

December Newsletter



Principal's Message



Hello staff/students and parents/guardians,
It is wonderful to put pen to paper as we go to publish our first eNewsletter for this academic year, 2022 – 2023. As we fast approach Christmas, we as a school community, have come far in our new post Covid – 19 world. The energy, the enthusiasm and joys of school life have come to fruition this year. As a school we continue to thrive with the academic domain being a core component of who we are. Our departing Leaving Certificate Class of 2022 have taken up their rightful place in the state's leading third level institutions and the world of training whilst the Junior Cycle Class of 2022 achieved tremendous results with the release of results on November 23 rd 2022.

Since staff and students returned to school on the 26 th August 2022, the wonderful new changes espoused and planned last year, 2021 – 2022, have now been implemented this school year: new school uniform for First, Second, Transition and Fifth Years; new school jacket and new school P.E uniform for First, Second, Third, Transition and Fifth Years.

With the completion of our new sports arena in August this year, we have been able to roll out a brilliant new sports programme consisting of three tiers of sport – competitive team sports in Rugby (boys), Basketball (girls), Football (boys and girls) and Gaelic Football (boys and girls); recreational sports such as Volleyball (boys and girls), Table Tennis (boys and girls), Core Fitness & Strength (boys and girls), Fighting Fit (boys and girls), Irish Dancing (boys and girls), gym sessions in morning and evenings (boys and girls) and Tennis (boys and girls). As a school community we have additional sports such as Cross Country, Sailing, Golf, Hurling and Camogie which run throughout the academic year. Our students have had a stunning new image change with sponsored jerseys in all major sports bring a sense of real classiness to the sportsmen and sportswomen of St. David's Holy Faith Secondary School, Greystones. To enhance the experience of our students, our extra-curricular and arts programme, has been enhanced with clubs and societies in place for all – Club Gaelge, Amber and Well-being club, G.S.A club, Choir, Music club, V.D.P, Christian Union, Board Games and Hobbies Club, Young Scientist, Student Council, Gaisce, Chess, Debating and Maths/Science Club.

This year we introduced whole – school assemblies for the first time. These have been a really important whole school initiative, monthly, in bring all 732 students and 66 staff members together to celebrate our school. We have had four whole school events to date with our opening school mass and whole-school assembly in September 2022; Halloween whole – school assembly in October 2022; and Tomi Reichental in mid- November 2022. We will have our final whole – school assembly, this side of Christmas, in December 2022.

This term has been an action packed one with wonderful teaching and learning taking place; students moving between classes and no longer confined to one or two and no longer confined to one or two classrooms; many teachers returning to their own rooms (albeit newly refurbished); new lockers for First, Third, Fifth and Sixth Years; two new outdoor classrooms adjoining our sports arena; twenty-one sets of outdoor seating pods; new dining room and furniture. The wonderful relations between students and staff continues. This was further enhanced by our Wellbeing week.

St. David's Holy Faith Secondary School, Greystones, in conjunction with Templecarrig and Greystones Community School will host a three schools Christmas concert on Monday night, December 19 th 2022. This will be a stunning event and looking forward to it.



Greetings to you,
Students, Parents/
Guardians, Teachers,
and Friends.

It is hard to believe that the end of 2022 is so imminent. We have had another whirlwind of a year thus far with the usual multiplicity of events, activities. What a term! Participation of students and staff in Rugby, GAA, basketball, soccer, golf, athletics and the non-competitive sports have really ramped up this term with our new sports programme. The musical activities will come into their own with the Christmas carol service and concerts. And

school continues with the usual activities of teaching and learning, with students recently having completed their examinations. Thank you to all the students, staff, coaches, and all who are helping to brighten our lives with all of these activities. You are incredible! In the midst of all of this activity, we are in the lovely season of Advent. With Christmas shops opening as early as June, stocks of goodies, Christmas cards and decorations evident in the pre-Halloween period, Santa arriving in early November, we have lost sight of this lovely season of Advent. The four candles of the wreath remind us of light, peace, love in the depths of winter. We are aware of the fragility of life, the immense and

often overwhelming power of darkness, and yet one light is all it takes to transform it. As we move towards Christmas, let us be the light, the one who brings love, a listening ear, warmth, hope to someone who may be going through a difficult time. And always remember it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. At this season, let us move towards the light, to love, to peace and hope.

