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Editor's note

It is a very busy time in school at the moment, for this issue I wanted to shed some light on all of the great things that have been happening recently, particularly within our school community. We have had plenty of sporting and artistic success that deserves a spotlight, I think so anyway!

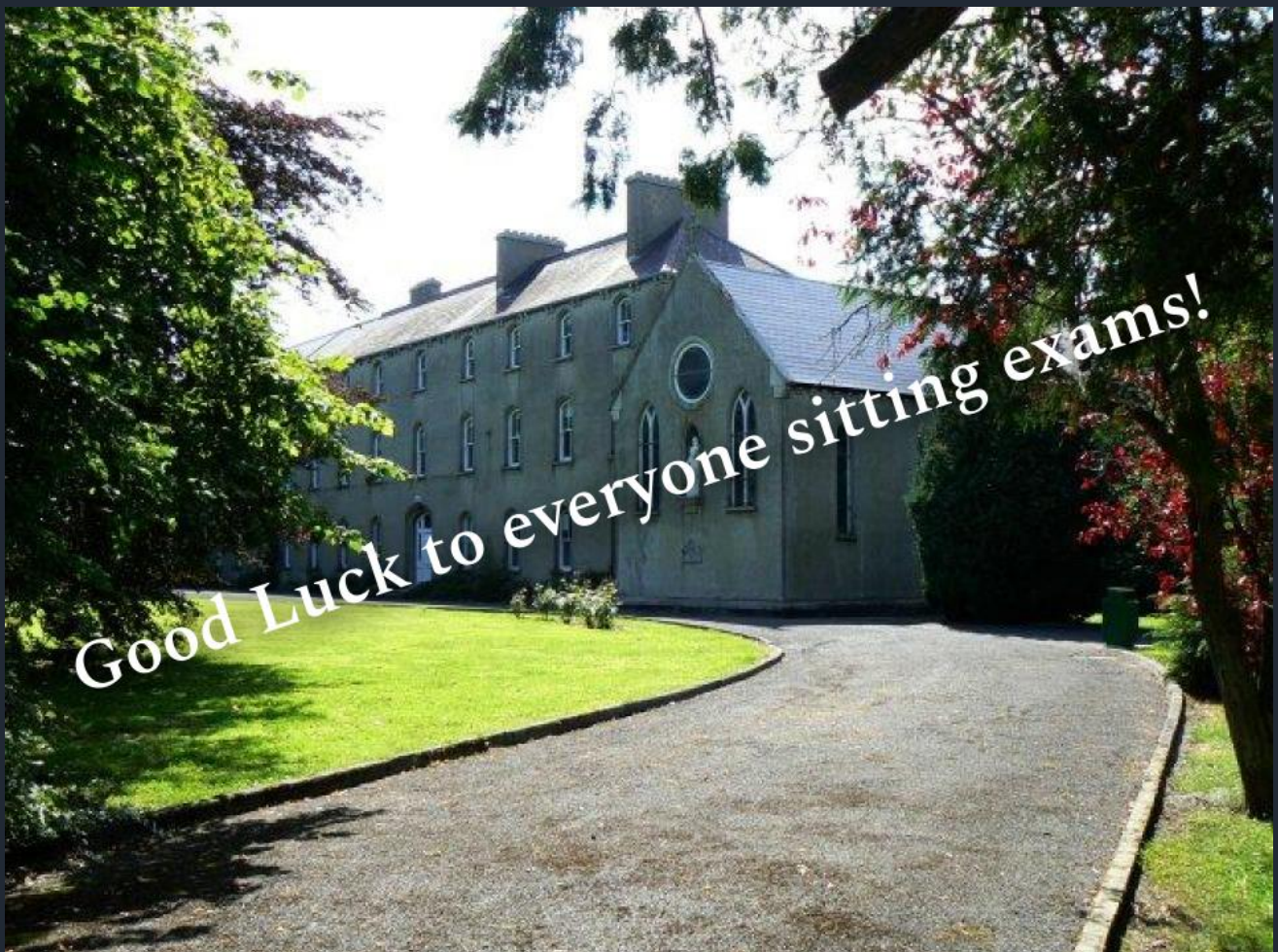
I hope that this issue brings a bit of fun to our readers as we approach exam season, it can be a very stressful time so take this opportunity to have a little break from the books.

