILLY, JULIANE GARDENER.

MIDDLE ROW (L - R): ALI SAKKAR, DAMIEN KILKENNY, AOIFE CONWAY, CLODAGH WALDRON, JACK CLOONEY, ROJINA TAMANG, RAMA KUDIMATI.

FRONT ROW (L - R): ABDULLAH SAKKAR, HAROON SHABIR, FIZZAH TAHIR, SAHAR ARSHAD, EMANUELE GRACIOVA, COURTNEY STURDY.

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5B

BACK ROW (L - R): IBRAHIM RAHMANI, SAIM GULZAR, MATTHEW WALSH, MATTHEW CAULFIELD, MARTYNAS PLECKAITIS, SOHEAB ARSHAD, IRTIZA REHMAN.

MIDDLE ROW (L - R): KYLE COOKE, MICHAEL GOSTKOWSKI, SHAUNA ROGERS, ROISIN RUANE, REBECCA VAHEY-BRENNAN, OLIVIA KLIMCZYK, STEPHANIE JENNINGS, SOPHIE FLANNERY.

FRONT ROW (L - R): RAFA SHAWI, SARAH HOPKOVA, NADEEHA JUGOO, SAMIA GUL, TANZILLA CHAUNDY.

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FIFTH YEAR



5C

BACK ROW (L - R): CHLOE KIRrane, LAURA O BOYLE, AARON DEE, AISTIS ASADAUSKAS, MICHELLE GROGAN, JAMES COLLERAN.

FRONT ROW (L - R): CHRISTOPHER METCALF, DEIRBHILE RICHARDSON, KATIE RONAYNE, SHAUNA LYONS, HOLLY BROWNE, VANESSA HENRY.

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5D

BACK ROW (L - R): EIMEAR MURRAY, ELLEN PHILLIPS, NIAL COFFEY, PATRICK CARR, LAUREN OSGOOD-DALY, AOIFE DAVIS, DEIRBHILE RICHARDSON.

FRONT ROW (L - R): INDIA COSTELLO, AISLINN TIGHE, GRACE O GARA, MEGAN GREENWOOD, GILLIAN DONNELLAN, THOMAS COFFEY.

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POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

By Patrick Carr



POPE JOHN PAUL II
AWARD

On the 16th of November 2017 at our Lady's Basilica Knock, Archbishop Michael Neary gathered to celebrate and recognise the contribution of over 400 teenagers from all over the Archdiocese of Tuam at the annual presentation of the Pope John Paul II Award. Archbishop Michael welcomed the young people to the event, along with their families, friends, teachers, principals, chaplains, and representatives of the various parishes and Ms. Siobhan Bradley, Diocesan Co-ordinator for the John Paul II Awards. 30 students from BCS received their JPPII Gold awards with two students receiving the JPPII Papal Cross Award. This prestigious award encourages students to play a more active role in our local communities but particularly our local parishes. Throughout the year we have been involved in various activities like assisting at various ceremonies in our parishes at Christmas and Easter, filling holy water bottles, church decoration at Christmas, Reading, singing in the choir, Peer 4 Peer, the Community Care programme, Mentoring 1st years, visiting the nursing home, and many of JPPII participants volunteer at Knock Shrine during the summer months through the VAKS programme. Well done to all the students who entered into the spirit of the award programme.

The following students received awards:

Papal Cross Award recipients:

Evan Fitzmaurice and Aine Duffy

Gold Award recipients:

Thomas Coffey, Jack Cloney, Katie Ronayne, Eimear Murray, India Costello, Siobhan McLoughlin, Adrianna Kelly, Ciara O'Grady, Roisin Ruane, Sinead Kiely, Deirbhile Finn Richardson, Rebecca Vahey Brennan, Laura Regan, Roisin Cassidy, Amy Greally, Amy Mulkeen, Derbhla Freeman, Emma Nolan, Hannah Doyle, Aoife Davis, Roisin McLoughlin, Ursula Brady, Michelle Grogan, Cait Phillips, Patrick Carr, Alannah Nolan.

RETREAT

By Vanessa Henry and Aaron Dee

The 5th year students were divided into two groups to attend a day of reflection hosted by An Tobar Nua in Galway. Group one went in early November accompanied by Ms. Burns. This group returned to school enthusiastic and very upbeat about their retreat and day away from the school. Group two were now really looking forward to their break from the books but the weather plotted against us and the trip was cancelled on not one but two occasions due to Storm Ophelia and Storm Emma. On the third attempt we got to go, eventually, on March 1st accompanied by Ms. Macken.

