

ACS TY Bulletin

Winter 2018

Our first TY Bulletin of 2018-19 was uploaded to our website after October mid-term. Thanks to the TY Enterprise students who put that 21-page document together. The Winter Term was a busy one for the TY Class of 2018-19 with lots happening inside and outside the classroom. We hope you enjoy this bulletin.

Congrats to Ms Hughes

Congratulations to Irene Hughes who received an "Outstanding Achievement" Award, on Thursday 29th November 2018, as a Climate Ambassador, for her environmental leadership both in school and in the local community. She is pictured here with the Director of Environmental Education An Taisce's Michael John O'Mahony and Minister of State for Rural Affairs and Natural Resources, Sean Canney TD. Keep up the fabulous work Ms Hughes. Well done from all in ACS. Thanks to Ms Hughes for all her work with and support of TY.

#climateambassador #greenschools #ditchhedisposables



Irene Hughes meets Minister for Education and Skills, Joe Mc Hugh TD in The Clock Tower, Department of Education, where she spoke on the role of Green Schools and Climate Ambassadors in ACS on Wednesday 28th November 2018.



TY Key Dates 2018-2019

November 2018

Tuesday 6th November 2018

- Focus Ireland Talk 9.50-11.10 am in GP – half of TYs (Speaker – Susie Hall)
- Focus Ireland Talk 11.25 am-12.45 pm in GP – half of TYs (Speaker – Susie Hall)
- Stop Cyber Bullying Workshop Let's Be Safe 1.25-2.45 pm in GP – all TYs (Speaker – John Dwyer)

Thursday 8th November 2018

- Irish Wheelchair Association Angels Campaign at Aldi and Dunnes – Class Cheviot in small groups

Friday 9th November 2018

- Irish Wheelchair Association Angels Campaign at Aldi and Dunnes – Class Merino in small groups
- Irish National Inclusive Karate Squad Bag Pack in Tesco – small groups

Tuesday 13th November 2018

- Zeminar Conference RDS – all TYS

Wednesday 14th November 2018

- Amanda Doherty Drama Workshop 11.45 am-1.05 pm – Drama class

Thursday 15th November 2018

- NutriSnax Healthy Eating Talk in GP – 11.30 am-12.20 pm – half of TYs – Galway, Hampshire and half of Merino
- NutriSnax Healthy Eating Talk in GP – 12.20-1.05 pm – half of TYs – Belclare, Cheviot and half of Merino
- Bake Sale in aid of Focus Ireland – in various locations in school at lunchtime

Tuesday 20th November 2018

- Think Languages TY Language Fair 2.00-4.00 pm in Dublin Castle – 30 TY students

Wednesday 21st November 2018

- Pope John Paul II Achievement Award Talk 10.25 am in GP – all TYs

Thursday 22nd November 2018

- Rory O'Connor of Rory's Stories Talk 11.45 am in GP – all TYs

Tuesday 27th-Friday 30th November 2018

TY Activity Week

Tuesday 27th November 2018

- Causey Farm

Wednesday 28th November 2018

- First Aid Workshop – Cheviot, Hampshire, Belclare
- Self Defense Workshop in Community Centre – Galway, Merino, Belclare

Thursday 29th November 2018

- First Aid Workshop in GP– Galway, Merino, Belclare
- Self Defence Workshop in Community Centre – Cheviot, Hampshire, Belclare

Friday 30th November 2018

- In school workshops
- Radio Broadcasting Group 1 in RA03
- Radio Broadcasting Group 2 in WA08
- Film Production in Sports Hall
- Drama in Mezzanine
- Team Building and Leadership in GP

December 2018

Monday 3rd December 2018

- Visit Out to Avaya Telecommunications Leopardstown 9.30 am-1.45 am – 10 TY students

Tuesday 4th December 2018

- Really Rubbish Film Festival Workshop 10.00 am-3.00 pm in Demo Room – 12 TY students

Wednesday 5th December 2018

- Really Rubbish Film Festival Workshop 10.00 am-3.00 pm in Demo Room – 12 TY students

Thursday 6th December 2018

- APT Human Trafficking Life Skills Talk 11.45 am in GP – Hampshire and Merino
- Community Awareness of Drugs Talk 11.45 am-1.05 pm in GP – Belclare and Cheviot
- Music and Memory Project – Galway

Tuesday 11th December 2018

- Education through Recreation STEM Workshop – TY Science classes during Science 11.25 am double and 2.45 pm double

Tuesday 18th December 2018

- TY Spanish Trip to IFI Cinema – 3 TY Spanish classes

Trips

Zeminar

Zeminar was a trip taken to show multiple opportunities and to learn and listen to inspiring guest speakers such as Declan Hannon, Stephen Bryne and Jess Kelly. Zeminar is a social enterprise created to bring all those invested in the development and well-being of young people in Ireland to one place. The TY Trip to Zeminar was on Tuesday 13th November 2018. It was a fantastic day. Inspirational speakers. Health and wellbeing. TYs were super ambassadors for ACS as always. A great photo of some of our TYs with blogger James Kavanagh. Students looked so smart in their TY hoodies at Zeminar.