I want to wish everyone the best of luck in their exams, especially those sitting state exams. Remember, tús maith leath na hoibre!

From myself and everyone at Blue and Gold, we hope everybody has a lovely summer!

Abbey MacNamara

Senior Editor



Headlines

FAME: The Musical – A Smash Success!

Article by Roisin Brannock, 5th Year

On the 8th and 9th of March the sports complex was transported to 1980s New York. I had the immense pleasure of watching the musical on Wednesday night and I was engrossed in it. The TYs donned their brightest leotards and pulled out their most radical dance moves. The night ended in an overwhelming standing ovation.



The standout performance of the night was Evie Sammon as Carmen Diaz as she danced her way through drama, relationships and fame in the Performing Arts School in New York. My favourite song from the show has to be the iconic Act One showstopper 'Fame'. Eoin Conroy's performance of Tyrone Jackson was superb. There was much laughter to be had with the performances of Luke Corrigan and Olivia Lambert as Joe Vegas and Lambchops respectively.



This was my first opportunity to see the TY musical in person and I have to say I was extremely impressed by the high level of quality and professionalism the whole production had, from the singers and dancers to the band and stage hands. I brought my younger brother with me and we were both engrossed with the music and choreography. I'll never forget the energy in the room as the whole audience clapped and sang along to a reprise of Fame as the whole cast took a well deserved bow.



By the time the night was over my hands were sore from clapping but I didn't mind one bit. The singers, dancers, band and stage hands all deserve the highest praise. This fabulous show wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication of Ms Fox, Ms Lawrence and Tanya Gallagher.



Autism Acceptance Week

Article by Roisin Brannock, 5th Year

Before the Easter break the school community celebrated autism awareness week. A significant effort was made to spread education about autism and make autistic students feel included in the school community.

Informative presentations about autism were made at class meetings in order to raise awareness. Autism is a developmental disorder which affects the way a person understands, interacts and communicates with the world. It is described as a spectrum which impacts each autistic person differently. A new autism awareness board has been established opposite the music room.

Autism awareness ended with tea and treats in the afternoon. Students and teachers alike gathered to enjoy a hot beverage and a sweet snack. It was great to see the school community united together in raising autism awareness and inclusion.



Jersey Day

On Monday the 15th of May, the Student Council organised a Jersey day in aid of Kilcullen GAA's Field of Dreams project.

It was great to see so many different jerseys not only from local schools but also from around the world. GAA, soccer, football and rugby were only some of the sports represented.

The Field of Dreams is a fantastic project that will benefit the local community for years to come, we wish the GAA club all the best.

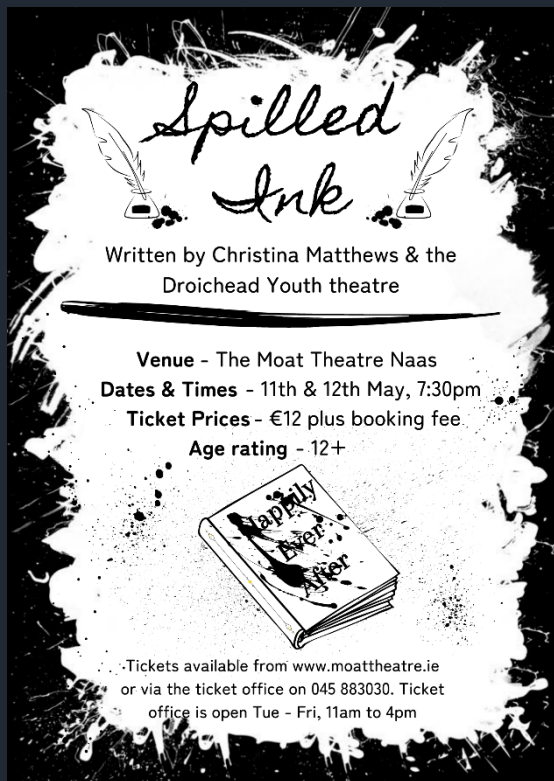


Fifth year students Eddie and Theo with Ms Palmer on Jersey day, making an 'Offaly Sandwich'.

