



CLONAKILTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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News & Views

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Our college, as a school community, is built on the premise of positive engagement and a commitment by all to promote professional courtesy, encouragement and acknowledgement. By making this commitment we endeavour to create a happy work / school environment for all while also creating an environment to realise school wide improvement.

The warm, positive and happy atmosphere in the college is something that many visitors remark on as they walk in our front door. This is something that cannot be fabricated but must be nurtured.

We are hugely thankful to every member of our college community for playing their part in our bigger plan. The results of this commitment are clearly evident in this year's newsletter and we celebrate these endeavours with our fantastic pupils, your supportive parents and our wonderfully committed staff.

We wish our Junior and Leaving Certificates success. See you all in 2014-2015.

Le dea-ghuí,

Anne Dunne & Denis O'Riordan



COMMUNITY YOUTH AWARD

In July 2013, 6th Year student Jamie O'Neill completed a 1,700km solo cycle over 17 days around all the coastal counties of Ireland, raising €4,000 for West Cork Rapid Response.

Jamie received a Community Youth Award at the Opinon/Bandon CoOp Silver Jubilee Awards night in the Munster Arms Bandon in April.



• Jamie O'Neill pictured with Jacqui Hurley, RTE Sports presenter, who was a guest on the night.

Chemistry Award

David Ryan, Clonakilty Community College, obtained the highest Leaving Certificate Chemistry mark in Cork City and County in 2013. He was awarded a gold medal for this achievement by Cork Schools Science Awards Committee at a recent ceremony at Blackrock Castle.



• David Ryan being presented with the gold medal award for Chemistry by Junior Minister Seán Sherlock. Included is Hilary Lynch, Chemistry teacher.

CORK ETB LEAVING CERTIFICATE/LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED Recognition Awards Scheme 2013

On February 7th 2014 the following students were awarded a Medal/Special Commendation Certificate as a result of their performance in the Leaving Certificate/Leaving Certificate Applied Examination 2013:

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Gerard Sexton	625 points	The Board Medal
David Ryan	625 points	The Board Medal
Niall Sheppard	595 points	The Barra Ó Briain Medal
Andrew Flynn	595 points	The Barra Ó Briain Medal
Samuel Kingdon	560 points	Special Commendation Certificate
Barry Holland	555 points	Special Commendation Certificate
Barry Lawton	555 points	Special Commendation Certificate

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED RECIPIENT

Elizabeth Hurley	93%	The Tomás Ó Conaill Medal
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STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Daniel Nyhan

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Leaving Cert Class of 2014



As The Whistle Blows

As the lightning flashes,
And the thunder booms,
I am certain that,
I am near my doom.

BANG! BANG! BANG!
Another one dead,
I see bloody bullet wounds,
In his head.

The whistle blows
And the next line attack
A few cover
But are shot in the back.

Blood is all I smell,
And dead bodies is all I see
I know I'm going to die,
Someone save me!

The next line go,
It's hard to see in pitch black,
They know that once they
charge
There's no going back!

Heading to "no mans land"
Is heading to a terrible death
You'd hear the whistle blow
Before you take your last
breath

We load our guns
CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!
Our line is next
I'm going to be sick

The whistle blows
And we jump up from our
trench
I smell more dead bodies
An awful stench

I run past the first fence
There's no time to rest
Suddenly I hear gunshots
I've been shot in the chest!

THUMP! I fall to the ground
And there I lie
This was never the way
I wanted to die...

Daniel O'Brien
First Year 2013-2014

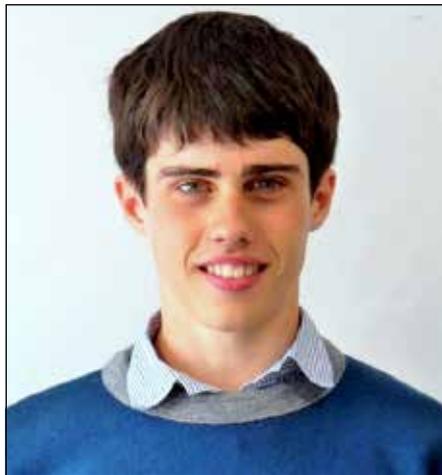
SVP Christmas Food Appeal

CSPE Class 1.1 were central to the college's annual food appeal at Christmas. The students promoted the event, as well as collected, packaged and delivered the food to Noel Lawler, president of the local SVP. The response was as generous as ever and well done to all students and staff who contributed and helped.

