

# Beech Hill College

## TY NEWSLETTER

*Dear reader*

*Welcome to the second and final edition of the Beech Hill College TY Newsletter 2017/2018.*

*As the year comes to an end for the TY class I hope it has been a memorable one. It certainly was for me as it was my first time as Year Head for TY. What an exciting and busy year we have had.*

*As you read through the Newsletter I'm sure you will be amazed by the huge variety of activities that the TY students have been involved in throughout the year.*

*The TY students were given the opportunity to experience all things academic and not so academic. They were involved in a wide range of extracurricular activities while continuing with their academic studies. The year has enabled the students to develop lifelong skills which will prepare them for their transition into the leaving certificate and beyond.*

*I wish to thank all of the TY students and their teachers for their commitment and engagement with the TY programme. A special thank you must go to Ms Gíll as TY coordinator.*

*Thanks also to parents/guardians for supporting your sons/daughters endeavours throughout the year.*

*We wish all our readers a safe and happy summer.*

*Ms B Gleeson - Year Head*



## ***TY Paris Trip***

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2018, the TY group travelled to Paris for a three night stay, accompanied by five teachers for the annual TY trip.

Everyone was filled with excitement and anticipation as they departed from Dublin Airport.

On the first day, the group took in some of the main attractions in Paris such as the Eiffel Tower and the Champs Elysees.

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We also climbed 284 steps to get to the top of the Arc De Triomphe and admired the magnificent view of the whole city. The group then embarked on a guided sightseeing tour of Paris and saw more of its famous landmarks.

On the second day we enjoyed a cruise down the river Seine and admired the beautiful surroundings. Next was a trip to Versailles where we visited the palace and beautiful gardens. The artwork was astounding and the gardens were magnificent. After that it was off to Notre Dame and a stroll around the Latin Quarter.

On the third day we set off for Disneyland Paris. The day was spent exploring the parks and going on the world famous rides that the parks have to offer.

On the fourth and final day we visited the world's largest and most famous museum, the Louvre. There we admired a selection of the most famous artworks in the world. Next on the agenda was a visit to the Sacre Coeur Basilica and a stroll around its fabulous streets. The trip culminated with some shopping and then it was time to head to the airport for our flight home.

The weather for the duration of the trip was beautiful with temperatures ranging from 20-30 degrees.

The Paris trip was definitely one of the highlights of Transition Year and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



# ***Paris***

## ***Group Photo***



## ***BANK OF IRELAND SCHOOL***

The Bank of Ireland School Bank programme offered TY Students the opportunity to learn about the day to day running of a bank. To apply for one of the five positions, students had to fill out an application form and forward it along with their CVs. Each student was then interviewed by Monaghan GAA star and Bank of Ireland Youth Co-Ordinator Jack Mc Carron along with another member of

Bank of Ireland. The candidates who successfully secured positions went on to run the school bank every Thursday during morning break.

Some of their duties included opening bank accounts, lodging money and using many different marketing methods to promote the advantages of having a bank account.



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## ***MONAGHAN MAKERS***

This year students participated in the Monaghan Makers Programme in conjunction with the County Council. This programme was introduced for the first time this year and Beech Hill College was the first school in Monaghan town to participate. The students really enjoyed this experience because it helped them discover their own ability. When things weren't going well or something wasn't working, they were encouraged to try different methods and go with their own initiative. Monaghan Makers incorporated many different subjects from across the curriculum, including engineering, art and computers.





*Lady Astrid*



*Once Upon a Time*

## *JUNK KOUTURE*

After the regional finals there was disappointment when only one of our dresses got through to the grand finale. This was short lived however when the students were taken by complete surprise by the arrival to the school of the well known television presenter James Patrice . The students thought they were being photographed for the Northern Standard but this turned out to be a huge decoy. When James and his camera crew presented the wild card to the Once Upon a Time dress the students were so shocked that tears began to spill.

The day of the final soon came and the teams were supported by a bus load of students from the school who travelled along with them. What was happening didn't fully sink in until the competitors saw the sign for the 3Arena. Once in the dressing room, all preparations began immediately, starting with makeup. Getting ready took the whole day and Ms. Connolly and Ms. Costello were a huge help to the teams. When the time came for the team members Leah, Kitija, Amelie and Casey to leave the models Eva for Lady Astrid and Chloe for Once Upon a Time had only each other for support. Performing on stage in the 3Arena was an out of this world experience for both teams and the feeling of excitement was indescribable.

