

MIDLETON C.B.S. NEWSLETTER



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A Chairde!

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter! It has been many years since such a newsletter has been produced and I would like to thank the boys on our Student Council who have undertaken the task of it's re-introduction. You will read about all the goings-on in our school community apart from the everyday teaching and learning. - Be sure to keep an eye on the school Website also, which is regularly updated, to keep you all abreast of school activities.

(www.middletoncbs.ie)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas! Enjoy the holidays and we'll see you all again in 2013.

PAT HURLEY, Principal.

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## BUILDING UPDATE

Over the summer five extra classrooms were added with the putting in place of a pre-fabricated building to the front of the school grounds. This has gone some way to alleviating pressure in the corridors of the main school building. Extra student lockers have also been located in these outer buildings. Temporary shelters erected at the side of the main building allow the boys to get out of the school at break times but keep them out of the inclement weather!

The good news for all in the school is that the design for our new school is being drawn up as this newsletter goes to print and these will go forward for Planning Permission in Spring and the first sod should be turned in just under a year's time, God willing! This new building will have specialist rooms suitable for particular subjects and it will free up far more space for movement. Green areas, which will create a much more ambient school environment will also be provided! Roll on 2015!

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GREEN SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

by Jacques Kinane and Jack Hayes

The school has undertaken to tidy up it's act ... quite literally! Mr. P. Kelly, acting upon the suggestion of student council member, Michael Cashman, initiated the campaign - and with a student body of 600+ this is no mean feat! It is an issue close to the hearts of many in the school community and so a committee has been formed and the campaign is being coordinated by Mr. C. Melnyk.

Students on the committee include Ronan Cotter, Zach McElhinney, Seán Broderick, Dylan Wiggins and Sam McSweeney as well as student coordinator, Jacques Kinane. Well done to these boys for their work, carrying out an audit on waste and litter and increasing the number of Recycling Points on the school grounds!

Thanks are extended to Mr. D. O'Lomasney, of course, as he is always a central figure in our efforts in this area!

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## FIRST YEAR NEWS

by Eoghan Mangan.

Well ... they have the first term of their first year in secondary school done! We all know it's no small thing to come into a new environment, take on new subjects and keep on top of timetables and homework assignments. There's no doubt but that these boys have earned the holidays!

### Hurling

Outside of the classroom work, the first year pupils had Lunchtime Hurling Leagues. The outcome of these leagues is the formation of A and B teams, who will ultimately be competing in competitions such as The Rice Cup. Training happens at lunchtimes, so we can see already the dedication of the boys to the sport and the school!

### Orienteering

Mr. L. O'Brien, a former P.E. teacher at the school, organised for the pupils to experience orienteering early on in the first term. They were bussed out to Ballyannen Woods where they had to get about using a compass and map - quite a challenge for them - but they managed the whole affair admirably and enjoyed it no doubt.

Mount Sion

The first term was rounded off with a trip to Waterford on a journey to discover a little of the history of their new school. They followed the story of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers, from his birthplace to

his first school in Waterford, where he provided a much needed education for the poorest boys who would otherwise have gone without it and had no prospects. The boys were escorted of the tour by our own Ms. M. Smyth, Ms. H. Murphy, Mr. S. Martin, Mr. J. Fitzgerald and Mr. P. Kelly.

Cork Pops Orchestra

Mr. F. Finn brought the first year pupils up to Cork City to hear and see an orchestra in action in the City Hall. The boys got the opportunity to hear Pops Orchestra play a variety of music genres and the trip provided a welcome break from the hard work of the classroom!



Conor, Shane, Dominick & Aaron at the Art Workshop

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SECOND YEAR NEWS

by Marc Hurson

Second pupils made their subject choices last year and are well started on their Exam. courses at this stage - no rest for the wicked, eh?!

