



Coláiste Iognáid

February and March 2018 Newsletter

Students' efforts support COPE



On Friday 9th of March the sixth year students of Coláiste Iognáid, who participated in the Sleep Out, presented Marie-Anne Michel COPE Galway Community Fundraiser with a Cheque for 4091.85 euro. This was our highest figure yet, raising over 400 euro more than our previous sleep out of 2016. Over the past four years the Jes Sleep Out has raised over 12,000 euro for Cope Galway. A big thank you for all involved – Our courageous sixth Years pupils, the staff at St. Nicholas Collegiate Church, Fr Charlie Davy S.J. and Marie-Anne Michel COPE Galway. Teachers who joined the students included Eileen O'Donohoe, Linda O'Hara, Rian Carney, Deidre Herbert, Niall Sherry, Ray Silke, Matthew Harrison, Steve Parkinson, Barbara O' Riordan, Stephen Reilly, Tony Bloomer, Claire Lohan, Tomas Mac Aodha and Hannah Gobel.

Jerry Sheehan, School Chaplain.

Shane O'Halloran shares his experience - This was, both, one of the most challenging, and most eye opening experiences of my life. Growing up, I have been very fortunate to never be in fear losing one of my most basic of human rights; the right to shelter. I have grown up with a nurturing family, whom I love dearly, that have had the good fortune to be able to provide for me and my brothers. However, despite living in one of the most “developed” and richest per capita countries on Earth, there are still countless innocent people, children and adults

alike, that either live in fear of losing this most basic human right, or have had their fears come to fruition. I had opportunity to bear witness to the night-time life of some unfortunate people. Town at night is a busy place, especially on the night of the 12 pubs of Christmas. There were people running and shouting deep into the night all across town, as is the norm. What I had never considered before was the people who weren't out, but who accompanied them on Shop Street. People who slept in the doorways, in an attempt to avoid the drunken hoards, and to minimise the nip of the winter wind. Having lain all night in a sleeping bag, swallowed whole by about 4 coats, 3 base layers and a hoodie or two, no matter how many clothes you wear, the cold and wet has a way of biting like I had never experienced before. I couldn't feel warm. It was horrible. Eventually, the soaking wet sleeping bag was doing more harm than good so I decided to walk around the grounds of the church. Bleary eyed and dazed I explored an area I thought I knew like the back of my hand, but looked foreign to me at half three in the morning. But one thing struck above all else, above the cold, the drunkards or the wet. What really hit me was the boredom. We as humans crave stimulation, it's why we do most of the things we do, but being homeless, living on the streets, it strikes me as such an empty experience. It seems so lonely, as if you've been cast aside by society, as if nobody cares. Well if I didn't care before, I care now. Seeing and experiencing for one measly night what many people, not just in Ireland but around the world, experience on a regular basis, it has humbled me. I will never look at Shop Street the same way again. This experience has inspired me to help make some small difference in, at the very least, my local community. I hope to volunteer in the near future with a local organisation, COPE or one that does similar great work, and I hope many of my friends and peers who shared this experience with me will do the same.

Girls Basketball



There has been plenty of activity for the junior girl basketballers. The First Year Girls had success in the recent regional final. On Wednesday 21st March 2018, the first year girls' basketball team played Castlerea Community School in the regional final. The girls played well and showed great determination throughout the game, beating CCS on a score line 30-15 to claim the Regional B Title. They will compete in the All-Ireland playoffs after Easter.

The Second Year basketball team were unlucky in this year's competition where they came up against strong Claregalway, Oughterard and Castlerea teams. They displayed great team spirit and commitment throughout the league.

- Ms. Michelle Barron, Girls' Coach



Kingfisher Fitness Clubs continues to support Jes Gaelic.



Pictured are members of the Coláiste Iognáid Ladies and Men's Gaelic Football teams with coaches Mr. Darragh Leonard, Mr. Ray Silke, Mr. Jerry Sheehan, and Mr. Niall Sherry and club sponsor, Mr. Joe Cosgrove of the Kingfisher Fitness Clubs. The Gaelic club is indebted to Joe for his continued support. The group are pictured here with the new school jersey for 2018.

-Mr. Darragh Leonard

Seachtain na Gaeilge /Bliain na Gaeilge 2018



Is imeacht tábhacht I bhféilire cultúrtha na tíre an fhéile idirnáisiúnta seo .Tugann sé deis dúinn ar fad níos mó Gaeilge a úsáid agus ceiliúradh a dhéanamh le chéile . Anseo I gColáiste Iognáid mar chuid de imeachtaí sheachtain na Gaeilge bhí céilí mór do lucht na céad bhliana agus na dara bliana I halla Uí Ghríofa ar an Aoine is léir gu rbhain na daltaí an spraoi agus spóirt as an damhsa agus an ceol gaelach .