Junk Kouture was one of the greatest experiences of Transition year for all students who took part and also for those who went as spectators. Junk Kouture has left memories that the students will never forget.

***The Junk Kouture students want to say Thank You to Ms Connolly & Ms Costello for all their hard work throughout this fantastic experience!***

## GREEN SCHOOLS

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> of April the students of TY had the opportunity to do work experience. The students organised the work experience themselves, so the workplaces were many and varied. It was a welcome break from ordinary school work and the students learned a great deal about work and businesses around the Monaghan area. This opportunity will be of great assistance to the students in the future when attempting to choose a career.

Throughout the year TY students have been very busy working towards a Green Flag for the school. They organised many activities including bin monitoring duty, a 1<sup>st</sup> year poster competition, daily litter picking and setting up a Green Schools noticeboard. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March the Green Schools Committee had an inspection from Niall O'Connor an Environmental Engineer from the Monaghan County Council. He interviewed students to see what they had learned and he was given a tour of the school to show him the progress that had been made. A few weeks later the results were announced and the school is very proud to announce that we

have been awarded a Green Schools flag. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of May the four members of the committee along with Ms. Fitzpatrick travelled to City North Hotel in Dublin to collect the flag. A celebratory flag raising day was held in the school on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.



### SPORTS LEADERSHIP



18 TY students recently began taking part in a 10 week sports leadership course run by Monaghan sports partnership association. Two coaches came to the school every Wednesday from 9:30 to 1:18 to guide the students through the course. The course consisted of a mix between practical and theory lessons. The students have been filling out a workbook and hope to receive a certificate later in the year. These workbooks will be sent to the UK to be examined. The students thoroughly enjoyed this course and are glad they got the chance to participate in it.

## TOOTH LED TEENS

The Tooth Led Teens programme is a peer education programme introduced to TY students by the HSE. The programme began with the students being given an introductory lesson about oral hygiene and tooth decay by a representative from the HSE. The students then split up into pairs and prepared to deliver the lesson to first years. The peer education was a valuable learning experience for the students. It gave them an insight into what teaching is like and how important it is to keep teeth clean and healthy. It also gave them a great opportunity to interact with the first year students and teach them an important lesson.



## TAG - AD

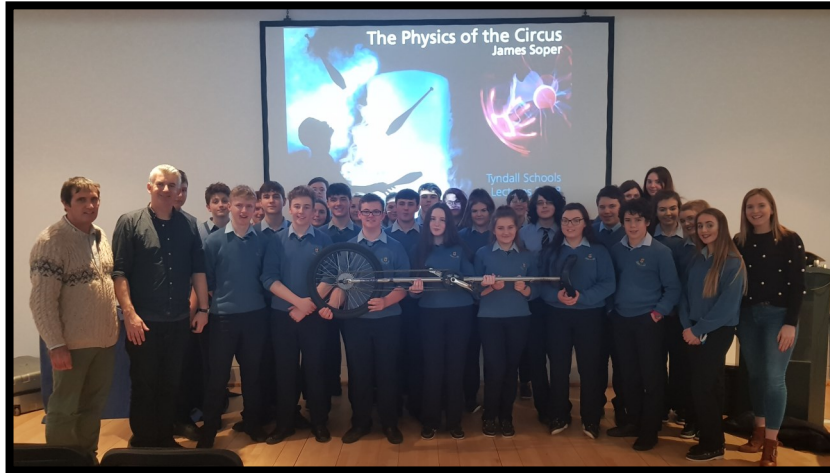
Ms. Metcalfe's transition year French class have recently completed the translation of tag-ad.be a website for an advertising company.) They worked together to translate the website from French to English. The class divided into groups and translated separate sections of the website. Once the first drafts were completed they then

put them together to make the next draft. Finally they worked on perfecting the quality of the English used. If you wish to see the finished work, search tag-ad.be on the Internet.



