

St. Anne's TY Christmas Newsletter

December 2021



Trips away!



All the TYs took on Ireland's **Fittest Family** challenge when they visited Davy Fitz's **'To Hell and Back'** in Kilruddery Co. Wicklow. A day was spent engaging in challenging but fun land and water team building activities.



TY1 and TY3 got to go on an exciting trip to Cobh in Cork visiting **The Titanic Experience, Ice Skating Rink** finishing with some shopping in Mahon point.



One of the favorite TY trips was to Derg Isle Adventure Centre in Scarriff. The students spent the day doing water activities such as kayaking and stand-up paddling.



They also competed with one another to finish the on-land obstacle course.

PE events

- **Swimming lessons** – Ms. Foley and Mr. Gleeson's PE classes went swimming in the outdoor pool in Ballina, the students learned how to be safe in and around water.
- **Horse riding**- a group of TY students enjoyed learning and being around the horses in Derg Equestrian Centre.
- **Tug of War** - all the TY students engaged in a course for seven weeks of learning the skills of tug of war.
- **Tennis** – 2 classes of TY as their PE went to the Killaloe tennis courts and learned how to play tennis.





Culinary Course

A select group of 12 TYs have been learning how to cook selected dishes safely and effectively to the best of their ability in a kitchen environment with a professional chef. At the start of the course, students learned how to cut slice and dice fruit, vegetables and meat.



The students learned how to use blenders, mixers, knives, ovens and hobs. They also

learned how to be responsible with cleaning after dealing with raw meat. We are very proud of this group of students and look forward to them competing in the Shannon Region **Junior Chef of The Year** competition later in the year.



Poppy preparing **Potato Dauphinois** as part of a Christmas Dinner menu.



Barista

TY groups participated in a professional City and Guilds Barista training course on campus at Limerick College of Further Education every Wednesday for seven weeks. During this course students learned all about the various types of coffee bean and how to make several speciality coffees. All passed their examinations with flying



colours in the final weeks.



What students said..."Yes absolutely, it is fun, enjoyable and useful for future job opportunities. Well worth checking out"



Nollaig Shona Díobh go Léir agus Ath Bhliain Fé Mhaise !

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Mini Company



The TY mini-company classes produced their own enterprise ideas to sell in our Christmas outdoor market which took place on the 17th of December.

The ideas ranged from candles to school crested jumpers and lots of Christmas treats and hampers.

This year's Christmas market is the first outdoor market here in St Anne's.



YSI

Mr. O'Brien's innovative YSI class organized two fundraisers in aid of Crumlin's Children's Hospital. The first, where students paid fifty



cents to guess how many sweets were in the jar. Well, done to our winner Mr. Doyle.

The second, was a bake sale on the 25th of November, both fundraisers were an enormous success raising over €600.

"DevelopMe"

All the TY students participated in interactive team-building activities with "DevelopMe". Throughout the two day workshop, they learned how to engage in teamwork and take leadership roles. Workshop leaders actively engaged students in fun scenarios with each team working together to achieve the most successful outcome. Followed by a debriefing and reflection session.



Biodiversity

All TYs, are getting an opportunity to experience biodiversity at St Annes. in this Biodiversity unit students have created a wildflower space, learnt about plants growing on site, sown bulbs given to our school by President Michael D.Higgins, and becoming aware of how our school grounds contribute to helping pollinators. in the new year we hope to contribute more, creating more areas for pollinators and learning more about Biodiversity.

Green Schools



A great start to our Green Schools programme this year with a visit from Stephen O'Reilly from An Taisce "Neat Streets" who met with TY students to support the work they are doing in leading Green Schools. He gave a fun insightful talk on how we can all take action in our

environment. Follow our journey over the year on Instagram at:

@St Anne's Greenschools. #@Greenerclare, @neatstreetsire.