Top Junior Certificate achievers 2013



• David Kiely



• Liam O'Connor



• Martin Connolly

Leaving Certificate Applied

Our Leaving Certificate Applied class of 2014 has had an extremely busy year. The year began with a trip to Rathaniska Co. Laois for the annual ploughing championships, an outing which is still talked about. Three tasks were completed by the end of Session 3 and students received their results of Session 3 in April. Session 4, the last session has been dominated by Construction and Engineering tasks as well as preparing for English and Spanish orals.

The year was challenging but enjoyable, cookery class every Wednesday and even a trip to Kartworld, Watergrass Hill punctuated the work with a well-earned break.

Work experience took place every Friday and many thanks must go to our local employers who take students every year for this integral part of Leaving Cert Applied.

We hope that on leaving our school the LCA class of 2014 will leave prepared for the future, capable and able young adults and that their memories of Clonakilty Community College are as fond as our memories of them. Go n-éirí libh sna scrúdaithe agus go mbeidh todhchaí geal gaibh go léir.



• Ready for Combat - Killian Griffin, Sinéad Ni Mhaoldomhnaigh, David Daly, Peter O'Neill, Jack O'Connor and Ruadh Bancroft.



• Ready for Combat - Adrian Harrington, Jack Barry and Charlotte Hunt.

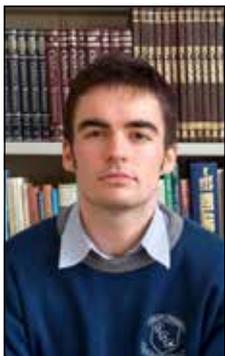
Outstanding Leaving Certificate results 2013



Gerard Sexton, son of Micheal and Helen Sexton, Lislevane, Bandon, achieved 625 points in Leaving Certificate, 2013. He is a high-achieving academic "all-rounder" with boundless energy and interests. In 2012 he completed the ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro for charity. A qualified beachguard, he loves marathon-running and holds two All-Ireland medals in rowing. Gerard is a talented musician and has a Silver Gaisce Award. He was awarded an Entrance Scholarship to UCC where he is studying Medicine.



Andrew Flynn, son of Kevin and Colette Flynn, Courtmacsherry achieved 595 points in Leaving Certificate, 2013. Andrew enjoys problem-solving in Mathematics and Physics, and he has a unique ability to see right to the heart of the problem and how it might be solved. He is a great team-player and is always willing to help others. A keen rower, he has achieved several All-Ireland medals with the Courtmacsherry team and is a very talented rugby player. Andrew is studying Physics & Astrophysics in UCC.



Samuel Kingston, son of John and Catherine Kingston, Springmount, Clonakilty achieved 560 points in Leaving Certificate, 2013. Sam is an outstanding academic with a curiosity about everything. Having mastered the piano, he then taught himself the saxophone. He loves the country sports of shooting and archery and he is an accomplished swimmer, rower and horseman. He has a great flair for cookery and horticulture and he has even designed and constructed a microbrewery. He is studying Science in TCD.



Barry Holland, son of John and Helen Holland of Courtmacsherry, Bandon achieved 555 points in Leaving Certificate 2013. Barry is a very affable young man with very finely-honed literary skills. His great passions are politics and current affairs and he has great ability to motivate and organise others. A very active member of the Students Council, he was a driving force in the BT Young Scientists winning team (2012) which secured €20,000 in research funding by winning 'Clon'trepreneur' 2012. He is studying Commerce in UCC.



