

TY Bulletin

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Edition Two: Winter Edition

Croke Park & Awesome Walls

November 14th



On November 14th, as part of activity week, all students went on a trip to Awesome Walls and Croke Park.

Students were split up into two groups, with one attending Awesome Walls in the morning, and then Croke Park in the afternoon, and vice versa.

We experienced the skyline tour on the top of Croke Park and got to

visit the Croke Park Museum, having a very informative and interesting tour.

We also got to try out lots and lots climbing walls in Awesome Walls, making for a challenging and enjoyable experience.

This trip was a wonderful addition to an already packed activity week, and we would like to thank all of the teachers who made it possible.

Class Kerragh

Fundraising for Irish Wheelchair Association
November 10th



On Friday 10th November, Class Kerragh were fundraising for the Irish Wheelchair Association. Students sold Angel pins and various other items in Ashbourne to raise money to send a team to the Irish Wheelchair Association Basketball Tournament. Many donations were given, and the fundraising is still in progress with other upcoming activities. Also, on Thursday 23rd November, during the Christmas Market, students were selling also for a good cause.



Activity Week

From Friday 10th November to Thursday 16th November, all students were involved in activity week where they did various workshops/activities.

Bia Bites

Bia Bites involved students learning about nutrition and eating well for sports activities. In groups, students had to plan menus based on different dietary requirements. The second day, the groups had to cook meals based on their menus.

Animation

The students used Lego figurines and iMovie to make a stop motion animation movie. They also watched examples of other stop animation movies.

Law Module

In the law module students watched two short documentaries about various criminal cases and acted out two mock trials. They also listened to the teacher talk a bit about her experiences.

Leadership and Teamwork / Project Management

The students were divided themselves into groups and each group had to build parts to a giant bridge, with a project leader coordinating the team's efforts. The pieces were then put together and the quickest group completed the bridge in just 50 minutes, while the other group did it in 56. The organisers of this also ran a project management workshop which was very enjoyable and educational.

PSI

PSI (Personal Safety Ireland) came in to the school to teach a group about safety and self-defence, which are very important skills. The teachers were very good in their methods and the students attending learned a lot about how to defend themselves in various situations.

TY TV

This workshop was about social media and camera techniques. The students learned how to keep eye contact with a camera, how to read from a prompter and divided into groups to make a scene for a mini movie.

Drums/Percussion Workshop

In this workshop, the students learned how to play some traditional beats on African style drums. They were allowed to try soloing and they combined everything they learned together at the end of the workshop to play a big piece on the drums.

Song School

The students who participated in this workshop were divided into 4 different groups and were asked to write a song together. They were also asked to bring in instruments if they had any to make the song easier to write. The song writing process took the majority of the day and the students had to perform their original songs in front of the other groups.

First Aid

In this workshop students practiced how to help others in a variety of situations. They did CPR, learned how to bandage effectively, what to do in the event of someone fainting or becoming ill, and general other first aid skills. This was a workshop enjoyed by all who did it.

Christmas Market and Concern Fast

November 23rd

On Thursday 23rd November, ACS had its Christmas Market. Stalls were set up in the Sports Hall selling crafts, food and presents. The choir was also there singing Christmas carols.

Two TY mini companies also set up at the Christmas Market in the sports hall. It was a great selling and promotion event for them both. Well done to Fionn O'Leary, Liam Deegan and Aoife Hamilton of 'Tag Me', for their 3D printed personalised key tags and decorations.

Well done also to Kirsty Flynn, Luke Barrett, Michael Morgan, and Sam Hendrick of 4Sport, personalized Gaelic gloves and training tops. The Young Entrepreneurs also met Serena from the local Enterprise office in the morning. She was checking up on their progress as they prepare for the Student Enterprise Awards in March 2018.

On this day, a few students also participated in the Concern Fast. It involved participants fasting for 24 hours to raise funds for sufferers of famine in South Sudan and other African countries. Thanks to Ms. Scannell and the TY's involved for coordinating this.



Photos from our Christmas Market (above and right)



Peer Education

Committee



There is a TY Peer Education Committee in the year, which consists of students Evan Kane, Natasha Menon, Emma Murphy, Ben O'Brien, Simon Purcell, and Becky Murray. Students began their training at the beginning of the year, in the Navan teacher education centre, and spent the following weeks preparing to teach First Year students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and smoking, as well as addressing the subjects of bullying and peer pressure. They created interactive PowerPoints, ordered appropriate materials for the classes, and planned out their lessons. Between the six of them on the committee, all First Years' were taught, and the feedback from the First Years was very positive.

Third Age IT Day

Fridays 31st November and 8th December

On Fridays 31st November and 8th December, a number of T.Y students went to Ashbourne Library to volunteer in a Third Age Programme. This programme aimed to help local senior citizens learn basic I.T skills, such as emailing, online shopping and creating online accounts, so they could use their own computers and devices. This was a really rewarding experience for everyone involved and great for young people to connect with the older generations in our community.

Sports Leadership – Final Day

5th December

On Tuesday 5th of December students completed their final day of the Sports Leadership Programme. With their newly gained knowledge of organising, running and adapting activities, these students have been asked to help with the running of various school lunch-time activities in the coming weeks.

Japanese Trip to Wagamama

7th December

On December 7th, all students doing the Japanese module went on a trip to Wagamama. There, we tried lots of new Japanese foods, drinks, and immersed ourselves in the culture by attempting to use chopsticks. Afterwards we were allowed to go around Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, and all of these aspects worked together wonderfully to create a great day.

French Students Visits to Primary School

For many weeks students from Ms. Mc Kenna's French class have been walking down to St. Declan's Primary school to teach some third and fourth classes French. Groups of 3-4 students had to prepare their own lessons on basic topics such as the alphabet, numbers, sport and French food, and deliver their lesson in an easy and fun way. Everyone did great work, and this was shown as each week the students were welcomed back with lots of delighted cheers from the kids!!

The Lead Up To Christmas

11th – 22nd December



With help from everyone in ACS over the few weeks leading up to Christmas we gathered 44 crates of food and gifts for SVP.

On Tuesday 12th We had a Christmas jumper non-uniform day and all the money raised went to SVP Ashbourne. Every student brought in 2 euro towards the cause. We held a Christmas Concert that evening. It was a brilliant showcase and a great start to the festive season.

There was also a Christmas Candy Cane event organised by TYs. As well as this, it was a TY student who won our Christmas hamper.

This week, Ms. Mathews became our TY Coordinator.

This week was very relaxed as it was coming up to Christmas. On the 19th of December, John O' Sullivan of SVP Ashbourne spoke at our whole school assembly about the importance of giving. We presented him with a cheque of 2000 euro raised at our Christmas jumper day and carol service.

On December 22nd We held the annual Christmas Concert for the whole school on the last day before Christmas holidays. There was singing and instruments. It was a great way to end a fantastic 2017 in ACS.

**You have
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separate edition for
it.**

We hope that
everyone had a
wonderful
November and
December, and you
can expect to see
our January edition
very soon!