

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome once again to the annual Ballyhaunis Community School Yearbook. As always, we have attempted to capture the mood and the spirit of the past academic year so that the collection of articles contained within can exist as a chronicle of the times we live in. And there is no doubt that we live in extraordinary times. The Covid-19 Global Pandemic has changed the way we live our lives and has had a very significant impact on education. Our fervent hope is that the worst is behind us and we look forward to brighter days ahead when we can return to the carefree existence that we perhaps took for granted in times gone by.



As I sit here gathering my thoughts on a bright, warm and sunny evening in April the cold, dark days of January seem like an age ago. The return to school after the Christmas break was scheduled for January 6th but of course that could not happen. The Covid-19 virus exploited the opportunities afforded it by families and friends coming together to celebrate the most special time of the year. There has been much commentary about this and the role played by young people in facilitating the exponential growth of the virus. However, such a narrative is unfair I feel. From my experience our young people have played a huge role in suppressing the virus. From their observance of personal hygiene measures to their co-operation with travel and social restrictions they have done as much as any sector in society. One must also remember that social interactions are a necessary and fundamental feature of growing up. Children and teenagers require social contact perhaps more than any other group. On that basis I wish to thank all our young people for the extraordinary sacrifices they have made in the past 12 months.

It is also important to pay tribute to those front-line workers in our hospitals and care homes who have done so much in the last year to care for our loved ones. They went about their duties with a selflessness that was truly admirable. There is no doubt they had to operate frequently in trying circumstances but the commitment and care they displayed demonstrated the very best of Irish society. We are particularly proud of those who are past students of BCS. Each year many of our students embark on studies in Medicine and Nursing. I sincerely hope for their sake that the increased regard we have for all healthcare workers sustains long after Covid-19 is consigned to the history books.

As a result of the emergence of the virus in the new year the reopening of schools was just not possible in January. We therefore, once again, embarked on another period of "Distance Learning". I wish to congratulate all members of the school community for their commitment and work-rate in the "virtual space". People's willingness to engage online did so much to mitigate the impact of school closures. Many hours were spent on MS Teams engaging with live classes, recorded classes or simply receiving and returning assignments. Although the work was valuable and worthwhile everyone would agree that it was a poor substitution for the classroom environment. Consequently, there were smiles all round in March and April when students returned to school. There were some very real concerns surrounding people's health but overall everyone was relieved to take a small step back towards normality. I sincerely hope that we have seen the last of school closures. The experience wasn't all negative however. The digital skills honed by both teachers and students over the past 12 months will stand everyone in good stead going forward and will hopefully have a lasting influence on Teaching & Learning.

Despite all the challenges alluded to above BCS thankfully continues to flourish. This year our student population numbered 650 and that is to increase by another 50 in the next academic year. However, we do not measure our success by student numbers. Student attainment and wellbeing are far more indicative and we feel our growing numbers are a reflection of our success in these areas. It is not something however we take for granted. We are constantly looking to improve and new challenges are constantly presenting themselves. I am confident that with the calibre of people, both students and staff, associated with BCS we will continue to meet those challenges head on in the years to come.

I want to pay tribute to Mr. Ginty for his hard work in compiling this excellent publication. This is a difficult task at the best of times but this year he once again had to contend with the global pandemic which greatly complicated matters. But, as always, he rose to the challenge and I wish to commend him for his efforts once again. He was 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 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. I sincerely hope the values and wisdom they have acquired here will sustain them in whatever challenges they may face in the years ahead.

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CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Claire Lawless, Nicola Nolan, Grainne Glavey, Geraldine Finn, Karen Moran and Micheal Ginty on the births of their babies this year. Congratulations to Michelle Howley and Karen Moran on getting married this year.



Saorlaoith Ginty



Vivienne Moran



Katie Walsh



Finn Lawless



Cillian Murphy



Michelle Howley
and Wesley Kelly

A WORD FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Ms Caroline Burns

As we come to the end of a uniquely challenging year for everyone in the world, it's time to stop and reflect on the many trials we have faced and the ways in which we have met them. Since we first heard of Covid-19 arriving in Ireland, life has changed in so many ways for us. Now, we wear masks in public, keep 2 metres apart from each other, and wash our hands many times a day. It's easy to feel sad and anxious about what the virus has taken away from us, but it's also important to balance out our thoughts with what we have been given this year. More time with our families, new skills with computers and distance learning, a simpler, quieter way of life. All of these things have been part of our life experience this year. We have been challenged, and that can be difficult, but it can also be exciting and motivating. Undoubtedly, many new challenges lie ahead. That is what life is about. How we face them is up to us, but we should never forget that we are not alone. We have each other and we have God.

Should we be optimistic or pessimistic in facing these challenges? My advice is to be optimistic – it feels better! It's to do with having hope, and faith, and confidence. It's about acknowledging that you can't control everything that is going on around you, but you can control how you are going to deal with it. The difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is how you use them.

My prayer for you all this year is that you will be optimistic: that you will find good things in all of life's experiences, the challenges as well as the good times. As a school community, Covid-19 may have kept us apart in body, but it did not keep us apart in spirit. In fact, there are so many wonderful ways that we have come closer together this year, despite the challenges we have faced (or maybe even because of them). Well done for facing all of the challenges life had given you this year. You will be stronger for experiencing them. Remember that life is a journey with many ups and downs and it is to be enjoyed. So, let's look to the future with optimism. Together, we are strong. Together, we stand up to the challenges of life with hope, faith, and confidence.



A Muslim Prayer for Studying

Oh Allah! I entrust you with what I have read and I have studied. Oh Allah! Bring it back to me when I am in need of it. Oh Allah! You do whatever you wish, you are my availer and protector and the best of aid.

Prayer for Calm at Exam Time

Lord, calm my fear at exam time. Help my strained memory in times of doubt. Help my tired hand write it all down. Let the work I have done stand to me today. Do not allow what remains undone to undermine my courage. Help me to make the best of my knowledge. You have a loving plan for my whole life. Whatever the outcome, exams are a part of this. Let your will be done, and may all I do lead to you.
Amen

In November We Remember

There is a traditional saying that in 'November We Remember' which means that at this time of year, when the shadows lengthen, the days grow short, the cold wind starts to blow, and the leaves begin to fall from the trees, we think of those people who we have lost, those friends and family that have passed from this world and gone to heaven to be with God in peace. Although we can no longer see them, touch their hand, smell their hair, or hear their voice, they live on in our memory and in our hearts.



In November 2020, we remembered those of our school community - friends, family members, and colleagues - who passed away this year. We reflected on their lives with love and respect. The sacred space was a special place to pause and remember our dearly departed loved ones. A special PowerPoint presentation was made available for all classes to watch and listen to. The great respect shown during these presentations was a sign of the togetherness of our wonderful school community.

May we always recognise the power of love in our lives. May we always remember that we are never alone, that we are always connected to others past and present with the eternal rhythm of the God of the universe.

Ms Caroline Burns

1ST YEAR



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CREATIVE WRITING

The Diamond Heist

by Fionn Kilbride 1C

It was a cold and gloomy night. The wind was howling. The rain was pouring and the occasional strike of thunder and lightning really made this one of the worst nights this year. It was 1am on that awful Wednesday night in New York. Bad for the everyday person but not for our thieves. For them the weather could not have been any more perfect. Now I bet your wondering what kind of plan they have for tonight to make this weather perfect. Well, I'm about to tell you now. They had been planning out this heist for over 4 months. They had planned out everything perfectly. They had a layout of the house, escape plan and a getaway ride (just incase). Nothing could go wrong. Or so they thought.

So, who are these fine gentlemen I hear you asking? Well, our first one is named James. Hes a 16-year-old boy. Hes got brown hair, blue eyes and is always smiling. Hes creative, clumsy and a bit childish. Noah on the other hand, was the absolute opposite. Hes 17, Has black hair and brown eyes and is a good bit shorter than his brother. A little tip, if you EVER see him smiling, RUN. Hes also stealthy, talented and a bit of a kill joy. So, James and Noah don't always get along, but I think that will make this story even better. So, I bet you're all here for a long story of epic crime pulled off by our amazing duo, but I'm just going to skip to when they are inside the vault because I'm tired and want to rap this up but I will give you a recap of what the journey trying to come inside was like. Find tree, climb tree, use tree to jump over electric fence. Climb in a window. Knock out the guards. Use a crowbar to jimmy the bedroom door open. Sneak in. Grab the key. Sneak back out and then finally head to the safe. And now here we are. So, let's see how they are getting on. "Ahh Bro, the alarm is going off" said James. "I KNOW JUST HELP ME PUT THE DIAMONDS IN THE BAG YOU USELESS MORON" said Noah angrily. "If you hadn't had walked through the lasers like I told you not to then maybe they wouldn't be going off". "Sorry, I didn't see them" said James. "OF COURSE YOU DIDNT SEE THEM THEY ARE LASERS" said Noah panicky stuffing his bag full of diamonds. They could hear the guards trying to sprint down the stairs. "Okay that's enough lets go" said Noah "Now hand me the Dynamite and the match and let's blow ourselves out of here. "Okay here's the dynamite" said James throwing the Bomb to his brother. "Okay and here's the.... Oh no. "James, what do you mean by Oh No" said Noah worriedly. "Umm the match.....it got soaked in the rain". "ITS GOT WHAT". "Sorry, could you not hear me, I said it go" said James before getting shouted at by his brother. "I HEARED WHAT YOU SAID" said Noah. So yeah, this is a kind of sticky situation that our duo is in and I bet your wondering what happened. They. Got. Arrested, they got arrested. And yes. Noah hated James for the rest of his life. But this is only the beginning for Noah And James. The King of Thieves.