We were welcomed and guided throughout the day by very friendly and enthusiastic staff. The icebreakers at the start of the day helped the group to gel and get to know each other. It wasn't long before we were hit with the hunger! However the staff treated us to hot chocolate and cookies, which went down a treat. Throughout the day we listened to the faith experiences and life journeys of the mentors. This was very interesting and inspiring. The dominant theme from the day was 'worrying doesn't change a thing'. This quote struck a chord with many of our peers as we realized that we all worry too much. Each group thoroughly enjoyed the day and left with many things to think and reflect upon. A special word of thanks to Ms. Burns and Ms. Macken who accompanied us on the trips.



TY ROME TRIP MAY 2017



VAKS VOLUNTEERS AT KNOCK SHRINE

By Michelle Grogan and Katie Ronayne

During last summer, a group of current fifth year students took part in the VAKS programme held in Knock Shrine. In order to take part, we had to attend two training days in June which equipped us with the skills we would need to volunteer. Some of the activities included First Aid, Sign Language and a Guided tour on the History of Knock.

Myself and Katie chose to volunteer at the weekend of the 29th of July to the 31st of July. We arrived at "The Hub" on the Friday evening and met up with the rest of the teenage volunteers. We all headed down to the hostel for the night. We spent the evening eating pizza, watching Netflix and making new friends.

On the Saturday morning, we all headed down to the shrine in our orange hoodies. In order to get to know our way around the shrine, we competed in a Treasure Hunt.

Afterwards, we finally began our duties helping the visitors and showing them to their desired locations. We handed out leaflets to the passer-by's and took part in a ceremony in the Basilica.

Vaks was a great opportunity and we heard and learnt a lot from all the inspiring stories we heard around the ground. Couldn't recommend this weekend enough to other JP2 participants. Good Night God Bless.



VAKS

By Jack Clooney

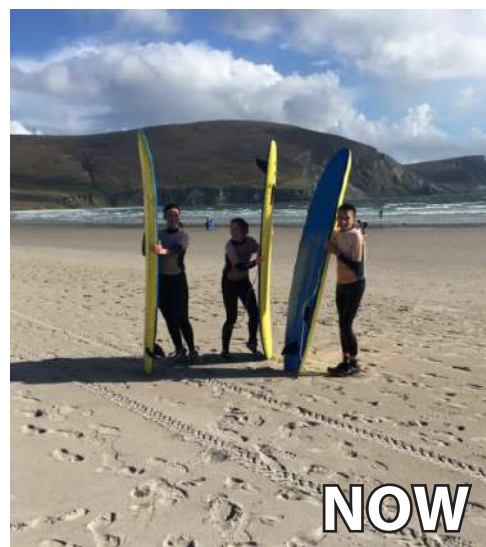
VAKS or 'Volunteer At Knock Shrine' is a beneficial and life-changing volunteer program open to TY and senior cycle students over the age of 16. As summer time approached I decided to take part in VAKS as a chance to try something new and form new friendships. For one or more weekends over the summer period while staying in a hostel in Knock, we helped out by assisting pilgrims at the shrine and helping at the various masses and ceremonies. The first two Sundays in June were our training days. Here we met other students from schools all over the diocese and enjoyed one of our first days in their company for the summer. Training included manual handling, first aid, learning about the story of Knock and a guided prayer session.

VAKS also gives us recognition for our voluntary hours for the John Paul 2 Award, many of the volunteers were completing. Involvement with VAKS also opened up many other opportunities, myself and several other volunteers from the assisted at the Knock Parish Summer Camp, the Annual Novena and the Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Knock.

Finally I would like to thank Knock Shrine and Siobhan Bradley Tuam Youth Ministry for organising this event.

FIFTH YEAR ACHILL EXCURSION

By Aislínn Tighe, Deirbhile Finn-Richardson, Shauna Lyons



On Wednesday, the 20th of September the fifth years, (minus Grace who was more interested in attending the ploughing!) trotted off to Achill to go on the annual 5th year bonding excursion. We embarked on this trip with great expectations of a blue skies and sunshine but let's face it we were still in Ireland.

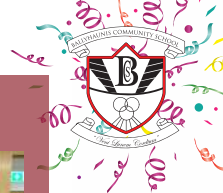
Within two hours of arrival someone... *cough* Jack *cough* had already experienced a close encounter with death as he drifted a little too far to the rocks for comfort during the coast-steering activity. To quote one of the heroic instructors who saved this poor soul "I'll never let go Jack".

During our time in Achill we also participated in activities such as surfing, bog walks and canoeing. Warning to next year 5th years that bus that drops you off at the start of the bog walk while it doesn't come back to collect you.

The evenings were also fun filled and the fifth years really bonded with the former T.Y.s. On one of the evening, everyone took part in a competition to create the best structure which could keep an egg safe when dropped from a height. Many groups infuriatingly cheated replacing their egg between rounds much to my personal despair (RIP Eggbert, the true winner).

