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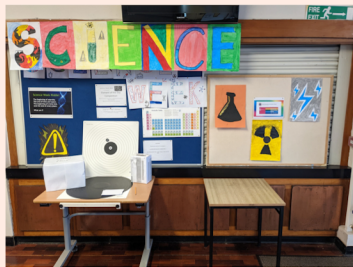


'Here Come the Girls'

As of September 2023, North Monastery will be a Co-Ed Secondary School. This is a new and exciting chapter in the 211 year history of the school and we are looking forward to welcoming girls from the surrounding primary schools next year. There was a large number of girls at our open night and we are busy preparing for their arrival in the next academic year. A new chapter is about to begin. Watch this space!



Science Week 13-20th November 2022



Science week saw students participate in many great events and workshops.

1st years attended a Geography/Science workshop using augmented reality to learn about satellite imagery.

6th years went to the ISTA Senior Cycle Science Quiz in UCC

The science teachers organised a lunchtime organ dissection session.

4th years attended the Chemistry Magic Show in UCC.

Other events that happened were the virtual Tyndall Institute tour, and Science Kahoots for various years/classes.

Green Flag Update

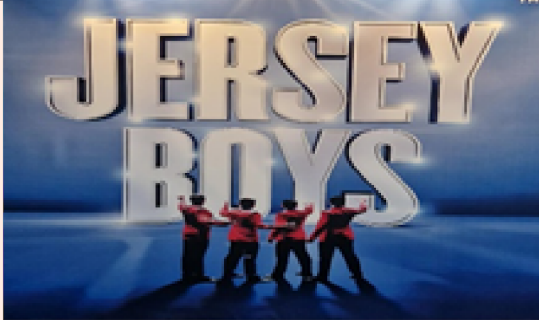
The Green Flag Committee is busy working on the Travel Flag. This will raise awareness about walking/cycling and using public transport to get to school. The committee will be undertaking a survey in the new year and the results of this will feed into our plans going forward in the new year.



Transition Year Update

TY and LCA trip to West Cork Secret

Our TY and LCA students enjoyed a team building day in West Cork Secret in September. Students took on some team challenges, including human foosball, milking a (pretend!) cow, puzzle making and orienteering. We also attempted a series of very mucky obstacle courses and went down the water slide at the end of the course. We rounded it all off with some pizza. A great day was had by all!



Trip to Dublin

In November, our TYs went to Dublin to the Bórd Gáis Energy theatre to see the West End musical sensation, 'Jersey Boys'. The show tells the story of 1960s rock 'n' roll group, The Four Seasons. We were treated to a spectacular performance of hits such as 'Sherry', 'Walk like a Man', 'Big Girls Don't Cry' and 'Can't Take My Eyes Off You'. The show was really fantastic and gave us lot of ideas for our own TY production next year!



Workshops

The TY students have also been very busy with workshops already this year, with more planned for the new year!

In October, we took part in the LGBTQI+ awareness workshop which was run by two volunteers from ShoutOut. We learned about gender identity and expression as well as sexual orientation. We also attended the Cork Mental Health Seminar in the Silversprings hotel, where we had the opportunity to listen to a number of inspirational guests talk about looking after our mental health. In November, the TY students who will be taking to the stage for our show took part in a fantastic drama workshop with Bernard Casey. In the new year, we will be taking part in many more exciting workshops, including an Escooter workshop, a Law workshop and workshops from the Guide Dogs and Dogs Trust.

Other TY Activities

Giving back to the community and helping out forms a huge part of our lives here in the North Mon. Our TYs have been busy helping to **fundraise** money for worthy causes this year and we look forward to doing more fundraising throughout the year. In September, we volunteered to collect for Breakthrough Cancer Research and we helped to raise over €1000 on the day. We also had great fun in school with our Halloween fundraiser for Jigsaw. In the new year, we will also be working on fun projects with some of our local primary schools.

The students are doing **work experience** every Wednesday and are getting the opportunity to experience a wide range of careers, working in hotels, shops, as baristas, in veterinary surgeries and in research labs! One student even spent a week in Collins' Barracks, where he got to experience life in the army with students from other schools around Cork.

In school, the TY students are getting to experience a wide range of **new subjects and are developing new skills**, as well as refining the skills they learned in Junior Cycle. They are busy cooking up a storm in Home Economics with Mr. Ready and Mr. Lynch and they are also developing their entrepreneurial skills in their Mini Company module with Mr. O'Brien and Ms. Murphy. In their Foróige Leadership for Life classes with Ms. Dunlea and Mr. Barry, the TYs are learning about different types of leadership and developing their own individual leadership capacities.

Some of our TYs have also been involved in the **Concern Debating** programme and have taken part in two debates so far, against Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine and Mercy Mounthawk, Tralee. Our third debate in the first round of the league is against CBS Mitchelstown and will take place on 13th December. Best of luck to the students involved and a big thanks to Ms. de Barra for working with the team!



Basketball Camps in Neptune Stadium



This year we have been lucky enough to team up with our neighbours Neptune Basketball club to avail of their expert coaching. Our 1st and 2nd year students have had the opportunity to attend basketball camps with their coaches every Friday morning. The boys have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the camps. They have learned so much about the game of basketball and have developed their skills. The future of basketball in the Mon looks bright!



Library Upgrade

We have been working hard to upgrade our library facilities this year and now have a range of books, graphic novels, magazines etc. to suit every reader. Our library is now open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at lunchtime for students to come along and read a book, do some homework or play a board game with their friends. Keep your eyes peeled as we continue our work on the library in the new year!