The End.

Oh god is this gonna be embarrassing... Now behold my terrible writing skills!

An excerpt from a piece by Ellena Coffey 1C

"Hey, how much is this?" a girl, called Hylia asked pointing at a watch in a jewellery stand. She was a plain-looking girl, nothing interesting about her and could easily blend into the crowd. She had long, shiny black hair that went past her shoulders. She was wearing a green turtleneck top and beige trousers.

"Twenty euro" the cashier replied. He looked tired and looked to be around twenty years old. Probably a college student.

"Thanks!" Hylia mumbled back, trying not to give the grumpy cashier a bigger headache. She took the watch and continued shopping.

Not long after, she went over to the grumpy cashier, and place all of the desired items on the counter top. There was a floral-patterned curtain and a navy curtain, some worn-out tops and trousers and a Demin Jacket. Hylia loved sewing and creating, she would go to the charity shop to find new treasures and turn them into fashionable items she can sell or wear. She got her materials and were supporting good causes; it was a win-win situation!

She finally left the charming looking shop, much to the delight of the cashier and walked home with two bags of supplies. Hylia walked to the door, putting a bag down on the ground to open the door except for this time as soon as she touched the door handle, she felt a tugging in her stomach, something wasn't right. She shook

the feeling off, it probably was nothing and she was overreacting, but that didn't ease the nagging feeling in the back of her mind. She walked inside the hallway to be greeted by a cold atmosphere, it was gloomy and dark unlike the house she was used to.

"I-I'm home!" She stuttered out, she was expecting to be embraced by her mother's warm hug, as she walked further into the house and went to the kitchen. Her mother was always in the kitchen, she loved baking. The woman had a small at-home bakery. She would get orders online, bake them, then she would drop them off to the customer or they would pick them up. But there was no warm hug. Instead, she was greeted by a messy kitchen, Icing sugar was dusted over the marble counter-top and there were dirty dishes in the sink and cake tins beside the cooling rack.

"What happened?"

Hylia was sitting at her desk in her room sewing a colourful looking jacket with black buttons. Her room was painted a light dusty blue and had a single sized bed with fairy lights going around the room, her desk was cluttered with sketchbooks, sewing pins and scraps of fabric. She had called her mother multiple times, but it went straight to voice mail. She had cleaned the kitchen and completed her weekend homework. She was making a gift for her mother for Mother's Day, it was going to be a colourful apron with her bakery logo embroidered on it, she was also making a jacket to go with it when she was delivering. She wanted it to be special after everything she has done for her, she was not expecting a knock at the door. She nearly had a heart attack. She soon composed herself and looked out the window, it was the police. What? The nagging feeling in her stomach had returned but it was more prominent.

"Hello?" Hylia questioned.

"Is this Hylia Windsor?" A man asked, his voice was deep but soft, he had another woman by his side, both wearing police gear, and both looked at her with great pity.

"Yes..." she answered hesitantly.

"Sorry miss but your mother was in a car crash, she is currently at the hospital." She woman said, not sugar-coating the situation, sometimes, beating around the bush just makes things worse.

Hylia felt her world crumbling around her. She wasn't expecting this. She was scared, her mother was all she had. She would have to go to foster-care depending on how long it takes for her to recover. She tried to say something, but she couldn't, the words wouldn't come out.

"Do you want to go see her now or tomorrow morning?" She asked breaking Hylia out of her trance.

"Now, please" she whispered, she feared that if she said too much, she would unleash the tsunami of emotion. She grabbed her phone and a spare change of clothes in a small bag. She walked out with the police officer and woman. She looked back at her home knowing it would be the last time she would see it for a long time.

Hylia sat there in the waiting room, dreading the news that was coming about her mom.

'She will be fine' She told herself. She thought the more she said that the more she will believe it. She will believe that her mother and her would walk out of the hospital, unharmed and continue with life. She knew that wouldn't be the case. If her mother had to be at the hospital she would have to go into foster care. She couldn't stay at the hospital. A nice nurse walked by and offered her a coffee. The nurse took pity on the girl, she knew her situation and knew that her future wasn't looking bright.

A tall doctor came up to Hylia with a crestfallen expression.

"I don't think she'll make it through the night." He stated bluntly. Hylia felt her heart stop. She looked down and whispered "Thank you, Doctor" She felt hot, wet tears stream down her face. The doctor left after leaving a reassuring pat on her shoulder. She stood there as people rushed by around her, the noise flooding her ears, but she didn't notice. She ran through the crowd not even looking up to where she was going, the noise got louder but they fell upon deaf ears as she ran to the restroom. She ran into the nearest bathroom stall and slammed the door. She dropped to the ground and wept. Hugging her knees to try and get some source of comfort. She heard the bathroom door open softly and close with a quiet click.

"Hylia?" a quiet voice rang out, Hylia's breath hitched. The person knocked at the stall door she was hiding behind. "Hylia can you please come out?" the voice said. With a soft click the stall opened and Hylia saw a nurse, she was a bit taller than Hylia, had strawberry-blonde hair that was tied neatly into a bun and had a gentle expression on her face. "Hylia..." she started, wording a sentence in her head. "Do you want to say goodbye?" The nurse asked. That was all it took for her to break down again.

DISTANCE LEARNING - 1ST YEAR ART



Some lovely Artwork on the topic of 'Perspective Drawing' from our 1st Year students. Well done everyone.

HOME EC FROM HOME

Each week since the 11th of January 2021, the Home Economics Department has posted various Practical Assignments for the students to keep their skills sharp and to encourage creativity and of course for them to have some fun. There has been an over-whelming response among our students. Part of their submission online included uploading the step by step stages they took to prepare, cook and serve their dishes for each recipe. They really exceled and we were very proud of them.



CONNECTIONS



Connections' was a collaboration between Mayo County Council, Ballyhaunis Community School and the local Community Garda. The project hoped to, in a small way, reach out to those living alone and perhaps feeling isolated in pandemic times.



Every generation is suffering due to Covid , we all feel its effects in different ways. The 2nd year art students wrote letters to older members of their community, sharing with them their feelings on how their lives have changed in recent times. The students also tried to reach out and imagine how life must feel for the elderly living alone and sometimes separated from their families. Ballyhaunis Community School celebrates diversity within its classrooms, many of the students can empathise with separation from family as many of them have left their extended families in their native countries.

The students created handmade Christmas cards to accompany their letters, they used mixed media including lino printing, pointillism and painting. Garda Maureen Flynn collected the cards and personally delivered them to the recipients.

2ND YEAR



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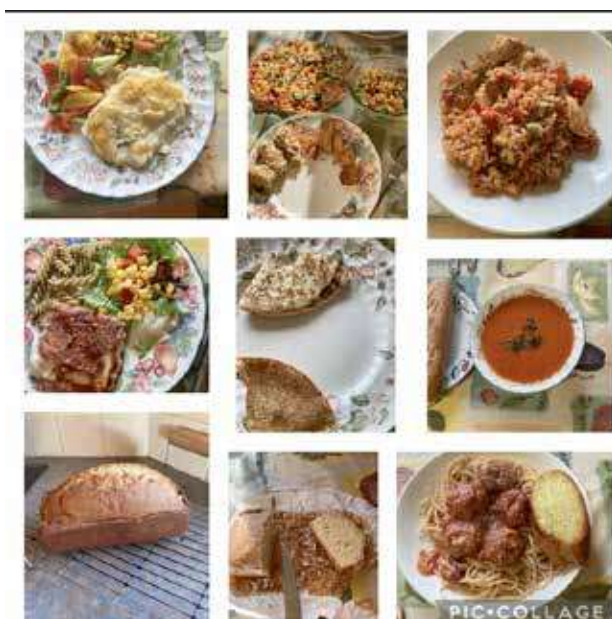
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HOME EC FROM HOME



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Student Perspective On The Coronavirus: One Year On

Anna Murray

One whole year has passed since the Covid 19 pandemic shut the country down, and life has changed drastically for us all since then.

No one was quite sure what we were supposed to expect when we finally came back to in person school. And once we did, it was still really different to how things were before the first lockdown.

But like how we had to adapt to online learning during the first lockdown last year, we just had to adapt to being in person again. It wasn't easy – for a while, a lot of us were scared of getting the virus ourselves. It was definitely an understandable fear – after all, most of us had gone from March to September seeing very few people, and then we were sent back into the school with hundreds of other people.

Many people were expecting another lockdown, just like March 2020. And as it turned out, those people were right. At the beginning of January 2021, it was announced that we would not be returning to school on January 6th as planned.

That was the start of another few months of online learning. This time was different to the last one though – as well as assignments, we also had calls over Teams for our classes, which was different to before.

Calls gave the day a little more structure, and it felt a little more like actual school than the last time did. We definitely had more free time during the day during lockdown one – there was no watching the clock and waiting for calls. But the calls did have their positives – it was nice to hear other people's voices aside from just the people we live with, and it felt less like we were teaching ourselves the coursework, which made work a little less stressful.

We were all still stressed about school anyways, especially considering the uncertainty surrounding our exams. So, when the Junior Cert was cancelled, it took a weight off my shoulders. I'm sure third year students all across the country felt the same sort of relief. After missing so much school between this year and the last, stress regarding the Junior Cert had only intensified. Of course, we still have a lot to do to get our final result for these last three years of secondary school. But the light is at the end of the tunnel for us third years, and I for one am glad to see it.