TY Think Languages Fair Dublin Castle

Such an enjoyable and interesting afternoon at the TY #thinklanguages fair in Dublin Castle on Tuesday 20th November 2018. Why learn another language?... It is a window to another culture, connects people, offers more career opportunities and is fun. Thanks to The Post Primary Languages Initiative for organising the event. Can't wait for next year! Thanks to Ms Slevin for organising the trip. See article below by TY student Alice McGrath.



Japanese Restaurant

A group of TY Japanese students, along with those students in 5th and 6th Year studying Japanese, went to the J2 Sushi and Bento Restaurant in Swords on Wednesday 21st November 2019. The trip was to teach the students about the different foods from the rich Japanese culture. It was an enjoyable learning experience. Thanks to Mr McCartney and Ms Aiken for accompanying the students.



Causey Farm

100 TYs braved the awful weather on Tuesday 27th November 2018 and headed to Causey Farm in Kells. Students learned to play the bodhran, baked bread, met different animals, went through the haunted rooms, got to meet Santa in his grotto..... among other activities. We know they were disappointed not to jump into the bog - Mr Gibney might sort this out before the end of the year! Thanks to Mr Cullen, Mr Smyth, Mr Dunning, Mr Newman and Ms Pike for accompanying the students.



Trip to Avaya in Leopardstown

10 TYs got the opportunity to visit Avaya in Leopardstown on Monday 3rd December 2018. They learned about the digital communications software, services and devices, they design for businesses and organisations, including Bank of Ireland, Google, Lifestyle Sports and the HSE. Avaya help these to run effective contact centre communications with customers. The students chatted to staff from all areas of expertise in the business. They also engaged in a video conference call where documents and websites were also viewed. A great learning experience. Thanks to the staff at Avaya for inviting us in and for the goodie bags. #worldistheiroyster



Spanish Cinema Trip

On Tuesday 18th December 2019, 68 TY Spanish students went to watch a film called “El Jugador de Ajedrez” (the Chess Player) in the Irish Film Institute with their teachers Ms Slevin, Ms McKenna and Ms Oates. The ‘Chess Player’ is a drama set in Madrid and Paris at the end of the Spanish Civil War and during World War 2. It follows the story of a professional Spanish chess player, Diego Padilla, who is falsely imprisoned by the Nazis and his drive to survive and be reunited with his wife and daughter. Chess becomes an escape for him in prison and is central to the relationships he develops throughout the film. The film turned out to be a hit amongst students and teachers alike as we felt so connected to the central characters and their experiences during this time. Highly recommended to everyone.



Languages Fair 2018 Article – Written by Alice McGrath

On Tuesday 20th November 2018 myself and a few other TYs travelled to the extraordinary Languages Fair at Dublin Castle. The Fair was held by Languages Connect in an effort to spark an interest in the youth of Ireland, specifically TYs, to learn foreign languages. I'm glad to be able to say that I got the chance to experience the Fair. It by far exceeded any preconceptions I had of it and went as far as giving me a sense of direction as to what I hope to do in the future. I would recommend to anyone with any or no interest in languages to go. You might find yourself persuaded to take an interest in languages after hearing some of the speakers' stories.

The day started off as any journey would... with a step by step through safety briefs. Things picked up quickly though and the event took flight when the speakers came up one by one telling their captivating and inspirational stories. The presentations kicked off with James Hart, the renowned Munster rugby player, telling us the story of his professional career first lifting off the ground in the French club of Grenoble. Next up was the equally compelling story of Sgt McInerney from the Garda Diversity Unit whose knowledge of both Spanish and Arabic helped him progress in his career and create for himself valuable opportunities and experiences. Another speaker, Declan O'Loughlin, studies engineering and emphasised the usefulness of languages to him. Then a group of us got to go behind the scenes and watch an interpreter translate the speakers from Japan who spoke of the importance of language in business. Then came the eccentric grand finale, enter the magnificent Taiko drum team. It was a perfect end to a powerful presentation.

Following the presentations came the cultural food tasting with an assortment of typical foods from all over the world, including Japanese sushi, German pretzels, French pastries and Italian arancini to name a few. The event incorporated so many aspects of diverse cultures, not just in language but through dance, music, food, sport, art and writing. These were to be implemented throughout in the interactive workshops including 'Spanish and Salsa', 'Japanese Dance', 'Japanese Origami', 'Chinese Calligraphy' and even some cultural drumming. There was something for everyone with other workshops such as 'Politics and Language', 'Irish Sign Language', 'Portuguese Capoeira', 'Italian' and 'Polish and Russian' taster classes. The day flew by successfully and smoothly and was well run and organised. Each attendee was allocated time at the informative and promotional stands. Activities and organisations such as universities, foreign exchange companies, language classes, the EU and many more were represented and advertised at the stands.