Hurling

Our second year boys are heavily involved in training at the moment and teams can be found out training at lunchtimes driven on by Mr. Ahern and Mr. O'Callaghan! They will be competing

in the Corn de Barra in 2013 and we wish these stars of the future well!

Winners All!!

Congratulations are sent to Fearghal Curtin, who competed in the All Ireland Under-15 Cross-Country Finals in Wexford. Fearghal came away with a Gold medal, no less, in the 3500m! - It's nice to see our boys so keen to put themselves out there, competing ... and doing so well. Well done!

FIFTH YEAR UPDATE

By Dáire O'Carroll

While still in fourth year, current fifth year pupils put themselves forward to be part of the school's Meitheal Team and Dáire O'Carroll, Joe Millerick, Adrian Kenneally, Aidan Morrison, Andrew O'Riordan, Darragh Lane, James Benskin, Mark Keniry, Dion O'Sullivan and Seán Murray were selected. - Meitheal is a term harking back to yesteryear when people cooperated, so that a community would survive with mutual support: Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine! - With that in mind, training was provided by Scala for the Meitheal team at the start of year, so that the team may be able to offer advice and support to the incoming First Year pupils.

The support teacher, Mr. S. Martin and his team meet regularly and are available to any 1st year student who may need guidance or reassurance as they negotiate their way through their initial year in Midleton C.B.S..

Rotary Club Inter-Schools Leadership

Congratulations to four of our fifth year boys who stepped up to the plate, putting themselves forward to represent our school in the Cork Rotary Club Inter-

school Leadership Competition. Seán Murray, Adrian Kenneally, Joe Millerick and Darragh Lane all went through an interview process and Adrian Kenneally was selected to represent his school in the East Cork stage of the competition. He was successful and went on to compete with distinction at county level. Well done to all!



Daniel, Bendan and Adam at the Ploughing Championships

FOURTH YEAR NEWS

By Dáire Healy.

Apart from the regular subjects on the curriculum, our fourth year pupils have been having a go at a more varied selection. Modules on offer this year include Forensic Science Investigation, Health and Safety in the Workplace, Sign Language, Italian, Environmental Studies, Sports Coaching and Nutrition for Sports, Public Speaking and, of course, Y.S.I..

Y.S.I.

The Young Social Innovators is a competition taking place in Dublin every year so with any luck we will be seeing some of our current fourth years heading to the capital with their teacher, Ms. J. Higgins, as they become more socially aware, starting up mini-companies, raising funds and generally getting involved in their community doing charity works.

In memory of a Friend

This year's fourth years lost a classmate and a friend in Tadhg Coleman last June, R.I.P.. Keen not to forget him and to mark his passing, his friends decided to raise money for some worthy cause, namely the Irish Heart Foundation. With the help of our Deputy Principal, Mr. P. Kelly, a 50km cycle was organised. Tadhg's parents, John and Ursula, and his sister, Kelly, were on hand to see the boys safely on their way on that morning back in October. Thankfully the cycle went without a hitch and raised over €7000!

SIM Drive

Early on in the first term the 4th year pupils were offered the chance to participate in SIM Drive experience. This allowed the pupils to sit behind the wheel of a simulated car and drive through a series of scenarios, typical of what they may expect to encounter on any real drive. Those who took part were given a print-out showing them their strengths and weaknesses so they could best see where they need to improve.

Bootcamp

Who of the fourth year boys could quickly forget the visit of the guys from Outdoor Physical Education?! These military-style commandos put students well and truly through their paces, with a series of strenuous activities to endure, testing not only their physical fitness but also mental stamina! Following on from that visit, a boot-camp was organised which would see fourth years spend a week on Spike Island of all places, to go through more of the same ... and more! That didn't quite work out, with the government shutting down Spike Island for it's development as a designated

Centre for Physical Education and Leisure. Not to worry, however! Mr. B. Speight stepped in and rearranged everything with the help of Mr. M. Hennessy and Mr. S. Martin. Pupils were shipped off to Kenmare, a more picturesque setting but no less challenging! Mr. P. Dowling, Mr. T. Collins, Mr. B. Speight and the transition year pupils returned safely and tired out at the end of a hard week of climbing, hiking, and water sports. They were glad of the week-end rest before returning to school!