Every good wish for
Christmas and for 2023,

Louise O'Sullivan
Deputy Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

School Ethos



St. David's Holy Faith Secondary School Greystones, is a co-educational Catholic voluntary school established by the Holy Faith Sisters in 1906 with the inspiration of their founder, Margaret Aylward (1810-1889). We are committed to the charter of our Trustees in the Le Chéile Schools Trust, a collaborative Trust comprised of fourteen congregations including the Holy Faith Sisters. Today St. David's Holy Faith Secondary School Greystones is a bustling dynamic school with 725 students and approximately seventy staff.



Whole School Mass

The annual school mass was held on Wednesday the 21st of September in the school sports arena. All of the students and staff attended the mass led by Fr John and Fr Gerard. The mass opened with a welcome from Fr John, Fr Gerard, Mr Carey and the Head Boy and Head Girl. Fr John spoke about the importance of not losing hope when in despair and to rejoice in good times. He emphasised that 'this too shall pass'. Students from all the different year groups contributed to the mass by reading the prayers of the faithful, bringing the gifts of the bread and wine up to the altar, and bringing symbols such as the school journal up. The 'Our Father' was said together, communion was given out and the teachers and staff received a blessing. The choir sang a variety of songs throughout the service. Everyone was wished a good school year ahead and the mass was concluded with a prayer said by Fr Gerard. The mass was a great way to bring the entire school community together at the beginning of the new school year.

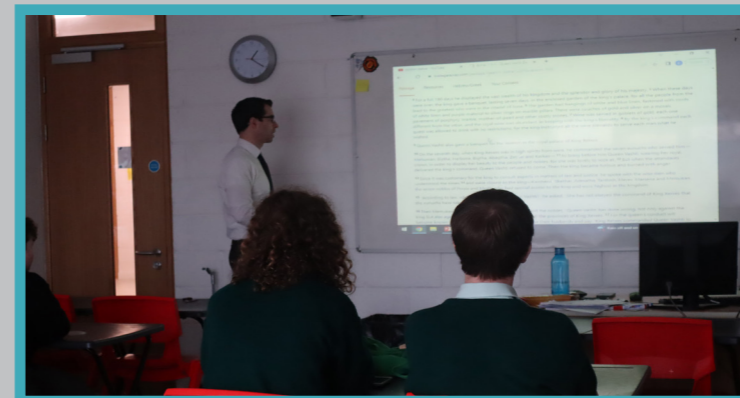
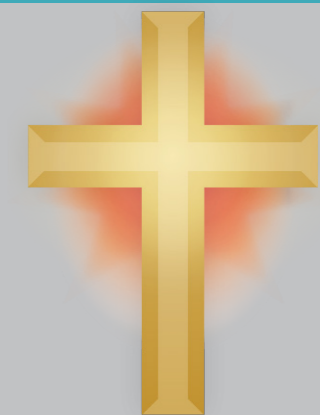


Margaret Aylward

Each year, we, as a school community, celebrate Margaret Aylward on the anniversary of her death in 1889. She is the founder of the Holy Faith Sisters who then went on to found the amazing thing that is our wonderful school in 1906. This year, some words were said over the intercom to all our students in her memory, with everyone silently praying. We teamed up with some pupils St Brigid's National School, who are one of our many feeder schools and are situated close to us. Together, both of our students sang a beautiful choir song to remember her.

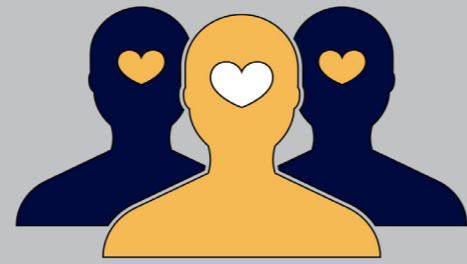


Christian Union



The Christian Union is a club run by Mr Gardiner every Friday lunchtime from 13:05 until 13:30. During each weekly meeting, the group explores and discusses passages from the Bible and eat biscuits provided by Mr Gardiner. For example, during the meeting on Friday the 30th of September, the group read through a passage from The Book of Esther and discussed their thoughts and understandings of the passage.