We continue in Year 2 of the Creative Schools Initiative. Christina Seward, our school associate, has been busy doing a workshop with students getting their opinions and thoughts on possible projects for the year ahead. A project with Cork Community Artlink is on the cards for the new year and is sure to bring some colour and creativity to the corridors!



STAND UP AWARENESS WEEK

14th - 18th
November



Our whole school are participating in the LGBTQ+ Quality Mark initiative. All staff and students will be part of the process of making our school a more safe and supportive place for all LGBTQ+ students and staff. As part of this programme, Stand Up Awareness Week was celebrated in the school. Students learned about some of the terminology associated with LGBTQ+.

Staff participated in online training and all students were represented in a collage to show our solidarity as a school community.



North Monastery Centenary Bursary

This year saw the second year of the North Monastery Centenary Bursary. Students from Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme are eligible to apply for one of 4 annual bursaries.

The bursary is aimed at encouraging and assisting students to progress to apprenticeships, training, further education and third level education while providing financial assistance to students over the duration of their chosen course.

This year the following students were successful in securing the 2022 North Monastery Centenary Bursary:

Solomon Nkqayi Business Information Systems UCC

Kelvin Osagie Computer Science, UCC

Jamie Looney International Arts, UCC

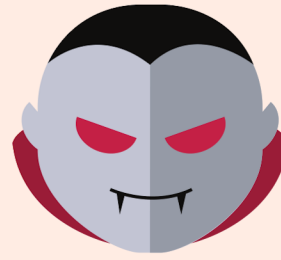
Fionn Mulqueen Arts and Craft Level 5 Douglas Street Campus FET

The four successful students will be each awarded €1000 per annum, for four years, once the student is progressing through their academic studies.



Pictured are 2021 and 2022 recipients:

Lovre Baric 2021, Liam McCarthy 2021, Fionn Mulqueen 2022, Kelvin Osagie 2022, Jamie Looney 2022, Solomon Nkqayi 2022, Paul Sunday 2021 and Dr Jim Boyle.



Halloween



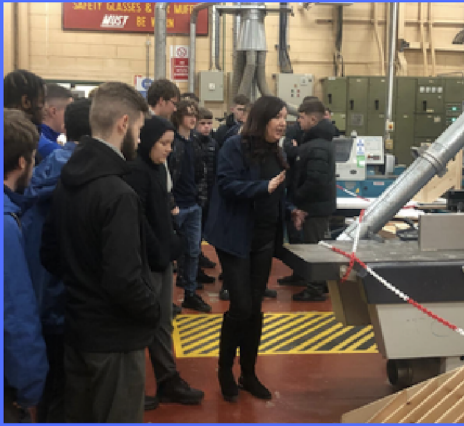
The students and staff participated in a Halloween Fancy Dress Day. We raised €285 for Jigsaw - the mental health charity that the school is partnered with. It was a great day and well done to all those who dressed up! A special well done to Glenn Horgan (6th Yr) who was voted best dressed on the day!





College Awareness Week

Students from 6th year, 6LCA and 5LCA visited the Cork College of FET - Bishopstown Campus to explore further education options and apprenticeships as part of College Awareness Week



Student Council



This year we are celebrating our 25th year of the Student Council in the North Monastery.

Following a school wide survey completed by members of the TY Diversity class, our Council was enlarged to include a representative from every class in the school. Voting got underway in early November and 18 members form the new North Mon Student Council 2022-2023.

Following training the following members have been elected to posts on the Council . We wish them all a very productive year.

Student Voice is alive and well in the North Mon!

Emman Islam – Chairperson

Rhaniel Gordon – Vice-Chairperson

Fionn Hughes – Secretary

Anthony Sexton – Vice-Secretary

Jacob Egan Morley + Rafal Pavlak-Chiaradia PROs

Nathan Mbowona – Finance Officer



Some of our 5th year students with Noreen Dorgan, Director of Services, SHARE, who gave us a very informative presentation on the wonderful support and care Cork teenage members of this charity give to older members of the community.



Well done to some of our 5th and 6th year students who completed, with flying colours, their Safe Pass courses. A huge thank you to their tutor Mr. Tom Gillespie and the Construction Industry Federation who sponsored our courses.



Sexual Health Workshops complete ✓ with @northmoncoed & @shc_cork

@corkcity
@edys_thehut
@corkteenservices
@shc_hub



TY Students along with students from Terence MacSwiney Community College are busy rehearsing for our upcoming production of 'Shrek' in March 2023. Tickets on sale soon! Don't miss this great production!

***TY Musical
March 2023
Shrek Jr***

Christmas Spirit in the North Mon

Singing Group

The singing group were carol singing in Blackpool at the Christmas Market organised by Cork City Partnership. They were joined by 6th class from Blarney Street CBS who rehearsed together over the last few weeks,



JCSP 1st Year Celebration

The first year JCSP Christmas celebration recently took place. It was a lovely afternoon where first year students performed some songs and music for their parents. Students also received a gift of a book, picked especially for them.

Books kindly sponsored by
Vibes and Scribes



Christmas Market

The Christmas Market returned bigger and better this year. The Hall was thriving with numerous stalls offering Christmas delights such as Hot Chocolate, Crepes, Cakes, Gifts, Crafts and lots more. Our TY students ran their own enterprise stalls and helped organise the raffle. LCA students sold handcrafted Christmas cards and calendars. We were delighted to invite students from our local primary schools to soak up some of the Christmas atmosphere. Special thanks to the teachers, SNAs and students involved who worked so hard to make this market a success.



Christmas Spirit in the North Mon



*Wishing everyone in the
North Mon Community a
Merry Christmas
and
Wonderful 2023*