David Ryan, son of Kevin and Evelyn Ryan, Ballinascarthy, Clonakilty achieved 625 points in Leaving Certificate, 2013. In 2010, David achieved Best Junior Certificate in the school with eleven Higher A's. He is a multi-talented, enterprising student with a great love of science. Following success in BT Young Scientists in 2012, David and two classmates won Clon'trepreneur 2012 and €20,000 in research funds. He is also a keen debater, musician and surfer. He is studying Medicine in the University of Edinburgh.



Niall Sheppard, son of Eileen Sheppard of Ring, Clonakilty achieved 595 points in Leaving Certificate, 2013. Niall is a highly-motivated, diligent student with a deep interest in Mathematics and Physics. As a very talented problem-solver, he has always been fascinated by scientific experimentation and discovery. He achieved a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and he is a very keen rower, holding two county U-18 medals and an All-Ireland medal in 2012. He is studying Actuarial & Financial Studies in UCD.



Barry Lawton, son of Pat and Kay Lawton of Lislevane, Bandon, achieved 555 points in Leaving Certificate, 2013. Barry is a very personable, friendly young man with an impressive talent for mathematical problem-solving. He loves watersports and he has worked as a beachguard for the past two summers. Swimming, surfing and water-skiing are his passions and he also works every week as a voluntary coach with the Irish Water Safety Association. He is studying Physics & Astrophysics in UCC.



Elizabeth Hurley, daughter of Tony and Teresa Hurley of Ballinascarthy achieved 93% overall in Leaving Certificate Applied, 2013. Liz is a hard-working, enthusiastic student with great organisational skills. Her energy and determination were remarkable last year when she returned after four months illness. Liz's kind and caring nature always showed in her care for her classmates and in her work experience in a local hospital. In 2012 she took part in the ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro for charity. She is currently studying Care of the Elderly in Cork College of Commerce.



Daniel Nyhan, Student of the Year 2013 son of Denis and Lorna Nyhan, Ballinascarthy, Clonakilty achieved 550 points in Leaving Certificate, 2013. In his six years in the school Daniel has shown himself to be a reliable and responsible young man with a strong sense of community. An academic all-rounder and excellent sportsman, Daniel was always a willing volunteer for school events and was an outstanding President of the Students' Council. Outside school Daniel has notable achievements in local community work and in Gaelic games. He is studying Biological & Chemical Sciences in UCC.

West Cork Mental Health

For the 3rd year in a row the students of CCC have willingly got involved in organising an informative and empowering day for the youth of West Cork in conjunction with HSE and other services. It took place in the Maritime Hotel in Bantry on October 4th 2013.

Teenagers got the opportunity to be informed about services, listen to people's experience and were encouraged to express their opinion about positive mental health.



HISTORY TRIP

Students from 2.3 examining a famine memorial during a History trip to Skibbereen Heritage Centre.



Game, Set & Match!

A new sport has been taken up in CCC.... tennis. Every Monday junior students play recreational tennis in Clonakilty Tennis Club. As each week passes there is an improvement in their game and competitiveness is creeping in!



CORK DRAMA FEST

A group of fourth years took on a script writing and acting module after February midterm. After a number of weeks of writing and preparing, the group took two mini plays to Deer Park school where the long standing 'Cork Drama Fest' is housed.

Performing an original script, written by Jacques De Fournas and an extract from a school drama, 'Bigger Brother', the group won the best original script for the former and the best performance for the latter.

Damien McCarthy and Liam Ó Broin won the best actor for their respective groups. Well done to all the students who partook in the festival, and to our supporters that came along.



MAKE-OVER FOR ROOM 6

Eight 3rd year students volunteered to re-decorate room 6 directly after their Junior Cert. The work took place over three days.

Jason and Sarah Hunt, Kelly Murphy, Katie Tobin, Nathan Walker, Gavin Murphy, Emily Wright and Suzie O'Donovan were involved.

We would like to thank the students involved for brightening up the room dramatically and creatively. We would like to thank Barryroe Co-op and Atkins for donating the paint.



LIVE MUSIC SOCIETY

After finishing second on six occasions throughout his school years, Robert McCarthy finally won the 'Battle Of The Bands' trophy, weeks before he starts his Leaving Cert. There were plenty of brilliant performances, especially from a strong contingent of first and second years and also featured Rang Saoirses first ever entry written and sung by Roisin Hollingworth and accompanied on guitar by Philip Brennan from first year.