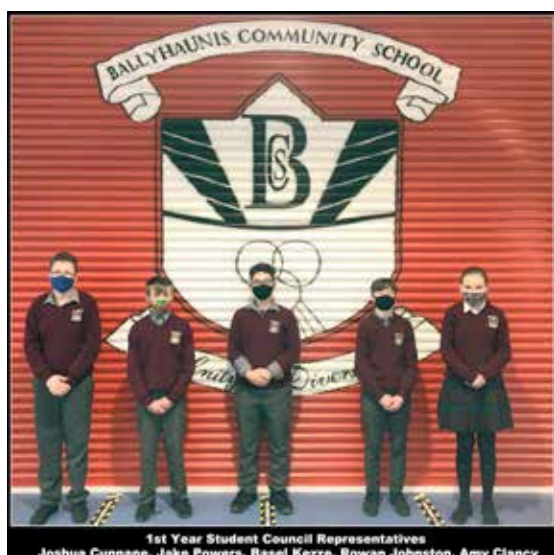
As I sign off on this piece, I hope that there will be no need for a third part of a student's perspective of the coronavirus by this time next year.

2020/21 BCS STUDENT COUNCIL



A students council, comprising of a number of students from each year, serves to represent student views, organise cultural activities within the school and affords all, especially the students involved, the opportunity of developing leadership skills. Class groups are afforded the opportunity to meet regularly with their representative to the council.

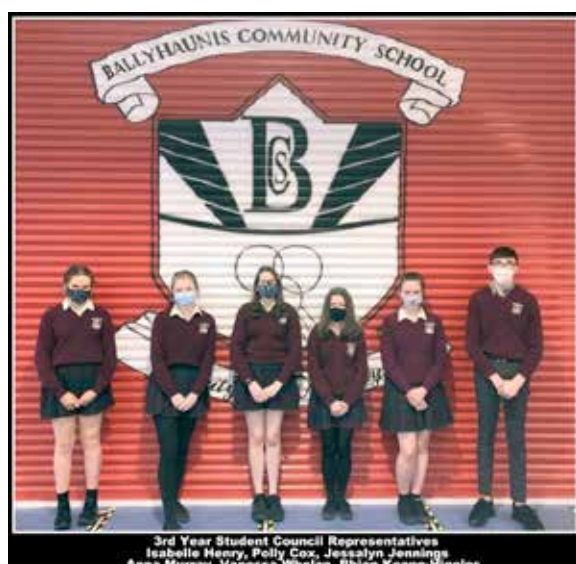
Executive Committee



1st Year Student Council Reps



2nd Year Student Council Reps



3rd Year Student Council Reps



TY Student Council Rep



6th Year Student Council Reps



LCA Student Council Reps

Christmas Jumper Day

Lots of laughs around BCS on the Friday before Christmas for our annual Christmas Jumper Day. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our fundraiser for the LauraLynn Hospice.



Christmas Lockers

The teachers at BCS got into the Christmas spirit with their locker decoration challenge. Well done to everyone who participated, some very creative designs!



Walk in my shoes

'Don't judge a person until you have walked a mile in their shoes'

Some amazing artwork from BCS students supporting the 'Walk In My Shoes' mental health and awareness campaign.



'Unfold Your Strength'

Annual Artwork Installation

Every year during the preparations for Wellness Week, the whole school takes one class out to help create a collaborative art display. This year, our theme for the week was **'Unfold Your Strength'**. The idea in developing the artwork is that each member of our school community prepares his or her own small part and, when all of the pieces are assembled, we have a piece of artwork that is both inspiring and greater than the sum of its parts. All students and members of staff were invited to make a small origami pigeon. These were then collected by our TY students, who, with great patience, tied the hundreds of birds to hula hoops that had been carefully painted by our LCA students. The crucial step of hoisting the mobiles up to the ceiling was carried out by Gerry Glavey. Now the beautiful origami mobiles that resulted from this project are proudly suspended from the ceiling in the assembly area.

Thoughts of one teacher about the process:

'When I made the final fold of my pigeon, I looked at the specimen I had created and wondered if I had done it correctly at all. It didn't look exactly the same as the one on the video. But then I looked around the class I had at the time – 1A as it happens – and I realised that while we had all clearly made a collection of birds, no two birds were exactly the same. They were all handmade, with slightly different folds from one artist to the next. But they all looked perfectly sound.'



And that made me wonder, did everyone else consider their pigeon to be the imperfect one, until they looked around and saw that none of the pigeons were perfect, and yet they were **all perfectly fine in their own way**. Now that they have been assembled, in the assembly area, appropriately, we see the impact they have as a group, - like starlings in a murmuration. We see no imperfections, just an impressive display to enjoy.'

Wellness Week





Wellness Week



pictured are Members of the Wellness Committee Greeting our main guest speaker Laurita Blewitt. **Left to right:** Orla Phillips, David McDonagh, Orla Macken, Cillian McDermott Cunningham, Laurita Blewitt and Padraig Shannon

One of the highlights of this unusual school year was Wellness Week (Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th December). Due to Covid 19, this Wellness Week was a different experience to previous Wellness Weeks. As a result of the requirement to socially distance, it was impossible to bring large groups of students together. However, due to the technical expertise of Mr. Caulfield, we were able to zoom talks by our guest speakers to the various classrooms. One advantage was that more classes were able to avail of the same talk than previously.

During the preceding weeks, there was a buzz of activity in the school. Members of the Student Council identified appropriate topics/speakers and liaised with the Staff

Wellness Committee to arrange same. Ms Lennon and Mr. Shannon, ably assisted by Gerry Glavey, decorated the Assembly Area with origami birds created by each student in the school. Past-student Conor Hussey and leading Irish comedian Rory Storey added to the growing excitement with their video messages of support for students during Wellness Week.

On the morning of 8th December, there was a palpable air of anticipation as Mr. Mc Donagh welcomed guest speaker Laurita Blewitt to the school before a mixed live and virtual audience. Laurita is a cousin of President Joe Biden, a Fundraiser for the Mayo-Roscommon Hospice and co-presenter of the "Tommy and Hector with Laurita Blewitt Podcast". She gave a very engaging presentation that included video messages from Tommy and Hector and even a cameo appearance by President Michael D. Higgins. Mr Shannon and Student Council Representative Cillian McDermott Cunningham, also spoke articulately about various wellness themes including resilience and uniqueness. In the afternoon, Pat Conway from the Western Region Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce gave a presentation to 2nd Year students on how to keep safe when socialising with friends. Meanwhile, 5th Year and 1st Year students enjoyed a wide range of Wellness Activities, including Art, Line Dancing, Table Tennis and Basketball.

Day 2 of Wellness Week was action packed with 2nd and 3rd Year students engaging in various Wellness activities. Senior students received a thought- provoking presentation on the pathway to addiction, from addiction counsellor Justin Campbell while 3rd Year and TY students heard a moving presentation on the real-life impact of substance abuse by Nicole Ryan from Alex's Adventure.

On Day 3, students had an opportunity to hear presentations and to have a training session with Roscommon and former Mayo footballers, Cathal Cregg and Shairoze Akram. It was lovely to see students wearing the blue and crimson side by side with students donning the red and green. Meanwhile, 6th Year students received an informative zoom presentation on Mental Health from Pieta House while 2nd Year students heard a very moving talk on the same topic from NUIG student and author of "Normal", Conor Nolan. Other students enjoyed various wellness activities including Art, Soccer, Line Dancing and Zumba. Day 4 had something for everyone. While 1st and 6th Year students enjoyed the last of the Wellness Activities, senior sports players received a presentation on Nutrition from Evan Regan, former Mayo Gaelic Player and official performance nutritionist for Mayo LGFA. 6th Year students also had an opportunity to meet Owen Colgan of Hardy Bucks fame and to hear about his experiences of mental health and wellbeing. The week ended with an exciting school quiz co-ordinated by Ms. Osgood and the Chaplain's Reflection that included a student quote of the day .. a fitting end to a very enjoyable Wellness Week!

The success of our 5th Wellness Week was due in no small part to the whole hearted support given by Ms. Macken and Mr. McDonagh, to the dedication of the Staff Well-being Committee (Caroline Burns, Francis Gormley, Colleen Hayes, Aoife Hegarty, Michelle Howley, Ciara Hunt, Antoinette Lennon, Olive Lyons, Amy Mannion, Mary Mooney, Catriona Murphy, Bernie Osgood, Shannon O'Connor, Annemarie O'Reilly, Marian Phelan, Padraic Shannon, Paul Ryan, Ray Woolley) and to the enthusiasm of the Student Council. Special thanks also to Mr. Caulfield, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Ginty, Mr. Lawless, Ms. Murray, Mr. McGarry, Gerry Glavey, Justina Lyons and Sharon Gibbons for their assistance during the week. A final word of thanks to Jack Deegan and Cillian McDermott Cunningham for their workshops to fellow students, to our many presenters and activity leaders Mary Kathleen Henry and Janette Webb. Hopefully, we will be able to do it all again next year. In the meantime, keep well and enjoy the summer!!

BCS Jersey Day

Well done to Mrs Murphy and her TY students for organising another very successful Jersey Day in BCS. In total over €800 was raised, all of which will go to well deserved local charities. Thank you to all students and staff for their generosity in supporting this event.



CHESS CLUB

The chess club is ran by Ms. Cox and the TYs. It is open in the study hall every Wednesday from 1:20 to 2. Covid provided many challenges for the club this year. Despite this, a competition for 1st years was ran at the end of the year. We were doubtful there would be much success, but there was an amazing 19 participants. We are delighted to have been able to run the competition, and we look forward to returning to tournaments once Covid dies down. Thank you to Ms. Cox for taking the time to organize and supervise the club.



