

Culture Day in GCC



This week is ETBI week where we celebrate the values of what it means to be an ETB school. Tuesday was Culture Day in GCC where we celebrated the 26 nationalities represented in our school. First year students got to visit the

multi-purpose room in the morning to view the student presentations and chat to the students about their countries. They will present their findings in Geography and CSPE classes. The students involved created very impressive presentations, designed posters, made traditional food and wore traditional dress. The pride in celebrating each culture emanated from the room and it was an informative and enriching experience for all who attended.

Feis Maitiú wins for GCC



GCC music students gave outstanding performances in Feis Maitiú this year under the direction of music teacher Ms. Ann Mannix bringing home 1st place and 'The Echo Perpetual Shield' for Junior Choir, and placing 2nd in 'The Father Maitiú Perpetual Shield' competition for Senior Choir. Following a 3 year gap it was wonderful to see the return of the Choir competitions. For many students it was their first competitive performance with the GCC Choir. Congratulations to all and many thanks to Ms. Mannix, Ms. Gilbert and Ms. McInerney



Boys U17 Soccer



A great 1st round win in the Cork Cup for GCC U17 team V's St. Coleman's Community College with a 4-1 victory.

LGFA Workshop



On Monday 27th February, 19 students from TY completed the LGFA TY Programme. This programme aims to develop planning, teamwork and leadership qualities among students. The students received training in the areas of coaching, refereeing, event planning and event management. This programme provides an opportunity for the school to forge strong sustainable links with the local Primary schools and LGFA clubs in the area. We are delighted to now have 19 qualified LGFA coaches and Go Games referees in the



school who will put their skills to good use during a LGFA blitz they are organising for local primary schools on Thursday 30th March. A big thank you to Gearóid from the MLGFA for all his help, and well done all our fantastic students!

Senior Girls Soccer



The GCC Senior Soccer team took on Ursulines of Blackrock in their last group game on Thursday 02 March, in Ringmahon Rangers. The girls conceded two soft goals in quick succession in the first 10 minutes. GCC responded well, and dominated the remainder of the first half, with the ball rarely leaving the oppositions half. Katie Lynch dominated in midfield, while Nessa Treacy covered every blade of grass in the final third, tormenting the defence with runs in behind and strong challenges. Abigail Geary and Ava McCarthy kept order in defence and did not allow for any more goal scoring chances. The second half proved much the same, with Nevaeh O Connell and Eileen Lynch working hard, but failing to convert the many chances created by GCC. Ursulines had two goal scoring opportunities denied in the second half, by an excellent save from Orlaith McGrath in goals and later a last-ditch challenge from Ava McCarthy. The girls worked extremely hard, showed grit and determination and can be very proud of their performance.

Camogie honours for GCC girls

Sinead Hurley (Captain), Ciara Rice, Laura Dunlea and Kate Fennessy will all line out for Cork this Sunday 12th March in the first round of the Camogie season. The game will take place in Dublin and everyone in GCC wishes the girls the very best of luck.

U16 ½ Boys Football V's Castleisland (Munster Quarter Final)

On Monday the 6th of March, the U16 ½ boy's footballers headed to Mallow to play St. Patrick's Castleisland in a Munster quarter final. After an even enough first 15 minutes, St Pats lead 1-03 to 0-2. At this stage however, the Kerry school got the grip on the game and scored each chance they got. At half-time the score was 2-11 to 0-3. The lads showed great determination in the second half as they fought back



straight away. With a goal from John O'Sullivan and points from Harry Cogan and Callum Austin, GCC were right back in the game. Another goal from Ryan Dineen got GCC within touching distance but unfortunately ran out of time. The lads showed great character to win the second half 2-6 to 0-2 with the comeback being led by Jack Marah, Peter O'Brien, Luke Hogan, Callum Austin, Harry Cogan and Jack Austin. Great credit to the team who represented their school so well.

U14 Boy's Football

The boys under 14 footballers had another very productive day out on Thursday 2nd March, playing two very competitive games against Kinsale Community School, here in GCC, finishing with one loss and one draw. 32 players all got the chance to play almost an hour of football over the course of the day. Well done to all players on their continued efforts.