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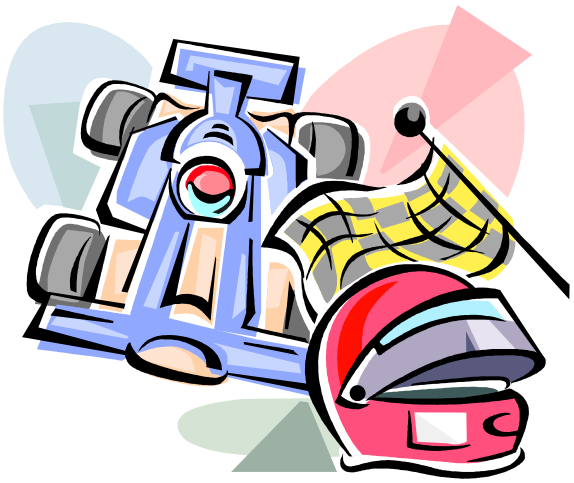
Team Quark for World Finals!

Twenty-four Presentation College students had an early start on Thursday, 7th April as they set off for Dublin at 6.30am for the **F1 in Schools National Finals**, along with teachers **Ms. Claire McHugh** and **Mr. Mike Ryan**. Teams **Quark (Oisín McHugh, Brian Rowan, Grace Byrne, Richard Mynhardt, Graham Power** and **Niamh Brennan**), **Phoenix (Paul Byrne, Melissa Wynne, Hugh Kelly, Eimear Heffernan, Ben Gibbons, Conor Kelly**), **Jet Stream (Lee Campbell, David Hatton, Peter Thompson, Keith Nolan** and **Caoimhe Byrne**) and **Mach 6 (Conor Heffernan, Owen Scully, Dermot McGuill, John Murphy, Adam Dunne** and **Pauric Dempsey**) arrived at **Griffith College, Dublin** at 8am to prepare for a hard day's work.

The team worked tirelessly all day, in their Verbal Presentation, Portfolio Presentation and of course, the race! The four Presentation College teams were participating with twenty other teams from all over Ireland with other schools only having one or at most two teams, who had qualified to be there. Presentation College having four teams is testament to the talent, creativity and ability of the students in our school.



At 4pm, the teams anxiously awaited the results, accompanied by **Principal, Mr. Ray Murray** and **Chairperson of the Board of Management, Mr. Alex Stenson**, who came along to support the four teams. When the results were announced the teams were delighted to receive **five national awards**! **Jet Stream** clinched **first place** in the **Junior Category**, and **Best Engineered Car**, **Quark** received **second place overall** in the **Senior Category** and **Best Digital**

Marketing, **Mach 6** placed **third** in the **Junior Category**, while **Phoenix** were awarded **Finalist Medals**.

However the best news was yet to come and as the teams were dismantling the stands and packing for the journey back to Carlow, Ms McHugh and Mr. Ryan were approached by **Mr. Andrew Denford, Chairman** and **founder** of the **F1 in Schools Challenge** and **Chief Executive** of **Denford Limited**. He informed them that due to the extremely high standards and results of **Team Quark** the F1 in Schools organisers were inviting Team Quark to participate in the **World Finals** in **Malaysia** in **September**! Needless to say the offer has been accepted and Team Quark are now very busing preparing to compete on the world stage. A lot of hard work and effort will be put in to the preparations for the world finals including fundraising and sponsorship. **So if there are interested sponsors out there who want to be seen on the world stage with Presentation College, don't delay in contacting the school!**

The seventh international F1 in Schools competition World Finals take place in **Kuala Lumpur**, **Malaysia**, in conjunction with the **Singapore Grand Prix** in **September 2011**. F1 in Schools is the world's largest science, technology, engineering and maths programme involving more than nine million second-level students in thirty-three nations.

Congratulations to all the teams who did the school proud, thanks to all of the sponsors and well done to Mr Ryan and Ms. Mc Hugh for their hard work.

