

Promising future for GCC athletics with 3 students qualifying for the All-Irelands



On Tuesday 27th Feb, the Munster Schools Cross Country Championships took place in Tramore Vally Park. Faye Cronin (1st year) competed in the Junior Girl's race, and put on one of the bravest performances by a GCC



student ever seen in this race. Luke Merrigan finished 15th in a very competitive Intermediate Boy's 5K race, qualifying him for All Irelands. The last race of the day was the Senior Boys 6K race. Owen Williams (TY) and Ryan O' Donovan (TY) finished 15th and 16th respectively, which again secured the two athletes a spot at the All Irelands. Best of luck to Luke, Owen and Ryan who travel to Tymon Park in Dublin this weekend, where the All Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships are taking place. This is the



biggest number GCC have ever sent to All Irelands. A very promising sign for the future!

Presentation for senior students by the Irish Navy



On Thursday 29th February a group of Fifth and Sixth year students attended a recruitment presentation for the Irish Navy. Two members of the Irish Navy visited the school and spoke about the ships that are used, area of operations, foreign deployments and the type of recruits the Navy want. There was an

emphasis on educational opportunities and career progression available to members of the Irish Navy

U16 Footballers loose by a point to Bantry in the County Championship



On Monday the 26/02/2024 the under 16 footballers played Coláiste Pobail Bheanntaí in the county championship. The

lads gave a great display of teamwork and never gave in until the final whistle. Cian Daly along with Matthew Sullivan gave outstanding displays up front while Adam Dunlea controlled the play around the middle. The whole defence were outstanding with a number of turnovers which resulted in scores down the other end of the field. Unfortunately, we lost on the narrowest of scorelines 3-08 to 3-07, but the lads can be really proud of their performance on the day.

Success for 1st and 2nd year girls Basketball



(2nd year girls Basketball team)



(1st year girls Basketball team)

The first and second year girls basketball teams finished off their league campaigns with wins over Carraig na bhFear and St. Angelas to progress into the quarter final next week. Well done to all involved and to their coach Ms. Dwyer.

Rang Cian LCA 1 religion Key assignment



Rang Cian (LCA1) attended the local Church Tuesday 5th March as part of their key assignment in Religion. Students played cards and icebreaker games in the local centre afterwards.

Discover Cork: School's Heritage Project Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Sophie Murphy Rang Padraig, Transition year who received 3rd prize in the Discover Cork: School's Heritage Project. A huge well done also to Ms. Reeves's, Rang Brian 2nd years History students who received certificates of participation and also to Liyou Buckley, Rang Gearoid 1st year. This was GCC's second time entering the competition.



The Discover Cork: Schools' Heritage Project is aimed at both primary and post primary level. Project books may be submitted on any aspect of Cork's rich past. The theme for this year's project is "Why Stories Matter". A total of 29 schools entered the competition. Over 1,200 students participated in this competition.

The students worked really hard on this, from the initial presentation in the classroom for Ms. Reeves last October to final project work. On Tuesday the 27th of February Sophie Murphy along with her family attended the City Hall and was presented with an award for her Cork School Heritage Project.

She completed her project on Teddy McCarthy, GAA legend. Teddy McCarthy is Sophie's grand uncle. In her award winning project she explained a lot about the family and touched on his sporting life.

Glanmire Flood Relief Scheme Presentation



On the 26th of February 2024, a team of staff from Sorensen came to our school for a presentation to all 2nd year students on the works they are doing on the Glashaboy river.

This team included Ken Leahy, Sorcha Dale and Elaine Cronin, the head engineer of this project.

Background: Last year, Ms. J. Reeves' 2nd Year Geography class, Rang Caoimhe, were learning about rivers, and were wondering what works were being done on

the Glashaboy. Ms.Reeves encouraged some student-led research and found out that a flood relief scheme was being put in place.