• Patrick Batterberry, compering at Battle Of The Bands.



• Robert McCarthy, winner of Battle Of The Bands.



• Junior members of the Live Music Society with Mr. Kieran Doyle, Teacher/Mentor, l-r: Matthew Sexton, Dylan O'Mahony, Jack Flynn, Herard Paulino, Andrea Cowhig, Roisin Hollingworth, Seán O'Shea, Jack Cullinane, Jake Ellis and Philip Brennan.



Rugby Fundraising Raffle

The School recently held a raffle, for sport in the school, on Friday, 15th November. In total we had 27 prizes, 25 for the raffle, 1 prize for the top fundraiser and 1 prize for a member of a class which performed the haka on the day. We intend to purchase a set of rugby jerseys for the school from the proceeds and Mr. Kevin O'Regan of Fuchsia Footwear, has kindly agreed to come on board as shirt sponsor. On the day of the raffle numbers were pulled out by Kevin, our principal, Ms. Anne Dunne, Joe White 6th year and Phillip Poillot 6th year. Both Joe and Phillip represented Munster U18 Youths this year and are currently in the running for Ireland U18 honours.

Organizing Committee

Colin Murphy, Gavin Kelly, Micheal O'Sullivan and Olan Hayes, teachers; Ms. Anne Dunne, principal; David Walsh, David Kiely, Liam O'Donovan, Mark White, Tomas Scannell, Sean McAvoy, Thomas Hayes, 4th Year students; Daniel O'Donovan, 5th year student.

We would like to give a huge thank you to those who entered the raffle and also to those who were generous enough to sponsor prizes. The prize sponsors were:

Uiltan O'Callaghan, Munster Rugby – Signed

Munster Jersey

Donncha Ryan, Munster & Ireland – Signed Barbarians Jersey

Ken O'Connell, Munster Rugby – Signed Rugby Ball & 2 sets of match tickets

Finny O'Regan, Munster Rugby – 5 match day rugby balls

Hähnel Industries, Bandon – Digital Camera & novelty lamp

Finbarr Galvins, Bandon – 2 sets of match tickets

McSport, Sports Equipment Suppliers – Tracksuit, Training Top & Match Ball

Mr. Gavin Kelly, Teacher – Signed Copy of Katie Taylor's Book, Robbie Keane's Book

CM Conditioning, Strength & Conditioning Coach – Munster cap, beanie, watch & pens, Alex Ferguson's Book & 2 copies of John Hayes' Book

Roger Adams, F1 Fitness Clonakilty – 1 Month Free gym membership

The top fundraiser, Caroline McCarthy 3rd Year, received a Munster Jersey signed by Declan Kidney. This jersey was donated by Mr. Gavin Kelly, Teacher and the signature was organised by Mr. Len Browne, Performance Analyst, UCC.

The top prize was won by Mrs. Nola White, Clonakilty.

FIRST YEAR HIKING TRIP MAY 9TH 2014

Our First Year students have enjoyed not one but two hiking trips this academic year. Not content with the reasonably level surfaces of Courtmacsherry Seven Heads, this lively group embraced the challenge of Mullaghmesha Mountain!

Under the expert guidance of Mr O'Callaghan, the starting point was at Castledonovan just west of Dunmanway. 10 km followed with a steep incline of 500m. This was a lovely circular route, taking in the breathtaking views of panoramic Bantry Bay, Galley Head, Cape Clear and the Kerry mountains.

Lunch was enjoyed at Coomanore Lakes and the circuit was completed in four and a half hours although an enthusiastic few took a little longer!

Meanwhile for those students who had to remain behind to sit music exams the good news is that another hiking trip has been sanctioned for early September.



Colin O'Sullivan, Tony O'Connell, Rob Downey, Odhran Bancroft, Aaron Ferguson, Cathal Mortell and Fionn McPeake.



