

# MILLSTREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Newsletter March 2018

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### iCan Fundraiser

L.C.V.P. students completed their Enterprise Activity with an "Odd One Out" Day— a fun event for the whole school. The students took part in the **Odd One Out Quiz** and were encouraged to wear **Odd Shoes** on the day. Prizes went to quiz winners and to Paula Novak, First Year, for her winning shoes. €320 were raised by this initiative and proceeds went to the iCan charity.

### Young Scientists

MCS continued its successful tradition with Young Scientist projects this year. Four projects were presented at the RDS in Dublin. "An Improvement to the Ranking System for Ireland's Second Level Schools" was presented by Mark Casey and Éimear Corcoran; "Are Teenagers Carrying Risk Factors Now That We Would Only See in Older People Before?" was researched by Jordan Kiely, Abby Ring and Emma McSweeney; "Charcoal or Eye Liner Markers – Which is Better to Help the Daily Lives of Firefighters?" was presented by Katie Healy and Shannon O'Sullivan; "The Effects of Heavy Schoolbags on Pupils" was investigated by David O'Donovan, Dylan Sheehan and Brian O'Sullivan. All students presented their projects with confidence and the expertise built over the months of research impressed all callers to the stands. An added bonus was Mark Casey and Eimear Corcoran winning a "Highly Recommended" award in the Social and Behavioural Sciences category. A big thank you to Millstreet Community Council for their continued support of the school's involvement in Young Scientists.



## Fifth Year Retreat

Second Year and Fifth Year students took part in retreats this year. The Second Year retreat was in November, while the Fifth Year retreat was in January 2018. Both were facilitated by Declan Browne of the MIR Retreat Centre. The feedback received from students after both events was overwhelmingly positive. Students found their day with Declan to be immensely beneficial in dealing with the challenges of school life and other areas like relationships and self-esteem. The students highly recommended that future classes would have the opportunity to take a day out of school to experience and participate in the MIR retreat.



## i WISH

The TY girls visited iWish in Cork on Friday the 26th. This was an opportunity to see the exciting career prospects in STEM subjects, (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and to encourage girls to take these subjects in school so that these exciting careers are available to all. Dr. Pixie McKenna presented the event. The girls got plenty of information regarding careers in the STEM subjects.

iWISH is an initiative to inspire, encourage and motivate young female students to pursue careers in STEM. STEM can change our world. We have so many world problems to solve – food shortage, climate change, pollution and ageing populations. These will be solved through STEM if we harness the power of thousands of girls to shape a better world. Uptake in STEM subjects by girls in MCS is already very strong. Consequently, a significant number of the girls from the school pursue careers in these areas. The uptake of Engineering by girls in MCS is actually 9 times higher than the national average and twice the national average in D.C.G. Attending the iWish initiative will help maintain and promote this impressive trend.



## T.Y. Play

This year's play was the hilarious comedy "Many Happy Returns". The cast included Gemma O'Regan, Sarah Bourke, Dylan Sheehan, Jason Carroll, Jennifer Kelly, Caoimhe O'Leary, David O'Donovan, Erin Lawlor, Shannon O'Sullivan and Abby Ring. In a remarkable delivery of this madcap comedy, audiences were wowed by the strong performances across the show. The expertise of producers Margaret Buckley and Jennifer O'Donoghue was evident in the quality of acting and the maturity of the cast. This play is a key part of Transition Year and requires an enormous amount of work. The thrill of the performance and the satisfaction of seeing the production through to the end are hugely rewarding, as the stars of the future are moulded.



## Development Education

Once again, we are grateful for the support of WorldWide Global Schools (WWGS) in helping to make Development Education (D.E.) a part of our school life— inside and outside of the classroom. This is the third year a Transition Year D.E. group has been formed. They meet every Thursday during lunchtime in room 2A and are in the process of planning initiatives around Waste and Gender Equality. The basis for their ideas has been the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals. These issues are targeted in the Global Goals and in the spirit of “Thinking Globally—Acting Locally.” The group seeks to address how these areas need to be improved in our own community. The group also hopes to encourage the school community to further address waste and recycling and will be taking a variety of initiatives to highlight these important issues.

## T.Y. Events

T.Y. students have been busy with classes and projects and have also had the benefit of the following experiences: S.V.P. Talk, Work Experience, West Cork Music Recital, Suicide Prevention Talk, Eagles Flight Development Day, School Play, Advent Liturgies, Hospital Visit, B.T. Young Scientist, Law & You, Cake Sale (S.V.P.), "iWish" Stem Day (City Hall), Mini Company and the Dublin / Belfast Trip. The Dublin/Belfast trip is as hectic exciting as ever and this year included a huge variety of both enjoyable and highly educational visits. The students visited the Titanic Centre, Crumlin Road Gaol, Croke Park, Glasnevin Cemetery, the Dáil, Karting, Dublin Castle, Mountjoy Jail and various eateries along the way!