Spilled Ink – TY Drama Class Production

Article by Roisin Brannock, 5th Year

Alongside the TY musical, the TYs this year have been working hard all year on a drama production, Spilled Ink. It is a bold, creative reimagining of much beloved fairy tales with a comedic twist. Will Sleeping Beauty succeed in taking Prince Philip to court? How will the princess manage in prison? The Blue and Gold's very own Aoibhe Toft stars as Aurora. Mary McLaughlin, of Kildare Panto Club in Naas, directs this laugh out comedy. All this and more is happening in the Moat Theatre.



"I had a blast!" said Aoibhe Toft to the Blue and Gold about working on the play. "It's really hard to choose a favourite part. I loved being on stage and actually performing. I found that the more I didn't think about anything else, the better I could perform". Aoibhe goes on to stress the importance of the friendships she forged with the rest of the cast and crew.



Aoibhe said that she would "absolutely recommend the drama class for next year's TYs". It would be quite a commitment but it is evidently well worth the effort. Drama can be a great tool in building one's confidence and other skills you can't anywhere else. It is an opportunity to let your creative side loose without the fear of judgement.



Hats off to the cast and crew for putting on such a wonderful show!

1st Year Walk For Water

Article by Roisin Brannock, 5th Year

On Friday the 12th of May the 1st years participated in a walk for water with the Green Schools committee. For many of us living in Ireland we take it for granted that we have easy and unlimited access to water, however 2 billion people in the world have to walk up to 6 km just to get a bucket of water. The aim of this walk is to raise awareness and money towards water and sanitations.



1st Years walking with their banner during their Walk For Water.

The 1st year prefects and the Green Schools committee accompanied the 1st years as they made their 3km trek to the spout. This journey is meant to symbolise the 6km walk many women and children have to make to access water. Then in pairs the 1st years collected some water in a bucket and made their way back to the school to pour what was left of the water onto the flowerbeds.



The walk for water will help to fundraise a "well" for the developing world community so that they have easier access to water. 1st years either brought in a €2 contribution or sought sponsorship using the sponsorship cards provided by the Green Schools committee. The target was 1200€. Great work by Ms Flanagan and the Green Schools committee for working for such a worthy cause.



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CPC SPORT

U14 Girls GAA

CPC 1:01 Kells 8:12

Article by Mikey Arthur, 3rd Year

On Monday the 6th of March the u14 girls had their first match of the season. The game kicked off at 12 noon. With little wind around and with the pitch in good condition for the time of year it led to a fine day for football. The opening moments started off well for Cpc as the defence held out well, turning over the ball on a couple of occasions in their own half. The first score of the game came in the second minute when Kells scored a point from play. The girls worked the ball down the field well on a couple of occasions however did find it hard to move the ball into the scoring zone as a result of some tight defending by the Kells team. It didn't take much longer until the next score, which was a goal for the visiting team. Kells started to apply the pressure by winning the kickout and creating a goal scoring opportunity only to be denied by a great save by Sophie Steed in the goal. Kells added a point from a free 20 metres out shortly after and the girls found themselves five points down but kept battling away. However Kells found the net for the second time when a bullet of a shot reached the roof of the net leaving no chance of it being stopped. Kells added further points in the 10th,16th,17th,18th and 20th minute which put Kells 13 points to the good before things went from bad to worse for Cpc unfortunately when Kells registered their third goal in the 21st minute. But once again the girls kept battling away. This was really evident when in the 23rd minute one of the Kells players were bearing down on goal only to be dispossessed by a brilliant tackle by Eve Dowling on the thirteen metre line which really showed the determination and effort that the girls were putting in all areas of the field. However Kells were relentless in attack and registered another 2 goals as half time approached. The girls finished the half strongly and registered their first point of the game in the 27th minute when Aoife Moran popped up with a right footed kick to raise the first white flag of the day for CPC. The half finished with Kells leading by 20 points on a scoreline of 4:09 to 0:01.