Wellbeing



On the 10th and 11th of October, the First Year base classes took part in a mind your mind wellbeing quiz for Mental Health Week. The quiz was set up and run by the TY Amber Flag team. The quiz consisted of five topics, Sports, Music, General Knowledge, Mental Health Stats and Catchphrases. Each topic contained seven questions which would be read by the TY students. The First Year students were put into groups of 4-5 people and they began the quiz. The quiz took place during school time. The First Years had a lot of fun and it was an overall enjoyable experience.

Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week is one of five of our well-being weeks that take place throughout the school year. This year, it took place from October 10th - October 14th, kicking off with an extended tutorial which included the handing out of green ribbons for each student to wear, showing their solidarity with anyone struggling. Next up was a meditation to start the week off calmly. Various activities then took place over the course of the next few days including a First Year mental health centred table quiz and lunchtime concerts on both Tuesday and Thursday held in the Dining Hall with amazing talent being shown across all year groups! It was a fun and relaxing week full of singing and happiness overall.



School Building

New Gym



Recreational Sports



School Gym

Our state of the art gym has now been fitted out. The gym sits on the second floor of our Sports Arena and boasts a superb view of the Irish Sea. All of our students who are over the age of 16 will be able to benefit from these new facilities to keep themselves fit and healthy.

Core Workout

Every Thursday morning, Mr Dunne teaches a core workout class to any willing St David's student from 1st to 6th year. The class builds up their core muscles by starting off with a circuit of a low plank, followed by a side plank on both arms, a high plank and lastly a v-sit. They completed the challenging circuit of exercises twice, which was separated by a much needed 2 minute break. The morning core workout is enjoyed by all who attend..



Volleyball

Volleyball takes place in the school's sports arena after classes on Thursdays. It is coached by Dylan Anderson, Christopher Bowes and Stephen Bowes, former students of St. David's. Most sessions start off with the usual warm ups and practising the basic moves individually or in pits before going into more difficult parts of the sport like serving and spiking. The general atmosphere every week is unlike any other sport in the school, a tight knit bunch who enjoy the sport and have a bit of banter each week.



Personal Achievements



A massive well done to Maxim Zaramenskiy from 1st Year who took part in the RS Feva East Coast sailing championship, representing Greystones Sailing Club and winning first place in the bronze fleet! Making us proud!



One of our TY students, Tomás O'Connell, set off to the Himalayas where he completed the long and challenging hike up to Mt Everest Base Camp to raise funds for the RNLI.



Congratulations to Aoibh, Cathal and Nathan who completed the Junior Maths Enrichment Programme in UCD and to Alex and Andrew who completed the Senior Maths Enrichment Programme.



Lucy Finnegan was highly commended in the 68th Texaco Art Competition which is a huge achievement on a national scale where about 20,000 students compete. Congratulations Lucy!



Aoife Reilly wasn't content to simply be our Head Girl so over the summer she made herself the Cumann Rince Náisúnta - World Open Champion.

Clubs

Music Club



The music club is run by Mr Lynch, Ms Wilson and Ms Cronly. Every Wednesday, the club gathers in the music room. Together, students from all years practise and create music, playing instruments and singing. The students play a wide range of instruments, including the ukulele, piano, and drums.

Together, the teachers and students collaborate to produce fantastic music. In the Music Club, students can come together to share their passion for music.

Later on in the year, the entire school will hear the students perform the songs they have been practising. Everyone in St David's is eager to hear what the gifted pupils are able to produce.



Art Club

Art club is an all year group, mixed ability, after school organisation run by Ms Sheridan after school on Thursdays. Students get the chance to work on and self-direct their own artistic goals. They have access to all of the school's art supplies and can ask for extra supplies that can be ordered in for them.

The Leaving Cert Art curriculum, Junior Cycle projects, and CBAs in visual art can all be completed and enhanced with additional instruction from Ms Sheridan.

In the art club, students can produce beautiful works of art and make new friends in a welcoming and secure environment.



