



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Surfing

Our transition years headed to Tramore for a very enjoyable days surfing and guided tour of Tramore. This was part of our well-being programme

Coffee Morning

Our annual coffee morning in aid of Barnardo's took place on Friday 13th September from 10:00 to 12:00. All monies raised from the event went to Barnardos.

Develop Me

Gerard O'Shea worked with our TY students on Monday 16th September. The workshop provided a learning platform whereby students focus on two critical skills required for today's workplace: project management and understanding effective teamwork.

Ploughing

TY students attended the annual Ploughing Championships in Fenagh, Co. Carlow on Wednesday 18th.

Midwest Careers Fair

Senior students travelled on Tuesday 24th to UL, to engage with colleges, employers, professional and training bodies.

LCA Practical Achievement Task (PAT)

LCA's are working on their PAT which requires them to complete a significant challenge of a practical nature over a period of approximately ten weeks, outside of the existing school curriculum. The task is an individual student task, chosen by the student with the help and guidance of the teacher/mentor.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our activities started in early September with large numbers of teacher volunteering their time outside the classroom. We are offering hurling, soccer, basketball, rugby, and handball for both boys and girls. While inside the school we will have trad music, ukulele, board games, maths club, debating and book club.

Congrats

Congratulations to @Newport College Transition Year students 2019 receiving certification for SLQ Level 1 Qualification in Sports Leadership. Thanks to Noreen and Tipperary Sports Partnership @Tipperary Sports who facilitated the 5-day workshops in May.

Congratulations to @Newport College Transition Year students 2019 receiving certification from @safefood_eu.

To Emily Bowen who won the All Ireland in woman's junior 15 quad and the women's junior eight. Fantastic achievement. To Jack Foley who won numerous titles over the summer in eventing. Eventing involves show jumping, dressage and cross country. We wish him well over the next few weeks in all competitions.

Jamie Kirby (2nd Year) member of Murroe AFC and was selected to play for Limerick County. After trials Jamie was selected on the Kennedy Cup team as goalkeeper. There were 4 games in the group stage- after mixed results they were placed in trophy competition. Beat Limerick Desmond 1-0 and progressed to the final and beat West Cork 1-0. This was the first time in 16 years that Limerick County won a Kennedy cup trophy competition.

Katie Foley (TY) member of Fleming Ball Irish Dance Academy. Katie competed at Irish Nationals in Dublin in June. 184 competitors took part at under 16 level in an All-Ireland competition. Katie came 5th overall. The Munster championships take place in November and Katie will be competing.

Gaisce

To Eimear McMahon Rebecca Sambrook and Mark Hyde who were involved with the Newport Tidy towns over the summer as part of their Gaisce award.



Gaeltacht Scholarships

Gaeilgeoiri gealgháireacha!

The ancient proverb as Gaeilge; "bíonn an siúlach scéalach" (travel broadens the mind) and "cleachtadh a dhéanann máistreacht" (practice makes perfect), certainly rang true for a group of enthusiastic Gaeilgeoiri from Newport College, during the summer months.

Each year, students in the college are offered the opportunity to avail of a scoláireacht chun na Gaeltachta, with a scholarship covering two thirds of the cost of a cúrsa Gaeilge in a coláiste samhraidh.

This year, no less than eleven students in Newport College were awarded scolaireachtaí and headed off to Coláiste Cholumba, An Cheathrú Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe and to Coláiste Chorca

Dhuibhne, Baile an Fheirtéaraigh, Co. Chiarraí. There, the students experienced all the spórt, spraoi agus siamsaíocht a stay in a coláiste samhraidh has to offer.

On their return to school, the students' reflections of their tréimhse sa Ghaeltacht were extremely positive. All students asserted that they would advise other students to attend a coláiste to improve their scileanna éisteachta agus labhartha, with some students hoping to return to the Gaeltacht as a cinnire or activity leader.

Maith sibh go léir!



Ar chúil: Aoife Ni Chochláin, Aaron Mac Piarais, Caoimhín Ó Briain, Eoin Mac Craith, Seán Ó Nualláin Chun tosaigh: Aoife de Blácúl, Éabha Ni Riain, Abbie Ni Dhábhóc, Niamh Ni Riain, Seán Ó Briain. As láthair: Dylan Keppel

Well Read Committee

For National Literacy Week we started our 2019/2020 Book Club. All students need to have a 'Book in a bag'. The First Well-read Committee meet regularly. Our DEAR (drop everything and read) initiative took place on Friday with all members of the school community reading for fifteen minutes.