We returned home to Ballyhaunis aching, exhausted and knowing a lot more about each other. Overall, the trip was a very worthwhile experience which would not have been possible without Mr. Ryan and Ms. Garvey who organised the trip.



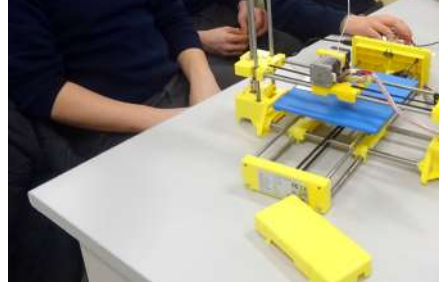


JCPA AWARDS



Congratulations to our 5th year/TY and LCA classes - (Junior Cert students in 2017) who received their JCPA awards. They are the first of our students to receive this award. As part of the Framework for Junior Cycle the reporting process now culminates in the award of the JCPA to students. It reports on student achievement across a board range of areas of learning. They are pictured with Mr David Mc Donagh and Mrs Aine Fallon.

OPEN EVENING





LCA

BACK ROW (L - R): RONAN SWANICK, KEVIN MCHUGH, MATTHUE MULLARKEY, ABDULLAH NOOR.

FRONT ROW (L - R): PATRICIA SOLOVYOVA, LAURA NYLAND, CHANTELE GLYNN.

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LCA ARTICLE

It was a busy year in English for LCA. They wrote their own original play which they performed for first years in December. The play was hosted by our very own Suzy Sparkles Aka Ronan and judged by Simon McHugh aka Kevin. A host of celebrity guests flew in for the performance. Michael Jackson aka Abdullah, Louise Hamilton aka Chantelle, Princess P aka Patricia, Conor McGregor aka Matthue, Old McDonald aka Laura and our Dancing Despacito Star Gabrielle.

As part of their English and Communications course the LCA class visited the Ballyhaunis Credit Union. Catherine Kilbride explained how the credit union works and gave the students a tour of the credit union building. The also visited the local library where Eleanor Freyne the librarian explained all the different services the library provides.

At the moment there is great excitement with the setup of LCA's own mini enterprise 'The Sweet Stop'. The business is going very well at the moment and they are hoping for a healthy profit out of this enterprise.



LCA ART



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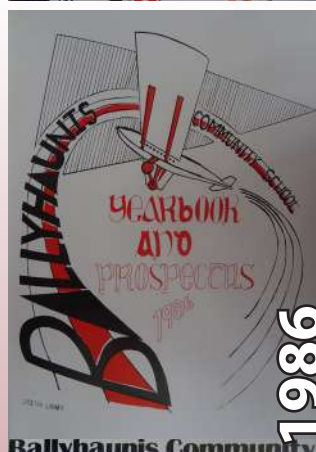
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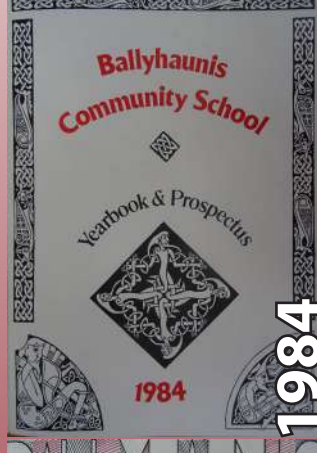
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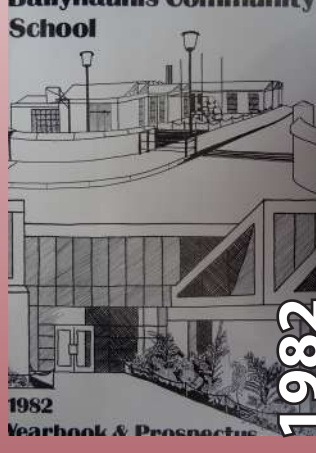
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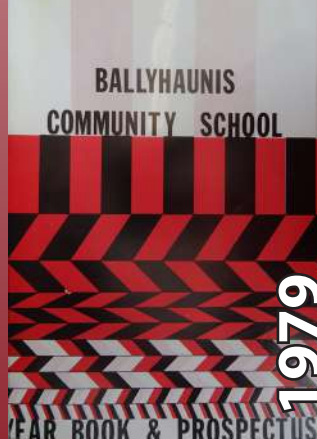
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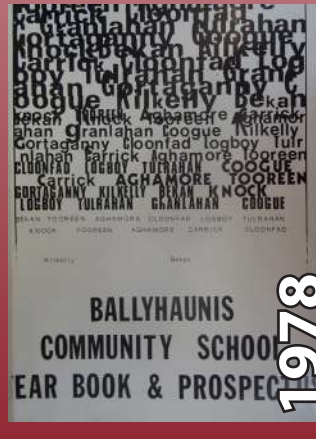
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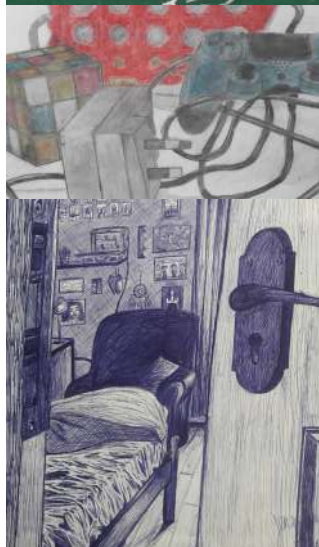
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Ursula Brady



