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**MARY POPPINS: THE MUSICAL TAKES
GCC BY STORM IN A ROARING
SUCCESS – “A SPECTACULAR
THEATRICAL TRIUMPH THAT
EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS!”
*See Page 3 for Exclusive Cast Interview!***



A huge congratulations to the GCC Junior Choir with many second years involved who won Feis Maitiú choir competition on Thursday 22nd February in the Cork City Hall. A huge thank you to Ms Mannix!

Track Thursday continues in GCC

Students and staff enjoy a beautiful walk in the crisp spring air Thursdays mornings with Alma. What a great way to start the day.

Epic Alpine Adventure: a Blizzard of Excitement: School Ski Trip Achieves Peak Thrills and Unforgettable Memories!

Embarking on an exhilarating school ski trip to Italy, students found themselves immersed in a winter wonderland of breathtaking slopes. Nestled in the heart of the Italian town Pinzolo,

the trip seamlessly blended adventure and cultural exploration. 40 TY students immersed themselves in the Italian culture and left as capable skiers!



Book Reviews

If you have a book review you would like to feature in next month's edition, please speak to your English teacher



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The Hunger Games

The Hunger Games is about a dystopian future where after a failed rebellion 74 years previously, everywhere but the Capitol is poor and hungry. As punishment for the war, once a year twelve boys and twelve girls are forced to fight to the death on live TV.

The main characters are Katniss and Peeta who are both put in the arena and have a plan to win over the Capitol audience in the hope it will give them an edge in the competition. Sixteen year old Katniss Everdeen volunteers for the hunger games to take her little sister's place.

In the arena she kills and makes alliances to get back home. Katniss is a tough, resourceful character who is skilled with a bow and arrow. She has been providing for her family for years and is very caring. Peeta is charming and clever but Katniss finds his true agenda in the arena hard to gauge.

I like this book because once all the characters are put in the arena it's like their morals are destroyed in their bloodbath for survival. It's a dark and sad story where there are no winners, only survivors.

ARTEMIS FOWL

Artemis Fowl is a 12-year-old Irish, criminal genius. He has a personal assistant/bodyguard called Butler. After the disappearance of his father and a large portion of the Fowl fortune, Artemis begins to search for a way to restore that fortune by searching for fairy gold.

After continuous research he eventually finds a lead that brings him to "the Book" which is like a Bible for fairies. When he is able to translate it to English he begins his plan to kidnap a fairy for ransom. He succeeds in his plan by ambushing a fairy during a ritual.

Artemis learns the hard way that fairies fight back...

Author: Anonymous
3rd year student



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW!

TY Musical Mary Poppins

On 26th and 27th of January the TY students performed a fabulous production of the magical tale of Mary Poppins. We met with some of the students involved to discuss their experience with the play. (Maeve Goggin (Jane Banks), Eimear Hurley (Mary Poppins), Michael Lynch (Bert), Ryan O'Donovan (Park Keeper), Ronan Butler (George Banks), Jenny Lambe (Winifred Banks) and Bobby Twomey (backstage management).

What was the audition process like?

The cast had to go through three stages of auditions. They had to sing as part of their auditions. The first stage they could sing whatever they wanted and the second stage they had to sing a song from the play.

What were some challenges in making the play?

They said that learning lines and stage directions was a challenge that took time to overcome along with some dances.

What was the most popular dance and scenes?

They couldn't choose between 'Supercalifragilistic' and 'Let's go fly a kite' to be their favourite scene and dance.

What did you do to get into character?

The cast referred to watching the movie version to help them get into character. Eimear Hurley (Mary Poppins) said that by standing with her feet together in the shape of a v helped her get into character.

Micheal Lynch (Bert) said "When you put on the costume you become the character".

What are your favourite quotes (not necessarily your lines)?

Maeve Goggin: if you reach for the stars all you get is the stars, and if you reach for the heavens you get the stars thrown in.

Eimear Hurley: anything can happen if you let it

Michael Lynch: can I get a script please

Ryan O'Donovan: oh lummy!

Ronan Butler: Banks, a word

Jenny Lambe: George, close your mouth. You are not a codfish.

By Frankie Twomey and Molly Conroy



GAME CHANGERS

OUR SPORTING SUPERSTARS

CATHAL O SULLIVAN

Wishing past pupil Cathal the very best of luck in his first season as a professional footballer with Cork City FC. We can't wait to follow his journey over the coming months.



GCC GIRLS BASKETBALL PROGRESS TO THE FINAL IN NEPTUNE STADIUM!

Second year basketball girls are heading to Neptune stadium on Friday after overcoming Christ King in a tough semi final battle, winning by 3 points. Best of luck to Ms Dwyer and the team!



SENIOR HURLERS REACH MUNSTER FINAL

Our Senior Hurlers battled it out with Kilfinnan, Saturday 3rd February in Tipperary.

It wasn't to be for our Senior Hurlers in the Munster Colleges Final. Nevertheless, we are proud of our players and their work over the past few months.

CROSS COUNTRY CRUISING

On the 27th of February this year four students Faye Cronin - 1st Year, Luke Merrigan (3rd Year), Owen Williams (T.Y) and Ryan O' Donovan (T.Y) competed in the Munster Schools Cross Country Champions. Faye Cronin, a new comer to the sport, put on one of the greatest performances by a GCC student, Luke finished 15th in his race and is now through to the All Ireland Schools Cross

Country Championship Owen and Ryan were 15th and 16th in senior boys race. Owen is also through to the All Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships. The All Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships will be taking place on the 9th of March in Tymon Park, Dublin.

By Eve Cronin and Aisling Power