Second Year student Aoife Sullivan taking part in the Warren Beach clean-up as part of her CSPE project.



Eoin O'Brien with the trophy he got for his part as Assistant Stage Manager in the TY play 'The



Jack Barry working hard to get his LCA Construction project finished on time.



New student Patrick Batterberry standing beside the statue of Tigh An Astna as part of his project on Clonakilty history.

Student Council News

Elections were held in October 2013. The following students were elected:

Jack O'Driscoll, Andrea Cowhig (1st Year)

Niall O'Mahony, Darragh O'Donovan (2nd Year)

Brian Tobin, Jack Lynch (3rd Year)

Andrew Moriarty, David O'Connell (Transition Year)

Daniel O'Donovan, Cisteóir, Cathal O'Donovan, Rúnaí (5th Year)

Niall McCarthy, Leas-Uachtarán, Jack Butler, Uachtarán (6th Year)

Denis O'Driscoll (LCA)

Eoin O'Brien (Rang Phádraig)

Sarah Magner Whooley (Rang Saoirse)

Meetings were held monthly throughout the school year to discuss matters which arose from the students.

Through the union, we organised the availability

of student cards to all students. Many students took advantage of this opportunity, enabling them to access discounts and special offers in transport, food and shopping.

Following a request from a number of senior cycle students, the student council facilitated the purchasing and installing of new clocks for each classroom throughout the school. This work was carried out during the Easter Holidays.

To ensure that all students were familiar with their year reps, the visibility of the student council was increased through the addition of photographs to the student council notice board.

Student Council members also provided invaluable service throughout the year assisting at Parent Teacher Meetings and on Open Night.

Overall, the student council had a very successful and productive year and we hope to recommence in the new school term.



Ruadh Bancroft, with the picture that he completed for his LCA Art module. Ruadh has successfully been awarded a place in the UCC programme Contemporary Living.

TY Outdoor Pursuits 2014



The 2014 TY outdoor pursuits trip to Kenmare was very successful and enjoyable. Some students went on Tuesday, April 9th as part of their Gaisce Awards Challenge but most of the TY students arrived at lunch time on the Wednesday at the Star Outdoor Adventure Centre in Kenmare.

There was no time to hang around and they got straight into activities. One group was on land – orienteering, murder mystery and paintballing – and one group spent time on the water – kayaking. That evening the group was taken away from 7-9pm for night time activities.

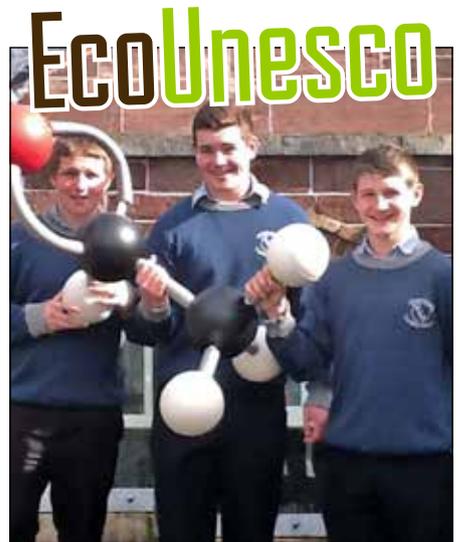
On Thursday the students arrived at the centre for 10am. Again the group was split with one half staying on land – team building, mountain biking, archery and doing an obstacle course – and the other half was on the water – trampolining, banana boat, raft building. There was a break for lunch and in

Kenmare 2014

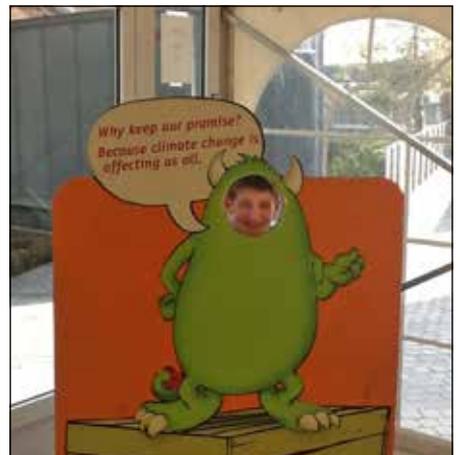
the afternoon the groups switched over. Again, there was night time activities from 7-9pm.