Neil Carney



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Conal Caulfield



Maedhbh Caulfield



Patrick Caulfield



Kasey Clarke



Celia Conroy



Cillian Costello



Sadbh Cox



Jack Coyne



Enda Crawley



Barry Cribbin



David Cunnane



Alannah Dennehy



Ciaran Doherty



Hannah Doyle



Aine Duffy



Crystal Faye Faye Tan



Evan Fitzmaurice



Conor Fitzmaurice Doyle



Shauna Fleming



Conor Flynn



Gemma Foody



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Aaron Forde



Emer Forde



Seán óg Frayne



Derbhla Freeman



Michael Freyne



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Amy Greally



Dara Healy



Emma Heelan



Evan Henry



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David Hession



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Jack Higgins



Conor Hunt



Róisín Hussey



Adela Illichova



Adrianna Kelly



Sinead Kiely



Darragh Kilkenny



Jessica Klein



John Madden



Christina Kyan Manning



Luke Mannion



Shane McDermot



Róisín McLoughlin



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Jason Meehan



Amy Mulkeen



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Siofra Murray



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Brian Mthulisi Ncube



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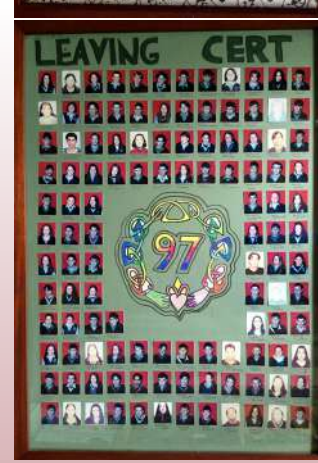
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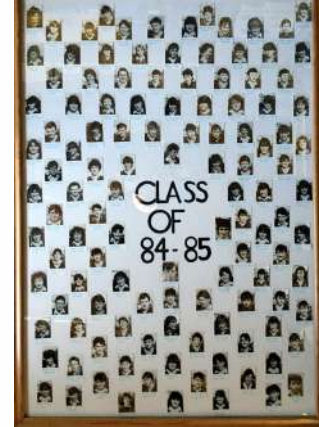
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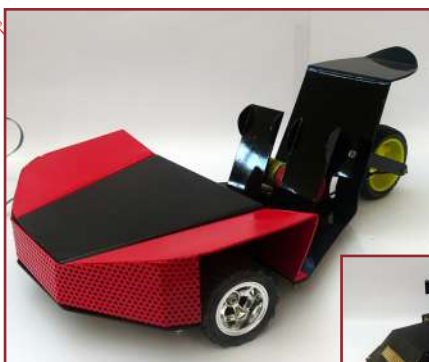


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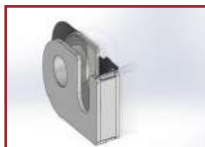


PAST GRADUATES

LEAVING CERT PROJECTS



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MENTORS

By O Macken

The Peer mentoring programme in our school allows senior students to act as positive role models for 1st year students. The mentors play an important role in helping 1st years to settle into our school community. This year's group did exactly this and much more, they showed maturity, leadership and took their role very serious. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Mooney for co-ordinating and facilitating the mentor programme this year. A big thank you to the mentors for giving of their time especially for the training day facilitated by Mr. Pat Murphy and for organising the 'Meet and Greet evening' last May.

This group of Mentors were successful in facilitating various activities during the 1st and 2nd terms for the first years as well as assisting the class tutors and yearheads, helping with organising lockers, breaktime and lunchtime supervision in the A as well as returning to school a day early to assist with the induction day and going with the 1st years to Esker Youth Village, Athenry on their 'Bonding Day' in November.

Well done to the following students who were Mentors this year: 6A John Madden, Brian Ncube, Evan Fitzmaurice, Sean Frayne, Lauren Walshe, Sinead Kiely, Dara Healy, Williams Ganley 6B David Cunnane, Keevan Murphy, Jack Higgins, Jade Cunnane, Kasey Clarke, Celia Conroy, Ursula Brady, Roisin McLoughlin. 6C David Rutkauskas, Noel Ward, Aine Duffy, Cait Phillips, Alannah Dennehy, Amy Mulkeen, Emma Nolan, Siofra Murray, Anna Naszkierska. 6D Jack Coyne, Jenny Gourlay, Amy Greally, Hannah Doyle, Laura Regan, Jessica Klein, Emer Forde, Roisin Cassidy.