Personally, I found that I got so much out of the Fair and through a company that set up a stand there. I am now in the process of organising a month-long exchange to France. The Languages Fair made me realise that no one should feel limited to the one or two languages they learn in school. There are so many different ways to learn languages outside of class time. One thing I have taken from the Fair is that anyone can go on a holiday knowing a few words of the language, but if you take the time to really learn it you can make lifelong connections and experiences.

My only complaint was that I wish it would not have ended so soon. The Fair, being only two hours long, left little time to do the workshops especially because the presentations went overtime. However, on the whole I found the event extremely valuable, worthwhile and enjoyable. I hope the Languages Fair continues as an annual event and grows in time. I think it is an important initiative to encourage Ireland's youth to utilise their ability to pick up languages, to allow us to be more aware and involved in the cultures and languages that surround us.

Thanks to Alice McGrath for this brilliant article.

Speakers

Focus Ireland Talk

A big thanks to Susie Hall a volunteer with Focus Ireland who spoke to TYs on Tuesday 6th November 2018 in 2 groups about homelessness. Susie mentioned that the TYs were courteous and polite, a credit to their families, their school and themselves. We love to hear this positive feedback. This Focus Ireland visit was arranged with the help of a group of 6th Year Politics and Society students who are investigating the social issue of homelessness.



Nutri-Snax Healthy Eating Talk

Thanks to Alicia from Cavan based company Nutri-Snax who spoke to TY students on Thursday 15th November 2018 in Life Skills about our sugar intake. Very informative talk which the TYs really enjoyed. We were all shocked at the statistics and definitely got some facts to think about our recommended daily intake of sugar versus what some children and adults are consuming.

#healthybodyhealthymind
#everythinginmoderation



Pope John Paul II Award

Thanks to Fr Derek who spoke to TYs on Wednesday 21st November 2018 about the Pope John Paul II Award. The award is a faith achievement award for young people between 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary and is 1 hour a week over 8, 14 or 20 weeks. Awards are earned by taking part in parish and social activities.



Rory O'Connor - Rory's Stories

A proud day as we welcomed back past ACS student, Rory O'Connor of Rory's Stories to speak to our TY and LCA students on Thursday 22nd November 2018. For his Social Education Task in his Leaving Certificate Applied, James Fox arranged the visit. Rory spoke about completing the Leaving Certificate Applied, his struggles in life, his achievements, mental health and the dangers of social media. It was great to see Rory back. Rory was also one of the speakers at Zeminar on Wednesday 14th November 2018.



Community Awareness About Drugs Talk

Well done to 6th Year student Nathan Rock who organised a Drugs Awareness Talk for 2 TY classes on Thursday 6th December 2018. Thanks to Bernie McDonnell from Community Awareness About Drugs for the informative talk. Nathan organised this talk for his LCA Social Education Task. Thanks to Ms Hanahoe for her guidance on this project.
www.cadaboutdrugs.ie



Act to Prevent Trafficking Talk

Thanks to Catherine and Sile from the organisation Act to Prevent Trafficking who spoke to 2 TY classes on Thursday 6th December 2018 about the issue of human trafficking. This topic is being investigated by 2 6th Year Politics and Society students for their project.
<https://www.aptireland.org>



TY DCU Engineering Talk.

Thanks to Michael May, Senior Technical Officer in the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering in DCU for speaking to a group of TYs on Thursday 13th December 2018 about engineering in general, different types of engineering, girls in STEM, careers in engineering and facilities in DCU. TY is a great time for students to research career options, which we cover in TY Business, assisted by the Career Guidance Department. It is great to see our TYs so interested in using their time to research and plan for their futures. #futureisbright



Workshops & Courses

Coaching and Leadership Module

Students taking part in the Transition Year Coaching and Leadership Module as part of TY PE received some Gaelic football equipment for the school from Leinster GAA as part of the initiative in November 2018. Thanks to Ms Tighe for all her work on this programme and Leinster GAA for the opportunity.



FAI Work Experience

Well done to our TY students who completed FAI work experience in conjunction with Ashbourne Utd, coaching hundreds of primary school children in Ashbourne. A fantastic initiative. Thanks to Mr Leahy for organising.



Environmental Plastics Sculpture

On Wednesdays this term, Alice McGrath, Jane Singleton and Saul Johnston worked on the environmental sculpture in the White Area Art room. Thanks to past pupil, Evelyn Broderick, for all her advice and help to the students. Special mention to the Art Department and Ms Hughes also.