Fragile Life

'Fragile Life' is a beautiful, free standing Stain Glass Artwork, that has been recently installed in an enclosed courtyard in the heart of our school.

Fragile Life was created from a desire among the staff and students to commemorate those we have lost tragically from our school community in the last number of years.

The school received a Creative Engagement grant to help finance the project and commissioned Westport based Stain Glass Artist Linda Grieve- Mulloy to design and create the artwork. The artist collaborated with the Art department and the artwork of 60 students has been embedded in the piece.

The medium of glass was chosen as it symbolises fragility, vulnerability but also invisible protection. Both the glass and the flowers represent fragile beauty while the tree reflects strength and growth. Together we will face storms and emerge stronger although shaped by ones trials. The roots from the tree is the legacy we leave, forever concreted into the earth.

The Art Installation also allows us to positively remember those we very much miss and it is a reminder to us of the fragility of life.

The schools wishes to extend their gratitude to David Murphy (Agri- Spread International) for kindly designing and donating the frame for the artwork and also to Gerry Glavey and Keith Curry for assisting in the installation.



Supervalu Art Competition

Supervalu, having recently refurbished their Ballyhaunis store, approached the school to invite students to design a piece of art that captured their locality. They wanted a striking piece of artwork that would welcome visitors as they entered the store.

The following art students submitted artwork: Ellis O'Brien, Maheen Amjad, Paige O'Reilly, Aidan Culliney, Stas Vaitiekus, Jasmine Jurakova, Megan Henry and Bisma Maqsood. The results were outstanding and Supervalu were delighted with the exceptional talent of these young artists. One winner was chosen but all were generously rewarded for their time and effort.

Bisma Maqsood's excellent artwork now sits proudly at the entrance for all to enjoy.

Thank you to Mary and Jeff at Supervalu instigating the project and creating a space within their shop to showcase the talent of the students at BCS.



TEACHING IN A PANDEMIC



'Teaching during a pandemic' – where do I start with this one! I feel like the resilience our teaching staff have demonstrated during this challenging period shows us what we are all capable of when put to the test. If someone had said to me or anyone on the BCS staff team that we would be teaching through a global pandemic back in 2019, we simply would not have believed you! Face masks, social distancing, sanitising stations - they all sound like concepts and routines that belong in a dystopian fiction novel.

This is probably the understatement of the decade but - what a turbulent, trying and testing year! The 2020/21 academic years have

seen some of the biggest changes in the teaching profession that we will perhaps ever see in our lifetimes. I, for one, always lived in fear of perhaps one day having our job replaced by robots in the future. This irrational fear of mine stemmed from the notion that people would soon realise that school serves no purpose in society anymore and that everyone could just hire their own personal teacher robot (some students reading this may recall a story about it in your first year textbooks!). However, after this year, I know that this will never happen. Although the online classroom served its purpose during a time where we relied on internet connection and Microsoft Teams to reach our students, I think it would be safe to say that teachers were really looking forward to getting back to the traditional, real life classroom. Nothing can ever replace it.

For teachers, our classrooms are where the magic happens. Where we can communicate effectively with our students, debate pros and cons, solve for x, balance accounts, light Bunsen burners and learn how to chop up an onion properly (thank you, Ms. Flynn!). Our classrooms are where we can listen to students. Truly, listen. Our classrooms are where teachers can watch in amazement as students enter school as children and leave as well-rounded young adults. It has been proven that school is not just a learning environment. It is so much more than that for students. The same is true for teachers. The chats we have between classes and at lunch time with our colleagues really add to the enjoyment of the day.

I recently had a conversation with one of my first year classes regarding the 'spirit of BCS'. As their first year with us was hampered by Covid Restrictions, I assured them that they will fully benefit from the usual 'buzz' around BCS in years to come. There is so much to look forward to. Sport, school tours, sponsored walks, musicals and educational excursions to name but a few.

That is not to say that the academic year 2020/21 has not had its moments. A well-needed annual Wellness Week went down a treat for staff and students alike. The outdoor walkway provided a breather for classes and a chance for students to connect and chat with classmates. We have so much to be grateful for despite all the adversity we faced as a school community.

Let's take a deep breath, BCS, we did it! Oprah once said, 'where there is no struggle, there is no strength', and I truly believe this. We are coming out of this phase stronger, despite all the obstacles we faced during the year. As teachers, we often do not give ourselves enough credit for our ability to adapt. Moving our classrooms online was an arduous task but we did it and we would do it all over again and emerge stronger, still.

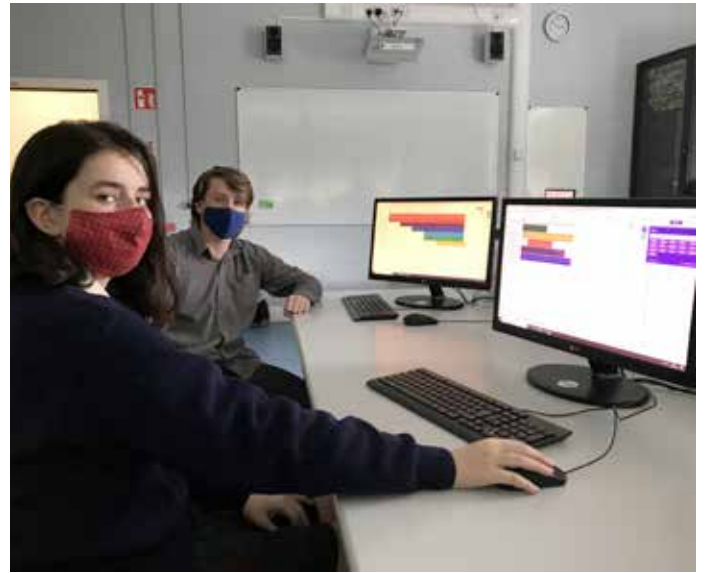
And so, as I write this, the 11am bell for breaktime rings and we are another class closer to the year's end. Here's to September 2021. When, hopefully, all our worries are a little lighter, our laughs a little louder and our smiles much, much brighter - even if they are behind a mask!

Ms. Kirsty Phillips

BCS MUSIC



This year our 1st year music students learned how to play ukulele. We learned how to play a number of songs including 'You Are My Sunshine', 'Don't Worry' and the Beatles classic 'Octopus Garden'.



TY students learned music production skills in using Soundtrap, an online recording studio. Students got creative with loops and recorded some everyday sounds to create music.



Jack Deegan visited all music classes in BCS during Wellness week this year for a singer/songwriter Q&A. Students were interested to have a chat to Jack about his passion for music and get some advice from him about getting gigs, buying equipment and recording from the comfort of home. Jack was delighted to get the opportunity to perform live for his fellow students at BCS. He performed some of his favourites including some Springsteen classics and sang one or two of his original compositions for us. Jack wishes to pursue his passion for writing songs next year at BIMM Institute in Dublin. We wish him the best of luck and continued success for his career in Music.

TY



TY 1 1

Back row Left to Right: Fiachra Glavey, Ryan Finn, Conor Donnellan, Aoife Gill

Middle row Left to Right: James Grealley, Ciara Fitzmaurice, Dean Coyne, Cicely Costello, Rebecca Gavin

Front row Left to Right: Jessica Gannon, Caoimhe Delaney, Seán Brehony, Josh Cleary

TY 1 2

Back row Left to Right: Saoirse Waldron, Mia Ronane, Rebecca Mulligan, Luke Ruane

Middle row Left to Right: Sarah Ronayne, Amy Haldane, Eva Henry, Matthew Johnston, Viktória Lavrovicová

Front row Left to Right: Chloe Kirrane, Evan McLoughlin, Darragh Tarmey, Aaron Kelly

Missing from photo: Harry Fagan, Megan McGuire



Ty 2 1

Back row Left to Right: Kian Burke, Philip Costello, Jack Fleming,

Middle row Left to Right: Oisín Collins, Niamh Coyne, Lilly Duffy, Emily Coffey

Front row Left to Right: Leigh Fitzpatrick, Eoghan Duffy, Mia Fitzmaurice, Amy Fleming

Ty2 2

Back row Left to Right: Conor McGuire, Aoife Loftus, Meadh Monaghan, Kate Tynan

Middle row Left to Right: Holly Gallagher, Jade Groarke, Shauna McNamara, Nia Murphy, Chanel Marques

Front row Left to Right: Eoin Ryan, David Smith, Mark Jordan, Darragh Madden

Missing from photo: Micheál Finn Richardson



TRANSITION YEAR 2020/2021

by Mia Ronane, Megan McGuire, Eva Henry and Kian Burke

Although it was a challenging year for transition years, with covid restrictions being in place; we made the most of our TY experience by thinking outside the box and making the most of a bad situation.

On the 24th and 25th of September, the transition years went to Roosky adventure center on separate days for both class groups. The lucky ty 1's had a bright and sunny day, while the ty 2's were not as lucky with heavy rain and frosty winds. Fortunately, it did not bring down our bright spirits! We engaged in fun activities like rock climbing, obstacle courses, team building activities, archery and the best part, the water sports! We canoed in the Shannon, and did pier jumping and mud sliding and had an absolute blast.