Chess Club

Chess club is a weekly club run by Mr Ó Donnchadha and Mr. Doyle. It takes place every Tuesday during lunchtime in Room 1 and gives students the opportunity to play chess in a relaxing environment. During each meeting, students play a game of chess while Mr Ó Donnchadha walks around and gives students helpful tips to improve their game. Students attend chess club for various reasons - because they enjoy playing chess, they want to learn and improve their skills and because chess club gives them the chance to socialise with students from other year groups by playing games with them.

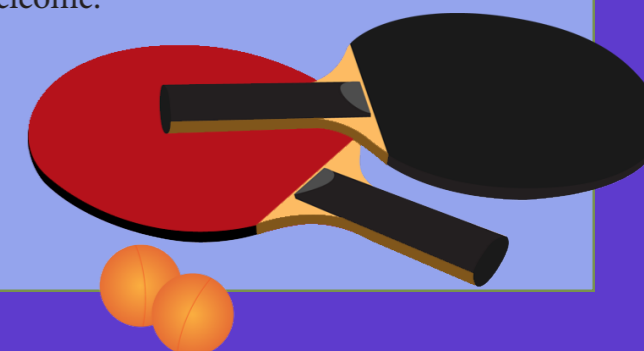
Chess club is attended by a mixture of students from all year groups, and beginners to more experienced players are all welcome to attend.

Competitions are due to begin in the coming weeks. We wonder who will be crowned the next chess champion of St David's?



Table Tennis

Table tennis takes place after school on a Tuesday in the Sports Arena. It's run by Ms Ui Annaidh. It's for all year groups, anyone can show up. It is a very fast sport when you get used to it so the more you practise the better you will be and when you are learning it's a very fun and relaxed game. There's no pressure with this sport - you won't be entering any competitions so it's purely for pleasure and everyone's welcome.

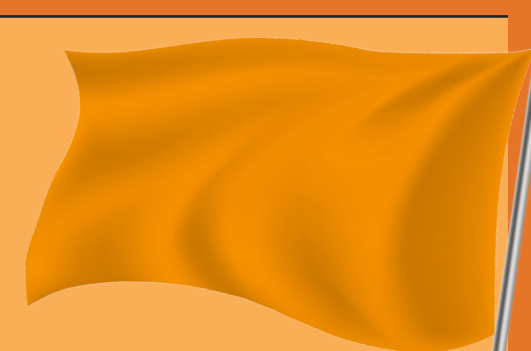


Media Committee

The Media Committee is the main Transition Year committee within our school. It produces all publications made throughout the year, including two newsletters and the yearly Chalkdust magazine. The committee is made up of editors, designers, the social media team, photographers and reporters, all of whom play a significant role in the covering of events. The committee is responsible for publishing all events to the website and Twitter, making the stunning newsletters, taking artistic photos, writing informative reports. Mr Ryan oversees the running of the committee and the assigning of different people to different jobs. The media team keep everyone informed of events and sports and displays to the wider community how amazing our school really is.



Amber Flag



The Amber Flag Committee is a TY committee ran by Ms. Clifford dedicated to the wellbeing and mental health of students in our school. The TY team organised lots of fun activities for Mental Health Week such as a quiz for the First Years. They also held a big fundraiser in aid of Pieta House, an organization that promotes suicide awareness and is there to help anyone who is struggling. The team decorated the whole school building for Halloween, organised a bake sale, and organised and encouraged everyone to dress-up and bring in €2 as it was a non-uniform day. This year, our 20 dedicated TY Amber Flag leaders raised an amazing €1,356.45 thanks to their hard work and great efforts during the weeks prior!



Halloween Bake Sale



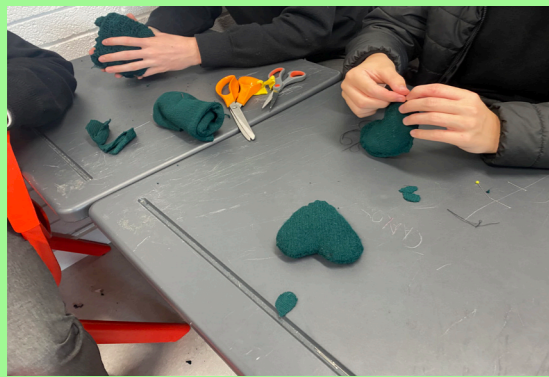
Mental Health Week Quiz



Green Schools



The Green Schools Committee is a committee run by the current TY students to make the school and the community more eco-friendly. The green schools aims for the coming year are to successfully be awarded its Green Schools Flag and make our school greener . So far, over the last few months, they have created and assigned people to different sub committees including the recycling, communications, notice boards, upcycling, bins and the greenschools committees.