Drama Workshop

On Wednesday 14th November 2018, a group of TYs got to experience a brilliant drama workshop with Amanda Doherty. Students completed several tasks and discovered how to perform improv pieces. A great day was had by all. Thanks to Amanda and to Ms Pike for organising the activity.

Irish Sign Language Course

Congrats to the 12 TY students who completed an 8-week Irish Sign Language Course through the Irish Deaf Society. They have brilliant plans to share their skills with others so watch this space. Congrats to Emily, Victoria, Elena, Muireann, Ella, Ciara, Emma, Emily and Alice. Olivia, Emma and Alex are missing from the photo. Great achievement guys. #lifskills #tyachievement

Well done to Olivia and Emma who received their Irish Sign Language 8-week course certificate on Thursday 22nd November 2018. In total 12 TYs completed the course through The Irish Deaf Society before midterm. Well done to all. #lifskills

Attention ACS Environmental Plastic Sculpture

**Weekend Plastic Challenge (1 WEEK ONLY):
DEADLINE: Tuesday, 13th November 2018**



What is it for?

A group of TY students are making a plastic whale sculpture to highlight the effect our plastics are having on the environment

Materials to collect

Colourful plastics: white/blue/grey/green/black plastic materials, old hoses, plastic bottles, plastic bottle caps, food wrappers, coke cans, crisp packets, non-recyclable plastic packaging, jam jar lids, plastic bags
All collected material should be previously used

Where to drop it into

Ms Maher's Art classroom (WA13), Ms Hughes Science classroom (WA18) or the specifically labelled yellow bins outside reception (not the general waste bins!)



Message from Ashbourne United FC
"Inspiring the Kids"

Thanks for the lovely message from Ashbourne Educate Together National School to recognise our Football for Schools programme which we run in all the 5 local national schools. Run by John Broughan and supported by Ashbourne Community School TY students on their work experience, up to 500 children each week get the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful game. It takes place each Monday for 16 weeks where up to 2000 children will be involved and over 20 TY students will commence their coaching experience. Truly an inspiring programme between Ashbourne United and our local schools. Thanks to Mr Leahy for coordinating this initiative.



Jigsaw Peer Education Programme

The Jigsaw Peer Education programme is a new programme being rolled out by Jigsaw Meath 2018/2019. It is a programme where senior students are trained to deliver a 40-minute presentation called 'It's Time to Start Talking' to junior students. The presentation builds awareness of youth mental health, explores what kind of things help and hurt our mental health, and emphasises the importance of seeking help when feeling down, worried or stressed. Four exceptional students from ACS; Lily May Fox, Aoife Flood, Nicole De Vries and Emma Doyle were selected to be trained, along with students from Colaiste De Lacy and Ratoath College. These students attended the Jigsaw Hub in Navan on Thursday 22nd November for their starter session and over the next two months will



participate in 15 hours of training. They will then deliver the talk to Junior students in ACS.

Taking part in this project involves:

- Learning about the Jigsaw programme
- Finding out more about mental health and help-seeking behaviours
- Learning new skills (e.g., presentation, communication skills)
- Attending five 3-hour training sessions from November 2018–February 2019
- Working with other students to prepare, practice, and deliver peer education sessions
- Presenting to other students in a school setting
- Participating in an evaluation of the peer education programme

I would like to commend Lily May, Nicole, Aoife and Emma for putting themselves forward to be part of this new initiative promoting positive well-being in young people in our school.

Ms Scannell

Thanks to Ms Scannell and Ms Rahilly for supporting this initiative in ACS.

TY Activity Week First Aid and Self Defence Workshop

For Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th of November 2018, as part of TY Activity Week, we welcomed staff from Medicore Medical Services to run a 1 day First Aid Certificate course, as well as Close Encounter Self Defence Systems to run a 1 day Self-Defence Workshop. Whatever activity a student did on Wednesday, they did the other activity on Thursday. The facilitators commented our how engaged the students were on both days. Well done TYs! #lifeskills #activelearning #funtimes #tyactivityweek

**JIGSAW
MEATH**
Young people's
health in mind

**ACTIVITY
WEEK**



TY Activity Week Friday Workshops
For Friday 30th November 2018, the last day of TY activity week, we welcomed 4 groups of facilitators. Develop Me Teambuilding workshop, Movie Magic Film Production workshop, TY Transmission Radio Broadcasting workshop and Carol Rooney Drama workshop. An enjoyable day for TYs. Facilitators commented on how enthusiastic the TYs were and how welcoming the school was. A well-earned rest for TYs after a busy week.





