

# MILLSTREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Newsletter November 2017

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### First Year Mass

Well done to the First Years who prepared their School Mass. The Mass was a way of welcoming their families to the school and joining in the celebration of another big step in life's journey. Mrs O'Hanlon's choir and musicians created a wonderful atmosphere making for a memorable event.



T.Y. students with first years at the first year football blitz organised by the T.Y. class.

### U 16 Hurling

On Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Millstreet under 16 hurlers inflicted a heavy defeat on North Mon. All players showed great heart in heavy conditions and hurled well. Final score: Millstreet 7-9, North Mon. 1-6. Panel: Darragh Cashman, Dylan Kelleher, Diarmuid Cronin, James Buckley, Daniel Buckley, Dylan Downey, Omar Daly, Donal Sheehan, Harry Linehan, Barry Murphy, Adrian McArron, Ronan O'Leary, Cathal O'Sullivan, Patrick Cronin, Darren Kiely, Daniel Hartnett, Eoin Guiney, Donagh Murphy, Luke O'Donoghue, Eoin Sheahan, Evan Murphy, Evan O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Moynihan.

### T.Y. Play

This year's play is the hilarious comedy "Many Happy Returns", and will run on **December 12th, 13th and 14th, at 8:00 sharp** in the school. It promises to be a great night's entertainment so be sure to book your tickets early. The cast includes 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.

### Young Scientists

The school continues its successful tradition with Young Scientist projects with four projects qualifying this year. "An improvement to the ranking system for Ireland's Second Level Schools" will be presented by Mark Casey and Éimear Corcoran; "Are Teenagers Carrying Risk Factors Now That We Would Only See in Older People Before?" will be researched by Jordan Kiely, Abby Ring and Emma McSweeney; "Charcoal or Eye Liner Markers – Which is Better to Help the Daily Lives of Firefighters?" will be presented by Katie Healy and Shannon O'Sullivan; "The Effects of Heavy Schoolbags on Pupils" will be investigated by David O'Donovan, Dylan Sheehan and Brian O'Sullivan.

We wish the researchers well in their work and look forward to seeing them present their findings in Dublin in January.

## Leaving Cert. Retreat

The Leaving Cert. group braved the elements for the annual pilgrimage to the lakes and hills of Killarney. Despite the terrible forecast, the class travelled in hope of a few breaks in the showers and began with a visit to local place of prayer, Tubrid Well, which set the tone for the day of reflection and preparation for the challenges ahead. Then on to Ross Castle where they boarded the boats. Next stop, Inisfallen Island, was a miracle in itself as the entire class sheltered beneath a strawberry tree while a prolonged heavy shower lashed down on the lake. Grace Tambwe read the reflection here, loud and clear above the elements. The voyage continued as the day improved and all disembarked at the Black Valley for lunch. The hike back through the oak woods was bracing, with Joni Tarrant's rendition of "The Road Not Taken" giving all a welcome break.



Canon Fitzgerald celebrated Mass on the altar of the Cathedral, with help from readers Oskar Wolak, James Cronin, Tim Healy, Kaytlin Murphy, Shane Hickey, Gregorz Bala and Una Buckley. All were then whisked back to Millstreet after a refreshing day, ready to face the challenges ahead.

## Senior Schools Cook-Off

Jordan Kiely and Emma McSweeney qualified as finalists in the Macroom Food Festival Senior Schools Cook-Off on Sunday 24th September. This event has become a regular event in the T.Y. calendar. The dish presented by Millstreet Community School was an oriental vegetable and basil curry served with egg fried rice. They had to prepare this complex dish against the clock and under the scrutiny of judges. The girls really enjoyed the experience despite the pressure! An excellent effort was made and they did themselves and the school's Home Economics Department proud on the day. Comhghairdeas libh.



## Student Enterprise Program

The Student Enterprise Program is a national initiative organised by the Local Enterprise Offices and aims to foster an enterprise culture among students. In September, the T.Y. Mini-Company travelled to the Park Hotel, Charleville, for an information and brainstorming seminar. Examples of how to create business ideas from hobbies and interests were explored. The group, which includes Julie Crowley, Chloe Barrett, David O'Donovan, Brian O'Sullivan, Dan Crowley, Ashley Edmonds, Max Otten, Megan Lehane, Dylan Sheehan, Adam O'Connor, Colin Murphy, Erin Lawlor, Marvellous Amujo, Orla Buckley, Sarah Bourke, Katie Healy, David Brady and Emma Corcoran hope to build on this with their own ideas and create a successful Mini-Company during their Transition



## Development Education

Aishling McGrath (Project Officer with WorldWide Global Schools) visited the school on the 5th of September. She ran a workshop with TYs based around the UN Sustainable Development Goals. A new Development Education committee will be formed in November.

