

Transition Year Newsletter



For the month of September, one of the focuses of Boyne Community School has been to highlight the school values of Respect, Pride and Belonging as mentioned in our motto “Meas, Mortas, Muintearas”. Our Transition Year students personify these values through their daily activities and actions. In the last few weeks, we have seen the sense of community grow within our TY students. They take pride in what they do, they get involved in everything and they show great respect to staff, other students and members of their local community. We are very proud of these students and all they have achieved.

Historical Tour of Trim

Transition Year students were welcomed back to Boyne Community School at the start of the new academic year. As part of our induction day, we visited a number of attractions our local area of Trim has to offer including the Yellow Steeple, the Tomb of the Jealous Man and Woman, Sheep Gate and Trim Castle.



Gaisce Hike in Glendalough



Transition Year students have successfully completed the Adventure Journey aspect of their Gaisce Award. Students visited Glendalough where they hiked the Spinc Trail. They were very impressed with the natural beauty of the landscape. The trail ascended steeply on a path up by Poulanass Waterfall before joining a boardwalk and wooden steps leading to a spectacular viewing point overlooking the Upper Lake. As students have now completed the Physical Recreation challenge area, they are on track to receive their Bronze Gaisce Awards.



Self Defence Classes

TY Class Aontacht have begun an empowering self-defense course designed to teach essential safety skills. The course, led by Mr. McDonnell, focuses on practical self-defense techniques such as boxing, blocking and defending. Students will also learn how to stay alert and make quick decisions. Beyond the physical moves, the program emphasises building confidence, awareness, and mental resilience. Class Aontacht students have embraced the opportunity to gain these valuable life skills.



Crime Scene Analysis Workshop



Our Transition Year students participated in an engaging workshop hosted by Forensic Crime Investigation. Students investigated the mysterious case of the assassination of John F. Kennedy by gathering clues, analysing evidence and evaluating data. They had to consider ballistics, gunshot residue, photographic analysis, fingerprints and autopsies. It was a challenging but fascinating workshop drawing on everyone's problem solving skills!



Student Enterprise Programme – Idea Generation Workshop

All three TY groups took part in the SEP Idea Generation Workshop in the Swift Cultural Centre in Trim. It was an amazing opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the programme, brainstorm ideas and network with other future entrepreneurs.



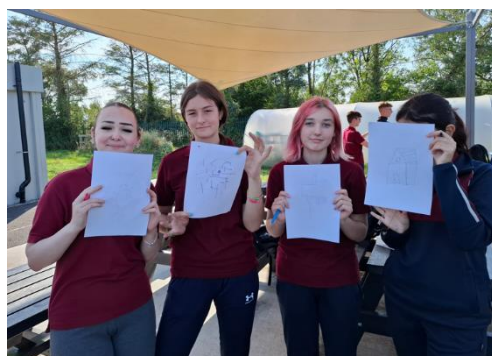
National Ploughing Championships

Our TY students enjoyed a day out at the National Ploughing Championships. The event offered students a unique opportunity to learn about sustainable farming and environmental practices through workshops and demonstrations. The sunny outing was both educational and fun, leaving students inspired by Ireland's rich agricultural heritage.



Variety Show Preparation

TY students have been busy preparing for the Variety Show. They acted out different scenes, created freeze frames and completed team building activities. We look forward to seeing the final production next year.



Pilates Class

Pilates has become an integral part of our Transition Year fitness routine, guided expertly by Ms. Murphy. Over the past few weeks, Class Neart has experienced notable improvements in core strength, posture, flexibility, and overall body control, all the while also boosting confidence. Our students really appreciate the physical and mental benefits that Pilates provides!



Disable the Label – Prosper Meath’s Disability Awareness Programme

A TY Disability Awareness Program in collaboration with Prosper Meath commenced this month with our TY students. This initiative aims to foster inclusivity and understanding, empowering students to embrace diversity. This collaborative effort seeks to dismantle stereotypes, fostering empathy and understanding among students. Through these engaging workshops, interactive sessions, and firsthand experiences, participants will gain insight into the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. Together, we strive to disable the label and celebrate the unique abilities and contributions of every individual.



Overnight Bonding Trip – Tanagh Adventure Centre



Transition Year students have had a wonderful time on their overnight bonding trip to Tanagh Adventure Centre. One of the first activities was an exhilarating kayaking adventure along the river. Students had an opportunity to try out the new paddle boards and took great delight in pushing Mr McAndrew off them into the water. Everyone had a fantastic experience.



The competitive side of our Transition Year students was on display as rock climbing races were held. New heights were reached by all and records were definitely broken.



The activities continued with a slippery slope that ended with a mud slide. This was a massive hit with students, as was battle zone archery in the forest. For the month of September, one of the focuses of BCS has been to highlight the school values of Respect, Pride and Belonging. This trip has really enhanced the sense of community within the TY group as students worked together to complete numerous activities and challenges. We look forward to seeing each member of TY grow and develop as the year progresses.

