

MILLSTREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Newsletter November 2018



Retiring staff including Principal Pat Pigott, Declan Dennehy and Barry Fraser with 2018 L.C. students Rafaella Tavares, Becca Healy and Michelle Hurley.

Fáiltiú ón bPríomhoide, P. Ó Síodhcháin, Uas.

Welcome to our November Newsletter.

"The trees are in their autumn beauty, the woodland paths are dry..."

Yeats used autumn to symbolise changes and so has this autumn seen significant change in MCS. We wish retired staff members Pat Pigott, Barry Fraser and Declan Dennehy the best as they begin the next chapter of their lives. The Board of Management thanks them for their commitment and dedication to the education and development of the students in their care over the years, and wishes them well in their retirement.

We welcome new staff members Shane Healy, Sandra Moynihan, Caroline O'Sullivan, John Canty and Brendan Moher.

Míle buíochas do chách as ucht bhur gcuid fáilte agus comhoibritheach ón uair a thosnaíos libh. Lean ar aghaidh leis an dea-obair!

Camogie Blitz Winners!

The Senior Girls' Camogie beat all comers in an eight team blitz organised at the school, winning the Cork Colleges Harrington Cup, played in our own pitch and up at Millstreet Town Park. Winning their group, Millstreet qualified for the final, defeating our Principal's former school Coláiste Daibhéid from Cork by 2-6 to 1-3 in the Final. Well done also to coaches Ms. Sheehy & Mrs. Fitzgerald. The victorious ladies received canteen vouchers as a reward from the school and to build up stamina for the County School's games ahead.



Global Citizenship in MCS

Global citizenship/development education is a core element of MCS and 2018 has already seen several projects get up and running. These include “Sustain Ability”, a project on the environment conducted with Schull, First Year Trocaire Activity, WWGS Project Preparations, the Self-Help Africa project and the “Trad for Trocaire” musical fundraiser in the school on the **9th of November in the school at 7:30.**

T.Y.

T.Y. students hit the ground running and have already completed several activities, including Clara Climb, KDYS Mentoring, Talk from Millstreet Hospital, Football Blitz, Ballyhass Outdoor Pursuits, Ploughing, Drive for Life, GCE forum, Mini Company- Charleville, IRD Duhallow, Make Way Day- disabled drivers, SVP Talk, Farran Zip It and West Cork Music. BT Young Scientists are now finalising project proposals and hope to continue the school’s impressive tradition and make it to the finals in Dublin.



Soccer

Mr Magee’s **Senior Soccer** outfit (left) faced Killorglin in the first group game and went down 3-2, despite a very impressive performance and two well-taken first –half goals from Eoin Guiney and Neil Flahiv. They’re now regrouping and next face Castleisland.

Junior Soccer– Mr O’Síodhcháin’s Juniors started their campaign with an emphatic win over Newcastlewest on October 22nd. A first-half

hat-trick from striker Eoin Guiney put the game beyond doubt. Eoin added a fourth in the second half to put Millstreet in the second round and looking forward to building on a great start. Score: 4-2.



Maths Week

Maths Week ran from October 14th-19th and featured challenges, puzzles and competitions to encourage all to develop problem-solving and logic skills, as well as to recognise the enormous influence Maths makes to our lives. Congratulations to First Years Nikodem Wolak and Adam Twomey who combined their computation and dart skills to win the Maths Week Darts Challenge.

Teacher Mr Healy presenting Adam and Nikodem with their Maths Week prizes.

O’Flynn Medical Visit

LCVP students visited O’Flynn Medical as part of the LCVP Program and developed their understanding of Business and the demands of the workplace. The students saw how several school subjects are applied in the workplace, motivating them in their studies. A report on the visit will form part of their LCVP portfolio. Thanks to Tadhgh and all the team at O’Flynn medical.





T.Y. Mini-Company

T.Y. students headed to Charleville to brainstorm ideas for the upcoming Mini Company projects. The day got everybody thinking of ways to invest their seed capital in lucrative business concepts. Watch out for the products coming on stream in the coming months!

Ballyhass Lakes T.Y. Trip

On the 14th of September, T.Y. students went to Ballyhass Lakes Outdoor Pursuit Centre. Activities included low ropes, team building challenges, 'Ringo', the 'Gladiator' vertical obstacle course and the leap of faith. The day was fantastic fun, getting everyone out of comfort zones, taking on scary challenges and working with new people.



European Language Day

Students from First Year were treated to a continental breakfast of cheeses, breads and condiments, as well as cereals to celebrate the culture and traditions of the countries represented by the European languages in the school, French and German.

Other classes had quizzes, winning prizes with a continental touch to mark the celebration and focus on the broader cultural aspect of the languages studied here with Mrs Norton and Ms Power.

Minister Helps School Harvest

Agriculture Minister Michael Creed visited the school to speak with Agricultural Science students about the latest trends in the agricultural industry. He helped students see the direction future employment prospects in the business are taking. Afterwards, he found the time to help harvest this year's crop of school potatoes, a fine crop despite the dry conditions over the summer.





Ploughing 2018

An intrepid group of Agriculture enthusiasts headed for the Laois venue, despite adverse weather and the debris of Storm Ali, on September 20th as part of their Agricultural Science studies. 63 students took part and the event allowed them to build on their classroom studies, gaining understanding of the applications of scientific theory in new developments in the industry and agribusiness.

Leaving Cert Retreat

Our Leaving Certs took a day out from the hectic schedule of their final year of school to take to the woods and water of Killarney National Park, for a day of reflection ahead of the work and decisions of the year ahead. It was a memorable day and one where the challenges ahead are put in perspective. The 2nd Year Retreat took place on October 19th in the Parish centre, with other Retreats taking place later in the school year. A big thank you also to Canon Fitzgerald and all who helped celebrate the First Year Mass in the school, and to Ms O'Hanlon's wonderful choir.



BT YOUNG SCIENTISTS– Congratulations to Bevin Murphy, Omar Daly, Darren Kiely, Hannah Keane, Ria Buckley, Sarah Linehan, Ryan Murray, Sylvester Brak, Diarmuid Cronin, James Buckley, Joyce Tambwe, Daniel Buckley, Noah Moynihan who all qualified for the BT Finals in Dublin, with five separate projects. Details on school website.

Senior Football

The seniors took on Coláiste Daibhéid in the first round in Kilmichael. In a hard-fought encounter, Millstreet lost out and now await their "back door" opponents and hope to build on the many positives from this game, with several great performances across the team.



OPEN NIGHT

5th and 6th class students– keep December 6th free and come visit our school for the annual OPEN Night. You'll get a chance to see the school, see what the different subjects are like and meet your new classmates– and your new teachers. Night begins with Principal's address at 7 p.m. followed by tours of the school. You may also enrol for next year on the night.