On the 29th of October, transition year 1 and 2 climbed Croagh Patrick – or as it is sometimes called around here, the Reek. Everyone was excited about the challenging endeavor they were about to undertake, and for some people it was their first time to climb Croagh Patrick. Just as we began our climb, the weather turned sour and it started to rain, although not ideal, the weather did not dampen our eager spirits. The weather made the trek a bit trickier, but we all worked together to keep on climbing and maintain a comfortable pace for each individual's ability, so no man was left behind! In order to all stay together, a lot of breaks were had, much to the delight of some, but at the cost of the dismay of the eager beavers excited to reach the top the fastest. There was a profound sense of team spirit, as some carried backpacks for those who were finding it tough. When we reached the top of the mountain everyone's tired faces lit up as they were hit with the spectacular view of Clew Bay, and the immense pride which comes with a tough challenge like climbing to the top of Croagh Patrick. Everyone was glad to have their lunch with the spectacular view from the top of the mountain, and a lot of fun was had taking pictures and soaking up the scenery. As you would expect, the descent from the top of the reek was tricky, but a lot of fun, as most if not all of us had a minor slip or fall much to the amusement of our friends around us. Thankfully, we all conquered the reek and returned home safely and happily, despite the fatigue!!!!

On Wednesday the 11th of November, our transition year class did a Chinese workshop. The workshop was called Newby Chinese. We learned lots of Chinese words and how to write them, through games and competitions. It was such a fun and effective way of learning. Richard taught us the words in Chinese by playing online games. The winner of each of the learning tasks (drawing the symbols and recognizing them amongst other symbols) went on to play each other and the winner earned points. The person with the most points at the end of the workshop was the overall winner, and of course the competition was tough, and we were all in competitive spirits. Therefore, it was so effective for learning! Overall, it was enjoyable, and we learned a lot from it! During the lockdown Mr. McGarry produced an idea for us to raise money for focus Ireland following a zoom call with some members of the charity. All of transition year got involved in a virtual Camino. We walked 114k each in the month of March. We raised over 2,000 euro! It was an enormous success and a fantastic way for our year to come together while staying apart. It was a fantastic way to keep us active throughout the hardship of lockdown.

As we could not go on many trips, we spent a lot of our time at school, so we completed lots of different courses. We did TEFL which is a course that allows you to travel to different countries to teach English. It is an extremely useful course to have done and we are incredibly lucky to have had the chance to do it. Another course we did was Look into Law. It was hosted by The Bar of Ireland and 12 of us decided to do it and we thoroughly enjoyed it! It gave us a great insight into how the Law works and the jobs that go with it. We did the ECDL course which teaches us how to use Word and PowerPoint which is a beneficial skill to have as we are using computers a lot in school and outside of school.

We had a Wellness Workshop every Tuesday from the 13th of October to the 24th of November. It was hosted by Peter Devers. He helped give us the skills on how to cope with anxiety and anger. On the 23rd and 24th of November we participated in the Movie Magic Workshop in our school. We all got our creative juices flowing as we broke off into groups to create our own mini movies. We filmed and edited them on iPads, and we learned how to use special effects to make our movies the best that they could be. We had so much fun, and we were all very amused watching each other's movies at the end.

It definitely wasn't your typical transition year experience, but we still managed to have a great time and made amazing memories and friendships to last a lifetime!

JUNK COUTURE 2021

Wings of Freedom

Chanel Marques, Emily Coffey, Lilly Duffy and Jack Fleming made a dress called "Wings of Freedom" for Junk Couture. Our theme is finding your voice and expressing yourself. We painted the skirt with many different colours to represent different personalities and uniqueness, but left the corset plain to represent how the rest of our lives are blank canvases, with much room for change. We use the forearm wings to add vibrancy, and show the power of expression. Finally, the white feather crown represents the purity of one's true self. Though Covid has provided many setbacks, we are delighted to have been able to complete the project.



Wings of Freedom

Lights Up

Our group is made up of Aoife Loftus, Ava Walsh, Meadhb Monaghan and Alex Coffey. Our dress is called 'lights Up', based on the song by Harry Styles all about self acceptance. It is made of an old trampoline copper wire and old lights and bulbs.



Lights Up

FIRST AID

On the 27th of April transition years took part in a first aid course hosted by Imelda. We learned lots of new first aid skills like how to do CPR on adults and babies, we practiced how to use an AED and she took our sugar levels to those who volunteered! We paired up within our class and attempted to put on slings, bandages and put each other in the recovery position. Not only did we learn lots of things about first aid but she also discussed with us how important posture and flexibility is. The day was very enjoyable overall and helpful to us and we now have a certificate in First Aid!



TY CROAGH PATRICK TRIP

Our TY students enjoyed a fantastic day out climbing the famous Croagh Patrick reek in September.



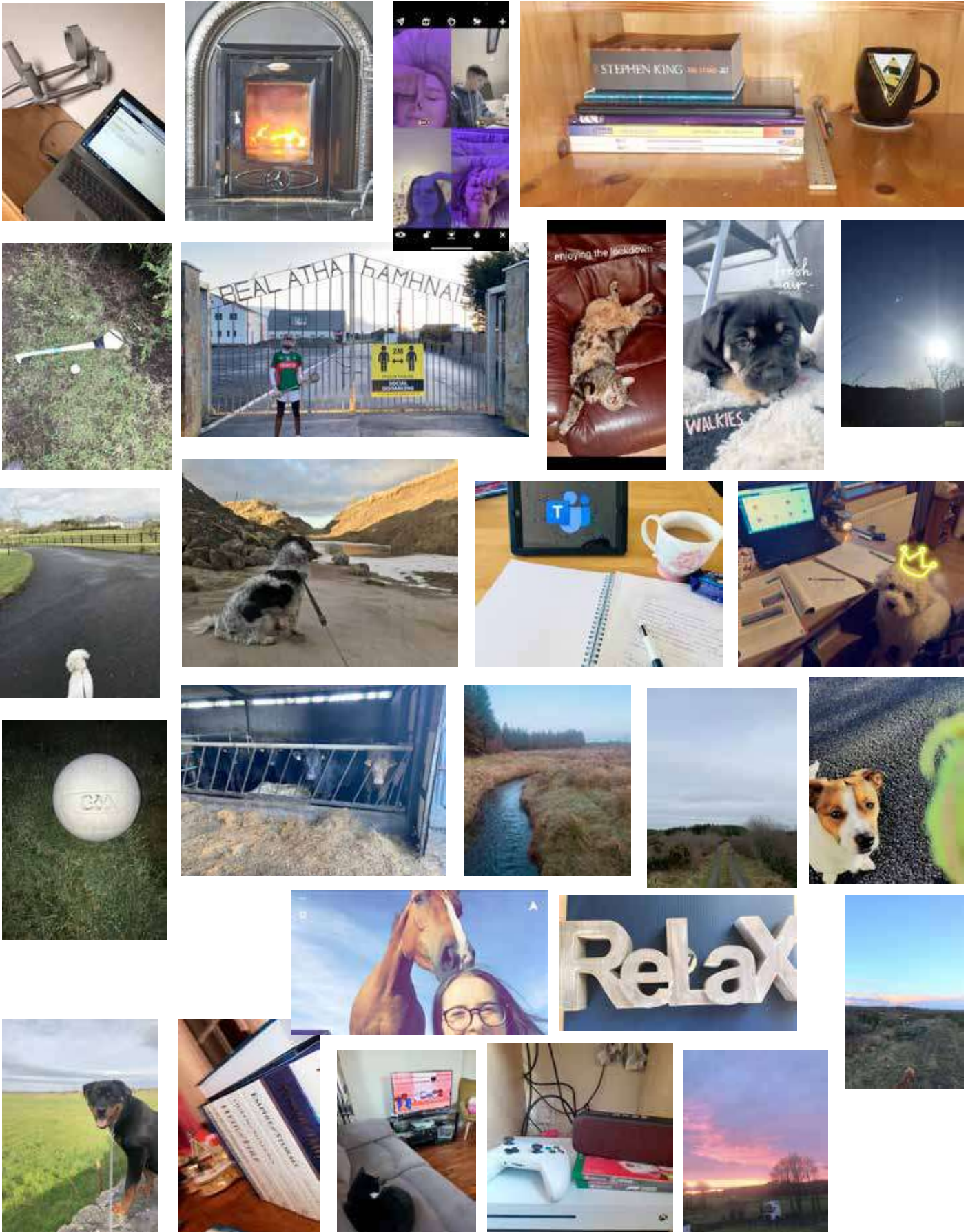
SHANNON RIVER ADVENTURE

Our Transition Year students enjoyed an action packed trip to Shannon River Adventure Centre, in Rooskey. The students were commended for their outstanding attitude and behaviour throughout the trip and hopefully many new friendships were forged.



TY LOCKDOWN PHOTO COMPETITION

Over Lockdown both TY classes did a photo Lockdown competition. Our challenge was to take a picture of how our lockdown was going. The winners of the competition were Sean Brehony and Lilly Duffy. Below are all the pictures our transition years took.



Fundraiser for the MSPCA, SVP and WESTERN CARE.

Last November, a few people from the MSPCA and western care came to Ballyhaunis community school to talk to us about the work they do. The whole school raised money through the TY's holding a Jersey day for everyone. We raised money for the MSPCA, SVP and Western care. We admire the work they do and wanted to show our appreciation for the three organizations.