Friday started with a boat trip around the harbour for half the group, while the other half went paintballing. The activities finished at 12pm and the students were on the bus home for 1pm. The students behaviour was brilliant over the 3 days and they represented themselves and the school very well.

Every year this trip seems to be the highlight of the year and fits in nicely with using our TY programme to help students develop different life skills.



- Liam O'Donovan, Robert Byrnes and Dylan Scannell at the Lifetime Lab while competing in the EcoUnesco Young Environmentalist Competition.



- Dylan Scannell spreading the message about the importance of protecting the environment

Daffys Dollars School Bank

The AIB Build-A-Bank Challenge sees a team of six students selected to set up and manage a bank in their school, getting involved in everything from sourcing new customers and opening AIB accounts to encouraging regular savings and exploring new ways to bank, such as AIB Phone and Internet Banking.

Six students were selected from the interview process and were assigned the following positions:

Zach Harrington – Bank Manager, Andrew Moriarty – Assistant Manager, Kevin O'Neill – Auditor, Robert Byrnes – Sales and Marketing Executive, Eoin Holland – Teller, Seán Ryan – Teller

The team decided on the Daffys Dollars as their brand with Daffy Duck as their logo.

As part of the Business Plan developed by the students, they devised a set of strategic and tactical goals which prioritised the importance of saving and educating others about banking. In order to achieve this, they gave a lesson to 6th class students in Scoil na mBuachailí and held a Fry Day Friday where over 200 breakfast rolls were cooked and sold in aid of the Donal Walsh Live Life Foundation. They also held an assembly for all TY students where guest of honour Finbarr Walsh was presented with proceeds

from the Fry Day talk and gave an informative and moving talk on the Live Life Foundation.

Competitions and promotions were a regular occurrence for Daffys Dollars customers with prizes such as vouchers, sweet Jar and games on offer. Customer loyalty was also rewarded with vouchers for local shops. This was achieved with the help of sponsorship from thirty local businesses.

The hard work and dedication of the Daffys Dollars Bank team is clearly evident in their tremendous achievements. The team showcased their bank in the Regional Finals in Cork where they were selected among the top 10 banks to be shortlisted for the National Finals.

Congratulations to all involved.



Young Scientist Exhibition



Every year our college exhibits strongly at the Young Scientist Exhibition and this year was no different. Representing our college at the exhibition were Liam O'Donovan, Robert Byrnes and Dylan Scannell. Their project was selected from more than 2,500 entries.

The three students travelled to the RDS in Dublin for four days to compete in the Biological & Ecological category of the exhibition. Their project titled "A Study of Marram Grass Transplantation Programme on Inchydonney Island" involved nine months of work monitoring the abiotic and biotic factors effecting the growth of marram grass on the newly redeveloped Virgin Mary Point on Inchydonney Island.

The Merchant of Ennis

This year's Fourth year students put on an amazing show in the annual TY production. The Merchant of Ennis, penned by Mr Doyle and directed by Nora Scannell, explored the world of Shakespeare through the eyes of a young substitute teacher, who was unfortunate to find himself thrown in at the deep end with the unruly 4:2. (Not the real 4:2, but it could be!!)

A bunch of rowdies, with the likes of Saucy Sue (Cailin Barry), Larry (Yannick Kelly) and one nerd (Ciaran O'Leary) as well as many others were in fine form on stage.

He endeavours to win them over to the tales and tribulations of the great man, by recounting stories, albeit in a very different fashion. The class of 4:2 are expecting to make mince meat out of their fifth substitute teacher this term until he ensnares them with his fantastical retelling of Shakespeare.



Julius Caesar becomes the story of the fall of Cowenous Caesar and the Celtic Tiger, Mabeth develops into a sing-off between Mac Kenny and Mac Adams for the Voice of Ireland, before finally the play climaxes in the Merchant Of Ennis, where a match-making festival centres around Portia's search for a suitor, in a scene from Take Me Out.

