



TY Newsletter



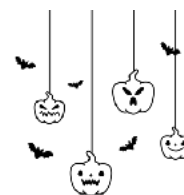
Transition Year in the College - October Edition



October-A Month of Creativity, Adventure and Learning!

October has been a busy and exciting month for our TY students, filled with creativity, adventure, fun and learning. Here's an overview of some of the key excursions, workshops, and experiences that featured this month, as well as a preview of what is ahead in November.

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful and well-earned Mid-Term break! [Mr McGowan](#)



Causey Farm

All TY students visited *Causey Farm* for a day packed with memory making hands on activities!

- Students gained experience in baking-with a hands on session making traditional soda bread in the cookhouse.



🕒 Bog Jumping-a once in a lifetime experience where all were covered in peat from head to toe!



EPIC!

The whole TY cohort visited EPIC-The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin. Students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the tale of Irish migration, to follow in the footsteps of the ten million who left Ireland in search of opportunity and adventure. Students gained an appreciation of the extent to which being Irish extends beyond our Island-all through the inspiring stories of Irish emigrants.





BODHRÁN MAKING WORKSHOP.

All TY students participated in a wonderful day long workshop in the College. Each student crafted their own traditional Irish drum-Bodhrán. Each drum was hand made and decorated by the students, whereafter they received some tutelage in how to play the instrument. Needless to say the walls of the College echoed with melodious beats of the TY trad troupe! It was truly heartening to see the efforts, creativity and absolute immersion of the students in this workshop-simply wonderful!

Well Done to Every student!





ST. PATRICK'S JUNIOR SCHOOL-HALLOWEEN PARTY

Well done to all TY students who volunteered at St. Patrick's Junior School-helping teachers to deliver a Halloween party for all the students.



Student Voice-Students reflect on their experiences in TY.

The School Walk



During the school walk the whole school including all TY's participated in the walk, many brought their dogs and most of the TY year walked around

Skerries in two main groups. The route of the walk went from the school through the town and around the harbour, where it continued past the South Strand, up by the rugby club, around by C&T's, past the first station and back to the school. During the walk TY students talked, laughed and most importantly had fun!



DEAR Week-Drop Everything and Read! This is a week where students are encouraged to read and create posters expressing the importance of taking time away from phones, TV and to literally drop everything and read. This year during DEAR week all students were asked to bring a book to school for Friday (last day before midterm) and during second period we all had the time to sit and enjoy a book. During the week we also enjoyed readings from teachers where they read a passage from a book they enjoyed.



The library also has some new books and will be adding to these! Don't forget to request a book that you would like to have in the library.

TY Hoodies- A big thank you to the TY hoodie committee on selecting the new colour for the TY 2025-2026 Hoodie-chosen in collaboration with the TY year group. BURGUNDY-is the colour of choice! Priced at **€35** which can be paid for by using the MIT payment app on the school website, **deadline is 6th of November! Be sure to get your order in!**



Kate Ferguson TY Student.



Student Voice-Students reflect on their experiences in TY.



Student Council



Class 4 O'Malley helped run the student council elections in the canteen. Some of the class were assigned to signing students in, while others were handing out voting cards. It was an enormous success! Those students running for student council in

TY were Muirín Stuart, Thomas Clinton, Alana Griffith and Kate Duncan.

Congratulations to Alana and Kate-both were elected to student council.

TY classes also got to choose their class names; the theme was "A Person who Inspires" .

The names chosen:

4A Burke (Sinead Burke)

4B O'Malley (Grace O'Malley-Grainne Mhaol)

4C Higgins (Micheal D Higgins)

4D Hamilton (Lewis Hamilton)

4E Adeleke (Rhasidat Adeleke)

4F Frawley (Ciarán Frawley)

4G Chatten (Grian Chatten)

4H Obama (Barack Obama)



Muirín Stuart TY Student.



Teachers Embrace DEAR Week!



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TY Musical

The TY students have started work on their production of 'All Shook Up'. There is much great work being done to get ready for opening night which is 3rd March 2026. Students are working behind the scenes in PR, Set Design, and so much more.

The students that will be on stage are learning the choreography and the songs. So far, they have been working on 'Jail House Rock', 'Heartbreak Hotel', 'Can't Help Falling in Love', and 'Blue Suede Shoes'. Everyone involved in the show including the teachers are so enthusiastic about taking part and are doing a superb job. It will be amazing to see the culmination of all this hard work on opening night.



EPIC-On 7th of October the TY students headed to the EPIC museum in Dublin's Docklands. We travelled to the museum by bus early in the morning. The students spent the day exploring the museum. There were exhibitions about Irish emigrants who became politicians, scientists, artists and poets. The museum makes great use of technology to create fun and interactive information boards which were really informative. There were lots of opportunities to take great pictures and to make lasting memories. We learned about the Irish Diaspora in a fun and interesting way-walking around, discussing, using the interactive displays! We all returned to school in the afternoon after a great day of learning with friends.

Lisa Cullivan TY Student.

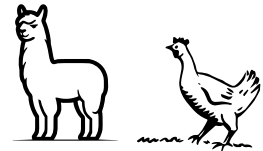


The Fabulous Art Department-Leading DEAR Week!



Student Voice-Students reflect on their experiences in TY.


Causey Farm



On October 1st the whole year TY year group boarded buses and made our way down to Causey Farm, where we experienced many fun activities. We were split into groups and our first experience was a visit to the animal section; Deer, donkeys, alpacas, llama and chickens were all on show up close. Some of the chickens did get a little excited and ended up on the heads of some students! We experienced Ceilidh dancing, baked brown bread and got a sneak peek of the the upcoming farmaphobia scare attractions for halloween. We ended our trip with a bog walk-head to to toe covered in the stuff!.

Comhairle Na nÓg (Youth Conference)-this is an event where youth from all over Ireland get together to talk about problems that today's youth face in schools and in their local community. They get to raise their concerns and talk about how they can really make a difference. Up to four students from every school get to attend their local meeting. This year I represented the school at the Fingal Conference. Every two years the attending representatives vote on the problem they believe is the most pressing and it becomes the local (Fingal) Comhairle na nÓg focus for the next two years, the topic selected was ' Environmental Consciences'.



 **Cookery Competitions-** An upcoming event for any TY student who enjoys dabbling in the culinary arts! Two cooking competitions are coming up. The first is the **Healthy Chef**- this competition involves students creating tasty and nutritious meals at home. The winners get a trip to Dublin to meet the talented chef Neven Maguire! The second competition is the create tasty meals using family recipes. If you are interested in any of these competitions-check out TY TEAMS pages and check in with Ms. Russell.

Thomas Clinton TY Student.





Garda Talk for TY Students!



Half Term ended with a visit from Garda Lennon- an informative session, aimed at post primary students, raising awareness on the importance of good conduct, vigilance and being sensible young citizens.

What is coming up?

Thursday 6th November-Intercultural Day

Tuesday 11th November-Dublin Zoo Trip-with Science Focus

Monday 24th-25th November-Work Experience Week 1.