## THE PHYSICS OF THE CIRCUS

On February 8<sup>th</sup> 2018, 28 TY students attended a talk on 'The Physics of the Circus' by James Soper in DCU. Outside the lecture there were small physics demonstrations which gave students an insight into what was to come. The lecturer spoke about gravity, magnetism, Newton's laws, centres of gravity and balancing. The lecturer balanced on a unicycle in order to demonstrate a centre of gravity. He also invited a number of students assist him in demonstrating various other topics.



## PEACE IV FILM PROJECT

From March 7<sup>th</sup> - March 9<sup>th</sup> four TY Students; Sarah Warman (The main actress who played the role of Sinead), Jamie Duffy, Emily Traynor and Kitija Jankovska took part in the Peace IV film project. The project took place in Tydavnet and consisted of making a film about growing up along the boarder during the 1970's. The film showed the prejudice between the 'Northerners' and the 'Southerners' during this era. The film was showcased at a premier during the 2018 film festival. During the festival they were given the opportunity to meet with Holocaust survivor Tomi Reichental who was liberated from Bergen Belsen. They also met with Gerry Greg who directed a documentary called 'Condemned to Remember' which dealt with the Holocaust, new conflicts and Tomi's experiences.



## *THE FÁINNE EXAMINATION*

The Fáinne oral examination took place on Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>. The students had been preparing for a number of months. Every student who studied Irish participated in the examination. Students could be awarded with a gold, silver or 'cúpla focail' badge depending on their level in the language. Three examiners came from Gael Linn to test participants. Every student was rewarded with a badge. The award ceremony took place on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April in the school library.



## *STUDENT ENTERPRISE*

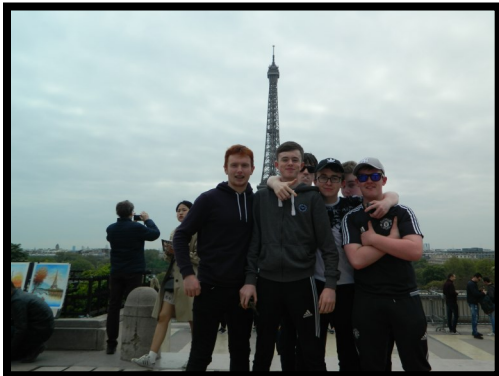
The Monaghan Enterprise final was held in the Four Seasons Hotel in Monaghan town. There were 3 categories: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Daniel Boyle, Darren Kelly, Evan Mc Kenna, Jamie Maguire, Niall Mc Mahon and Eleanor Murphy represented Beech Hill College. They used old car and lorry parts to make items such as clocks, lamps and key holders. Three judges determined the winner. Beech Hill College came second place overall. After the competition, the competitors got the chance to walk around and view some of the other projects.



## LEGO MINDSTORM

After Christmas of 2017 the TY Students entered a Lego Mindstorm programme where selected students were taught how to build and programme Lego Mindstorm robots. Two instructors came to the school to teach the students how to programme their robots once they had been built. At the end of the year a competition was held in Castleblayney to showcase all that the students had learned. In the competition the students were split up into teams with members from other schools and were challenged to build a robot that could push other teams out of the ring. Students also learned how to quickly build friendships with people and work together.

## PHOTOS



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Thanks to Mr Mc Hugh for his photography  
skills

# TRANSITION YEAR ACTIVITIES

- The Wizard of Oz
- Gaisce
- Rose Week
- Rotary Club Interviews
- Tea and Talk
- Junk Kouture
- Buddy System
- RSA Day
- Poetry Aloud
- Gaeilge 24
- Comhairle na nÓg
- Green Schools
- Pink Ribbon Collection
- The Intergeneration Game
- Patrick Kavanagh Memorial
- Peer Education Programme
- Tooth Led Tens
- Fáinne Examinations
- Work Experience
- Paris Trip
- Monaghan Makers
- Lego Mindstorm
- School Bank
- Peace IV Film Workshop
- Young Enterprise
- Physics of the Circus
- Sports Partnership
- Glasnevin Tour Guiding

- Taste of Monaghan
- Daffodil Day
- Health Promoting School
- Newsletter
- Choose Safety
- First Aid
- Tag-Ad.be



## Thank You

The TY class of 2017/2018 would like to thank all of our teachers for making this such an exciting & enjoyable year.