Really Rubbish Film Festival

A group of TY students took part in a film workshop with Joseph from CreateSchool on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th December 2018. This is part of the Rubbish Film Festival, run and funded by Meath County Council. It is a chance for students to make a short film based on an environmental theme. In the New Year the students will be invited to Navan to view their film, as well as the entries from 9 other Meath based schools. The students really enjoyed the 2 days and have produced an excellent video to showcase.



Education Through Recreation Science Workshops

Benny Joyce from Discover Science by EducationthroughRecreation, (EtR) as part of STEM. Benny is a Marine Scientist with a passion for protecting our marine wildlife. His programme calls on his over 20 years' experience monitoring the ocean life that surrounds our island. The workshop gave our students an insight into the life of a marine scientist as an Oceanographer. This job has become more challenging in recent years due to the “plastic apocalypse” we are currently facing. He was so delighted to be working in a BYOB school who have successfully “ditched the disposables”. Thanks to Benny for facilitating 2 TY workshops in ACS on Tuesday 11th December 2018. Thanks to Ms Hughes and Ms McManus for the photos.



Initiatives

Irish EU Science Olympiad in DCU

Alice McGrath and Olivia Kelly, both TY students, took part in the Irish EU Science Olympiad in DCU on Saturday 4th November 2018. This consisted of 2 exams lasting for a total 3 hours. They received certificates for competing. The girls were invited to this due to their exceptional Junior Certificate results in 2018. Aaron McGuirk, was also invited but was unable to attend. We are so proud of these students and are delighted that they have been recognised for their achievements. Well done guys.



St Declan's Credit Union Art Competition

Congratulations to the ACS students on their success in the recent St Declan's Credit Union Art Competition. The theme was "Force of Nature" and all of the entries were a very high standard. 11-13 years: First Prize: Conor McCluskey 1st Yr, Joint Third Prize: Evannah Mahon 1st Yr. 14-17 years: First Prize: Jessie Huang TY, Second Prize: Lorcan Donaghy 2nd Yr. The first prize winning entries, by Jessie Huang and Conor McCluskey, will go forward to the Chapter stage of the competition. Best of luck from all in ACS. Well done to TY student Jessie Huang!



In November We Remember

In November, we remember the loved ones that we have lost. There was a table opposite reception with a frame and a box of paper hearts. Anyone who wanted could take a heart and write the name of someone they have lost and put it into the frame. A simple reminder that those we lose are never forgotten. Thanks to the Religion Department for organising this.



Angel Pins for Irish Wheelchair Association

Thanks to TY Class Cheviot who sold Angel Pins for the Irish Wheelchair Association outside Aldi and Dunnes on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th November 2018. Just one of the fundraising activities that TYs are involved in this year.



Bag Pack for I-Karate Ashbourne

Thanks to the groups of TY students who helped in Tesco at a bag pack for the Irish National Inclusive Karate Squad on Friday 9th November 2018 for I-Karate Ashbourne, including after school. The I-Karate squad is made up of athletes with autism and physical and intellectual disabilities. The squad have not only competed in Ireland, but the athletes have been extremely proud to represent their country at the I-Karate World Championships in Belgium 2016, Strasbourg 2017 and Budapest 2018. In 2019, they have the honour of welcoming 200 I-Karate athletes from all over the world to Dublin where the I-Karate World Cup will take place in the DCU Sports Complex on Saturday 27th April 2019. Thanks to those who supported this worthy cause.

Some of the TYs who helped with I-Karate bag pack on Friday 9th November 2018 pictured receiving their certificates. All students involved received certificates. They were highly praised for their efforts and some even volunteered after school. Well done guys. #givingbacktoourcommunity

Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal

Team Hopesome of our packed, checked, wrapped and labelled Christmas Shoe Boxes for the Team Hope Appeal. 55 left ACS on Friday 9th November 2018. Thanks to the TYs who donated boxes and helped the 1st year classes, including Classes Treacy, O'Neill and Hanley. Thanks to Ms Pike and Ms O'Reilly for allowing TYs to help out in their CSPE classes.



Focus Ireland Bake Sale

A group of TYs decided to hold our biggest ever Bake Sale in ACS in aid of Focus Ireland on Thursday 15th November 2018 in 5 locations around the school at lunchtime. Many TYs baked goodies. The talk by Susie Hall on Tuesday 6th November 2018 really motivated the students and they wanted to help. They've organised everything themselves. Well done on raising €545 for Focus Ireland. The baking was fabulous.



SVP Food and Toy Appeal 2018

SVP Food and Toy/Gift Appeal ran from Monday 19th November until Friday 7th December 2018. Drop off point for items was the staffroom. Non-perishable food items, new toys and gifts, and shop vouchers were all collected. All helped local families and individuals. This was an enterprise task for Ms Mathews 5th Year LCVP class. TYs also helped, as did Sarah Murphy in LCA Class Shaw for her Social Education Task. This year we dearly missed the late John O'Sullivan as we work on this task. #communitylinks 40 boxes and bags of food and gifts for SVP from the students, parents/guardians and staff of ACS for those in need in Ashbourne. This is as well as the 15 hampers that were donated to the Ashbourne Senior Citizens Group. Thanks to all who donated.



