

Transition Year Newsletter



The Ploughing Championships



Our TY students attended the Ploughing Championships in Ratheniska as part of their Horticulture Studies.

Film Making Workshop

Transition year students have just completed a two day Short Film Festival Workshop. This workshop was facilitated onsite by Create School Tutor Ben Parker who introduced students to the basics of film making. This included ideas generation, scripting, storyboarding, filming, editing and audio recording. Students worked in groups to develop two different films over the course of the workshop.



National College of Ireland – Data Bytes Programme



Transition Years went to Dublin to attend the National College of Ireland's Data Bytes Programme. This is a Transition Year Programme designed to help students understand Data Science. Students will complete this programme over the next few months. Thanks to Mr Casey and Ms McDonald for accompanying them on this trip.

Home Economics



Ms Higgins class were busy making chocolate chip cookies and muffins in Home Economics.



Involve Workshop



A local Meath youth project 'Involve' works with traveller and minority communities and they created an award winning board game last year called the 'No Shame Game'. This interactive mental health board game allows us to see "what works" for mental health. The TYs enjoyed playing the board game.

Ballet Production – The Greenhouse



A wonderful production brought to us from Ballet Ireland, The Greenhouse was a unique experience for the TY students. Few of the students have ever seen a ballet production and when we were presented the opportunity in The Solstice in Navan, we were delighted to attend. The show lasted for 50 minutes and it was completely choreographed and composed to contemporary music which gave the students a more accessible introduction to ballet. The Solstice and Ballet Ireland offered us an intimate Q & A with the performers.

Horticulture Class



TY students have enjoyed their Horticulture classes over the last number of weeks. They have begun planting in our Polytunnel and we will be monitoring progress over the winter months.



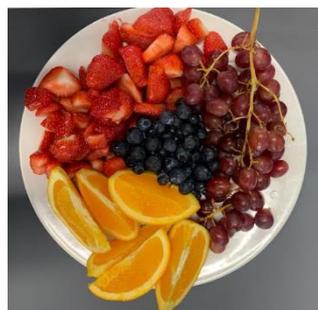
Transition Years Raise €1090 for GOAL Jersey Day



All students were asked to wear a jersey and bring in €2 to donate. The TYs also ran a school wide 'Keep Uppy' competition for the students. One student was nominated from each form group and had to compete against their fellow year group members. The day was a huge success with €1090 being raised for GOAL! This money will now go towards GOAL's East African Crisis campaign where they are helping those who are suffering from drought, food shortages, conflict and climate change.



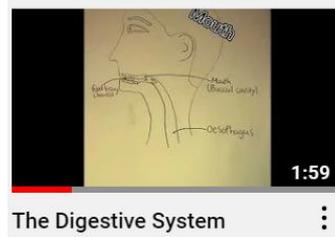
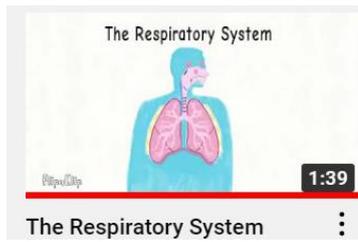
Transition Year French Exchange Breakfast Morning



To welcome Jules and Nicolas from Corsica and to celebrate our differing food cultures we had a Transition Year French Exchange Breakfast Morning.



Reel Life Science Competition



TY students have entered the Reel Life Science Competition. They had to make a short video explaining the science behind an everyday topic of their choice. Students worked in pairs, groups of 3 or by themselves to produce their videos. Some of the videos created explain how our digestive system works and how different sounds are produced when guitar strings are plucked. Their videos have been uploaded to YouTube for the judges to view and students are hopeful that they will win the €1000 prize that's up for grabs!

Self Defence

All TY students will complete a six week self-defence course. Students have been focusing on three main strategies so far - quick read de-escalate, disengage and defend. Students have been building up their confidence in self defence techniques.



Talk from Dr Noel Murphy



TY students enjoyed a talk from Dr Noel Murphy from the School of Electronic Engineering in DCU. Noel spoke about a new Global Challenges programme that is being offered in DCU, and about different Engineering courses that are available to students.