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE



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Is bliain iontach difriúil atá againn imbliana agus bhí orainn formhór na heachtraí do 'Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021' a eagrú ar líne ach fós d'eagraigh Roinn na Gaeilge a lán rudaí chun é a cheiliúradh agus ár dteanga a spreagadh i measc na ndaltaí. Eagraíodh toraíochtaí taisce a rinne na daltaí sa bhaile agus grianghraf a sheoladh isteach. Sheolamar 'Dúshlán an lae' chucu gach maidin agus ghlac daoine ó gach bliain páirt sa chómortas sin agus bhain siad a lán taitheamh as. Bhí tráth na gceist ag a lán ranganna agus imreoidh 'kahoot' ar líne freisin. Rinneamar sáriarracht rudaí a dhéanamh le gach rang le linn na seachtaine. Bhain an roinn agus ár ndaltaí an taitheamh as na heachtraí agus na comórtais. Fuair na buaiteoirí dearbháin do cheaintín na scoile mar dhuaiseanna agus bhí said lánsásta leo. Táimid go léir ag tnúth leis an mbliain seo chugainn agus dóchasach go mbéimid in ann Seachtain na Gaeilge 2022 a cheiliúradh ar scoil ach táimid fíorbhródúil as na daltaí a roghnaigh páirt a ghlacadh inti imbliana agus tacú linn éirigh go geal leis an imeacht.

RSA TY

Both TY classes done the RSA course, we learned about road safety, how to change a tyre and much more basic skills of driving and cars etc. With Mr Caulfield. Mr Duffy also done a presentation in one class about rally driving and what it is all about, he brought in his helmet and gear to show us. This course really thought us that there is much more to RSA then just putting on your seatbelt



MOVIE MAKING WORKSHOP

Ty 1 and Ty 2 did the movie making workshop on the 23rd and 24th of November. We were shown how to set up the tablet on the tripod stand and how to use different apps and special effects. We then were left to create our own mini movies. It was very enjoyable to make our own movies and to see what our classmates made as well.



CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE

On the 29th of April Transition Years cycled to Knock to raise awareness for suicide prevention. We each wore a bright orange cycle against suicide top to show unity. We set off at 11.20 and took a break to regroup, arriving in knock at 12:35. We all took great advantage of being let out of school and enjoyed a nice treat in the shop! On the way home we stopped in at the Connaught Centre of Excellence and got an exclusive tour of the new dome. We all really enjoyed the day knowing it was for a good cause.



5TH YEAR



5A 1

Back row Left to Right: James Duffy, Raif Costello, Roísín Denning

Middle row Left to Right: Ali Ahmad, Louise Cox, Orlaith Coffey, Deirbhile Boland

Front row Left to Right: Darren Concannon, Iqra Afzal, Niamh Duffy, Saoirse Delaney

5A2

Back row Left to Right: Zuhaib Uddin, Darren Keadin, Darragh Flynn, Shane Gavin

Middle row Left to Right: James Lyons, Nathan Dee, Lillian Keane, Rebecca Lyons

Front row Left to Right: Megan Ronane, Oisín Kelly, Haider Ali Sultan, Jade Keely

Missing from photo: Kelan Henry,



5B 1

Back row Left to Right: Aadil Rizwan, Mohid Shahid, Dylan Golden, Roisin Lynskey,

Middle row Left to Right: Scott Jennings, Sofia Hopkova, Elizabeth Lloyd, Geri-maye Henry

Front row Left to Right: Ivan Iliev, Dagne Kalainaitė, Jessica Henry, Muhammad Saad Asif

5B 2

Back row Left to Right: Lana Biesty, Niall Regan, Matthew Frayne, Páidi Murphy

Middle row Left to Right: Alannah Morley, Edward Groarke, Bisma Maqsood, Martynka Ubych,, Michelle Ryan

Front row Left to Right: Vakaris Vaitiekus, Daniel Regan, Darijus Valciukas, Mike Wiktor

Missing from photo: Shauna Jennings





5C 1

Back row left to right: Michael Burke, Ethan Cooke

Middle row left to right: Rebecca Klein, Ciara Hosty, Lorna Davis, Victoria Burcovski

Front row left to right: Caragh Kilcoyne Burke, Leah Guilfoyle, Áine Glynn, Grace Grealley

5C 2

Back row left to right: Shane Reidy, Jack Sullivan

Middle row left to right: Karen Morgan, Ellis O'Brien, Tyler Legg, Areeba Shahzadi

Front row left to right: Asad Munir, Caoimhe Moran, Brian McHugh, Chloe Mulrennan

Missing from photo: Malaaz Hamze, Bader kezze, Rebecca Osgood-Daly



5D 1

Back row left to right: James Dooney, Cathal Grealley, Mark Doran

Middle row left to right: Niamh Grealley, Émer Delaney, Claire Flanagan, Meave Donnellan

Front row left to right: Rosie Ganley, Nathan Byrne, Lorna Higgins, Jack Madden

5D 2

Back row left to right: Cillian McDermott Cunningham, Sarah Morris, Conor Ruane, Rory Regan

Middle row left to right: Niamh Mannion, Ellen Tener, Nikita Tighe, Ahmed Tayyab

Front row left to right: Mikey Regan, Dáire McDermott Cunningham, Adam Keane, Aidan Sloyan

Missing from photo: Tony Ngalande



2019/20 TY STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2019/20 Transition Year Student Awards. Kealan Henry was the worthy recipient of the overall 'TY student of the Year'.



TY award winners for 2020



The Spirit of BCS award winner
Claire Flanagan



Ty student of the Year voted
by teachers winner Kelan



Kelan Henry



Contribution to Sport Winner
Lilian Keane



Contribution to Community
Care winner Oisín Kelly



Student of the Year voted
by the Students winner Raif
Costello



Contribution to Art, Music and
Development Education winner
Sarah Morris

JP2 AWARD RECIPIENTS 2020

Pictured are students who completed the John Paul II Award in 2020. Congratulations and well done to all 21 students on each completing 40 hours of volunteering in their local communities, a fantastic achievement.

Front row L-r - Ms. Catriona Murphy, Award Leader, Louise Cox, Roisin Denning, Victoria Burcovski, Chloe Mulrennan, Niamh Duffy, Deirbhile Boland.

Middle row L-r: Ellis O'Brien, Orla Coffey, Ellen Tener, Ciara Hosty, Lorna Davis, Meave Donnellan, Claire Flanagan. **Back row L-r:** Trish Gallagher, Aine Glynn, Raif Costello, Julia Grabiasz, Nathan Dee, Daniel Regan, James Lyons, Mr. David McDonagh, Principal. **(Missing from photo** - Karen Morgan, James McCormack).



GLOBAL PASSPORT

BCS was awarded the Silver Global Passport in recognition of the school's established engagement with Global Citizenship Education. This is an EU quality mark award and was awarded to 31 schools in Ireland last year. The 2020 Transition Year classes were instrumental in achieving this award for their dedicated work in delivering Global Citizenship Education and celebrating diversity in our school culminating in our Inter-Cultural Day.



Pictured Left to Right: David McDonagh, Paidi Murphy, Orlaith Coffey, Louise Cox, Mikey Regan, Maeve Donnellan and Genevieve Murray

REBECCA'S 13 MONTHS COCOONING



In March 2020 I was in my Transition Year. I was really enjoying being in school and being with my friends. The day before a trip to Arigna Mines on the 8th of March, my parents spoke with me and said that I would not be in school for a while as they could see that the virus which was spreading around the globe was now in Ireland and getting closer. They were very concerned about the effect this virus could have on me as I am a kidney transplant recipient and therefore extremely vulnerable were I to come into contact with it. I didn't know then that it would be my last day as a T.Y. student.

What followed was months of self-isolation where I had little or no contact with my friends or relatives. When the school year officially started again in September and everyone else returned to the school environment that was when I found it toughest still being at home all the time and feeling very alone. My friends and classmates were all beginning 5th year and starting subjects on the Leaving Certificate program and meeting their new teachers. There was light at the end of the tunnel though when the vaccination program was announced. Although that turned out to be more of a struggle than you would think (see below recent article from the Roscommon Herald). Eventually, I managed to get my vaccinations. Now I'm now back in school for the final six weeks and I am readjusting back into my normal routine. One thing I have learned to appreciate is that the small things are really the big things like being with friends. Thank you to all my friends, family and teachers who have helped me along the way.

REBECCA LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME 'NORMALITY' RETURNING TO HER LIFE



Rebecca and Bernie

When Rebecca Osgood Daly returned to class on April 15th last, it marked more than 13 months since she last stood in her school.

The seventeen-year-old from Ballinlough had spent the previous year cocooning at home because she is a kidney transplant recipient and extremely vulnerable should she contract Covid 19.

Statistics across Europe have indicated a Covid-19 mortality rate of 20% amongst kidney transplant recipients. This resulted in a very worrying and stressful year for Rebecca, her parents Iain and Bernie and siblings Lauren and Conor. The family took every precaution possible to ensure that they did not contract the virus and risk passing it on to Rebecca who is on daily dose of high-level immunosuppressants because of the transplant. Fortunately their efforts and huge sacrifices paid off and the Osgood Daly household

remained Covid free. The family could breathe a sigh of relief when in March Rebecca received the first dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine and her second dose four weeks later.

Now fully vaccinated, Rebecca is looking forward to some sort of normality returning to her life. She spoke to the Herald following her return to school and said that it was wonderful to get to see her friends again and it did not take long for her to get back into the swing of school life again. "I've only been back a few days but it feels really normal already. I had only been able to see my friends three or four times over the past year and that has been very difficult, I've missed them. I've missed being around people and so I was so relieved to get the vaccine," she explained.

One of the people Rebecca missed the most was her older sister Lauren, who is a college student in Galway. Lauren returned to Galway in July 2020 before college resumed and it was Christmas before she could return home, after ensuring she had a negative Covid test and spent a period of time self-isolating at home.

