

T.Y. Times

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New Beginnings

Welcome to the first ever T.Y. Times. This will be our newsletter to update you on T.Y. events. We started the year feeling fed up with Covid, and nervous about it too. Nevertheless, we were excited for the year ahead and the challenges and opportunities it would bring with it. Our hopes for this year were to experience the world of work and embrace new experiences. On our first day we were welcomed back by our new principal, Mr. O' Reilly. We had our very first assembly in the P.E. Hall with everyone (socially distanced of course!).

We very quickly got to know our classes and made new friendships. It is mad to think that we didn't know these people very well only a few weeks ago because now we are more like a big T.Y. family. This year we welcomed new students from different schools and from different countries. Here's just a glimpse of what's been happening so far.

By Class 4D



“This year is more about expressing our creativity than just our academic ability”



Future Leaders

The GAA coaching course involves each T.Y. class taking part in learning how to coach and train younger children. The class was split into three groups, each learning to coach each other through drills and exercises that involve games to better your solos, hops and passes. Most students felt they would be better at coaching after the course rather than before.

Later this year we hope to teach First Year students and potentially primary school children the basics of Gaelic football with our training knowledge. Who knows, we could be training the future players of the Mayo team. Mayo for Sam 2032!

By Lily Scanlon



Achill Adventure

Wet, Wet, Wet

On the 7th of October 2021 4B and 4C went to Achill Outdoor Adventure. We left school at 9:00 and arrived at Achill at 10:30. We started off surfing and did that for one hour, the waves were big, but we really enjoyed it. After surfing we went paddle boarding. We got in pairs, and six people were able to join in on the big paddle board. However, the wind wasn't working in their favour as they slowly floated out to sea. Nevertheless, they had a great time and we all made it safely back to shore.



After getting changed and drying off we ate lunch by the fire. Next it was time to do the on-land activities. We split into two groups and the first group started with archery. First, we were taught how to use the bow and arrow. Then we got some practice in at shooting, some people were good at it while others were dangerous with a bow and arrow! After the archery we did rock climbing, we had to climb to the top of the wall and hit the pole at the top. Some people were so good that the instructors gave them the challenge of only using one colour to get to the top of the wall.

Overall, the T.Y.'s enjoyed their day even though they got wet! 😊

By Orla Graven

Gone Golfing

The past two Fridays, TY students had their first introduction to golfing, which took place in the driving range in Castlebar. We learned the basics of golf during our first lesson.

TY students were split into groups and took turns to try out the new skills that they had learned. By the second lesson we had a better knowledge of golf and were more confident to play independently.



By Seán Moran & Davina O'Malley



Greenway Shenanigans

The greenway in Castlebar goes from Castlebar to Turlough and it is 14KM.

We regularly do the greenway for PE; we walk, run, and cycle it. It is always a good escape from the school grounds and tests everyone's physical abilities.

Here in Davitt College, we are very fortunate to be right across the road from the greenway.

It is a very scenic walk and is great for getting exercise.

Our first outing was on a bright sunny day where we took the bikes out to cycle the greenway.

Although we all came back tired it was worth it!

We hope later in the year to do the greenway from Achill to Mulranny. Who knows, we might get to all the greenways in Ireland this year, if we keep up the cycling.

By Hannah Burke & Amanda Connor



SPORT IS BACK!! SENIOR GAELIC OFF TO A GREAT START

On Monday the 11th of October the Davitt College senior girls football team played their first game of the season against Ballinrobe Secondary School. The game took place on Ballinrobe's school pitch. At 9:10 we boarded the bus and arrived in Ballinrobe at around 9:50. The weather was perfect for a game, sunny but not too hot.

Once we all had our jerseys on, we headed out onto the pitch to begin our warm-up. We warmed up for 20 minutes and then it was time for the game to begin.

The game threw in at 10:30, and after the first water break, we were leading 1:3 to 0:0. At half-time we were still leading 2:7 to 1:1. With 30 minutes to go, things started to get harder as we became tired because the pitch was wet and heavy.

After the second water break, we were still leading with a score of 4:8 to 2:4. When the referee blew the whistle for full time, the full-time score was Davitt College 4:8 Ballinrobe 2:6. We now face Charlestown in our next game on Wednesday the 20th of October.

By Hannah Prendergast



Horror in the Barracks

Transition Year students have been very busy the last few weeks of school preparing for 'Horror in the Barracks'.

'Horror in the Barracks' is an annual fundraising event for local charities and community groups including:
Mayo Mental Health Association,
Ballyheane Pathway Projects,
Castlebar Pantomime mine,
Davitt College Transition year and
Order of Malta Ireland Castlebar.

All transition year students participated in making this event happen and some of the students are even involved in the acting roles. Auditions were held for these sought-after roles. Other students created backdrops and props, which even included several very impressive coffins.

It will take place on the 23rd and 24th of October, it is sure to be a fun and scary way to spend your evening. Tickets can be bought online on the Eventbrite website. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/horror-in-the-barracks-tickets-188447320007>

By Rian Cusack & Szymon Chalupka



Thanks for reading and have a happy Halloween everyone!