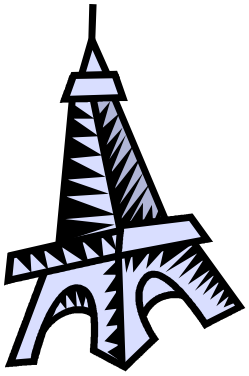
Young Social Innovators National Finals

Congratulations to the Transition Year students who have been selected to take part in this year's **National Finals** of the **Young Social Innovators (YSI) Competition**. Both classes travelled to Dublin for the **Regional Finals** at the **Green Isle Hotel** on 30th March. **TY1**'s project **"Youth, Alive, Alert, Enthusiastic"** highlighted teen relationship and sexuality issues, while **TY2**'s project **"The Rubbishbandits"** was on litter and waste. Both groups have been chosen to take part in this year's National Finals, with "Youth, Alive, Alert, Enthusiastic" selected to present their project to the judging panel, and TY2's "The Rubbishbandits" have been asked to prepare a poster.

Also, just recently three TY1 students, **Shannon Doogue**, **Grace Byrne** and **Oisín McHugh** made a very successful pitch for their idea of a collaborative mural to an **YSI "Dragon's Den".** The students eloquently about their project and convinced the Dragons to invest **€1,000** in their project! Well done to all students involved, and to teachers **Ms. Mags Territt** and **Ms. Ann Marie Grant.**

French Trip

Thirty-five Second and Third Year students set off for the French capital on Wednesday, 2nd March. They were accompanied by their teachers **Ms. Kay O'Shea, Ms. Linda Farrell, Ms. Heather Grant, Ms. Karen Donnelly** and **Mr. David Doyle**. All enjoyed four blissful days, packed with cultural and fun-filled activities. A guided tour of the city involved visiting the **Louvre Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral** and a **"Bateau Mouche"** trip on the **Seine.** Before experiencing the unique ambiance of the **Champs Elysées**, they ascended to the second floor of the **Eiffel Tower** and enjoyed the view from the famous landmark. They also visited **Sacré Coeur**, the **Stade de France** and **Montmartre**.



For many, the highlight of the trip was the fun-packed day at **Euro Disney**, for others it was the **Montparnasse Tower** and the panoramic view from the fifty-sixth floor! The students also enjoyed some retail therapy in this chic city before returning home, exhausted but exhilarated. Many thanks and great credit is due to Ms. O'Shea who organised this trip which students described as the trip of a lifetime and a serious incentive to study the French language.

Ski Trip

In February, students from Second and Transition Year travelled to Montecampione, Italy for the school's biennial ski trip. The students woke at 7am each morning and were greeted by a delicious continental breakfast of fruit, cereal and pastries. The skiing began at 8:30 am, and the students stayed on the slopes until lunch at 12 o'clock. The food at lunch included tasty pastas, pizzas and salads. The students' afternoon ski was from 1pm to 5pm each day.

The students improved their skiing abilities during the lessons, and had fun during the après-ski. The students relaxed from 5pm until dinner at 7pm. Some enjoyed the fantastic pool at the hotel, or had some chill-out time in their rooms. The dinner was, like the lunch, also delicious, with some lovely desserts every day. After dinner the students enjoyed fantastic entertainment at the hotel's theatre, and on the last night, a few students also took part in the performance. Finally, the students fell into bed at 11pm. Apart from skiing, highlights included a snow shoe walk, ice skating and a special evening meal in a traditional local restaurant. The students were accompanied by teachers Mr. Mike Ryan, Ms. Claire McHugh and Mr. David Kelly. It was a fantastic week, enjoyed by all.

Comenius

On the week of the 20th to the 26th March, twelve students and three teachers from Presentation College took part in the final stage of the two year Comenius programme. The fourth and final meeting was held in **Nancy, France**. Almost two hundred and fifty students representing fifteen European countries took part in the programme which made this the biggest meeting of the two year project.

