

Transition Year Newsletter

CHRISTMAS
2020

It has been a very busy start to the new school year. Here are just a few highlights from the year so far.

Kayaking: All TYs went Kayaking and had an eventful day exploring historical sights of the Burren.



Kilfinane: Students embarked on a mountain bike ride, rock-climbing and an archery competition. The best archer was Kamil Sibiga. Well done Kamil !



Promo Video:

St. Anne's teachers and students produced a video to inform incoming first years about our school. We look forward to welcoming new students in Sept.2021.



History walk: Students from Ms. McNamara's TY class walked up to the graves of the Leinstermen. Students enjoyed learning about their local historical surroundings.



Scariff Martyrs: TY students worked with Ms McNamara to create a commemoration video to share with the school community. A wreath was donated by Joanne Skelly and art-work was made by TY students to mark the event.

Song Writing: TY classes wrote, recorded and produced their own song with the help of professional musician/song-writer Marty Ryan.

Performing Arts:

Ms. Murphy's TY2 students produced a dance video to Michael Jackson's Thriller. TY3 are working on an entry for the All Ireland TY Drama Festival 2021.

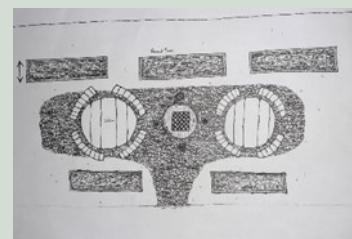


Sailing: TY2 participated in water activities in the UL Activity Centre. The students tried sailing, supping, and rock climbing.



Ennis Book Club: A select group of TY students participated in a virtual book club. Students read novels by Sarah Moore and were given the opportunity to converse with the author.

TY Gardening: TY students have been busy remodelling the school garden to improve the school's image and give all students a space to enjoy.



Tennis: TY Students took part in a three week Tennis Skills Workshop. All students enjoyed this activity while learning new skills.



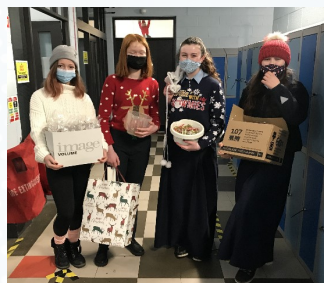
Digital Champions: Three teams of TY students are taking part in the Digital Champions competition. The groups are working on various projects that will support our community, through the use of technology.

Roller Jam: TY students went roller skating at Roller Jam and shopping at the Crescent Shopping Centre as part of a school trip. The trip was enjoyed by all.



Gaisce: Students are taking part in Gaisce by completing 13 hours of community service, a physical activity and personal skill.

Buy-Local Initiative: Ms. Madden's TY classes are taking part in a **buy-local initiative**. Students designed posters with catchy phrases such as "Put your money where your house is." "Buy local or bye-bye local." The posters are part of a campaign to support our local businesses in this precarious Christmas season.



Chocolate Reindeers: Well done to Ms O'Casey's TY1 Home Economics class for bringing the festive spirit to the close of school 2020 with Christmas goodies for everyone.

Young Social Innovators: TY YSI classes are focusing on **making the school a better place** for all. Students are working on projects to revamp and upgrade facilities both indoors and outdoors. If anyone would like to support the students in any way, **please contact Mr O'Brien and the YSI team.**



Acknowledgments: We would like to thank all the staff at Saint Anne's who have made Transition Year, so far, an excellent experience. Special thanks to all those who made our trips and excursions possible. Finally, we would like to give a tremendous thank you to Ms. Hartigan, for organising everything this year. Thank you for working around the clock to give us an enjoyable year.



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Our Featured Learning & Teaching Strategy 2020/21

*Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir agus
Athbhliain fé shéan is fé mhaise !*

D.E.A.L.

D.E.A.L.— Drop Everything and Listen

D.E.A.L. is a school-wide Learning & Teaching initiative. At specified times, all students and teachers take time out of class work to D.E.A.L. (drop everything and listen). Content for DEAL presentations is centred around events/achievements in both the local and school communities. DEAL presentations are shared with each class group via St Anne's Digital Learning platform. Transition Year students created audio-visual content for the first DEAL presentation this year and are busy preparing content for the next.

Learning and Teaching Benefits of D.E.A.L.

1. **Inclusion**—All students participate in a whole school event while maintaining social distance.
2. An element of **teamwork and collaboration** is introduced as students work together to create content for DEAL presentations.
3. Promotes and facilitates the development of **student voice, student participation & student leadership.**