CPC started the second half positively when they worked the ball into the Kells half on a few occasions however they couldn't trouble the scoreboard unfortunately. The fifth goal came shortly after which was quickly followed by the sixth which really put an end to any stirrings of a comeback. Kells did not let their foot off the pedal however and put extreme pressure on the CPC defence. The girls held out well making some good turnovers and saves on the goal line. But Kells eventually did find the net for the seventh time. The game maybe starting to peter out a little you would think. But again the girls kept playing on and had some nice passages of play, the highlight being a great solo run by Mae Cowper Gray. But then in the 40th minute a red card was issued to CPC when allegedly Aoife Moran struck back with her arm at an opponent. It was a straight red card which proved to be one of the main talking points after the game. Once again CPC did not drop their heads and became more dominant in terms of possession with Niamh Flynn winning a lot of ball for CPC in different areas of the field. In the 48th minute CPC got something to show for their hard work when they raised their first green flag of the afternoon. An críoch den scoth ó Aidín Gordon. It was a brilliant shot placed under the black spot and into the roof of the net. Worked nicely through the hands until Aidín took her shot from the edge of the square and finished with great conviction to the net. CPC had a good share of possession in the final 10 minutes but unfortunately they weren't able to use their possession to register further scores. Kells added 1:03 to the scoreboard in the final few minutes. CPC had chances to gain further scores however couldn't find the target. Críoch an gcluiche ina dhiaidh sin agus an scor deireanach Kells 8:12 CPC 1:01. Hard Luck to the girls who played some good football at times, níl aon dabht go mbeidh na la níos fearr sa toadhcháí.

2nd Year Boys Basketball Success!

Since January our second year boys basketball team has been on a winning streak. They have been in the Junior C competition with an unbeaten record so far!

They have qualified for the national final. It has been 7 years since Cross and Passion won a national title.

So far in their campaign they have beaten Mohill Community School, O'Carolyn College, Scoil Chonglais, Clongowes and Mountmellick in the Midlands final. Winning the Midlands final secured their place in the All Ireland competition, in the quarter final playoffs the boys were undefeated. They beat Newpark Comprehensive, the Dublin champions to secure their place in the semi final. The boys faced a tough match against Dundalk in the semi finals, but pulled through and secured their spot in the national final by 13 points.

The boys have been very dedicated to their training and have really improved their skills. They have also bonded very well as a group which has been a key factor in their success.

We would like to thank Ms O Malley, Mr Walsh, the student coaches: Seanan, Fionn, Saoirse, Saoirse

and Liam for the time coaching and supporting the boys.

The school would also like to thank Howard Instrumentation for sponsoring their new gear which will hopefully bring them lots of good luck in the national final.

It has been great to see so many students, teachers and parents out supporting the boys at their matches so far, we hope there is a big crowd at the final!

The All Ireland Final will take place in the National Basketball Arena on Monday the 22nd of May at 2pm.

From everyone at the Blue and Gold, we wish them the best of luck.



Good Luck to everyone
involved in CPC
Sports in all their
upcoming events!

From the Team @ The Blue and Gold.

Special Feature

Celebrating Women in History

Article by Roisin Brannock, 5th Year, and Rebecca Strong, 1st Year

This International Women's Day I wanted to highlight some important women from Ireland's history. I feel like the role of women in world history is not talked about enough. I wanted to spotlight lesser known women rather than the names already in the history books. In fact the hardest part about writing this article was narrowing my list down to just four amazing women.

