

Transition Year Newsletter



BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition

Well done to Amber, Sophie, Tara, Katie and Aaron for being excellent ambassadors for the school at the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition! President Michael D Higgins officially opened the exhibition on Wednesday 11th January. Students had a brilliant time presenting their projects to the judges, other students, parents and members of the public.

We were honoured to speak to Tánaiste Micheál Martin who was very interested to hear about Amber & Sophie's project entitled "To Dye or Not to Dye". This project examined the impact of bleach on the tensile strength of hair. Senator Shane Cassells also viewed our projects and was fascinated by the self-watering plant pot designed and built by Tara, Katie and Aaron. All of us at Boyne Community School are very proud of the students and commend them for their hard work and dedication to their projects.



Think Tank Workshop

Following on from our BT success, Billy Fleming from Scifest delivered a think tank workshop with our Transition Year students. He focused on the criteria needed for a successful project and the processes required to achieve this. The SciFest programme consists of a series of one-day STEM fairs for second-level students. We look forward to seeing the projects our transition years produce for their fair in March.



TY Trip to the Musical 'Matilda'

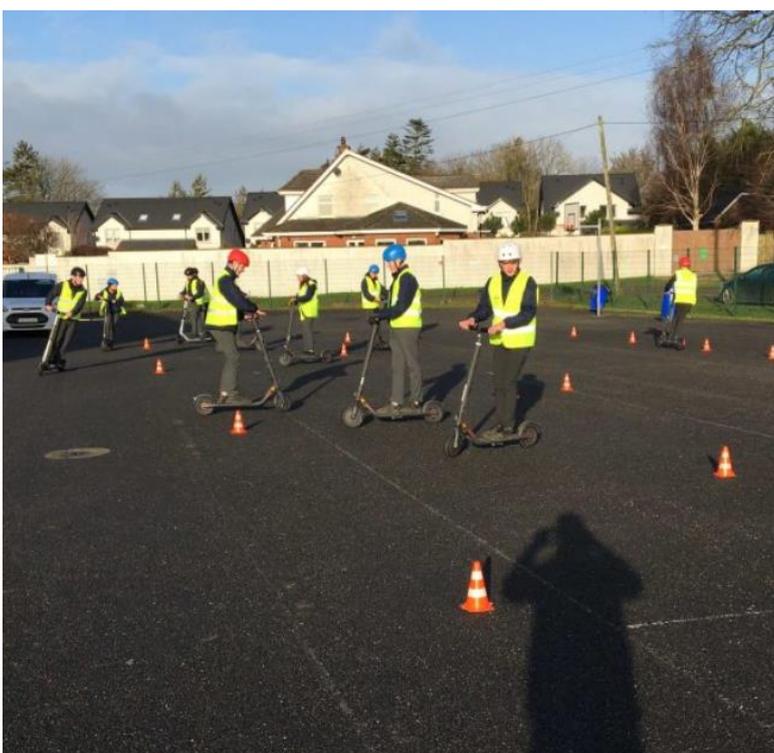
As part of the TY Drama module, our TY students visited The Odeon Cinema Blanchardstown, to watch the musical "Matilda". The TY students are hoping to draw inspiration for their musical later in the year. A huge thanks to Ms McCann & Ms. Gibney for organising the event.



Third Year Students Sample TY E-Scooter Workshop

Our Third Year students sampled an E-Scooter Workshop. This course allows our students to have an insight to the opportunities available in our Transition Year Programme in Boyne Community School.

The two-hour course encourages young people to adopt a safety-led approach to driving. The pioneering 'E-scooter Safety Module' will provide pupils with an overview of the law governing e-scooters; a guide on how to ensure pedestrian safety while using e-scooters; tuition on starting and moving off safely, as well as a tutorial on how to park safely.



Horticulture – Building & Finishing a Concrete Footpath

TY students had the opportunity to mix concrete. They followed Mr. Mitchell's instructions and added half of the cement, sand and aggregates and let them run as a dry mix for a couple of minutes before starting to add water. Keep gradually adding water until the thickness is about right. Then repeat the process by adding the rest of your mix followed by the water until it's at the right consistency.



Guide Dogs Ireland Residential Programme

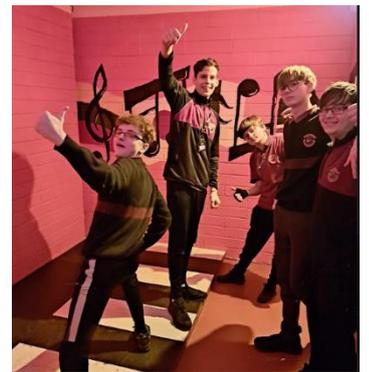


TY students have the opportunity to become involved in a three week residential programme. It involves students coming to our Training Centre where our team of expert instructors will train you and your new partner on everyday skills, from crossing roads to using public transport, as well as dog handling, feeding, grooming and vet care.



GoQuest

TY students spent the day at GoQuest in Carrickmines completing a selection of physical and mental challenges. Each challenge gave them the opportunity to work on their teamwork and communication skills and required a lot of logical thinking. Many of the challenges incorporated numeracy and literacy skills and required students to think quickly and adapt to changing situations.



Driver Education Course

Our TY students have just completed their Driver Education Course. Each student had the opportunity to drive a car with an instructor, change a tyre safely, learn basic mechanics, experience 'beer goggles' and practice their theory test. We at Boyne Community School would like to thank: The Trim Branch of Drogheda Credit Union, Market Street, Trim, Co. Meath for sponsoring the module.