This is the Wellread Committee - promoting a culture of reading for pleasure. We are doing this programme in conjunction with the PDST. We will work on four areas:

1: Students 2: Staff 3: Parents 4: Community

Chairperson: Reece Fitzgerald and Emer McMahon
Secretary: Leah Cook
Team Manager: Saoirse McInerney
Promotion: Aoife Ryan and Michael Nolan
Portfolio Leader: Alisha Hannon

School Bank

Bank of Ireland is working with our TYs again this year providing them with an opportunity to run a school bank. This has been very successful in the past and John Lillis is facilitating the students.

Our school bank team in association with Bank of Ireland kicked off their first school bank of the year. It took place by the TY lockers at lunchtime on Thursday and footfall on the day was higher than expected. Already accounts have been opened by some of our students and many more visited to inquire about opening new accounts in the future. The team worked throughout their lunchtime and represented their class group in a highly effective manner.



Martin Lentka, Anzelika Lepika, Sean Nolan, Mara Van Aelst, Pdraig Seymour



Silver Arches Talk

On Thursday 26th Newport College in collaboration with Silver Arch Family Resource Centre Nenagh was delighted to welcome Joe Slattery of Tipperary Community Substance Misuse Team to speak to parents and guardians at the school. Joe gave a very informative and thought-provoking talk titled "Why teenagers used drugs". Those present gained a detailed insight into the area of substance misuse and its impact on young people and their families. The talk was preceded by the AGM of Newport College Parents Association. Many thanks to all parents, guardians and members of the wider community who attended. We were delighted to welcome Michelle Needham and Olive of Silver Arch Family Resource Centre and thank them for their assistance in organising the event



European Week of Sport

Our European Week of Sport ran from 23rd - 27th of September 2018. Newport College played their part in promoting physical activity as well as 32 other countries across Europe.

Our European week of sport was a whole school initiative where each student ran as many laps as possible. We then calculated the distance covered within each class to see what destination each class could get to with many famous landmarks across Europe to reach. Many classes reaching as far as Big Ben, London. Therefore, as a class they covered the distance from Ireland to Big Ben London, what an achievement!! And got to map it on a large map of Europe. Well done to all involved.

The European Week of Sport was great fun and really was a week for everyone regardless of age or fitness level. We are already excited to see how many famous landmarks we can reach next year as well as how far we can get as a school.

Student Council

The Head Boy and Girl will be the head of the Student Council and ambassadors for Newport College. They will be the voice of the student body and will discuss student matters in meetings throughout the year to help improve student life at Newport College. The Head Boy and Girl will be tasked with the responsibility of ensuring the Student Council runs smoothly and efficiently. As ambassadors of the school they'll be responsible for making speeches at various school and school-related events throughout the year. The Head Boy and Girl will work with the students and teachers ensure our motto is at the forefront in all that we do in Newport College. "A school where every child matters."



Zeminar

Newport College Transition Year students travelled to the Sport Ireland Campus in Dublin on Wednesday, 9th of October to attend Zeminar - "A Life Changing Day", where students step

beyond the classroom to attend a variety workshops and talks on wellbeing among others. Our students mingled with many innovative organisations and picked up lots of advice on topics such as mental health, wellbeing and many more of the social issues that are impacting on our youth and society today. The students had lots of fun interacting with the many activities on display and remarked that the day was indeed worth the journey. Memories are made of days like this, and all had plenty to take home from here.



Sports Leadership

TY students completed a Sports Leadership Course with Tipperary Sports Partnership 12th Sept - 10th Oct inclusive facilitated by Noreen Nevin. This leadership course has been very successful in integrating the group and enhancing their skillset. Although grounded in sport, the skills are transferable to any leadership role and students will certainly have concrete and relevant examples to enhance their career opportunities into the future. Many thanks to all staff who facilitated this programme and special thanks to Jane for organising, executing and ensuring the programme was a huge success. Well done!



European Day of Languages



Abi Cooke and Aoife Blackwell enjoying European Day of Languages



Mentoring

The Mentoring Programme. TY's are engaged with 1st year students and the feedback to date has been very positive from both class groups. This programme involves students from transition year welcome our first years to the school and help them with any difficulties they are having settling in.

Mentoring workshops for our first years continued this week although numbers were down due sporting events. The TY's are proving to be very capable of mentoring our new students and the feedback is very positive. Under the leadership of Aoife, the meetings are packed with activity and both sets of students look forward to each workshop. Mentoring workshops will resume in November, due to a packed full calendar for the remaining two weeks of this term. Thanks to everyone for supporting this initiative.



Anzeleka Lepika and Eirinn O'Neill enjoying their Mentoring experience



Our first-year rugby team who took part in a blitz last week.

Liam McCarthy and James Nowlan Cup visit to the school

Thanks a lot to the Tipperary Hurlers for coming to our school on Wednesday. You are a credit to your clubs, families and the county. You all spoke so well and we wish you all well for the year ahead.

