

TRANSITION YEAR UPDATE

It is hard to believe we are half way through the TY programme in what has been a new experience for us all.

Our TY students were quick to adapt and their positivity and resilience, their manners and enthusiasm have brought great energy to the programme. As we have come to expect the Enterprise projects clearly emphasise how creative and innovative our students are— never before, though, have we seen facemasks and hand sanitizer on sale



in the school but our TYs are quick to spot an opportunity even in a pandemic. We are proud of the efforts our students are making to help and support each other. Students involved in the headstrong programme are working to raise awareness and to build resilience around the topic of mental health. The TYs are responsible for creating a safe space for students to go when they feel anxious, update the notice board monthly and deliver a 7 week programme to first year students!. Our 'I-Can' working group are taking on the challenge to

develop a resilience tool to assist our students to deal with the challenges they face.

Work experience is scheduled for the week beginning February 8th, 2021. As always, we are very grateful to local organisations who have supported this initiative over the years. It is a valuable part of the TY programme and provides a wonderful insight into the world of work, for our students.

A sincere thank you to all of our staff who are working hard to provide a variety of experiences to our TYs this year.



St. Joseph's, Tulla

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In Brief — just a few things in the pipeline

Drama Workshop with Bernard Casey Comedian

Poetry Workshops

Enterprise Workshops and Young Entrepreneur Final

Work Experience

YSI Speakout

Driver Safety Workshop

Driving Lessons

Hiking

Gaisce

Ecology Field Trips

Enterprise Corner

Our Christmas Market ran throughout the day on December 16th. We had a bustling day's trade. The Clare Champion visited the school on December 2nd to photograph the Enterprise Projects. Everything from scented hand sanitiser, SJT crested masks & hats, hand made jewellery, SJT GAA jerseys, sports jerseys, Christmas hampers, crepes/waffles, tea, scones, brownies & other baked goods, jumpers, hats, sweets, water bottles, books, stationery, hand sanitizer to socks were sold.

Merry Christmas

We wish our students and their families a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Are you getting involved?

An A to Z of what TY students have been planning and completing

Boxercise, CAIRDE, CPR training, Drumming workshops, Enterprise Christmas Market, GAA Future Leaders Sustainability Project, Gaisce project, I- Can Project Working Group, Junk Kouture, Online training courses, Retreats, Science Week Activities: Geeks Unleashed Workshop, Machine Learning Webinar, The Amazing Cosmos Journey Lecture, The Science of Maths in a Pandemic Webinar, Trip to Sports Factory, Yoga, Young Entrepreneur Projects, YSI projects

Just a flavour of what has been going on in some TY classes

GAA Future Leaders Sustainability project

TYs are involved in the GAA Future Leaders programme where they cover areas such as coaching, sports journalism, nutrition and refereeing. Part of the programme involves event management. Mr. Kelly is co-ordinating the event management element this year. Students have engaged in Environmental Sustainability workshops and they are including some elements of this course in an event they are co-ordinating with first years. Thanks to Sean Torpey of Torpey Hurleys for coming on board and providing us with some of the new Bambu sustainable hurleys. Thanks to Clare Youth Services for providing a series of three workshops to further promote an interest in Sustainability in our students.

Religion

Each TY class participated in a day retreat hosted by An Tobar Nua. This day was a period of reflection and time out to look at how we can reach our potential. We really enjoyed the experience and would like to thank the retreat team for coming to us.

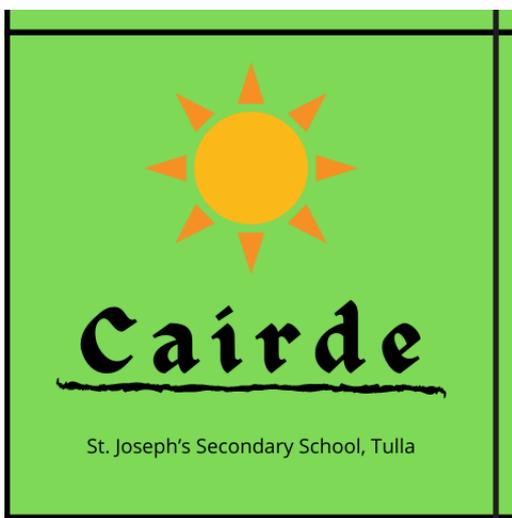
TY Music

This term the TY group dived head-first into the world of Electronic Music Production. The students were already avid music listeners and knew how to pick out a good tune. Unbeknown to themselves, they were subconscious aficionados of musical form, style and synthesised sound. It's for this reason that after just 6 classes they were all able to compose, arrange and perform pieces of music using Garageband for iPad. The journey was epic and every one of the students did themselves proud by composing their first offerings to the world of Electronic Music. Well done!

History Class TY2 and TY4 are busy putting the final touches to their History Project presentations. The students each selected a topic of particular interest to them and these topics range from Ancient Egyptian architecture to Bloody Sunday. In the New Year each student will present their project to the class, which is a great opportunity to develop their communication skills as well as build confidence.

TY ART

Students are preparing entries for Feile na hInse art competition at present. Many students who have not previously studied art are now considering art as a Leaving Certificate subject. Eight students have started work on their portfolio for entry to third level art courses.



Cairde

This year, due to Covid, our T.Y. groups were unable to meet our Cairde adults who typically visit on a weekly basis. However to overcome this obstacle, the students wrote to our adult friends and received long letters in return. The idea was then mooted that perhaps they could electronically connect to the adults. This led to the generation of a DVD that showcases our adults and students singing, dancing, reciting poetry, acting and even giving a bakery demo. The adults created their videos in the safety of their home and submitted them to the school. Feidhlim Harrington and Sam Purcell were the DVD producers, Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Hogan guided the students through the process. The DVD is being sent to every Nursing Home in County Clare where we are sure it will be warmly received.

Oisín Flynn and Lauren Garvey designed the DVD cover. Thanks also to Ms. M. O' Sullivan who directed the drama.