They have created a recycling rota and assigned people to take out the recycling every week. They have attended multiple workshops including multiple Trash to Trendy workshops, Neat Streets and Clean Coasts.

Before the midterm the Green Schools Committee packed the upcycled love heart teddies into the shoeboxes for this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. These love heart teddies were made out of the old St David's uniform by the Green Schools upcycling committee.



Teaching and Learning

Gaeilge 24

Gaeilge 24 was an initiative organised to promote the Irish language in our school. Students were asked to commit to speaking and communicating only through Irish for a duration of 24 hours. Even some of the teachers got involved. It was lovely to hear our native language spoken in our halls.

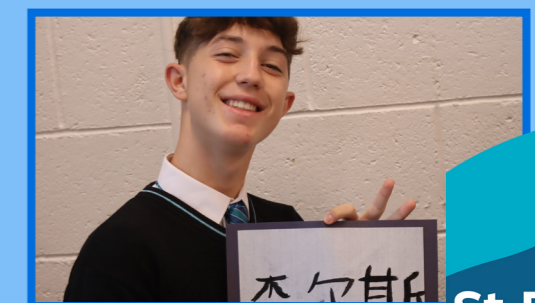


Tomi Reichental Talk

On the 10th of November, the whole school got a visit from Tomi Reichental, who was a Holocaust survivor. He started off by telling everyone about his life before the Holocaust. He told us that he was born in Slovakia to Jewish farmers and had been around the age of 8 when prejudice against Jews began. He never speak about his experience for over 50 years. He only started when he realised that not everyone knew what had happened. He told everyone about the time when he was sent to Bergen Belson concentration camp with his mum and grandmother. He spoke of the overcrowding in the camp which led to diseases and more deaths. He said "We used to play hide and seek a lot. But we didn't hide behind trees, we hid behind dead bodies". The talk concluded with a couple of questions from the students and a thank you from everyone.

Chinese Calligraphy

The current Chinese class of Transition year has a workshop today about Chinese Calligraphy, taught by Evan Furlong. The class learned about the diversity of symbols used in the Chinese language, that certain symbols may originate from the shapes of what they say, symbols that are similar to the English alphabet and different artists such as French artist Zao Wu Ki, Chinese artist Xu Bing and Taiwanese artist Tong Yangtze, who each have their own artistic flair such as Zao Wu Ki using symbols to create pictures.





Boy's Sports



rugby

1st year and junior

The first years boys rugby team train Tuesdays and Thursdays, they are coached by Mr Brady. The Junior Boys rugby team coached by Mr Davies train every Tuesday and Thursday. Both teams have shown great attitude towards both training and matches.



Senior

The senior boys rugby team coached by Mr Davies train every Tuesday and Thursday. So far the team has shown great effort in their matches and in training.



Soccer



Junior



The Junior Boys Soccer team coached by Mr Greaves, has one training session a week on Monday. Some of the team's best players are Bobby Free, Ben O'Connor and Darragh Shannon. The lads trained very competitively and played well.



Senior

The Senior Boys soccer team has one training session a week with their coach Mr Egan. Some of the team's best players are Callum Smith, Cian Ballard and Charlie Ward. The lads train hard and are playing well.



GAA

Gaelic Football

Gaelic Football has three teams 1st years, juniors and seniors. They have training every Wednesday, with their coaches Mr Geoghan (first year coach), Mr Short (junior coach) and Mr Hassett (senior coach). The teams have shown great effort and attitude during matches and training. The teams have played well throughout the season.



Hurling





Girls' Sports



Basketball



The St David's Girls Basketball team trains on wednesday and is coached by Ms Courtney and Ms Mathews.

The Under 16s Girls Basketball team performed very well in their match against CCA in october. The match started with cca being up 14-11 but this did not dampen their spirits as after the quarter time mark dauids were winning. David's ended up winning.



