

# Transition Year 2022

## Second Term Newsletter



### **Festive Wear to show you Care**

Our TY students will be organising our annual charity drive this Christmas supporting Laura Lynn charity.

### **Hurling Success**

Well done to many of our TY boys who were part of the winning Leinster side.

Follow our updates @StMacDarasTY on Twitter.

### **Junior Cycle Success**

At long last, our TY students received their Junior Cycle results. The college is extremely proud of the fantastic results. This cohort of students didn't have it easy, tackling their exams during a pandemic, but they made us all very proud of them.

## **Dingle, Burren, Tara and Ventry**

Another busy term has passed and the TY students have really settled into their programme. They can usually be found busying themselves around the school building engaging in a variety of projects.

Ethos awards were given out to students this term for noteworthy acts of community, respect, equality, care and excellence in education. Anna-Marie Durkan received our community award, Oisín Dennehy received the award for respect, Áine Reilly was recognised for equality, Tadhg O'Connor for care and Róisín Holmes received the excellence in education award. Well done to these students.

As we come to the end of this term, there are still many new subjects to be discovered for students. January brings more outings and events, with lots of exciting opportunities lined up for our students.

Doors have been decorated, candy canes sold and Christmas jumpers are at the ready - the TYs are officially on their holidays! Well done to all on another fantastic term.

N.Denny  
Year Head

N.Ó Ríordáin  
Programme Coordinator

## Community Care - Cheeverstown

We are delighted to be able to welcome Cheeverstown to our school library every Tuesday. Our community care groups spend time playing games, conversing and doing arts and crafts with the users of Cheeverstown every Tuesday. It has been wonderful to see students be so caring and it is a really rewarding experience for all involved. The community care groups are coming to the end of their sixteen week module and will change over in the new year. Well done to all students involved this term and a big thank you to Ms.Clune, Ms.Manning and Ms.Eracleous.

## Roger Casement History Award

Well done to Oisín, Béibhinn and Alessandra who won an award for their history project on Roger Casement. They travelled out to Dun Laoghaire with their teacher Ms.Eracleous to receive their award. We are so proud of their achievement.

## Sustainability and Development Education

The TY Dev Ed class have been working really hard this term spreading the message of sustainability through UDL (Universal Design for Learning) techniques to the whole school community. Students have made presentations, posters and videos and are currently visiting all junior cycle classes to spread the word. Well done on the great work and to their teachers who are promoting a more sustainable school for our students.



## Student Council Elections

TY Maths classes have been assisting with the Student Council elections this week. Students will learn about the democratic voting system using their mathematical skills and proportional representation to find out next student council for 2023!

## Scoil Eoin

Following on from our involvement last term with Scoil Eoin on Armagh Road, more of our TY students have had an opportunity to spend some time with the students there. Last week, students engaged in arts and crafts with the students and had a lovely time. Well done to all students involved.

## Comedy Gig

All four classes headed off into the city centre to attend a special comedy gig designed for TY students by comedian Ger Carey. This was a great opportunity for students to get out of the classroom, gain some independence and have a good time. A big thank you to the Laughter Lounge for hosting a great event.

## Grease Musical

Preparations are still underway for our TY musical. Our teachers have been working hard alongside our students to teach them the songs, dances and lines. Our art and business classes are busy building the sets and designing programmes. The business class are looking for sponsorships, advertisements and spot prizes, if anyone is in a position to contribute to this TY project, please contact Ms.Brennan at [OrlaBrennan@stmacdaras.ie](mailto:OrlaBrennan@stmacdaras.ie). Stay tuned for the official release of show dates soon!

## TY's got Talent

During TY, many students have the opportunity to engage in outside projects that they wouldn't usually have the time for in more traditional years. Many of our students will be heading off on exchanges next term, from Spain to Germany to Argentina. We wish these students well on their travels and look forward to hearing from them.

One TY student Rebecca has been really busy this term, taking part in a Christmas Pantomime in the Civic Theatre. This has been incredibly hard work for Rebecca, with lots of hours of preparation being put in. We are very proud of Rebecca.

In January, Nithin will be heading for India to take part in an intensive Cricket training programme. This is a massive achievement and we wish Nithin well in his travels. We look forward to hearing all about it!

## St.Judes Christmas Fair

Well done to the TY students who volunteered their time to help out in the local Parish Christmas Fair. TY students were on hand to help entertain the young children with face-painting. This is a lovely act of community and we are very proud of our students for giving up their free time.

## Irish Society of Autism

This term, three TY students wanted to get involved in a project. Max, Darragh and Seán decided they were going to give their time to the Irish Society of Autism. The boys had a stall at the St.Judes Christmas Fair where they raised vital funds for the Irish Society of Autism. The boys raised €125 on the night with further funds still to be raised at another event. We are really proud of the three boys for giving their time to charity. Well done!



## Fighting Words

Our TY students will be engaging in the 'Fighting Words' creative writing initiative this year in their English groups. Class Ventry travelled into their writing centre this month and worked on script writing and performance. The other three classes will have a chance to visit over the coming months. This is a great opportunity for students to use their creative skills outside of the classroom setting.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!*