The Comenius project is an intercultural exchange programme between member states and Presentation College was chosen as Ireland's representative in this specific project.

During the students' stay in Nancy where they lived with French families, they took part in multiple activities including tours of Nancy and **Metz** where they visited the **Centre Pompidou** and the **Robert Schumann** building. The highlight of the trip for all students was the **Euroscola Day** which is a visit to the **European Parliament** in **Strasbourg** where the students were divided into committees to discuss actual problems facing Europe as a whole. They also sat in the Parliament as members for that day and discussed, argued and voted on issues arising within Europe.

The final event of the week was a parade of all the participating students, dressed in national costumes, through the city of Nancy.

This was a wonderful experience and opportunity for the participating students – **Mark Deane, Áine Doyle, Lara Werner, Ian Walker, Dale Amond, Paul Farrell, Paul Heffernan, Niall Fagan, Roy Byrne, Stephen O'Callaghan, Lee Travers** and **Eoin Farrell**. Thanks to **Ms. Kay O'Shea** and to **Ms. Sarah Larkin** who prepared the students for the projects and debates and also to **Ms. Ann Delahunty** and **Mr. Ray Murray** who along with Ms. O'Shea accompanied the students on their trip.

Race Night

The annual Presentation College Fun Race Night took place in the **Talbot Hotel**, **Carlow** on Friday, 8th April. Our host for the night was **Mr. Brendan Hennessy** and a tremendous night of entertainment was had by all. Great fun was had betting on the ten races on the night, enjoying the banter of Brendan Hennessy and listening to the incomparable fashion knowledge of **Mr. Alex Stenson, Chairperson, Board of Management** as he judged the entrants for the **Best Dressed Gentleman, Lady** and **Jockey** competitions. The shoes were all important!

A big "thank you" to all the sponsors on the night – the list of sponsors is at the end of

the newsletter – and to all the families and staff that bought shares in horses and attended on the night. This fun event raises much needed funds for the school in order for it to continue providing a top quality education to students. Many thanks again to all who supported this event!

"Hamlet"

All Fifth Year students currently studying Higher Level English attended a performance of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the **Helix Theatre** on Monday, March 14th. The students were highly entertained by the drama which is a mandatory question on the Leaving Certificate. The dark world of Elsinore was created on stage where intrigue, treachery and tragedy "reigned". This production by **Second Age** which remained faithful to the text was thought-provoking and, simultaneously, accessible. The director's decision to allow the actors to don modern clothes lent the performance immediacy impossible to extrapolate from the pages of a textbook. The students were accompanied by **Ms. Carmel O'Neill** and **Ms. Christine O'Sullivan**.

School Bank

"The Money Branch" management team attended the Regional Final of "The AIB Build a Bank Challenge" on Thursday, 10th March which was held in the Arklow Bay Hotel. The students were commended for their excellent exhibition stand which really impressed all present. While they were unlucky not to win the much coveted prize, the students had a very enjoyable day and acquired very valuable knowledge. The team is comprised of **Oisín Mc Hugh** (Team Manager), **Shelley Barcoe** (Assistant Manager), **Eimear Heffernan** (Auditor), **Leigh Walsh** (Sales and Marketing), **Jessie Byrne** and **Niamh Brennan** (Tellers). Congratulations to all the above students and their teacher **Ms. Karen Donnelly** who continue to promote the necessity of saving small amounts regularly in these straitened times.

National Art Gallery

On Tuesday, March 15th, our **Sixth Year Art** class visited the **National Art Gallery** and the **National Museum** in Dublin. They were accompanied by **Ms. Jacqui Quinn** and **Ms. Gillian Ward.** This proved to be an invaluable experience as Art History and Art Appreciation are a mandatory section of the Leaving Cert. Course. The students were offered the opportunity of viewing works by artists such as **Caravaggio, Vermeer, Picasso, Jack B. Yeats** and many others. In the National Museum the artefacts on display included the **Ardagh Chalice**, the **Tara Brooch**, the **Gleninsheen Collar** and many other pieces from the Bronze and Iron Age. All students felt it had been a very worthwhile and enjoyable visit. Many thanks also to Ms. Quinn and Ms. Ward who organised the trip.