G.A.A

Junior



GAA
The Junior Gaelic football team have performed very well this year so far having beaten st Kevin's in the November blitz 8-1 to David's and 0-0 to Kevin's. They also played very well in their match in Wexford against Creagh College.



GAA
The Senior Gaelic Football Team, coached by Mr Geoghan, performed excellently this term with their defeat against East Glendalough Secondary School, hosted by St Patrick's G.A.A pitch in Wicklow. Despite the treacherous weather they still prevailed with an outcome of 4-3 to St David's.



Senior



Soccer

On Thursday the 27th of October, the 1st Year girls soccer team played a great game of soccer in a friendly against Greystones Community College in Greystones United astro pitches.

The weather was not in their favour that day unfortunately with quite heavy rainfall but they did not let that dampen their spirits. They ended up winning the match 9-0.



Fundraising Bake Sale

The Amber Flag Committee held their annual Halloween bake sale in aid of Pieta House. This was enjoyed by everyone as they had the opportunity to buy some delicious cakes to eat with their lunch. This year, our 20 dedicated TY Amber Flag leaders raised an amazing €1,356.45 thanks to their hard work!



1st Year Movie Night

The Halloween Movie Night took place on the 25th of October and was a huge success. The first years were asked to pay an entry fee of ten euro for a goodie bag to enjoy during the film. They wore their pyjamas and were allowed to bring in any sort of blanket or pillows they wanted. They all very much enjoyed the classic halloween movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and the night was a huge success.



1st year

First Years First Day



Assembly



The First Years were all gathered in the Dining Hall for an assembly from Ms O'Sullivan and Mr Carey. For some, this was their first impression of the school so it was important that they not only felt welcomed into the school, but they also understood what the school stood for and our ethos.

Games



After the assembly, the First Years were joined by the Fifth Years who played games with them in the hall. These games included Jenga and other well known games. This was a very important activity to get the First Years more comfortable and it also gave them an opportunity to get to know their classmates.

Sports



During the last activity of the day, the first years took part in various different sports in the new sports arena. They played basketball and some other team building games. If the games didn't help them get to know people in their year, then this certainly did. They all worked as a team with their new classmates which helped them get to know each other better and create a bond.

2nd Year



On the 4th of October, an extremely exciting day was to be had by our Second Years. A mobile observatory was set up in our Sports Arena. A projector showed images of planets and our solar system onto the one large, curved wall surrounding the pupils. Guided by Martin, an astronomy enthusiast, the Second Years learnt lots of interesting facts about space and our solar system.



Delphi Trip



On the 12th of October, the Second Years all met up in the Dining Hall to get ready for their exciting three day trip to Delphi Adventure Centre in Co. Mayo. The Second Years took part in many different activities such as kayaking, archery, bushcraft, tag archery, boulder climbing, rock climbing, absailing and tunnelling. After dinner, the whole year was split in two. Half of the students went on an evening walk along the natural countryside. While the other half lit a campfire so they all could sit around toasting marshmallows and singing songs, with excellent solo performances from Ewan MacAdam, Fearghal Dunne and Mr. Timlin



3rd Years

Colaiste Uisce



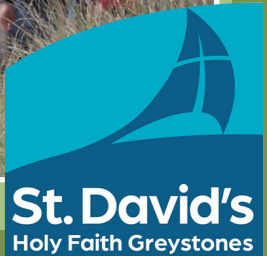
On Friday the 14th of October our 3rd Years and their teachers set off bright and early at 6am from the school all the way to An Gaeltacht, Coláiste UISCE in county Mayo, where they spent 3 days and 2 nights surrounded by the wonderful language that is Gaeilge. After a sixhour journey they arrived in Belmullet and were greeted by the staff and a lunch of sausages and chips before they headed off for their first activity in 4 different groups- dearg, gorm, glas agus buí. As the name suggest, Coláiste UISCE is all about water sports, The students spent much time participating in a wide variety of water sports, including: Kayaking, Surfing/Bodyboarding, Raft Building, Paddle Boarding and Pier Jumping. There was then a wide range of land activities, including archery, basketball, rock climbing, games in the bialann, 4 in a row, orienteering and human foosball!