## Senior Soccer

The Senior Soccer squad had a good early season, qualifying to play Mitchelstown on November 20th. They took control of the game and led 2-0 at half time. A flurry of opposition goals saw them down 4-2 with ten minutes left. Their “never say die” attitude saw them level with a minute to go, with Matthew Ozaist, slamming home a last second winner. Scorers for Millstreet: Colm O’Leary, Daniel Dennehy, Lael Tambwe (2) and Matthew Ozaist. This remarkable comeback saw them face Schull in a quarter final. Again, a good opening half saw Millstreet up 2-0 but conceded five in the second half, despite adding one of their own. Scorers: Padraig Moynihan (2), Neil Flahive(1). This saw them out of the competition but it was an exciting and enjoyable run. Panel: Brandon O’Sullivan, Tim Healy, Aidan Murphy, James Cronin, Jamie Brophy, Lael Tambwe, Shane Hickey, Colm O’Leary, Daniel Buckley, Padraig Moynihan, Neil Flahive, Daniel Dennehy, Mathew Ozaist, Jack Ducey, David Browne.

## Camogie

The Senior Camogie Team played a high tempo game against a strong Mitchelstown side and despite leading for long periods were frustrated to end two points down. The group now await their next opponent in the group. Panel: Donna O Reilly, Lauryn Kiely, Joni Tarrant, Una Buckley, Elmarie Kelleher, Emily Ring, Grace O Connor, Robyn Sheehan, Erin Lawlor, Chloe Barrett, Linda Desmond, Aoife Tarrant, Ria Buckley, Weronika Bala.

## Lourdes

Fifth Year students, Denise Healy, Aoife O’Riordan, Grace O’Connor and Ciara Manning will be travelling to Lourdes as helpers with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. They are following in the long tradition of MCS students who have taken part in this pilgrimage and will no doubt, find the experience very rewarding. The cost of their travel and accommodation is €670 per person and the hope is that they will be able to cover these costs through fundraising efforts— **Bake Sale** in Millstreet Parish Centre on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February after 6.30pm Mass and on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February after 11.30am Mass. Table Quiz** in The Wallis Arms on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8pm. €40 per table of four.** We wish the four students well for their time in Lourdes.



### T.Y. Saint Vincent de Paul Project

T.Y. students are working hard on a number of initiatives supported by SVP. One was a Cake Sale in school held to raise money for Homeless Charities and raised €205. Thanks to all who baked and who supported the sale. Your generous help will make a real difference for the homeless. Well done to T.Y. bakers Katie Healy, Orla Twomey, Niamh Tarrant and Shannon O'Sullivan who baked in school with Miss Sheehy for the event. They are also preparing a research project on the causes of Homelessness, which will be presented at an exhibition in Cork in May.

### Shoe Boxes

The Shoe Appeal always creates a really positive and excited response from young people as they pack their boxes. Well done to MCS and the local primary schools— Millstreet Boys, Millstreet Presentation, Knocknagree, Kilcorney, Rathcoole and Hollymount, who gathered 428 shoe boxes.



### Soccer

The newest school team, the Junior Boys, coached by Ms Moore, won their first outing against Coláiste Dáibhead winning 3-2 in an exciting encounter. They then faced Mahon away, a difficult task against an established soccer



school. A high-tempo, high-scoring game saw Millstreet triumph 4-3, with goals from Eoin Guiney, Darragh Cashman, Donagh Murphy and a last gasp winner from Darragh O'Riordan that qualified Millstreet for the quarter-final. They next faced Dunmanway, in an away tie. They quickly established a commanding lead with two goals from Eoin Guiney. Unfortunately, in the second half they lost the lead to a very

strong team, who won two penalties and got their winner late on. It was a cruel way to end the school's first foray into the competition but the lads are all now looking forward to getting their places on the senior panel and continuing to develop the game in the school.

Panel: Harry Linehan, Dylan Downey, Darren Kiely, Eoin Guiney, Joyce Tambwe, Dylan Kelleher, Luke O'Donoghue, Diarmuid Cronin, Sylwester Brak, Donagh Murphy, Donal Sheehan, Darragh Cashman, Omar Daly, Patrick Cronin, Darragh O'Riordan.

### Liturgies

Students attended liturgies in November, remembering loved ones who have died. Liturgies were also organised around Advent and Christmas. The week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes 18<sup>th</sup>– 25<sup>th</sup> January and is marked internationally. This significant week is acknowledged in our school every year. This year's liturgy involved 2<sup>nd</sup> year students and we were pleased to be joined by Reverend Karen Spence. Rev. Karen is a Methodist Minister who is based in Killarney but who also supports the Methodist community in Millstreet. The students planted crocuses in the school, which will bloom from late January, to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. This day is marked in the R.E. classes in January. Pictured right – Planting crocuses with Caretaker, Danny Lane.