Meitheal Graduation

Our **Meitheal Leaders**, in the company of their co-ordinator, **Ms. Siobhán Doorley**, attended a special achievements night in St. Leo's College on Friday, 25th March. Twenty teams in total, from the **Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin**, came together to celebrate their graduation as Meitheal leaders. Guests included family members, teachers, friends and the regional **Meitheal**

Co-Coordinator, Mr. Robert Norton. The Meitheal Leaders were presented with certificates by **Katie Barcoe, Chairperson**. Mr. Robert Norton delivered an emotive speech, congratulating them for their achievements throughout the school year. He then wished them well in their future lives. The event concluded with the partaking of light refreshments. The **Meitheal Team** for **2010 – 2011** was comprised of **Lisa Carroll, Katie Barcoe, Áine O'Neill, Tracey Deane, Niamh Murray, Sandra Barry, Killian Monaghan** and **John McGrath**. They have been great ambassadors for the school and we wish them well in their future careers. Great credit is due to Ms. Siobhán Doorley, their mentor and co-ordinator of the programme.

Second Year Hurling Blitz

Presentation College, Carlow was ably represented in a recent **Hurling Blitz** held in **Coláiste Eoin, Hacketstown**. The **2A1 Class** fielded a mixed team of boys and girls in a very competitive and enjoyable match. The team showed great stamina and enthusiasm with a fantastic display of hurling skills. **Jordan Pilkington, Stephanie Curtin, Adam Dunne** and **Grace Lawler** impressed on the day, but all students participated fully and enjoyed the matches.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge was given a distinctively Irish welcome when it came to reside in **Presentation College** from 14th – 21st March. The entrance hall was beautifully and appropriately adorned with **shamrocks** and **seanfhocail** while **Irish music** was played during lunchtime. A **table quiz** "as Gaeilge" encouraged all the **First Years** to embrace their native language and the **Sixth Years** made Irish dancing seem effortless in specially held céilí. Comhgairdeachas le Pauric Coughlan, Cathal Gaffney, Ian Fennell agus Aaron Dempsey (1A1). Bhuaigh said an chéad duais i dTráth na gCeist. Bhronn a múinteoir Ms. Áine Conway duaiseanna orthu. Bhain an rang go léir spraoi as Seachtain na Gaeilge. Staff and students, le chéile, endeavoured to use the cúpla focal where possible and the week proved to be very enjoyable and a timely reminder of the true beauty of our native language.

First Years Go Chocolate Crazy

Over fifty First Year students from Presentation College travelled to **The Chocolate Warehouse** in **Dublin** on Thursday, 10th February. The students went as part of the **'People at Work'** element of their **Business Studies** course. The purpose of the visit was to provide each student with an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of the principal features of entrepreneurship, to see an Irish

manufacturing business in action and to learn from the experience of the entrepreneur. Each student had the opportunity to see a film on the manufacturing process, get a demonstration of the machinery at work and a 'hands on' session decorating and packaging chocolate. A fantastic time and a great learning experience was had by all. Thanks to **Ms. Vanessa Keating** and **Ms. Edwina Gibbons** for organising the trip and to **Mr. Mel McDermott** who accompanied on the day.

First Year Disco

Our **First Year** students attended a **disco** in the **Rugby Club** on Friday, March 16th. Also in attendance were First Years from St. Leo's, Knockbeg and the C.B.S. This was organised and supervised by the **Meitheal Leaders** from each school. All students had a very enjoyable night and great credit is due to the Meitheal Leaders for ensuring that the event ran smoothly and for taking such great care of the younger students.

