



February Newsletter

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Welcome back after February Mid-term

We have returned to school after the February Mid-Term break, ready for a busy term ahead. We have had a busy month; we hope you enjoy a look at some of the highlights of this month!



Green School Committee welcome local Councillor

Councillor Anton Watters came to speak to the Green Schools committee about traffic congestion at the school. He discussed future plans for parking at the school and for managing traffic congestion. We will have a new traffic system once our new part of our school building is complete

Councillor Watters has been working with the Board of Management, the Parents Association, and the Neighbourhood Watch association. He has also brought up the traffic congestion difficulties with the minister for transport Eamonn Ryan in the Dail. Our pupils enjoyed discussing these plans and how they might fit into the Green Schools prospects of gaining the transport flag.



Did you know – Pupils are awarded prizes each Term for the most recorded positive behaviours and excellent attendance?



ART *department*

The 1st Year Art Students worked in pairs to mix and paint the tint and shades of various colours from the colour wheel.

Lots of outstanding artwork was completed by our students, below is an example of excellent shading & colouring from one of our 1st year students. Throughout the last term pupils have explored how to use shading techniques to enhance their Artwork, while exploring colours and how they mix and match.



TY Work Experience week Monday 7th - 11th March



FAI Coaching Presentation

A huge thank you to Gavin Peers, FAI, who presented to a group of TY, 5th, and 6th year students on February 8th. Gavin held a captivated audience when he shared his personal career journey with students, promoted lifelong education and informed our students of the FAI / ETB Player Development Course.



National Gallery Visit

TY and Senior Art students recently enjoyed a very successful trip to the National Gallery in Dublin where they experienced a tour of the Gallery Highlights as well as the renowned Zurich Portrait Competition Exhibition.



Internet Safety Week

A huge thank you to Kevin Cleary and Rachel Copperthwaite, An Garda Síochána, who presented to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students on February 9th as part of our school's Internet Safety Week on Online Safety. Kevin and Rachel held a captivated audience speaking to the students about Online Wellbeing, False Information, Self-Esteem Online and Respectful Communication Online. Throughout the week, students learned about the importance of internet safety in SPHE lessons and through a variety of events.



Green School Committee, led by Ms. Guerin, are aiming for the **TRANSPORT FLAG** this year. The Green School inspectors will be visiting our school on Friday 24th March! With all the activities and hard work of our green schools committee this year, we are excited to share all the work we have completed with our visitors.



Junior Cert Awards Ceremony

On Thursday 23rd February we celebrated the Junior Certificate Award winners for every subject. Our award ceremony recognised students on their outstanding academic achievements, through a challenging few years. All our students were congratulated on their wonderful results. Below are the individual subject award winners!



- English Award – Nora McBride
- Irish, Music & French Awards – Niamh Donnelly
- Maths, Science, Graphics & History Awards – Sean Thornton
- Art Award – Maia Davidson
- Spanish Award – Conor Fitzgerald
- Geography Award – EJ Dunne
- Business Award & Home Economics Award – Tara White
- Wood Technology Award & Engineering Award – Darren O'Shaughnessy



Did you know – We have after school study on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. All students are welcome to come along!