Born in 1877, **Hanna Sheehy-Sheffington** played a pivotal role in the Irish Suffragette movement. Her father was involved in the Irish Republican Brotherhood which exposed Hanna to the republican struggle. However her father consistently voted against women suffragette bills. This gave Hanna insight into how women were marginalised in social movements. In 1908 Hanna founded the Irish Women's Franchise League with her husband, Francis. This was a militant suffragette organisation that played a key role in advocating for gender equality. Hanna also went on to be a founding member of the Irish Women's Workers Union. She also utilised her skills as a writer to spread revolutionary political theory and challenge people's perception of a woman's role in the Irish Citizen. In reaction to the exclusion of women from the Third Home Rule Bill, Hanna and many other women threw rocks at the windows of Dublin Castle. This resulted in Hanna losing her teaching position. Hanna was disappointed in the Irish constitution, feeling that while Ireland achieved its independence no progress was offered to the wives, sisters and daughters of Ireland. Hanna was willing to push the boundaries of what was considered socially acceptable forms of protest in order to achieve an independent Irish republic and gender equality.

Nicknamed the "Flying Feminist", **Lilian Bland's** life was anything but bland. She was the first woman in the world to design, build and fly her own aeroplane. Bland developed her love of

aviation at her home in Carnmoney Hill in Antrim, photographing birds flying above. For the time Bland had very unconventional habits for a woman of her time like smoking, wearing trousers and working on motor car engines. By 1908 Bland established herself as a journalist and photographer for London newspapers. After experimenting on a couple of biplane gliders Bland committed herself to working on a full sized glider with an engine. Bland emulated the slight curvature at the tip of seagulls wings in her glider. The controls of the plane was a bike handle bar. Due to concerns about its flying capability Bland ironically nicknamed her plane the Mayfly. The finished plane had a wingspan of 20 feet and weighed 200 pounds. The Mayfly was moved to Randalstown, Antrim for its first flight. Bland wrote that with the bull in the field she was meant to fly over "shall give me every inducement to fly!". In August 1910 Lilian Bland reached a height of 30 feet with the Mayfly and flew for a quarter of a mile. Bland continued to improve the Mayfly's design and even started a business selling gliders.

Rosa Parks was a black woman from Alabama. During the 1950s and 60s segregation was implemented in America. When on buses people of colour had to sit in the back or stand on the bus. On 1st December 1955 Rosa sat in the "coloured" section of the bus. When a white man came onto the bus he insisted that Rosa get out of her seat and move to the back of the bus. Rosa refused to give up her seat to the white man. The bus driver then kicked her off the bus and Rosa was arrested. The outrage Parks' arrest caused the Montgomery Bus Boycott led by civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. Rosa Parks' act of defiance and bravery in the face of discrimination paved the way for the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Entertainment

THE OSCARS 2023

By Rebecca Strong, 1st year

The winners of the Oscars were...

For best picture - Everything Everywhere All At Once

For best actor - Brendan Fraser for 'The Whale'

For best actress - Michelle Yeoh for 'Everything Everywhere All At Once'

For best director - Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert for 'Everything Everywhere All At Once'

For best supporting actor - Ke Huy Quan for 'Everything Everywhere All At Once'

For best supporting actress - Jamie Lee Curtis for 'Everything Everywhere All At Once'

Best international feature - 'All Quiet on the Western Front' from Germany

For best animated feature - Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio

For original screenplay - 'Everything Everywhere All At Once'

For adapted screenplay - Women Talking

For visual effects - Avatar: The Way of Water

For original score - Volker Bertelmann for 'All Quiet on the Western Front'

For original song - Naatu Naatu from 'RRR'

For Documentary feature - Navalany

For documentary short subject - The Elephant Whispers

For cinematography - James Friend for 'All Quiet On the Western Front'

For costume design - Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

For animated short - The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

For action short - An Irish Goodbye

For film editing - Everything Everywhere All At Once

For sound - Top Gun Maverick

For production design - All Quiet On the Western Front

For makeup and hairstyling - The Whale



----- **THE MET GALA 2023** -----
BY REBECCA STRONG

THIS YEAR, ON THE 1ST OF MAY THE MET GALA TOOK PLACE

When the theme is Karl Lagerfeld there's not much one can do. Here are our favorite looks from the met gala 2023.

Jenna Ortega wore Thom Browne and Dua Lipa wore Chanel

Rihanna wore Valentino Couture and Kylie Jenner wore Jean Paul Gaultier

Sydney Sweeny wore Miu Miu and Cardi B wore Richard Quinn

