



Coláiste Iognáid S.J. November and December Newsletter 2018

Junior Cert Success for Hannah Bogue and Éidhne Kennedy



Hannah Bogue and Éidhne Kennedy were honoured by the Engineering and Technology Teachers Association at their annual conference in Mullingar. Hannah and Éidhne were presented with the Engineering and Technology Teachers Association medal in recognition of their outstanding Technical Graphics result in the Junior Certificate Examination.

Debating – busy schedule of events



After seven hours debating against 80 speakers from all over Connacht, the Connacht Junior Debating Final, chaired by the Mayor of Galway, was won by the 3rd Year Jes team of Clara O’Gorman and Tara O’Neill. Clara O’Gorman was best speaker of the day. Emily Rooney and her partner Sadbh Mannion also broke to the Final and Emily was judged best speaker of the Grand Final. Clara O’Gorman and Tara O’Neill, as top speakers

in Connacht, now go on to represent Ireland in the International Competition for Young Debaters’ in Cambridge next year. Eight Jes speakers qualified for the National Final in March, holding five of the top rankings of the day: Ellie Concannon came 5th to the above. From 80 speakers, the Jes took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th position in the competition. Pictured with the Mayor of Galway are Clara O’Gorman and Tara O’Neill.



Taking time off from standing behind the podium, the Debating Society members visited Dáil Éireann and Iveagh House. The students were guests of John Concannon, Director General of Global Ireland who gave them a private tour of Iveagh House and Deputy Hildegard Naughton TD who brought the group to Leader's Questions at the Dáil. While in Dublin, they also took the opportunity to visit the National Archaeology Museum. The twenty-five debaters were accompanied by Matthew Harrison and Ian Jackson nSJ, a visiting English Jesuit novice at the College on experiment.

-Mr. Matthew Harrison

Jes Students join other Jesuit Schools around the world in an Educate Magis hook-up



On Thursday, December 6th, the Feast of St. Nicholas, Educate Magis (a global online community of Jesuit schools) facilitated two Virtual Global Christmas Wishes using Connected Classrooms. The Jes students joined students from Kostka High School in Krakow, Poland, St. Mary's Hall in Lancashire, UK, and St. Xavier's, Godavari, Nepal. In both sessions, students shared stories of generosity which they had experienced in their school communities throughout the year. After listening to these heart-warming stories, each school shared their Christmas wishes for the global network of Jesuit schools, each in their own wonderfully unique way. The Jes students read out their Christmas greeting in Irish and provided a translation – a message of peace and joy and the wish for all to stay safe, happy and healthy. They finished by singing Jingle Bells in Irish. Our fellow Polish, Nepali, and English Jesuit school pupils likewise shared their Christmas experiences. The gathering finished up with a song by the students in St. Mary's Hall – 'Children of the Light'. A beautiful finish to a wonderful virtual gathering.

-For more information on *Educate Magis* check out www.educatemagis.org

Fundraising for Charity



Well done to Luba Karr of Transition Year (TY) who organised a fundraising activity in support of the Children of Russia Fund. Luba is shown holding samples of the Christmas cards she drew, designed, and had printed for sale. Also pictured are the Students' Council handing over a cheque to Clowns without Borders for €685, the proceeds of October's fancy dress day.

Girls under 14 Gaelic Success



The Ladies under 14 team recorded great success against Presentation College Athenry in the Galway County finals. The team which consists of 1st and 2nd Years recorded victories over P.C.H. Headford, Taylor's Hill, and Calasanctius on the way to the final. Victory again 'Pres' means competing in the Connaught Championship. Thanks to our coaches Alan O'Loinsigh and John Daly for all their work.

Fifth Year Art Students and 'Project Ceannt.'



Mr Revill and his 5th year art students were invited by Edward Capital and BDP architects to have their voices heard and share their vision as part of a design consultation for Project Ceannt. Project Ceannt is an urban regeneration project on 8.2 acres of land surrounding Ceannt station in Galway city. The project proposes retail, leisure, accommodation and public spaces.

Our students put forward ideas they felt important for a future Galway such as free public places to hang out and play with an emphasis on wellbeing and mental health. Cultural spaces for art and music, a concert hall, music venues along with creative studio spaces, a spiritual space, sensory garden with different smelling plants and textures were proposed by the students. The students stressed the importance of environmentally friendly building and utilising smart building technology to recycle water and use solar power. Impressed by the input and ideas put forward at the consultation the students have kindly been invited to a visit day to BDP architectural offices in Dublin in the New Year. Pictured with some of the Fifth Years is Michael Mullin, Project Architect.



Sixth Year Christmas Sleep Out



2017 Sleep Out Participates.

The Jes Sleep Out of 2017 was a great success. 42 sixth year pupils participated and fundraised 4091.85 euro for Cope Galway. The pupils slept rough on the grounds of St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church on Friday 22nd December. For the

coming 2018 Sleep Out, 72 pupils have volunteered. Sleep Out 2018 consists of 2 nights and a 12 hour bucket collection on Shop Street. The Sleep Out begins with a liturgy (Thursday 20th) in St Ignatius Church and the pupils will sleep in the school hall for 12 hours. The pupils will then spend the day (Friday 21st -9 hours) roaming the streets of Galway with a limited budget. For the Final 14 hours the pupils will sleep rough on the grounds of St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church. This year we aim to surpass the 10,000 euro mark making our total contribution to Cope Galway over the past 5 years to Approx. 22,000 euro. Here's hoping for Good weather

- Jerry Sheehan, Chaplain

Basketball News



The Senior Boys' Basketball season got off to a dream start with an outstanding performance and victory against St. Mary's College. However, with injuries accruing over the next few weeks the team lost against St. Enda's College, St. Paul's Oughterard and St. Joseph's College (The Bish). However, results had been going in favour of The Jes and a victory in the last match would have put them through to the All-Ireland Playoffs, but unfortunately Calasanz got the better of The Jes by six points as a depleted Jes team valiantly gave it everything they had. Next February this team will travel to Scotland. Although it was a disappointing end for the three Leaving Certs, the young nature of the team means that there is great potential for this team in the coming years. The Under-16 Girls are possibly the most eager team in the school, with great attendances at training and massive enthusiasm at matches. The team has struggled over the last two years, but this year they put in an outstanding display to defeat local rivals Taylors Hill in an enthralling match. After the excitement of that the team made it to the Regional Semi-Final where they lost out. However, the boost in confidence will stand to them in the future. The First Year Boys have been busy since the October midterm as they played in a First Year Blitz in NUIG Kingfisher and also had a scrimmage day against St. Mary's College. Both of these days will be of huge benefit to the team, with the majority of players not having played before. They are helped greatly by the work done in Primary Schools that has given this group great enthusiasm and drive, which will be vital when they start their league campaign in January.

- Mr. Adrian O'Neill



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