Humourfit Drama Presentations

All Junior Cycle students in Presentation College had drama presentations on various social issues relevant to our times. These took place in the last week of March and were facilitated by the excellent **Humorfit Drama Workshop**. **First Year** students enjoyed a lively performance with an **anti-bullying** theme while **Second Year** students pondered on a drama which dealt with a **drugs** issue. **Third Year** students were entertained with something we all need in these times, a **positive attitude** drama. These dramas are organised by the **Guidance** and **SPHE Departments** to augment, deepen and compliment learning on the **Social Personal and Health Education** programme in the school.

Sixth Year Talks

Leaving Cert students from Presentation College recently had a series of worthwhile guidance talks. Over the past few weeks, speakers from the **Pontifical University Maynooth**, **University College Galway** and **Ormonde Plc College Kilkenny** gave the students a brief outline of requirements for entry, subject choice and general college life. Leaving Certificate students also had an opportunity to visit the **Carlow Institute of Further Education** for their Open Day. Students had a chance to meet with the lecturers and to see the facilities. They also heard about the courses on offer, qualifications awarded and career opportunities from these courses.

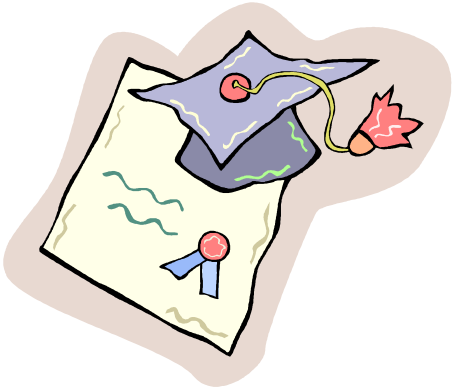
UCD Ambassador Day

A group of enthusiastic Fifth Year students from Presentation College went to **University College Dublin** recently to find out all about the college. The students had a talk from the Admissions staff of the college all about the courses on offer at UCD. They also heard all about the entrance requirements, subject requirements, points, further study options and career opportunities from the many courses on offer. Each student received a copy of the prospectus. In smaller groups of about seven the students headed off on a guided tour of the college with a current student. Finally the students went to the college canteen to have lunch just like any other

student in UCD completing what turned out to be a very educational and worthwhile day.

Academic Scholarships

Congratulations to two recent past pupils of Presentation College who were awarded **Academic Scholarships** for 2010/11 by the **Institute of Technology Carlow**. **Keith Dalton (Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering)** and **Justine Fitzgerald (Bachelor of Business (Hons.) in Business with Law)** fulfilled the criteria as set out by the college as being First Year students with the highest Leaving Cert/FETAC points score on the course. The duo received their awards at a presentation ceremony and reception at the Institute on Tuesday, 22nd March. We wish them well in their further studies.



Hurling

Well done to **Aaron Amond, Paraic** and **Liam Coughlan** who played in an **exhibition hurling** game before the Second Division hurling match between Kerry and Carlow recently. Many thanks also to **Mr. John Grennan** from the **Carlow Institute of Technology GAA Sports Programme** and **Mr. Darren Kavanagh** from **Naomh Bríd Hurling Club** who assisted with training each Wednesday, introducing new drills that were very well received. The combined **Presentation College - Gaelcholáiste** team competed very well in the **U-14 hurling blitz** in Tullow on April 1st, winning two of their three games in impressive style. Representing Presentation College were **John Murphy, Aaron Amond, Paraic** and **Liam Coughlan** and **Patrick Doyle**.

School Uniform

"Thank You" to the vast majority of students who arrive to school each day correctly and neatly attired in full school uniform. All members of our school community agree on the necessity for a school uniform and the value of wearing it with pride!