"I've missed Lauren a lot and I really appreciate all the efforts my parents went to make our home as safe as it could be and not to let the virus in," she said. Rebecca is a student at Ballyhaunis Community School where her mother Bernie is a teacher. Bernie who was Rebecca's donor, explained to the Herald the anxiety caused by the uncertainty surrounding the vaccine rollout and the relief for the family when Rebecca was finally called for the vaccine. "When the first schedule for the rollout of vaccines was announced back in December we were in disbelief that Rebecca and other transplant recipients her age were not included.

"After much lobbying, the age category for the vaccination rollout was extended to over sixteens and it was a huge relief. But I can tell you, it was a very anxious time for us as a family and for families like ours. We had our shopping delivered once a week, we cleaned it down before putting it away, I was double masked at work, we didn't bubble with another family, it was just us. Our son Conor didn't play any of the soccer or Gaelic when it was permitted last year. We took extreme care and caution to ensure that Covid did not come into our house and we're delighted to finally be at the stage where Rebecca is fully vaccinated," she explained.

There is a lot that the family has had to sacrifice over the past year, including seeing family members especially Rebecca's much loved great grandmother Frances Daly, who at 94 has also received both her vaccines.

"Rebecca has a lot of hugs to catch up on! She's really missed her little cousins too. It was most difficult really when we could see other people getting together for different occasions but the sacrifices have been worth it, to hopefully make it out the far side of this safely."

Rebecca's father, Iain, for the most part was able to work from home but when he did have to go into work, like Bernie, they returned home, put their clothes in a plastic bag and showered immediately. "We just had to work really hard on ensuring that we didn't catch the virus and risk passing it on to Rebecca. For me, it meant that I went to the car for my tea breaks at work, I haven't stepped foot into the staff room; I had separate clothes for work. We followed the regulations to the letter," added Bernie. Rebecca turns 18 in August and hopes that she can celebrate with friends and family. Another significant milestone occurred during the pandemic that she wasn't fully able to celebrate the way her family would have intended. "July 2020 marked the ten-year anniversary of Rebecca's transplant, which is a very significant event in the life of a transplant recipient. We managed to get a few well-known figures to send on message to Rebecca including Amy Huberman, Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh and Orla Tinsley which made something of the day for Rebecca. We look forward to life returning to normal for all of us soon and hopefully lots of big days to celebrate," said Bernie.

SARAH MORRIS ARTWORK

Enjoy this sensational portrait by 5th year BCS Art student, Sarah Morris. The painting is a colouring pencil portrait of Sarah's brother. Sarah has captured photographic like detail in her beautiful portrait. She was commended by Texaco Art Competition judges for her outstanding work.



ENGINEERING





LCA 1

Back row left to right: Yordan Kirchev, Pijus Bloze, Matthew Folliard

Front row left to right: Zahir Sattar, Aadal Ashraf, Ronan Clarke

Missing from photo: Philip Morris, Miroslav Polhos, Simona Polhosova, Noah Walsh

GRAPHICS & CONSTRUCTION

Well done to the LCA's who produced some wonderful pieces from recycled wood.



Christmas Wreaths & Centrepieces

Mrs Waldron's LCA & TY students enjoyed creating these wonderful Christmas Wreaths & Centrepieces.



LCA CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



LCA1 HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM CLASS



NUIG EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS



Molly Curran

Ella Dunleavy

Congratulations to 2020 Leaving Certificate students, Molly Curran and Ella Dunleavy, recipients of the prestigious NUIG Excellence Scholarships. Molly for Science and Ella for Arts. Best of luck in the future.

RUTH HENRY - TCD ENTRANCE AWARD



Congratulations to our former student Ruth Henry, who has been awarded the prestigious Trinity College Dublin Entrance Exhibition Award. Ruth won this award as an incoming Trinity student with the highest points from the public exams from her school. It is a fantastic achievement for Ruth, we wish her the best of luck in the future.

HAACP CERTS



Well done to the LCA2 class in participating in the HACCP certificate course for hygiene and safety in the food sector. Well done to those pictured above: Back row left to right: Adam Reilly, Dylan Caulfield, William Thabeng, David Hennessy. Front row left to right: Tara Blot, Chantelle Maughan and Vanessa Polhosova and those missing from photo Denicka Sturdy and Dominyka Maselskyte. Thank you to Ms. Osgood for facilitating the course.

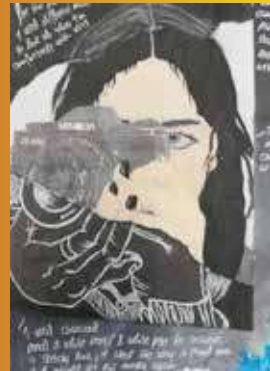
UCC SCHOLARSHIP



Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh, Éi
University College Cork, Ireland

Congratulations to 2020 Leaving Certificate student, Merlin Pearson, recipient of the prestigious Quercus Entrance Scholarship and Mary Ryan Language Scholarship from University College Cork.

LEAVING CERT ARTWORK





YEARBOOK EDITORS MESSAGE

As I write this message we are living in a strange time but there is now hope that soon we will return to normality. The global pandemic has put a halt to many of the activities that frequent this yearbook each year. It is a testament to the staff and students of BCS that we still managed to fill this edition with so much of the activities that persisted despite the pandemic.

As always the Yearbook could not be created without the cooperation of all staff and students so I would like to thank everyone for their help along the way. The TY students who were always willing to volunteer for any Yearbook related work. Thank you. Fr. Steven as always has come through for us with some excellent photography throughout and on top of his usual kind and helpful nature showed great bravery this year to climb a great height to ensure socially distanced photos were possible. I would also like to thank Mr. McGarry who always makes my life easy with his major input into the publication.

Thanks also to Kirsty Phillips, Gillian Madden, Siobhan Garvey and all other teaching staff without who the publication would not be possible. I must also thank David McDonagh and Orla Macken who again are a huge help in making the publication possible. I would like to also say a big thank you to Michelle Moyles and Sean McCormack for their work in ensuring we again have a fantastic Yearbook to mark what was a most unusual year. Finally I would like to wish all out Leaving Cert and LCA students best of luck with their exams and Accredited Grades and all the best in whatever their next endeavor may be.

M. Ginty

LEAVING CERT WOOD PROJECTS



LEAVING CERT DCG



SENIOR BASKETBALL M. Ginty

As with many things this year Basketball fell foul to the restrictions of the pandemic. This was a huge disappointment to me and especially to those enthusiastic basketball players who played for the school from 1st year and who wanted to have one last year on the Senior team to see if we could get over the line in the Northwest league. After our best showing at Senior level for some time last year and only losing one Senior player from the student body the players were confident of putting in a good showing in 2020/21. Unfortunately it was not to be. I know representing the school in Basketball will live long in the memory for some of these players for years to come and I for one will be sorry to see them go.

Back row (left to right): Nathan McGarry, Guilherme Rodrigues, Nathan Colleran, Declan Henry, Joshua Webb, Auredas Armonavicius, James Doyle

Front Row (left to right): Prince Owusu, Kelan Henry, Uaigneas, Jack Jennings, Igor Posaric, Eddie Groarke



SENIOR BOYS GAELIC FOOTBALL

Just like many other aspects of our lives, it was a case of rueing what could have been for our BCS Senior footballers. We had many talented and driven footballers at our disposal this year, but unfortunately we were unable to proceed with competitive fixtures. That being said, our student's health and wellbeing had to be the priority, understandably. To those who are leaving BCS this year, I want to thank each and everyone of you for the commitment and dedication you have shown throughout the last few years. You represented your school with pride and have been an absolute pleasure to coach. I couldn't have asked for a better group. I wish you all every future success both on and off the field. I hope that you can look back fondly on your footballing memories here at BCS.

Here's hoping all of our sports teams are back on the pitch next year.



Back row (right to left): Diarmuid Phillips, Henry Concannon, Eimhin Conboy, Dylan Caulfield, Jack McGoldrick, Davey Hennessy, Tony Aylward, Jason Reinhardt, Conal Hession, Jack Madden, Conor Morley, Daniel Hill, Dean McGarry, Mr Mitchell (coach)

Front row (left to right): Oisín Greally, Stephen Cannon, Kevin Durkan, Conor Keane, Dean Lyons, Ryan Keadin, Daniel Murray, Oisín Duffy, Declan Henry, Liam Lavin

BCS LADIES FOOTBALL

Throughout our football journey in BCS we have endured victory and heartbreak. From first year to fifth year, we have competed at the top level however always coming that bit too short of the finishline. If covid was kind to us there is no doubt we would have brought victory back to BCS once again.

Regardless we have won in heart. The memories we shared throughout our journey will never be forgotten. We will always cherish the memories of the post-match wins especially celebrating Ms. Phillips birthday.

The friendships we made on and off the field and the tears we shed especially losing the Connacht Quarter Final by a point at extra time all made the experience of GAA in BCS worthwhile. As a team, the transition from juniors to seniors brought us closer not only as a year group but as a team. As we leave this chapter in our lives, we hope to have left a legacy of Ladies Football behind us.

On behalf of the ladies' football team, we would like to thank Ms. Phillips and Ms. Garvey for their effort and sheer determination throughout the past 5 years who without, we would not be the young sports women we are today. We will miss ye! We hope that future years will fill our 'football boots' and bring silverware back to BCS once again. Onwards and Upwards

Ladies Senior Football Team 2020

Back row: Grainne Delaney, Shannon Hibbitt, Aisling Regan, Grainne Collins, Chanel Marquez, Claire Fleming, Aoibheann Crawley, Erin Murray, Anna Lyons, Dearbhla Glavey, Aoife Doherty, Aoibhinn Kelly.