The young delinquents are soon won over but alas, all is left in doubt when the principal Ignatious discovers that is not who he said he was....

STUDENT ENTERPRISE 2014

All of our Fourth years get an opportunity to set up and run their own business, and with the help of the West Cork Enterprise Board we had 4-5 very good groups with products ranging from websites, wristbands, Christmas baskets, kindle splinter and candles.

But the stars this year had to be EasiSplit



with Gavin O'Connell, Owen O'Leary and Cian O'Mahony and Cosmic Candles with Elisabeth Jennings, Matthew McCarthy and Rebecca Furlong.

EasiSplit was a simple but innovative aid to cutting up kindling while Cosmic Candles produced recycled wax candles. Both groups participated in the West Cork finals and really enjoyed themselves.



SciFest



- Next Liam O'Connor, Mark White and David Walsh competed with their project "The Design and Development of a Hypothermia Delay Life Jacket". They designed packs containing Calcium Chloride which, when dissolved in water, undergo an exothermic reaction. The heat produced by these packs helps to keep a person warm while waiting for rescue.



- This year our TY students represented the school at SciFest in the Cork Institute of Technology. Our first group was Brian Sheehy, Paul Daly and Sam Bate. Their project was titled "An In Investigation into Using Gorse as a Sustainable Fuel Source". This involved harvesting gorse plants and turning them into briquettes. The briquettes were then tested the briquettes to see how much heat they would produce.

RANG SAOIRSE - NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

It's been a busy year in Clonakilty Community College with the set up of a new programme 'Rang Saoirse.' The class supports and enables students in the college with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) to access the mainstream classes whilst also receiving a tailored curriculum that supports the individual's need. The class is designed to allow students aim for and achieve independence personally, socially and academically.

Study, Study, Study

Students and teachers in the class have been piloting the use of iPads in their teaching and learning this year. The technology has been a great success with students using the iPads in a range of subjects including Maths and in our Social Skills Programme.



Students have had an active year as part of their

'Life Skills' programme. Students completed a modular programme of martial arts, horticulture, swimming, cooking, meditation and mindfulness. In Personal Care class as part of their FETAC course, students learnt basic skills about care of hair, nail, skin, teeth, exercise and nutrition.

Talents on Display



Students in the class played an active role in the college's extra-curricular activities with both the boys and girls participating in the schools girls basketball team and under-16 boys basketball team. In March Rang Saoirse joined forces with Rang Phádraig to help fundraise for Daffodil Day. The students organised a sweet shop, sold raffle tickets and cooked breakfast rolls. All the efforts paid off with over €1,100 being raised for the charity.

Sensory Sensations!

After all that work the students can now have a well deserved rest in the college's newly established multi-sensory room, Suaimhneas. Suaimhneas uses light, sound and a range of specialised equipment to create an environment that is used for relaxation, calming and on occasion stimulation.

Canine Companion

In April students met with the 'Canine Companion' dog Max, who is currently being trained as an Autism Companion dog. Students were enamoured by the new addition to our room and more visits have been promised!!

Students rounded off their year with a team building trip to Fota Island. A great day and indeed year was had by all. We look forward to welcoming the students back in August after a restful Summer.



Youth Connections

Three CCC student participated in Youth Connections celebrating the Year of Faith with teenagers from other parishes in West Cork. Matthew McCarthy, 4th year, Sean O'Shea and Paul O'Driscoll, 2nd year performed in Clonakilty Parish Church Friday, 15th November. The concert was moving and meaningful. The youth choir truly shone on the night.



Parents Association Activities 2013-2014

Following the AGM last October, a committee was formed for the purpose of fundraising for the school and also representing parents on any issues that arose in the college.

Initially our fundraising activities began with a bag-packing in Dunnes Stores and then a Church Gate Collection. Some of the proceeds from raffles held during talks also went to Daffodil Day and the Parents Association were proud to sponsor this year's Parent Newsletter, the texting service provided to parents and help towards the Book Rental Scheme.