Strict enforcement of uniform regulations – including school jacket – will continue to apply with the guiding principle being **"No uniform – no school!"** Please ensure that your son/daughter has all items of uniform at all times. Please remember also that make-up, excessive jewellery, short skirts and garish hair colouring or styles are not allowed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Supervised Study

Supervised Study is available for all students after school each day from **Monday to Thursday**, **4.15 – 6.15 pm.** This service offers students the opportunity to complete homework, study and revise in a quiet supervised environment each evening throughout the week. Further details are available from **Mr. Nolan**. Please note also that **free Supervised Study** is available in the school on **Friday** afternoons from **2.00 – 4.00 pm. Mr. Murray** has the details.

Registration Fee

A sincere thank you to the vast majority of parents who have paid the Registration Fee or School Levy as it is also known. As a voluntary, secondary school we are in effect discriminated against by the government in relation to funding relative to the other second level school sectors. To this end the

Board of Management is compelled on an annual basis to fundraise to meet the necessary costs in running the school and providing an excellent education to our students. The Registration Fee is a very important part of this fundraising. It is vital that **all** families contribute to the scheme, a point that has been made by several families themselves. The details of the Registration Fee were forwarded to parents recently.
Your contributions, which can be paid to **Mr. Delaney** in the Book Shop, are most welcome and appreciated.

First Year Indoor Hurling Blitz

On Friday, 8th April, **Mr. Chris Bolger**, PE teacher and past pupil of Presentation College, brought a **First Year** group from **Coláiste Eoin, Hacketstown** to Presentation College to play a First Year class in indoor hurling. The First Year groups from both schools were divided into five teams of six students. The hurling blitz then, organised by **Mr. Brendan Hayden, GAA Development Officer** in **Carlow**, consisted of ten teams where each team got a chance to play five indoor hurling games. Participation for all was the main objective of the blitz where each student had to take part. This proved to be a most enjoyable and worthwhile experience for everyone, and participants were treated to a snack during the blitz. Thanks to Mr. Hayden, Mr. Bolger and our own PE teachers, **Ms. Karen Kavanagh** and **Ms. Myriam Moloney**.

1993 Reunion

The Leaving Cert Class of 1993 from Presentation College, Carlow is holding a special **Reunion Night** on **Saturday, 23rd April** (Easter Saturday night) upstairs in **Dicey Riley's, Carlow**. Full details and tickets are available from (086) 1024005 or (085) 1301954.