Of course, a trip to the Gaeltacht wouldn't be a trip to the Gaeltacht without at least one céilí! Friday night a céilí was held in the bialann and the "Hawaiian" theme even had na múinteoirí getting involved and getting their faces painted! After a long night Saturday, with a céilí and a disco, Mr. O'Donnchadha invited the 3rd Years to get changed into their pyjamas and come back downstairs for a sing-song on the guitar to unwind before settling down for the night.



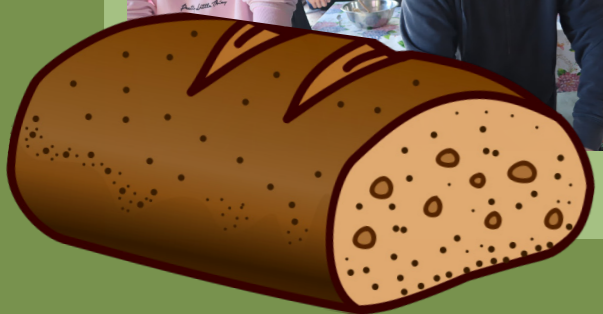
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Causey Farm



On Monday the 26th of September the TYs enjoyed a day trip to Causey Farm. This was an activity filled day which had all the TYs smiling by the end, with activities ranging from baking, walks, dances and the highlight of bog jumping. This long day started with an early roll call at 8:45. All of the TYs were split into their base classes before starting their activities. At Causey Farm there were many fun activities such as baking brown bread, (which was surprisingly fun not only for baking lovers), walks around the farm, seeing all the animals. Most notable was Ivan, a camel who used to be in a travelling circus. The TYs also did some painting, which involved painting on the walls of one of the retired barns, Irish dancing, and finally the highlight for most of the TYs, bog jumping. The TYs had to wear old clothes that they didn't mind destroying as they were soon going to be deep into mud and plants. This was very fun, with friends jumping in the bog together, people attempting to run on the bog and a few students making the mistake of pencil diving in the bog and ultimately getting stuck. Nonetheless, all of those who jumped, along with those who chose to stay clean, left with a smile on their face. After the bog jumping the students returned to the farm where they got changed. They finally returned to the buses for the long drive home.



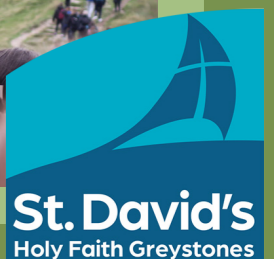
Glendalough



All TY students travelled to Glendalough for their first school excursion of the year on September 15th thanks to the efforts of Ms. Courtney, the TY coordinator. At nine in the morning, the students and seven of their teachers set out for the valley, where they completed the arduous journey.



After a two hour climb to the top, the TYs were rewarded with the stunning views of the valley and much-needed break. After they had some food, they began the long walk down the mountain. They could see Lough Tay, a stunning lake, as they descended. After another two hours, they finally reached the bottom, where they treated themselves to chips and ice cream. They arrived back at the school just as it finished for the day at 15:35. Overall, the day was a great start to the academic school year and was enjoyed by all!



Spanish Exchange



The Spanish exchange students from Maristas Secondary school in Ourense, Galicia arrived on the 12th of September, to Dublin Airport from Santiago Airport at 6:41pm. They were greeted by their Irish families.



They joined us in school on Tuesday the 13th, sporting the Maristas school uniform. According to the students, they were all happy to be here and couldn't wait to see what opportunities would arise within the next six weeks.



Our very own Irish students arrived safely in Santiago on the 12th of September and were greeted by their Spanish families. They were equally as excited for the six weeks ahead of them.



Leadership Workshop

In this workshop the Tys were taught to better understand themselves and how that would apply to their working life. The workshop aimed to give them the tools they need to figure out who they want to be rather than what they wanted to be through the use of fun activities and games. This was an enjoyable workshop, with many laughs and smiles. All the TYs were taught the importance of knowing and taking care of themselves and gained useful skills for moving forward. It helped better prepare them for a busy future, especially with big decisions looming over the horizon as they grow into young adults.



Create Schools



Over the past few weeks the TY's had a workshop with Create Schools .

They started off day one by making a list of the top five things to do with their passions. They then came up with the three TYs: Theme, Tone and Title, before recording a short thirty second Trailer for their Podcast. On the Second day, the TY's learned how to edit videos on WeVideo, by creating an ad for a fake pizza company called Peter's Perfect Pizzas.