Poetry Workshop.

At the other end of the spectrum, far from the hurly burly of the boot-camps and mountain climbing, the pupils of 4th year had a poetry workshop organised for them by Ms. H. Murphy. Here was an experience to stimulate the mind, stir the senses and ultimately encourage poetic expression! The boys enjoyed this very different challenge - and hopefully the whole thing will prove to have been of benefit to them on their journey of personal growth and self-discovery afforded them in their Transition Year.

German debating.

Ms. M. Hynes 4th year german pupils took part in the Schools Debating Competition, organised by the Goethe Institut and the boys did a great job when they went up against the girls of St. Mary's. The result didn't go their way, but the boys did their school proud! Well done to Jorik Schellegens, Dáire Healy, Jason Cullinane and Barra McLean.

THIRD AND SIXTH YEAR - EXAMS. UPDATE

By Jack Hayes

Both 3rd and 6th year groups sat early Christmas Tests in late November. The

idea behind that was that they would have regular assessments, affording them better insight into their progress and which level would be more appropriate for them. The mock exams. are scheduled for early February and shortly thereafter the pupils will have to let the Department know at what level they will sit each of their subjects. Fees for the exams. will also be due in the New Year. Parents and pupils should familiarise themselves with the dates and deadlines for any practical/oral exams. and projects which they are taking as they will creep up on us all too quickly! Check up on all relevant information at State Examinations.ie.

Career guidance for Leaving Cert. candidates

The sixth years students have been having appointments with the school Guidance Counsellors over the past few months for advice and guidance on which course is best suited to their interests and abilities. - Ms. D. Nash and Ms. I. Clarke are the ladies with all the information on points and subjects required for particular Third Level courses! They will be on hand over the coming weeks to guide the boys through the filling out of their C.A.O. forms – another deadline fast approaching!

6th Year students honoured.

Aaron McEvoy was presented with the Best Driver award in October by the East Cork Hot Rod Club and his club mate and fellow 6th year, Killian O'Brien, was awarded Best Overall Driver for 2012. Well done lads!

SPORTS AT MIDLETON C.B.S.

By Alex Aherne and Daniel Colbert.

As ever, hurling took central place in the schedule of sporting activities. - Mr. S. Murphy and Mr. P. Dowling are overseeing the training of our Harty team this year and can be seen out training two evenings a week. To date the team has done well and are facing into the Quarter Finals come January 2013! They have played Coláiste Críost Rí, Thurles C.B.S., Hamilton High, Bandon and Nenagh C.B.S. and live to fight on under their captain, Darren Quirke (whose father, Colman, also captained a Harty Team) ... Go n-éirí go geal libh, a bhuachailí!!



Mark, Adrian, Joe, Paudie & Billy in celebratory mood!
O'Callaghan Cup.

The boys of the Under-18 Team have already brought home silver ware this past term, with their victory in the O'Callaghan Cup. The Final was played in the grounds of C.I.T. against the Patrician Academy, Mallow and our lads came out on top on a scoreline of 2-12 to 1-7! We salute all the lads on this winning panel as well as their mentors, Mr. S. Murphy and Mr. P. Dowling. They are keeping up a proud tradition of hurling in the school, which boasts so many Cork Stars in it's Hall of Fame.

Mr. S. Hurley and Mr. S. Murphy have been training the Under-16 team and to date they have seen off St. Colman's Fermoy and C.B.C.. Ádh mór, leaids!

Our younger boys are also hard at it, training at during their lunchtimes, and they have already been in action in the Corn De Barra. These boys are Under-14 and fixtures to date have included North Mon. AG., C.B.C. and Rochestown College. They may be young but they have more than proved themselves to date!