SENIOR CAMOGIE



This year once again the ladies of Ballyhaunis Community School proved their brilliance at the game of camogie with the Senior Camogie reclaiming their title at the Mayo Camogie Blitz. The girls defeated the Sacred Heart School, Westport in a very exciting game in Castlebar. It was a huge team effort with each player showing great determination to win. All the hard work paid off when Amy Mulkeen lifted the cup.

BACK ROW (L - R): MOLLY CURRAN, AMY MULKEEN, ELLEN TENER, LILIAN KEANE, ERIN MURRAY, NIAMH DUFFY, CLODAGH WALDRON. **FRONT ROW (L - R):** ROISIN CASSIDY, JESSICA KLIEN, NIAMH GREALLY, CAOIMHE DELANEY, GRAINNE DELANEY, CLAIRE FLANAGAN.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Alannah Nolan



Congratulations to 6th year student Allannah Nolan who recently won a Boxing Gold medal at the All-Ireland U-18 open competition in the 81+KG weight category.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Annagh Rovers



Annagh rovers started off with a poor league campaign getting relegated from division 1. Then then went on to an east mayo East mayo final. Their season continued to improve with a County title won in McHale park against Ardnaree. They then won a Connacht title in the centre of excellence on a wet November night against Tusk Lord Edwards. It was a very successful year for Annagh rovers. The majority of players attend Ballyhaunis community school.

DEBS COMMITTEE



L - R: MICHAEL FRAYNE, ANNA NASZKIERSKA, ENDA CRAWLEY, AOIFE NOLAN, MAEDHBH CAULFIELD, LIAM HERR, KEEVEN MURPHY, DAVID CUNNANE.



PAST PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT



Past pupil of BCS, Rachel Lyons, is pictured receiving the prestigious James Massey Keegan Scholarship from the President of NUIG, Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh. The scholarship is received in recognition of her outstanding

Leaving Certificate results achieved at BCS. It is an immense credit to Rachel and her teachers and we are very proud of her accomplishments and wish her every success in the future.

PAST PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to Cathal Hosty who recently was presented with a JP McManus Scholarship Award in recognition of his outstanding LC Results. Well done to Cathal and all his teachers in BCS! Cathal also received an Entrance Exhibition Award from Trinity

College Dublin in recognition of his high performance in the LC Exams. This is a wonderful achievement and we congratulate Cathal and wish him well in his studies in TCD.

REPEATS



L - R: EOIN DELANEY, LAUREN CASSY, GRÁINNE ROBINSON, CORMAC PHILLIPS.

MUNICH

School Tour 2017- Munich/Salzburg

Our senior students enjoyed a fun filled 3 days in Germany and Austria for the bi-annual BCS school tour during the October mid-term break. Many thanks to Mrs Henry for organising this trip and Mr Noone/Mr Murray and Mr Ryan for accompanying the students.



THE SOUND OF MUSIC



LC Trip to 'The Sound of Music' in the Bord Gais, Dublin. December 21st.

BASKETBALL

By Mila Maciukaite and Sarah Gavin

The U19 lads lost a few players this year and although we have some good young players coming through Senior proved a bridge too far for them this year. They lost the first game against Davitt College, Castlebar despite major efforts from BCS and Deividas Rutkauskas in particular.

The lads had also played St.Tiernans, Crossmolina which ended 33-28. The lads were very unlucky to lose this game as it ended in a draw after the first 4 quarters and they lost in overtime. BCS also lost against Belmullet, a team who went onto an All-Ireland final.

It wasn't the best season for the senior boys at BCS but with our new facilities we hope to build on the solid base of young talent coming through to improve in the future. A special word for Deividas Rutkauskas who has not achieved success anywhere near what his talent and commitment to BCS basketball have deserved. Best of luck Deividas.



SENIOR BOYS SOCCER



BACK ROW: CONOR HUNT, CONOR FLYNN, JASON MEEHAN, JOHN MADDEN, DEAN MCGARRY, LUKE MANNION, DAVID HESSION, ENDA CRAWLEY, MICHAEL FREYNE, PATRICK CAULFIELD,
FRONT ROW: DARRAGH KILKENNY, IBRAHIM RAHMANI, LIAM LAVIN, DAVID CUNNANE, JACK COYNE, LIAM HERR, SEAN FRAYNE, AJ HAMZE, ZAYN RAHMANI

Our senior soccer side qualified for the Senior A Connaught Quarter Final after progressing from a very tough group containing Colaiste Chiaran (Athlone), Muiredachs (Ballina) and Colaiste na Coirbe (Galway). Victories over the latter two ensured we finished the league phase in second position. We performed heroically well in the quarter final against Connaught kingpins Summerhill College (Sligo) and were desperately unlucky to lose to late goal in extra time after the teams finished 2-2 in regular time with BCS having twice taken the lead. Overall it was a good season and bodes well for the

future with plenty of younger players playing for the senior side. Best performers throughout the season were Patrick Caulfield, Dean McGarry, Enda Crawley and David Hession.