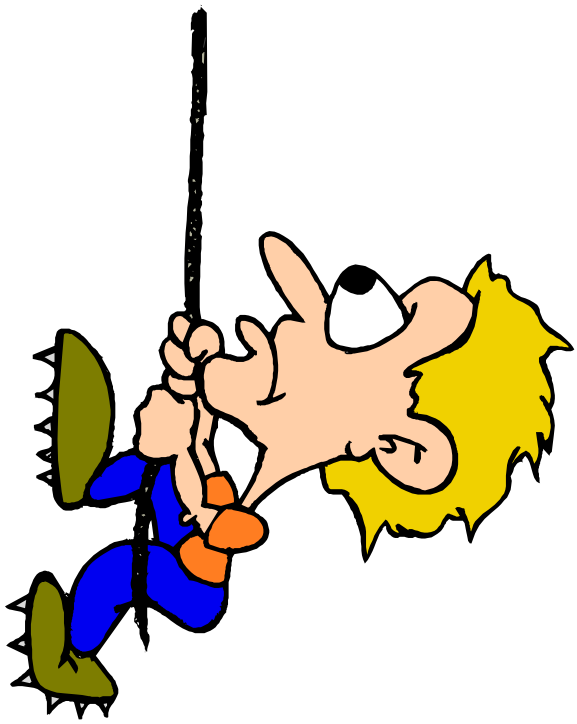
Transition Year News

Gaelic Football Blitz: On Thursday, 7th April a very successful Transition Year Gaelic football blitz for boys (10 a-side) was held in **Éire Óg, Carlow**, organised by **Mr. Brendan Hayden**, the **Carlow GAA Development Officer**. Teams from **Coláiste Eoin** (Hacketstown), **CBS Carlow**, **Gaelcholáiste** and **Presentation College** all took part. The emphasis in this competition was mainly participation. This was a great opportunity for some of the TY boys from Presentation College to experience the game of Gaelic football. Presentation College were short eight of their TY boys on the day due to them competing in the Formula One National Championships in Dublin. **Scorers** for Presentation College were **Shane Byrne, Ben Callinan** and **Jamie Purcell**. The blitz finished off with three combination teams from the four schools playing 15 a-side games. Great fun was had by all!
Presentation College: Conor Saruwatari, Jason Boyd, Christophe Chall, Sam Corcoran, Ben Callinan, Jamie Purcell, Ricky Duggan, Michael Harding, Conor Hutton, Shane Byrne, Darren Doyle and **Gavin Curran**.

Archery:
On Wednesday, 23rd March and Wednesday, 23rd April for two hours each afternoon **Mr. Pat Lyons** from **Dolmen Archery Club** came into Presentation College Sports Hall and introduced all Transition Year students to the sport of archery. The club provided tuition and use of the club bows and other

equipment to the students. A lot of the students towards the end of the session were able to have all arrows hitting the centre. Well done to all!

Carlingford Outdoors Pursuit Centre:
Transition Year students headed off to **Carlingford Outdoor Pursuits Centre** (Co. Louth) for four days in early March. They had a brilliant time participating in water based activities such as sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and raft building. On land, the students and teachers tried out rock-climbing, abseiling, high ropes and various team activities and the centre's newest attraction, "Laser Warfare". Great fun was had by all with the popular "Miss Carlingford" festival providing great hilarity. A big thank you to teachers **Mr. Frank Nolan** and **Ms. Ann Delahunty** who accompanied the students



Games Testing:
Transition Year students from Presentation College Carlow attended a **Games Testing Workshop** recently in **Carlow IT**. The event was attended by many students from all over Carlow, where they tested games designed by **Fourth Year Computer Games and Design students** in Carlow IT. Games ranged from puzzle and 3D, to treasure hunt and duck shooting. All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience; with some even saying it increased their interest in a career in Computing.

UCC Open Day:
Transition Year students visited **University College Cork** on Thursday April 14th for the university's Open Day. Students had a guided tour of the college, viewed the many facilities including the famous **Boole Library** and **Mardyke Sports** facilities and heard about all the degree courses on offer at UCC.

Mini-Med School:
Congratulations to three Presentation College students who gave up their mid term break to travel to **Waterford Regional Hospital** to take part in the **prestigous Mini-Med School. Melissa Wynne, Jessie Byrne** and **Shannon Doogue** attended the **Royal College of Surgeons** for four days where they took part in practical sessions, watched a live surgery and listened to lectures given by some of the country's finest doctors and surgeons. While there, the three girls learned first aid, cpr, stitching and how to read x-rays among a wide variety of other things. Melissa, Jessie and Shannon thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would recommend it to anyone who is considering medicine as a future career.

Dance Workshop:
In January and February Transition Year students had three **dance workshops** with **Mr. Robert Connor**, artistic director of **Dance Theatre of Ireland**. The workshops provided an exhilarating and creative experience in dance and were accompanied

by world and popular music. During the final session on Monday, 7th February all Transition Year students gave a thrilling performance to the **"Beat it"** song by **Michael Jackson** in front of an audience. This proved to be a most enjoyable and worthwhile experience for all.

Work Experience:

Transition Year students recently went on their second week of work experience. Students learned greatly from the experience and the reports returned by the employers were excellent.