The Rice Cup Blitz will be beginning in mid-March and Mr. O'Callaghan, Mr. Kearney and Mr. Ahern will be guiding the Rice Cup panel through that series as the date approaches.

Gaelic and Soccer.

Those boys who prefer Gaelic football are also catered for. Mr. S. Martin, Mr. T. Collins and Mr. J. O'Brien had plenty of pupils wanting to be selected for the team and represent their school. Senior boys have already had an outing but lost out for a place in the semi-final. Next term offers a fresh opportunity to our footballers – good luck to all!

Soccer training happens in the Knockgriffin grounds, under “managers” Mr. C Melnyk, Mr. F. Mulvihill and Mr. C. Mololney. This enthusiastic bunch of lads has already had outings against Coláiste Mhuire, Cobh and the Patrician Academy. Some scorers for Midleton C.B.S. include Conor Fitzgerald, Kyle McCarthy and David Murphy! Team captain, Luke Dineen, having been injured was temporarily replaced by Josh Deady, but is now back in action. Best of luck to the guys as both the Munster Junior Cup and the Under-17 Cork Cup series' continue!!

Athletics

Mr. L. O'Brien may have retired from our teaching staff but he is far from retired from Track and Field events! No, Liam is still heavily involved in training the

students of both C.B.S. and St. Mary's High School next door. The girls and boys can be seen running laps Tuesdays and Thursdays in all sorts of weather!

The training is surely paying off as we saw Adam Daly, Michael Kelly, Fearghal Curtin, Luke Duggan-Murray, Edward Leahy, Dylan Murphy, Caolán O'Brien and Seán O'Meara win All-Ireland Team gold! This year, Liam O'Brien took the school's athletes to C.I.T. in preparation for the up-coming season - and yet again our first year group came up with the goods, placing first in their section – Ciarán Newlands, Dónal Griffin and Adam Wilson are the boys in question. Congratulations are well and truly deserved, lads – keep it up!

The boys of C.B.S. also go in for Cross Country running and our boys place very well at all events - we're sure that we'll hear some of these names in the next few years to come : Dan Colbert, Cian Greene, Dáire Crotty, Seán Broderick ... to mention but a few!

Track and Field competitors train in our gym/weights room, where a program of circuit training is in place for them. – Anyone interested in competing, either as an individual or as part of a relay team, should speak with Mr. O'Brien who is hoping to put together Minor, Junior Intermediate and Senior relay teams after Christmas.

Golf.

Yet another sport fielding a team from our large student body is golf. Many of the boys play golf outside of school and some of you may not be aware that for years Mr. S. Hurley has put together teams to represent the school. This year's team members took part in the Munster Schools Championship at the

start of the school year. They lost out in the Quarter final stages, unfortunately. Well done! to fifth year students Adam Murray, Liam Murphy, Robert Williams and Brian Whelahan for doing an admirable job.

OVERSEAS TRIPS.

By Jacques Kinane.

Our fifth year students are looking forward to their trip to the Big Apple next Easter – and who could blame them?! The tour to the N.Y. is being organised and escorted by Mr. S. Murphy, Mr. N. Ahern and Mr. E. O’Neill. These guys are seasoned travellers, folks, and a tightly packed schedule has been meticulously drawn up for them for the boys. They will be brought on walking and boat tours; they will see the city in the day and fabulously lit up at night ... Surely that will make for an unforgettable trip!

German trip

Ms. M. Hynes is also organising a tour overseas. She will be taking some of her German students off to Munich in southern Germany, also in the Easter Holidays. Ms. G. Dennehy will accompany Ms. Hynes and the boys, and with such sights as the Olympic Stadium and the BMW production factory to see, they will have an enjoyable as well as educational trip! They should certainly get a chance to put to use some of the language skills they have been learning in the classroom over the past few years! We look forward to seeing the photos of the museums and castles, chocolates and cakes ...! Gute Fahrt!