SENIOR BOYS HURLING

The Senior boys hurling team competed in the Mayo Post Primary Schools Hurling competition this year. They started off the season with their first match against neighbours St Coleman's College Claremorris on 1st December in St.Coleman's College. This was a very impressive first game for Ballyhaunis CS as reflected in big victory for Ballyhaunis. They overcame Colman's with ease. The Ballyhaunis forwards displayed their skill and shooting accuracy. This match however was not just won by the accurate forwards. The domineering backline kept Coleman's far from our net, forcing them to take long range shots.



BACK ROW: KEEVAN MURPHY, JASON MEEHAN, JACK COYNE, ENDA CRAWLEY, CORMAC PHILLIPS, DIARMUID PHILLIPS, JAMES FRAYNE, LUKE WALSH, JACK DEEGAN, JACK ROYNANE, DAVID CUNNANE, EOIN DELANEY
FRONT ROW: CONOR KEANE, LIAM LAVIN, CIARAN DOHERTY, RYAN KEADIN, DECLAN HENRY, OISÍN GREALLY, EIMHIM CONBOY, CONAL HESSION, SÉAN ÓG FRAYNE, DANIEL COYNE, DANIEL HILL

The lads had their second match against Ballygar in the Connacht league on Thursday 6th December. This was undoubtedly a very tough encounter for Ballyhaunis, as Ballygar were quick and skilful. The Ballyhaunis team, from goalkeeper to full forward line, worked tirelessly but unfortunately Ballygar won the game.

The next match in the Connacht league for the lads was against Roscommon CBS in the centre of Excellence. The lads got off to a good start with the forwards showing great skill and accuracy again. Unfortunately Roscommon CBS were too much for Ballyhaunis and they conceded the match.

It was a mixed season for the Senior Hurling boys but they gave a really good account of themselves at all times throughout the year.



SENIOR BOYS GAEILIC

By Niamh O'Neill

This year the senior boys were competing in Connaught Division C. They had a strong panel and started off their year competing in the Flanagan Cup that took place in the Centre of Excellence. They had two games on the day, starting with Belmullet who the Ballyhaunis lads beat comfortably. They then played Balla in their second game who they also overcame, making them the Flanagan Cup champions for the 2nd time in a row. On a winning streak the Senior boys then started off their championship. Their first game was away to Mount Bellew. The boys were slow to start as they had not contested in a competitive game since their win in Began, but when they got going there was no stopping them. Mount Bellew were no match for Ballyhaunis. An impressive display of talent was shown all over the field.

Next the senior boys faced old rivals Glenamaddy. Again, an impressive performance was on show from the lads. The end score in this game was: Ballyhaunis 1-14 Glenamaddy 1-6.

Another comfortable win meant the boys had landed themselves in a Connaught Semi-Final. After playing such few games the lads were only starting to get into their stride, but their opponents, St.Killians of Athlone, would be tough competition.

Ballyhaunis displayed some good football on the day of the Semi-Final, actually outscoring St.Killians 13-11. However 5 of St.Killians scores happened to be goals, which meant they ended up on top at the end of the game. They then went on to win the All Ireland. A disappointing end to a great year from the Ballyhaunis Senior Boys football team. Special thanks goes to Mr Wooley and Mr Mitchell for their work with the team throughout the year.



BACK ROW: CONOR FITZMAURICE, SHANE GLYNN, LUKE WALSH, ENDA CRAWLEY, JOHN MADDEN, JACK COYNE, KEEVAN MURPHY, LUKE MANNION, CONOR FLYNN, PATRICK CAULFIELD, NEIL CARNEY, EVAN GODFREY, JOE MURPHY. **FRONT ROW:** SEAN ÓG FRAYNE, DEAN MCGARRY, LIAM LAVIN, DAVID HESSION, ETHAN OWENS, JACK HIGGINS, DAVID CUNNANE, JASON MEEHAN, RYAN KEADIN, CONOR KEANE. **MISSING FROM PHOTO:** CORMAC PHILLIPS, CONOR HUNT, JAMES FRAYNE, JACK RONAYNE, WILLIAMS GANLEY, MICHAEL FREYNE, LIAM HERR.