This year, for the first time, the Community College Parents' Association formed a joint committee with Sacred Heart Parents Association for the purpose of delivering a series of talks that would be of benefit to all parents. These included "Cyberbullying" by Dr. Claire Healy, UCD, Cancer Prevention and "Parenting – the Challenges and Rewards" by John Lonergan. All were a great success and hopefully this partnership will continue in the coming year.

We thank parents for supporting these initiatives, we welcome new members and are always open to suggestions.

All parents are invited to the AGM on October 2nd 2014 at 7.30pm.

Girls Basketball

The girls of Clonakilty Community College had a fantastic year in basketball. Our Under-16 team were entered in the Basketball Ireland League at the start of the year, they showed amazing ability and won all their matches up to the semi-final level where they were defeated by Bandon Grammar by 5 points. However, the girls were very determined to win the VEC League and they did succeed, claiming their gold medals as Under-16 B finals winners.

Our Under-14 girls were entered in their own category in the VEC League and as a new team they show much promise by coming runners-up in their final against Catletownbere. However, we and they are thrilled with their silver medal achievement.

Well done to all.



Clean up of Warren Beach after storm Christine

In the early weeks of January the Warren Beach in Rosscarbery was littered with rubbish that had been washed ashore by storm Christine. It had become an eyesore for visitors to the beach after the storm had battered the Irish coast and deposited a lot of debris of all shapes and sizes. It was also a danger for young children and animals. This called for someone to take urgent action.

One evening, our C.S.P.E. teacher, Mrs. O'Donovan, was walking on the beach. She took photographs to show us and we thought about what we could do to help. We decided we would organise a beach clean up. On Wednesday 22nd of January, 2.1. C.S.P.E. class from Clonakilty Community College held a clean up of the Warren as part of an action project.

In order for the day to run smoothly several committees

were created to ensure that everyone had a job and that it was well organised. These were the bus committee, permission committee, refreshment committee, newsletter committee, supervisor committee, safety committee, contact committee, equipment committee and the recycling committee. Chris O'Sullivan from our school shop kindly sponsored us some chocolate to give us some much needed energy!

Luckily, it was a dry and sunny day. The bus dropped us to the beach at 11 and we got into groups to take different sections of the beach. Each group was given equipment such as bags, pickers and gloves. At the end of the day we stacked the bags for collection by the county council. We took the glass we collected as we thought it would be dangerous to leave it there and we recycled it at the bottle banks. The

clean up was a huge success as over twenty bags of refuse were collected.

We were greatly assisted by Rosscarbery Tidy Towns committee members, Diarmuid Shanahan and John Moloney, who kindly lent us useful equipment. Teddy Brown also assisted us throughout the day. The Warren beach is now litter-free and safe to be used and enjoyed by all.

By Raymond Cookley



ORIENTEERING NEWS

Building on the success of previous years, students yet again captured titles at county, provincial and national levels. The second year team of Maurice Shanley, Jack Scally, Moss Downey and Paul O'Donoghue took a national orienteering title in April as did the first year team of Rob Downey, Tony O'Connell, Gearoid O'Donovan and Oisín O'Sullivan.

The prestigious senior title was captured by transition year students Ferdia McCarthy, Martin Connolly, Liam O'Connor and Conor Scally who combined individually impressive performances to emphatically beat County Dublin school, Rockbrook Park. Ferdia McCarthy, a stalwart of every schools orienteering competition, chalked up the third fastest individual time in the championship and was only a few seconds off the gold medal place.

Students from the college continue their involvement with international orienteering. Both Niall McCarthy (6th year) and Zach Harrington (TY) are bound for Scandinavia this summer while Oisín O'Sullivan (1st Year) is also coming to the attention of international selectors. Well done to all of them.

• *First Years - Rob Downey, Tony O'Connell, Gearoid O'Donovan and Oisín O'Sullivan.*



• *Second Years - Jack Scally, Moss Downey, Paul O'Driscoll and Maurice Shanley.*



• *Senior Champions - Conor Scally, Martin Connolly, Ferdia McCarthy and Liam O'Connor.*