India Immersion Project.

The sight of the students of Midleton C.B.S. packing bags in Hurley’s SuperValu

and raising funds for the street children of Calcutta has been a familiar one over the past decade - and this year will be no different! Although we aren’t sending a group of students in 2013, plans are there to select a group of students who will travel in 2014. Pupils currently in fourth year might like to think about whether they would like to be considered as part of the Immersion team over the next few months!

ART AT C.B.S.

BY DAVID MURPHY

Our art students were treated to a special visit from an artist, Frances McGonigle of Milis Puppet shows and WingspanBatik. She shared her wealth of experience with the pupils over the course of her week, introducing the senior boys to Puppet design and giving the junior pupils hands-on experience with paper batik! The younger pupils enjoyed bringing Frances’ puppets to life in a little show at the end of the week. Fun and learning! How bad! - Thanks to Ms. Barrett for making her room available to art students at lunchtimes in order to facilitate them finishing their exam. projects.

AWARDS NIGHT

By Daniel Cashman and Jack Hayes.

Once again this October, Mr. F. Finn organised for some of our students to receive recognition in respect of their academic efforts or indeed the positive contribution they made to our school community. An evening event was held in the Midleton Park Hotel, where parents and teachers gathered and Bob Savage of EMC gave a special address.

Students from each year group were presented with plaques on the night to

acknowledge their Academic Endeavour. Other pupils were awarded for their positive contribution to our school community. Recognition was also given to pupils who do well in any arena outside of school. - James McCarthy and Shane Hegarty were recognised for their selection as part of the Cork Minor hurling Panel. - Kyle McCarthy was Irish Under-15 Captain. Silver medals were awarded to Jack Hayes, Ronan Higgins and Alan Stanton as part of Gaisce, the President's Award.

The school was thrilled with the Leaving Cert. results last August and some of those high achievers picked up awards on the night. We are proud to say that 20% of our boys got 500+ points and so had their pick of Third Level courses. We wish our graduates of '11/'12 all the best as they begin the next phase of their lives.

One of the students from that group, Ricky Walsh from Ballycotton, was recognised at a separate function held in Limerick in November. His hard work earned him a J.P. MacManus sponsored scholarship which will fund his Third Level studies.



... THE FINAL DAY...

By Michael Cashman.

Mr. Finn has put together a team of sixth years who are organising the much anticipated Talent Show. This has been an annual event for always and ever and no end of Christmas Term could happen

without it! This year's activities are being organised by Mark Ryan (6th yr.) and Mr. F. Finn. They will have arranged an exciting line-up of entertainment of music, song, comedy and magic! I know we have all been amazed by Jorik Schellegens (5th yr) and Aaron Murray (2nd yr) in last year. Not to mention the piano-playing skills of David O'Hagan(6th yr) and Alan Linehan's (2nd yr.) Ukelele contribution! Many students particularly enjoy the quiz game in which the teachers are put in the spotlight! For years the game has been based on The Weakest Link but in a break from that tradition, Michael Cashman(6th yr.) is hoping to put on a game based on Pointless ... - should be interesting! This is a very different school day.. but a school day it most certainly still is, remember! The atmosphere is very relaxed and happy, so be sure not to miss it!

SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS.

By Daniel Cashman and Eoghan Mangan.

A short service for the season, organised by Ms. M. Smyth and the R.E. department will be held before the talent show. This is another enjoyable regular feature to round off the term and remind us of the exact reason for all our celebrations. The service will feature music and carols – and hopefully, a staff “choir”!

We've come to the end ... so much news – such a busy bunch! We will see you all back again in 2013!

This Newsletter was compiled by members of the student council. - Thanks Eoghan Mangan, Jacques Kinane, Marc Hurson, Dáire Healy, Dáire O'Carroll, Alex Ahern, Jack Hayes, Daniel Colbert, Daniel Cashman and Michael Cashman! Fair play!