Front Row: Caoimhe Delaney, Nikita Tighe, Rachel Cleary, Hannah Clarke, Laura Madden, Hannah Burke, Fiona Crawley, Leah Johnston, Meadhbh Delaney, Niamh Smith, Emer Delaney, Saoirse Delaney



A BLAST FROM THE PAST



LEAVING CERT CLASS 2021



Jamie Allen



Auredas Armonavicius



Malaiyka Asim



Tara Blot



Kshaunish Bundoo



Hannah Burke



Clodagh Byrne



Helena Cala



Stephen Cannon



Dylan Caulfield



Seán Caulfield



Hannah Clarke



Rachel Cleary



Courtney Clifford



Caitlín Coll



Nathan Colleran



Henry Concannon



Colin Cooper



Denicka Cooper Sturdy



Leanne Cornwall



Cián Coyne



Aoibheann Crawley



Anna Cunnane



Jack Deegan



Kate Delaney



Aoife Doherty



James Doyle



Oisín Duffy



Kevin Durkan



Daniel Fagan



Claire Fleming



Mark Gavin



Dearbhla Glavey



Laura Godfrey



Julia Grabiasz



Daniyal Gul



Caoimhe Hagney



Jack Harrington



David Hennessy



Declan Henry



Megan Henry



Conal Hession



Nikki Hickman



Daniel Hill



Sabina Illichova



Jack Jennings



Naweed Jugoo



Aaron Keaveney



Eliza Kepale



Ciarán Kerrigan



Matthew Lynch



Dylan Lyons



Laura Madden



Kinza Tahir Mahmood



Kate Mannion



Patrick Mannion



Dominyka Maselskyte



Chantelle Maughan



James McCormack



Pearce McDermott



Chloe McDonagh



Nathan McGarry



Padraic McHugh



Shaun Morley



Peter Morris



Mark Mulkeen



Róisín Murphy



Daniel Murray



Erin Murray



Hassan Naseer



Annie Naveed



Nathan Noone



Kieran O' Gara



Kym O'Reilly



Matthew O'Reilly



Prince Owusu



Diarmuid Phillips



Vanessa Polhosova



Igor Posaric



Massa Rahmani



Dara Rattigan



Mujtaba Rehman



Adam Reilly



Jason Reinhardt



Guilherme Rodrigues



Cian Rogers



Dan Sheridan



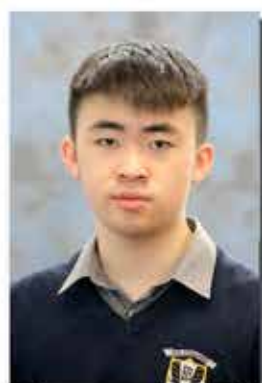
Wiktor Siemionkowski



Tamara Squire-Keane



Bernadette Staunton



Jourdan Guan Yuan Tan



Umar Tayyab



Hannah Tener



William Thabeng



Ugnius Zvybas

LEAVING CERT AWARDS

Rear of the year - Laura Madden and Prince Owusu
Lightweight - Dearbhla Glavey and Stephen Cannon
Best Beard - Jack Harrington and Hassan Naseer
Couple of the Year - Jack Deegan and Hannah Tener
Biggest Flirt - Stephen Cannon and Hannah Clarke
Drama king and queen - Claire Fleming and Diarmuid Phillips
Most likely to go on Love island - Kevin Durkan and Kate Mannion
Best Smile - Aoibheann Crawley and Jason Reinhardt
Bromance / Sister act - Hannah Burke and Laura Madden,
 Daniel Fagan and Jack Jennings
Most likely to not return from the debts - Laura Godfrey and Daniel
 Murray
Most likely to be a millionaire - Daniel Fagan and Kate Delaney
Teachers pet - Wiktor Siemionkowski and Erin Murray
Most Whipped - Oisin Duffy and Kate Delaney
Biggest transformation - Kevin Durkan and Rachel Cleary

Most likely go through 3 marriages - James Doyle and
 Anna Cunnane
Most likely to Get arrested - Declan Henry and Sabina
 Illichova
Most likely to Never pass the driving test - Stephen Can-
 non and Hannah Tenner
Most likely to Drop out of college - Peter Morris and Roisin
 Murphy
Most likely to be I'D'd at 30 - Megan Henry and Dara
 Rattigan
Biggest Troublemaker - Guilherme Rodrigues and Massa
 Rahmani
Steve Carrel - Diarmuid Phillips
Biggest scan - Pearse McDermott, Matthew Lynch and
 Claire Fleming
Win lotto lose ticket - Nikki Hickman and Jamie Allen

BABY PHOTOS



1 - Wiktor Siemionkowski 2 - Malaika Asam 3 - Clodagh Byrne 4 - Rachel Cleary 5 - Rachel Cleary & Hannah Clarke 6 - Matthew
 O'Reilly 7 - Kinza Tahir Mahmood 8 - Kate Mannion & Kate Delaney 9 - James Doyle 10 - Declan Henry 11 - Kieran O'Gara & Caitlan
 Coll 12 - Jack Deegan 13 - Erin Murray 14 - Annie Naveed 15 - Hannah Tener 16 - Ushna Ahmad 17 - Kate Delaney 18 - Laura Madden
 19 - Hannah Burke 20 - Patrick Mannion 21 - Tamara Squire Keane 22 - Hannah Burke & Claire Fleming 23 - Claire Fleming 24 - Dylan
 Lyons 25 - James McCormack 26 - Anna Tighe 27 - Kieran O'Gara 28 - Masa Ramani 29 - Anna Cunnane & Laura Madden 30 - Jason
 Reinhardt & Patrick Mannion 31 - Patrick Mannion 32 - Nathan McGarry 33 - Kate Mannion

MEMORY LANE

We prayed for its quick delivery, crossed days off our calendars, counted hours, minutes and seconds and now it's here. The end of our journey in BCS. This means leaving friends who inspire us and teachers who've been our mentors, so many people who've shaped our lives, and our fellow students' lives impermeably and forever.

We clearly made a big impression from the start by knocking Ms. Hargaden-Whyte off her feet on the first day. We continued on a downward spiral of reports, making teachers cry and all of 1A getting detention - all before Christmas!!! We were blown away by Jack's unforgettable performances at the talent show and the first-year mass. But it was clear that the true talent of the year was our very own first year boys winning the big Connacht C final. Apparently, it was #tooeasy #mooju.

2nd year came and we settled down ever so slightly. Ms. Brogan continued to terrorize us, yet still wouldn't let us drop to pass Irish 'ye nincompooop's'. And we robbed Ms. Monaghan in broad daylight with our wordsearch skills. Using the 'ongoing construction' interruptions as an excuse to be late for class, did not sit well with some teachers, as apparently it doesn't take a whole twenty minutes to get from one end of the school to another. As the pressure of the J.C loomed, some people knuckled down, while others banked on that A in CSPE, which they are still waiting for. The infamous project led to 3C being locked in their classroom and 3A off to the zoo. After our trip to Romeo and Juliet things started to get fishy in the F area, we won't mention any names... As time passed, we reached a record number of seven suspensions. From that day on we continued to make our parents and teachers proud. As the year drew to a close, we split into two.

T.Y came and we lost some class mates but we quickly bonded as a TY group. Our year started with the trip to Killary, where tensions rose over the red Pull & Bear hoodie. As our time continued, we honed the art of dosing with our famous one-liner "Can we go to Junk Kouture?". Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful. While our soon to be peers were settling down in the study hall with Justina, we were jetting off with Mr. McGarry, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Hargaden and Ms. Cox to the "City of Love".

5th Year was looking bright as we got off to a good start; making new friends, settling into new subjects and preparing for the struggle of the next two years. It wasn't long until we were on the road again with our trip to Achill Island, where we endured lots of different activities. After the 'glib and oily art' of Achill was over, Ms. Glavey got a bit of a shock when half of her music class hadn't a note in their head. Luckily, TikTok dancing skills made up for it, as we showed off our moves. We started the new decade hopeful, but unknown to what was coming. When March 12th came, classrooms turned to Zoom calls, and pubs turned sheds. What we thought would be a two-week holiday turned into three months of remote learning. Something we never expected.

We began 6th Year sanitised and masked up, ready to take on the big L.C, that never came. The year was dry, just like our 18th celebrations. As time went on, classrooms began to empty as self-isolating became the norm. Luckily, our spirits were lifted as Ms. Fallon hosted a karaoke morning, and Mr. Murray gifted his class with a buffet fit for a king.

We rang in the new year in a way we never imagined- another national lockdown. To our relief mocks were cancelled, unfortunately that meant so was mocks night. Next cancelled was the musical, and the grad, but we are staying hopeful for a debs. The new way of annoying teachers came in the form of a mute and unmute button, or as Mr. Ginty phrased it, 'picking up someone and taking them out of the classroom.' We came back to school with the last three intense months ahead of us. Projects, orals and practicals had crept up on us before we knew it.

Over the past three years we have lost some close friends and colleagues. Even though these people are no longer with us, they will live on in our hearts forever. "When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure"

We'd like to thank all the teachers and staff that have helped us during the five or six years we've spent in Ballyhaunis. And a special thanks to Mr. McDonagh and Ms. Macken.

So, from putting fish' into lockers, to putting notes into lockers, we have made the most of our time here in Ballyhappiness.

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." - interpret that as you will!!!

Written by Roisin Murphy, Declan Henry, Laura Godfrey, Aoibheann Crawley and Kate Mannion.

MEMORY LANE