YEARBOOK EDITORS MESSAGE

M. Ginty

The yearbook can be a daunting task for all teachers and students involved. The task this year was made much easier because of the tireless efforts of the TY classes. Their enthusiasm for work and ability to carry it out was a breath of fresh air for an editor. The task was also eased by the addition of Ms. Garvey to the team.

So, first of all I would like to thanks Ms. Garvey and the TY class for their efforts in getting this major school publication to print. Fr. Steven Farragher is the next person I have to thank. The amount of time he gives up to come to the school to take and edit photos cannot be underestimated. It was not just the TY students, Ms. Garvey and I that made this publication possible. The input of a huge number of other staff and students must also be recognised. I would particularly like to thank, Mr. McGarry, Ms. Macken, Mr. McDonagh, Ms. Morrison, Ms. Murray, Ms. Glavey and Ms. Fallon. I would also like to thank Berry Printing for their hard work and professionalism in putting together this publication. Sean McCormack and Laurie Concannon deserve great praise for making the publication look so well. Finally I would like to wish all Leaving and Junior Certificate students the best of luck in their exams.

SENIOR GIRLS GAELIC

By James Frayne, Liam Lavin and Niamh Smith



The Senior Girls first day out was against St Joseph's of Castlebar. Our girls put in a big performance on the day but were unable to beat the strong Castlebar side.

Our second and final game was against Foxford Secondary school and our girls knew they were in for a tough match, missing a lot of Leaving Cert players. The Ballyhaunis side were eager to go and were ready to step up to plate knowing that their season depended on the result of this game. Our girls had made a great start scoring 1-1 in the first five minutes and were keeping the pressure on, but Foxford were not long responding scoring point after point.

At half time it was still anyone's game after Aoife Conway making some vital saves. Fiona Crawley was having a superb game in centre back but had to fall back to mind the house in the second half when playing against the wind. Foxford scored three goals putting them twelve points up, but our girls weren't phased by the challenge ahead. Adrianna Kelly put in a powerful performance in the second half and proved herself as a real leader of the team. Unfortunately, our girls just fell short on the day which cut the girls championship short. But none the less was a very exciting year.

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1. Aoibinn & Liam Herr
2. David Cunnane
3. Evan Henry
4. Shauna Fleming
5. Evan Henry, Cormac Phillips, Cian Henry & Eamonn Phillips

6. Jessica Klein
7. Shauna Fleming
8. Evan Henry
9. Williams Ganley
10. Evan Fitzmaurice

11. Áine Duffy
12. Evan Godfrey
13. Emer Forde

AWARDS

Best Smile

Enda Crawley & Ciara O'Grady

Hairdo

Brian Ncube & Anna Naszkierska

Babe of the Year

Jack Coyne & Niamh Foody

Biggest Flirt

David Hession & Aoibheann Gallagher

Class Clown

Keegan Murphy & Cait Philips

Rear of the Year

Keegan Murphy & Orna Hession

Gym Rat

Isaac Oladipupo & Alannah Nolan

Musician

Evan Fitzmaurice & Siofra Murray

Sportsperson

Jack Coyne & Shauna Fleming

Legs 11

Aaron Forde & Hannah Doyle

Scanner of the Year

Dylan Raleigh & Emma Nolan

Drama Queen / King

David Hession & Adriannah Kelly

Sesh Queen / King

Rory Bowens & Aibhinn Herr

First to make a Million

Alan Glynn & Jessica Klein

First to drop out

Evan Henry & Adrianna Kelly

Win lotto Lose ticket

Michael Frayne & Gemma Foody

Best Bromance / Sister Act

Dylan Raleigh, Shane McDermott, Jason Reidy, Gemma & Niamh Foody

Most likely to become President

Aran Rattigan & Jessica Klein

Couple of the Year

Evan Henry & Alannah Dennehy, Enda Crawley & Shauna Fleming, William Ganley & Jenny Gourlay

Soundest Overall

Sean Frayne & Cait Philips



LEAVING CERYT MEMORY LANE

"It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end".

School journeys are different for every student. Some are centred around sport; some music; some friendships and of course academia. None of us had the exact same journey but we think it's safe to say we all had a good one together.

We entered the school fresh from our sixth-class days, full of confidence and enthusiasm. Without a doubt our big personas couldn't fill out our huge uniforms, but we didn't let the weight of our school bags drag us down. Our confidence paid off as our talents flourished in the annual First Year Talent Show and new-found talent was seen in the Skipathon. Teams were formed, and clubs were joined while friendships were being made all the while. The theme of our year group was always smashing... literally! Eoin O'Boyle kicked it off when he ran head first into the D area window. First year relationships blossomed back in the day when snapchat streaks didn't exist but none have lasted the full length unfortunately! We ended the year on a high with a school tour to Westport, where fencing skills were developed and our agility was tested.