Music Memory Project Class Galway

TY Class Galway and their tutor Mr Carolan have embarked on a project called Music and Memory where they will link in with the residents of Kilbrew Recuperation and Nursing Care. Adam, Ashley, Muireann and

Sinead visited the residents on Tuesday 20th November 2018, to complete questionnaires about their music tastes and memories. The plan is to raise funds to purchase an MP3 player for as many residents as they can, along with a set of headphones. The students will download the music that the resident likes. They will mark the handing over of the MP3 players and headphones with a silent disco with residents. The staff and residents of the nursing home were so kind and welcoming. We even got to hear some stories of their childhood and travels! This is a big project. The students have a few fundraising ideas and welcome donations. Kilbrew Nursing Home are also supporting the venture with some funding. This is a fantastic link for our students with the elderly. #lifeskills #communitylinks. Ms Mathews would like to credit a fellow TY Coordinator Ms Curtis in St Mary's Diocesan School in Drogheda who shared this wonderful idea.



Class Galway began their fundraising for their Music Memory Project with Kilbrew Recuperation and Nursing Care on Wednesday 19th December 2018 at Scotch Hall Shopping Centre in Drogheda with some carol singing. The students are raising funds to purchase MP3 players and headphones for residents. Thanks to Mr Carolan for accompanying the students.

Credit Union Youth Council

Thanks to Dean from Ashbourne Credit Union who met with our TY Credit Union Youth Council on Thursday 22nd November 2018. The group will devise strategies to encourage people to save and promote the benefits of the credit union in the community.



Volunteering for All Award Survey

The Volunteering for All Award coordinated by Localise is about recognising and affirming all the volunteer and charitable work that is currently being undertaken by students and staff in their school and in their own communities. We would like ACS to receive the Volunteering for All Award. We are very interested in finding out about all the different cultures, backgrounds, and languages that are part of our school. We are also interested in finding out about your volunteering experiences. All staff and students have been emailed a link to a form. Ileta from the TY Committee designed a form through Office 365. The feedback will be analysed once it is all collected.



Angus Beef Competition TY Teams

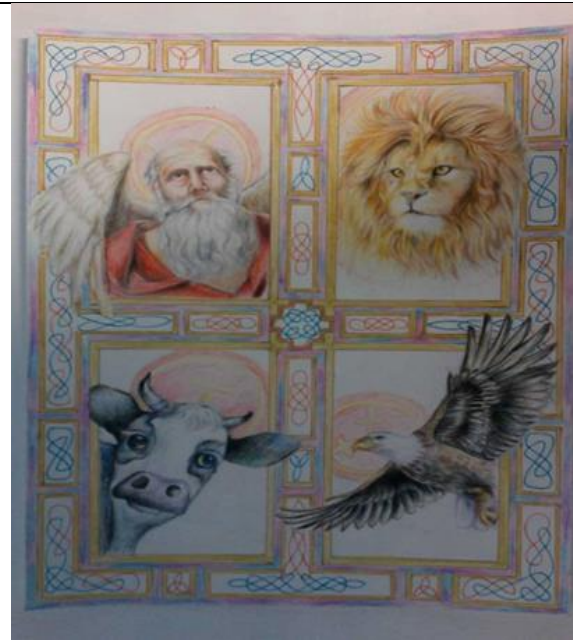
Mr Gibney's next crew of Angus Beef enthusiasts have worked hard since September 2018 on their promotion of Irish beef. 2 teams submitted video entries for the Angus Beef Competition. Well done on all their hard work to Elias, Niall, Sean, Lorcan, Adam, Faramade, Ciaran, Emily and David.



Book of Kells Competition

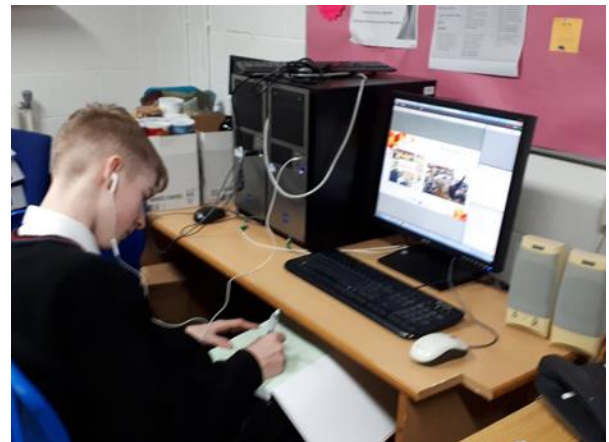
3 of our TYs have submitted entries to Trinity College Dublin Book of Kells Competition. Their brief was to create a modern and innovative interpretation of the animals in the Book of Kells. We think you will agree that Jessie Huang, Ciara McGuinness and Jane Singleton have excelled in their entries. We wish them the best of luck. Thanks to Ms Aiken for the photos.