Fairtrade Fortnight:

During Fairtrade Fortnight, Presentation College Transition Year **Fairtrade Committee** attended a talk in **Carlow IT,** given by **Mr. Miguel Mateo Sabastian**, a coffee producer from **Guatemala**. We learnt that the Fairtrade logo guarantees a fair wage for farmers, good housing, the right to join a trade union, high health and safety standards and no child labour is allowed. The Committee decided to aim to make Presentation College a **Fairtrade School**. They organised a display of Fairtrade products, gave students a taste of Fairtrade chocolate and held a competition for students to guess how many Fairtrade teabags were in a large jar. The winner of this competition was **Peter Thompson** from **Third Year**. They also organised a **First Year** Fairtrade poster competition and the winners **Klaudia Ciervan, Marika Ilowska Weronika Sluzel, Michael Bolger, Megan Wynne** and **Helena Coogan**.

Sports Forum

Athletics:

Last term was mainly taken up with the cross country season. The school had five teams competing in the South Leinster on February 3rd. This year the school was not as strong at cross country as other years getting only some individuals through and no teams. **Danny Lawler** was the only athlete to make it all the way to the **All-Ireland Final** in March.

With Easter so late this year the first day of the South Leinster was held before the holidays on Wednesday, April 13th. We had a very successful day winning quite a few medals. **Grace Lawler** won **gold** in the **100M** in a new **South Leinster Junior record of 12.40s** and also took **silver** in the **200M.** Other **gold medal** winners were **Keith Noctor** in the **400M hurdles, Graham Power** in the **1500M steeplechase** and **Nathan Walsh** in the **800M. David Lawler** also came home with a **bronze medal** in the **1200M walk**. We had only one **relay** team running - the **Junior Boys** which took the **silver**. The team was **Nathan Walsh, Conor Heffernan, Dylan Reamsbottom** and **David Aston**.

All these athletes now go forward to the Leinster Finals in May when we will also have the second day of the South Leinster when all the older athletes compete.

Well done to all the students on their brilliant success and to **Mr. Billy Delaney** for his tireless and effective coaching.

U-14 Soccer:

The Under 14 Soccer team is having a very good season and are close to qualifying for the Carlow-Kilkenny league final. In their first match they trounced Coláiste Eoin, Hacketstown 8-3. Recently Presentation

College drew 2-2- with Gaelcholáiste. **David Aston** and **Chris Bermingham** capped fine performances with two stunning goals. Outstanding players for Presentation College were **James McGrath**, **Ricky Nolan** and **David Aston**. Well done to the entire panel.

Table Tennis League:

From a large pool of competitors, **Geonwoo Choi, Matthew Taylor, Steven Grant** and **Eunjoon Lee** emerged as the semi-finalists in the Presentation College Table Tennis League. What followed were two very exciting semi-final matches. In the first, Matthew Taylor fought valiantly and was leading for two games but Geonwoo Choi was well on form and eventually beat him 3 – 2 in a hard won match. Steven Grant then had a very tough match against Eunjoon Lee with both players wining successive games. Again this semi final went to deuce several times before Steven narrowly beat Eunjoon to make his way into the final against Geonwoo Choi. The final was played on Wednesday, 23rd March and both players warmed up for thirty minutes before their match. The battle that ensued was evidence of their preparation. It was a fast and furious match but **Steven Grant** narrowly took the **title** in only three games.

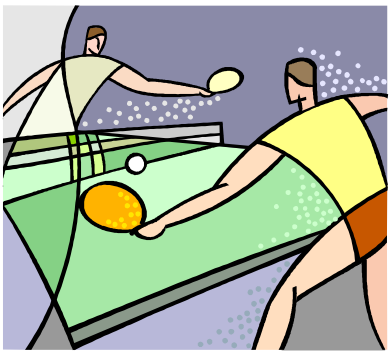


Table Tennis was started in the school as a lunch time activity by **Ms. Lucinda O'Connor**. It quickly proved very popular with all students and the six championship tables are now in use on a regular basis several times during the week. With the game now established in the school, Ms O'Connor hopes her players will go on to compete successfully in the 'Interschool's' in the next academic year. Congratulations to Steven and every success to all the players

Race Night Sponsors

Thanks to all the sponsors listed below who supported the recent Race Night and we would ask all our families to support our sponsors as much as you can.

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