Second Year came along and everyone grew taller, some more than others! The lads moved to the B area and the girls to the C area. As per usual, the girls tormented the science teachers by hiding in the toilets after every match and every training session possible, while the lads got up to their usual mischief. We'd better leave that undisclosed for privacy reasons.

As Third Year loomed, working hard and studying became a regular thing... for some! The highlighters were out as the teachers terrified us with a mountain load of revision and speeches about how the Junior Cert would shape our futures. During the year we went on the much anticipated retreat to Ballintubber Abbey. It was a brilliant day which included the lads getting covered in muck, before we even set foot in the bog. Of course, we had the few sport stars skipping every class possible throughout the year to further their athletic endeavours much to Mr Murray's discontent.

While us Junior Certs were working away, the TY's that would, the following year become our classmates were busy enjoying themselves.

We in TY had enjoyed the first few weeks of awkward bonding, dressing people up in bin bags and other recyclable materials as you do, and had endured the relentless mantra of "You get out of it, what you put in". Killary was our first adventure and after a few broken windows, sinks and of course the odd nosebleed from our newcomer Seán, we soon got to know each other very well. At this moment we pause to remember our dear friend Pinchy, who acted as our TY mascot for only a fiver from Supervalu... May he rest in watery peace. Our next endeavour was our five-star musical production of "Popstars". While some of us were busy with Genie in a bottle, the rest of the class were intensely practicing MC Hammer "You can't touch this". Needless to say, Broadway was asking for us afterwards. We enjoyed many a night together, December 17th will never be forgotten, and enjoyed many a guest speaker. Paddy Dunne need I say more? From emotional horse riding experiences, to the intense Sport Leadership run by poor Deirdre and all Ireland wins in both Internet Safety and Scór na nÓg, the year was successful to say the least. We had John and Luke racing up Croagh Patrick, and AVG walking the run-way for Junk Kouture in a dress handmade and designed by Meadhbh and Jade. We experienced a dramatic drill incident with Mr Quinn, with the tragic loss of some long locks... But at least the Traffic in Drumshambo wasn't too bad ladies!

Without a doubt, the highlight of the year was our trip to Rome. With Shakira and Cher on duty, we were already on a winner. The first day proved eventful with a few students getting lost





in the Vatican while the rest of the group tried to find the Sistine chapel. Truth or Dare was intense as a few shots were fired and Daz decided to start jumping balconies. We really enjoyed seeing the beautiful sights of Rome, taking all our touristy pictures and finishing on a high in Rainbow Wonderland Park while also sneaking a visit to Calvin Klein across the road.

As Fifth Year rolled around we lost some of our former peers but gained 24 new students who were obviously at the height of maturity after TY. Needless to say we bonded instantly. We all headed off on the annual trip to Achill with Mr Murray, Mr Noone and Ms Keane. Us former Junior Certs received our results. Celebrations in Achill were different to those in Cartown to say the least, but proved to be just as dramatic. Friendships were formed and romances blossomed in the ball alley, which led to two certain people arriving back to the centre....20 minutes late! Fashionably late as always Áine! The window breaking tradition was continued with this time Keegan breaking the window of the girl's dorms.

As we settled back into the school regime, we collectively as a year group decided on something, to never ever ever respond in class. We all know how much the teachers love hearing our deafening silence when they ask us a question... I think we're just a little shy Ms Fallon, sorry! We had a few switch ups of subject choices and a few additions to the year group but we all managed to get on with things. We chugged along, surviving for the few 18ths that would pop up along the way until eventually the summer was upon us.

And then all of a sudden after a well enjoyed summer, we were finally the Top Dogs of the school (although some first years were still taller than us). Sixth Year began with more study than ever, but we still took every opportunity to have some fun. We said goodbye to the old assembly area, not before Dylan got another chance to break a window. During October Mid-Term group of us jetted off to Munich where Mr Murray entertained all with his dance moves while Ms Keane outdid us all with "Bring Sally Up". Before Christmas, Ms Glavey took the LC music class on a well-deserved day out to Dublin to 'The Sound of Music', where Evan Fitz and Joe draw attention to the group by making animal noises out the window of the bus. Mocks came and went and we all celebrated their end. Mid Term was marked by Cait's surprise 18th. The Orals came and went quicker than anticipated and now here we are. The final homestretch before the big LC.

And so, that brings us up to now as we conclude our memories at BCS. Our years spent here were full of laughs and fun, ups and down. Our time at BCS has been a whirlwind of adventures, from the day we started as squeaky clean First Years, to today, as we prepare to leave as young adults, at least some of us. We have gained students and of course lost them, each and everyone them impacting our stories here at BCS. Our time here will forever be in our memories. Here's to the last month!