Chomh maith leis sin thug muid cuireadh don eagraíocht Gaillimh Le Gaeilge teacht agus cur I láthair a dhéanamh ar an obair a dhéanann siad ag cur cathair na Gaillimhe chun cinn mar chathair dhátheangach .Léirigh an cur I láthair tábhacht na teanga do ghéilleagar na cathrach .Is fiú breis agus 136 milliún an Ghaeilge don chathair agus don chontae gach bliain .Tacaíonn an Ghaeilge le breis agus 5,000 post agus creideann níos mó na 90% de ghnólachtaí chathair na Gaillimhe gur gné uathúil í d'íomhá agus d'fhéiniúlacht chultúrtha na Gaillimhe. Is tuar dóchais

iad na fíricí seo agus muid ag tnúth le ceiliúradh Gaillimh 2020. Gaillimh Abú

-Ms. Eileen NicDhonncha

TY Gameshow: Goldenphrase Sponsored By An Tobar Nua

The Transition Year Business Class organised a very successful Gameshow called 'Goldenphrase'. The concept was based on a combination of two popular television shows 'Catchphrase' and 'Golden Balls'. The event was held in the Ardilaun Hotel and was presented by Leaving Cert duo Mark Wynne and Gary Keane.

The Transition Years raised over €3,000 for the school, while also learning valuable skills around business management, leadership and communication. The biggest thank you must go to the main sponsor 'An Tobar Nua' for their generous support.



Sporting Endeavours

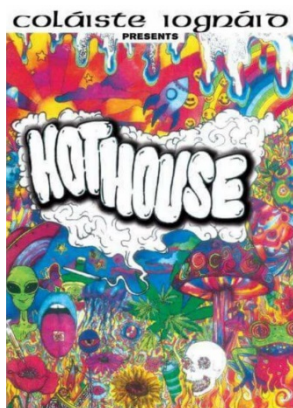


The Senior Girls Hockey were unsuccessful in their defence of the Palmer Cup on the 27th February. Having beaten Taylor's Hill Dominican School in the semi-finals, the Jes Girls faced last years beaten finalists, Salerno. While unsuccessful the Jes did not make it easy for Salerno losing 2-1. Well done team and a big thank you to Richie Malone, Caroline Codyre, and Brenda Flannery.



Well done to the Jes crews who took part in the St. Michaels Head regatta. Boys' and Girls' crews were successful in the Boys J16 eight, the Girls J18 coxless quad and the Girls J16 coxed quad. Congratulations to all involved.

Annual Musical – 5th Years wow the crowds.



Good things come to those who wait. The Jes waited, and boy was Hothouse good! After the possibility of not having a show this year, 5th year students were as determined as ever to make it the best it could be. Once we got the all clear it was full steam ahead with rehearsals. It was amazing to see the determination and commitment from everyone in the year. With less than six weeks to put together a full production it was chaotic! Rehearsing before, during and after school wasn't easy, but a few lost sleep-ins and lunches were a small price to pay for this amazing experience. Hothouse tells the story of two would-be young offenders who are sent to a drugs rehabilitation centre in lieu of a prison sentence. The bond our year now has is unbreakable and the memories we made will stay with us forever. None of this would of been possible without the hard work and support of Claire Lohan, Sinead Anthony, Mary Scahill, and Hannah Göbel, our fantastic choreographer Alice Cunningham and of course our amazing director Kori Kilduff. The music under the director of Ms. Rian Carney was performed live by a T.Y. band. We are all so proud and grateful to have been a part of this incredible Jes tradition and hope it will be continued for many years to come.

-Conor O' Sullivan, Molly Kelly Grealy and all 5th Year Students.







Well done to all involved – the students did themselves proud.

Connaught Senior Cup Final – Garbally denies the Jes 3 in a row.



The Jes Senior squad had another incredibly successful season this year which culminated in a tense Cup final game against Garbally in the Sportsground. The Jes were in search of their third successive Senior Cup win but Garbally proved too strong on the day and took the Cup back to Ballinasloe. It was a hard fought game against an unbeaten Garbally team. Garbally put points on the board in the first few minutes of the match but the Jes hit back with a fantastic converted try by number 10, Cathal Forde. Throughout the game the Jes and Garbally traded scores, with Garbally managing to maintain their lead throughout. The Jes returned with tries through their forwards and backs to ensure that Garbally's lead never stretched out of their sights and the game remained competitive to the very end. The score at the final whistle was Garbally 45 – Jes 26. Many thanks to the coaches Bernie Kelly and Morgan Codyre for their unfailing commitment to the squad and to team manager Paul Kilraine for his work organising the team throughout the season.



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