WebWise Safer Internet Day Ambassador

Matthew Dunne TY completed his first webinar training session on Tuesday 11th December 2018, as part of his role as WebWise Safer Internet Day Ambassador. In January 2019 he will attend Google Headquarters for a training day with other ambassadors. Tuesday 5th February will be Safer Internet Day. Well done Matthew.



Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 12th December 2018 was our annual Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day. €2 was collected in tutorial for SVP.

Christmas
JUMPER DAY



ACS Careers Fair 2018

ACS Careers Fair 2018 was held from 6-8 pm on Thursday 13th December 2018 in the Sports Hall. All 3rd, TY, 5th and 6th year students in all local schools were invited. Admission was free. Well done to Ms McGuinness and the Careers Department for all her work on this careers fair.



Christmas Choir and Orchestra

On Thursday 13th December 2018, from 7.30pm in the GP Hall, ACS presented our Christmas Choir and Orchestra. Admission was free. Donations were accepted at the door towards SVP in Ashbourne. Among those participating were a number of TY students. Well done to all and to Mr O'Donnell.



SVP Fundraising

€2000 was our final total raised for SVP Ashbourne from our Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day, Christmas Concert and a donation from our Board of Management. Many thanks to all staff, students, parents/guardians and our Board of Management who contributed to this. It will go a long way towards helping those in need in Ashbourne.



Language Fair Prize Winner

Well done to Nicole de Vries who won a goodie bag, including the hoodie, in a competition run by Trinity College at the TY Languages Fair in Dublin Castle in November 2018. #thinklanguages The Post Primary Languages Initiative@tcdcareers



Thank you Ashbourne

Our local businesses and organisations are vital to ACS, particularly for our TY, LCA and LCVP work experience students. Over 200 students each year engage in weekly or block placements. To all businesses and organisations, we say thank you. Please shop local if you can.

Festive singing

Ashbourne Music Appreciation Society, ACS Choir and Orchestra led by Mr O'Donnell and Mr Carolan had a wonderful day on Tuesday 11th December 2018 providing festive entertainment in Ashbourne Library. Well done to all involved.

Gaelbhrtach Committee

The Gaelbhrtach committee organised an Irish Christmas music video this year. The video includes different clips of TY students preparing for the Christmas Season through Irish. Nollaig Shona daoibh ó gach duine san Idirbhliain i bPobailscoil Chill Dhéagláin!!

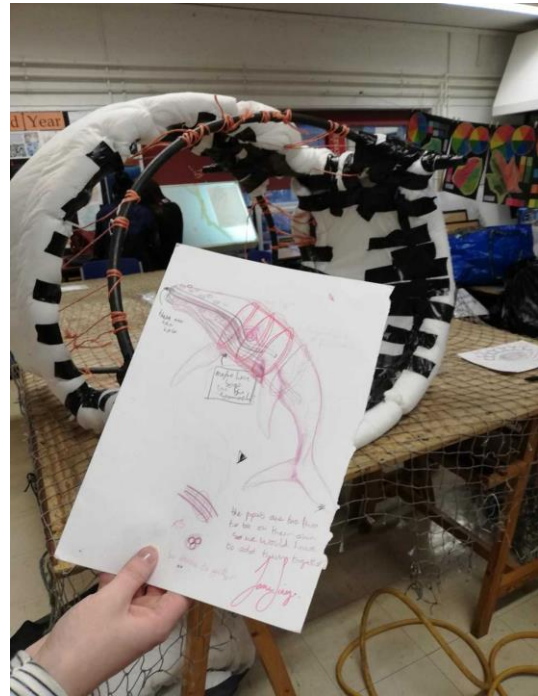
Sign Language Project with Des O'Neill

Thanks to Photosbydes who is working on a project with our Sign Language students in TY. All will be revealed very soon.



Environmental Studies Whale Project

In conjunction with the Art Department, a group of Environmental Studies students are working on an art project, where they are making a whale from rubbish. They have used all plastic packaging, wrapping, lids, netting, plant pots, damaged hosing, old toothbrushes, etc. This project ran for a number of weeks and will be revealed in January 2019. A tremendous effort by the TY team, led by Ms Hughes.



Bamboo Toothbrushes

Dental Health Peer Ed team helped Mr Finnegan with the toothbrush exchange on Thursday 20th December 2018 as part of the Environmental Studies class project coordinated by Ms Hughes. The Dental Health Peer Ed team were responsible for collecting old plastic and giving out new bamboo toothbrushes.