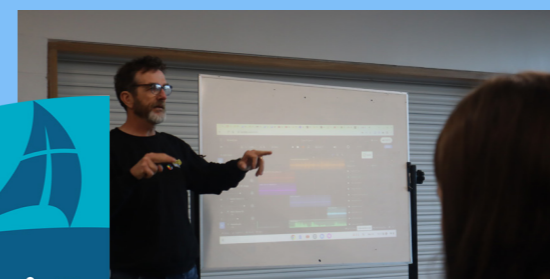
Overall, it was a very good workshop that the entire year enjoyed.

Workshops

Matrix workshop

The Matrix workshop is a "workshop made for TY's by TY's" to try and help TY's to gain skills that will aid them going forward in life. This is a difficult time for most as they become more independent and take steps closer to the Leaving Cert and college. The Matrix workshop used fun games and puzzles to get the TY students to think in a new way and they also taught the students the importance of question interpretation.

To conclude, the Matrix masterclass was a fun and educational workshop for the TYs which helped them be more prepared for the next steps towards the Leaving Certificate.



5th year

Fifth Year study skills

In preparation for their exams next year, the Fifth Year students took part in a very useful study skills workshop. In this workshop the 5th Years learned ways to study, that help retain information and perform once in their Leaving Certificate in 2024. Fifth year is the year that you really start studying for the Leaving Cert so this will definitely prove useful to them in the future.



6th year

Sixth Year retreat

On Monday, 3rd of October, the 6th years, along with their teachers, full of fun and excitement to Ovoca Manor for the annual 6th Year retreat.



They took part in activities such as archery, teambuilding, exercises and individual training which were very much enjoyed. These challenges not only tested the students bravery but their critical thinking skills also. Many laughs were had and students came out with big smiles on faces.

sixth year study

Sixth year students are working very hard this year in school in order to complete their Leaving Certificate exams. It is important that they get the support they need when it comes to studying.



The study skills workshop is a great way to get the Sixth Years thinking and learning about different types of studying. This workshop will no doubt prove very useful to them when they are completing their Leaving Certificate exams.



HALLOWEEN

2022

On the last week before Halloween break, the students and teachers of St Davids celebrated Halloween by decorating the school and coming into school dressed up. The range of costumes and the effort put into the day was very impressive and everyone got into the Halloween spirit. There was also a bake sale organised by the Amber Flag Committee so everyone got to enjoy some spooky treats on the day.



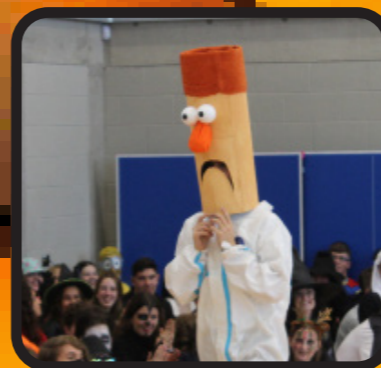
Costume Competition

Because of all the amazing costumes, there was a costume competition. There were three main winners, one from junior years, one from senior years and a TY. The winners were announced at that days assembly and they all got great prizes.



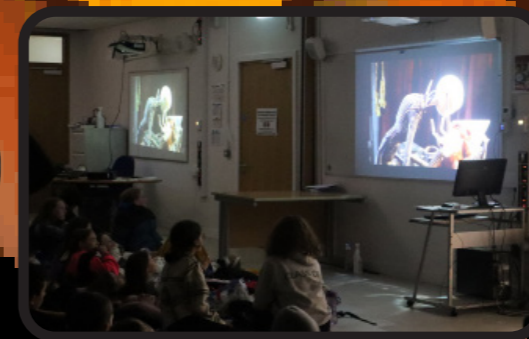
Halloween Bake Sale

The Amber Flag Committee raised money for pieta house by selling an array of different sweet treats. Pieta House is a very important charity that raises money to give resources to people struggling with their mental health across Ireland. The bakesale was a huge success and everything was sold out by the end of the day.



1st Year Movie Night

The first years enjoyed a Halloween movie night to get into the Halloween spirit. The movie was the nightmare before Christmas.





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