Ms. Reeves got in contact with Ms. Cronin, and together they organized to meet each other in person. Ms. Reeves was accompanied by her students, including Clodagh Martin, Lauren Walsh, Joshua Waters and Vilson Stefoli, on the day of this meeting. They discussed about the work that was going on along the Glashaboy, and got a lot of information back from her. With this information, these students gave presentations to a few classes with the help of Claudio Greco, in our school. Ms. Reeves then planned a day where the Sorensen team could have a talk to the Second Years, with the help of Jack Abbott and Lucie Noonan Carmody.

Presentation Day: The team of engineers came and were introduced by Justin Jeyapragash and Damian Buchholz. I had to do a speech to introduce the guest speakers on the day. The team from Sorensens talked about how they are preserving the river and the inhabitants surrounding it, and they also talked about the building work being done to prevent another flood happening like Storm Babet (16th October 2023) They said they will finish the building in 2026, and they will replant/move any forestry cut down. We look forward to seeing the finished work in the coming years. We are looking forward to the guided fieldtrip to the river to see the changes that have been made. I have no doubt all of this research will help us greatly in our Junior cycle Geography exam next year.

-Written by Justin Jeyapragash, Rang Caoimhe, 2nd year

GCC vs De La Salle - U19 soccer 29/02/2024



GCC played De La Salle, Waterford in a Munster semi-final. The match was played at Villa FC in Waterford and it started at 12pm. Both teams started slow but at about 25 minutes into the match Adam Kelly got a great goal after a great assist from Sam O' Sullivan. Glanmire were unlucky not to get another goal before half time. The half time score was 1-0. De La Salle came back strong in the second half and scored an equalizer 15 minutes into the second half. After a few very unlucky chances, even hitting the crossbar at one point, the match ended in a draw and headed to extra time. After an intense 10 minutes a half with scoring chances for both sides, extra time ended 1-1 and the match went to penalties. Each team had 5 penalties, Jack Marah, in goal, was unlucky to not save the first 2 penalties after getting his hand to the ball for them. Both teams scored their first 5 penalties so it went to sudden death. GCC were unlucky and missed their 6th shot and when De La Salle converted their shot they secured their place in the final.

CSPE guest speaker



As part of Ms. Reeves's CSPE class Rang Grainne 3rd year I organised a guest speaker from Edel house. Claire Harrington came in to talk about homelessness awareness for women and children in Cork city. She works for the Good

Shephard organisation who give housing to homeless families.

Ms. Harrington explained about the service of Edel house and the other services that the Good Shephard organisation run in Cork. Every night in Cork there are 45 -50 homeless women and children resident in Edel House, their emergency shelter. Their staff work with women, empowering them to return to independent living as soon as possible. With their help 80% of the women who seek shelter at Edel House move on within 3 months of admission.

Edel House is the only homeless shelter in Cork that can admit children. They can accommodate 10 families and 18 single women. Their shelter is full every night. In 2015, they supported 206 women and 81 children out of homelessness. However, in the same year, the housing crisis and demand for the services, meant that they turned away 375 women and 281 children. Other interesting facts that Ms. Harrington explained was that many of the women they cannot accommodate end up isolated, living in hotels and B&Bs. In response to this, Good Shepherd Cork now employ an outreach worker, based at Edel House, who engages directly with these women.

When a woman is admitted to Edel House, she is assigned a key worker who will assess her needs before implementing a detailed personal care plan. If necessary, this worker will advocate and liaise with statutory and voluntary agencies on her behalf, to ensure the best solutions are found. During their stay, residents are linked in with educational and social programmes to maintain self-esteem and build self-confidence and morale. Our staff team, assisted by volunteers, provide a range of social activities and classes throughout the year. They have a play therapist based at Edel House and children spend time with her on a one to one and in a group basis.

We have recently lodged an application for planning permission and hope to rebuild parts of Edel House in order to improve our accommodation for homeless women and children. I am glad I organised Ms. Harrington to come into my CSPE class as we all found her very interesting.

-Written by Ewan O' Shea, Rang Grainne, 3rd year