Climate Ambassadors

Congrats to TY students Alice McGrath, Jessie Huang and Faramade Owoade who are the new Climate Ambassadors in ACS. Aine Roe, Maebh Browne and Ruth Murray were Climate Ambassadors last year and have met with the new team along with Ms Hughes to make plans. Exciting times ahead! Well done girls. Thanks as always to our wonderful Ms Hughes.

Irish Angus Beef Competition

As our 6th year Angus Beef Team reaches the final stages of their 3-year competition, ACS is pleased to announce that one of our TY teams has received the news in December 2018 that they have made it to the next stage of their competition. Congrats to Adam, Faramade, Ciaran, Emily and David. A lot of hard work ahead. Congrats to both TY teams who submitted very strong entries. Mr Gibney is delighted. They have already set up the Irish Angus Beef HQ in the TY office!



Extra-Curricular Activities

Debating

Our Debating Society took part in a friendly debate in Pobailscoil Setanta on Thursday 8th November 2019. Well done to everybody for taking part especially those who spoke for the first time. Everybody had great fun. Congrats to the TYs involved, Faramde and Jessie.



Junior Camogie

Well done to our Junior Camogie team who had a great win over Colaiste Chiaran, Leixlip on Wednesday 14th November 2018, especially our TY students.



Girls Soccer

Well done to our U17 girls soccer team who beat Maynooth CS 6-0 on Friday 16th November 2018.



Under 16 Boys Basketball

Hard luck to U16 Boys Basketball team, including TYs Justin Hogan and Lee Hickey, who lost to St Pats Cavan in a hard-fought North East Regional Semi Final on Thursday 22nd November 2018. The boys now have a 3rd place playoff in December to qualify for All Ireland Playoffs.



Under 16 Girls Basketball

Hard luck to our U16 Basketball team who were defeated in the Quarter Final on Friday 23rd November 2018. The girls' spirit and strength never wavered. A big thank you to the wonderful Claire O'Brien for giving up her time to coach the girls. Special mention for TY student Nicole de Vries.



Debating

Well done to our debate team who took part in the Concern Debate on Tuesday 4th December 2018 in Oldcastle. We had an interesting debate about the progress made in ending the HIV and Aids Epidemic. Two of our 6th years and two of our TYs took part and whilst we weren't successful the team had a really enjoyable night. Well done to Faramade and Aoife from TY.



U17 Girls Soccer

Well done to our U17 Girls Soccer team who defeated St Wolstan's Celbridge 6-1 on Friday 14th December 2018.



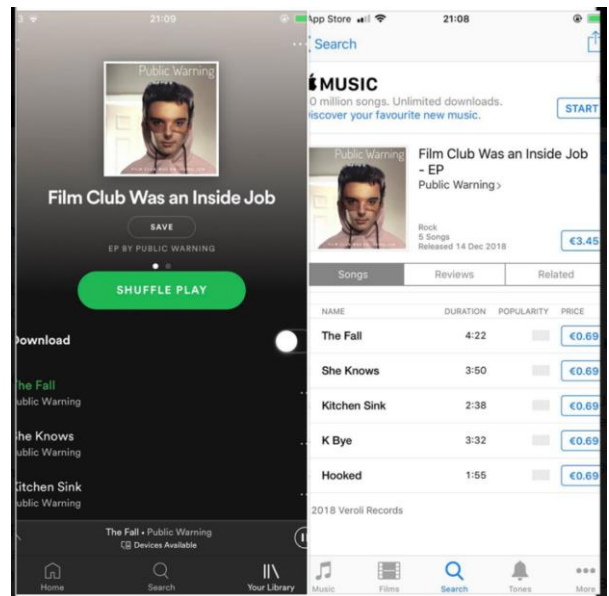
U19 Boys Soccer

Well done to our U19 Soccer team who beat Colaiste na Mi Navan 6-0 on Tuesday 18th December 2018 including a number of TY students.



Public Warning

Check out the debut EP by the band Public Warning which was just released on Spotify and Itunes this weekend. The band is made up for four ACS students Adam O’Dea, JP Roche, Mark Tuite and TY student Robbie Sparza. Some fantastic original songs by the lads who have done a lot of work recording this. Some amazing talent in our school. Support the lads by streaming or buying the EP.



We have attempted to include as much as we can in this Winter Edition of the TY Bulletin for 2018-2019. There is a lot more going on in TY inside and outside our classrooms which we will let you know about in our future issues. We hope that we have given a flavour of life as a TY student in ACS.

The Bulletin Team from the TY Enterprise welcome feedback and input for future bulletins.

Thank you,

Muireann Donnelly, Ella Fanning, Alex Mahon, Luke Monaghan, Josh Murphy, Tia Nulty, Ileta Pankauskaite, Tadhg Sexton and Marcin Wozniak.