Susan Gallwey (Education Officer with Trócaire) facilitated a workshop with the First Year Tutorial groups in September. The focus of these workshops was an introduction to 'Development Education.' (DE)

For the second year, each of the two TY groups will be taking part in DE module. This enables the students to gain an insight into why the world is increasingly unequal and what they can do to bring about change.

A group of 5th year students who were involved in last year's DE committee attended the UCC International Development Student Showcase on 10th November. The main speaker at this event was Mr Tom Arnold (Former Director, Concern Worldwide).

## Retreats

A Retreat for Second Years will be held on Thursday, 16th November in Millstreet Parish Centre. It will be facilitated by Mr Declan Browne (Mir Retreat Centre).

## T.Y. Clara Climb and Events

This annual fixture gets the T.Y. Group bonded and symbolises the challenges they are set to embrace over the year. They have been busy with a number of events, including First Aid, "Drive for Life", Road Safety course, "West Cork Secret" outdoor pursuits, St Vincent de Paul Project, Worldwide Global Skills Development Education, KDYS Leadership Training, G.A.A. Coaching Course, Séan Kelly M.E.P. Visit, West Cork Musical, "Zip It" outdoor pursuits, T.Y. Golf, Suicide Prevention and Work Experience.



## First Year Camogie Blitz

The Millstreet First Year camogie team travelled to the Mallow G.A.A. Complex for the first school sports event for the new First Years. The Camogie Crew had a great day but were unlucky not to qualify for semis due to points difference. All the girls put in brilliant performances, especially in the second match where they rattled in four goals. They also played Fermoy to get some practice in and prepare for the knock-out games ahead. The fifteen First Year girls played their hearts out and were excellent representatives of the school : Cara Brophy, Katie Linehan, Cathy Byrnes, Orla O' Leary, Molly Fleming, Brianna Murphy, Anna Moynihan, Beibhinn Moynihan, Ola Pepkowska, Ella O' Leary, Alannah Lee, Claire Lyons, Katie Morley, Molly Morley, Amy Hickey.





### CSPE Action Project

Third Year CSPE students travelled to County Hall on September 25<sup>th</sup> and met Councillor John Paul O'Shea and Mayor of Cork Declan Hurley. They then took their seats in the Council Chamber and asked their prepared questions. They also got a bird's eye view of the city and county from the panoramic 17<sup>th</sup> floor. This was a great insight into local government and helped them to understand how our democracy works. This project will be written up as part of the Junior Cert. exam.



### Ladies Football

On October 2nd the school's sporting year began with the U14 Ladies Footballers took on Coláiste Ghobnatan, Ballyvourney. The girls were up against a very strong side and despite shipping a heavy score in the first half, fought on bravely and showed tremendous character and commitment, with Una Healy and Taragh Casey notching up three goals. This defeat now sees the girls move



division and all are now looking forward to their next fixture. Panel: Eva Civita, Eimear O'Leary, Shauna O'Connor, Taragh Casey, Jenny Kelleher, Rebecca O'Leary, Una Healy, Leah Lehane, Ella O'Leary, Cara Brophy, Chloe Bailey, Orla O'Leary, Molly Fleming, Katie O'Sullivan, Alannah Lee, Alex Ducey, Lauren Kelleher, Cathy Byrnes, Katie Linehan, Sarah Murray, Beibhinn Moynihan, Pola Nowak.

### Senior Boys' Football

On October 3rd, the Senior Boys lined out against St Brogan's, Bandon and were squeezed out of the win late in the game in testy encounter, with no shortage of commitment on both sides. Millstreet led by three points at half time, 1-7 to 7 points, but a finely balanced game saw Brogan's edge it with a few late points. Millstreet did have a late goal chance to level matters but a good save decided the encounter.

Panel: Brandon O'Sullivan, Brian O'Sullivan, Jack Ducey, Daniel Dennehy, Donagh Murphy, David Browne, Dylan Kelleher, Aidan Murphy, Eoin Guiney, Daniel Buckley, Neil Flahive, Harry Lenihan, David O'Donovan, Darragh Cashman, Dylan Downey, Dylan Sheehan, Jamie Brophy, Darragh O'Riordan, Andrew Smith, Donal Sheehan, Joyce Tambwe.

### Soccer

The newest school team, the Junior Boys, coached by Ms Moore, took on Coláiste Dáibhead in the Town Park on October 5th, and won on their first outing in an exciting 3-2 encounter. Goals from Eoin Guiney and a brace from Joyce Tambwe were enough to see off the city boys in a close run contest. Dáibhead levelled to cancel out Guiney's early lead but a neat tap-in finish followed by powerful close range shot from Joyce Tambwe put Millstreet in control at 3-1. A screamer from outside the box brought Dáibhead within reach again, but resolute defending saw Millstreet close it out at 3-2. Millstreet now advance to the second round against Nagle Community College.

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