



# Christian Brothers College Monkstown Park

## Newsletter

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Happy New Year to everyone and hoping you had a lovely, peaceful and restful Christmas! Our first term was a very eventful one and I have no doubt the second term will be just as busy. As we start the New Year, I pray for God's blessing to protect and guide everyone in the CBC Community.

Dr. G. Berry

## Academic Awards



It was great to have some of last year's 6th years back to receive their academic awards at a ceremony in November. This is one of the highlights of the year where many of our high achievers are recognised with awards, along with the Br. Kingston memorial award for student of the year which was presented to last year's Head Prefect Robert Chadwick.

### THE IRISH TIMES

#### Feeder Schools 2015

We were delighted to be placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in County Dublin on the recent Irish Times Feeder Schools list. The Irish Times compiles the list of schools ranking each school on the number of students graduating to third-level education following the Leaving Certificate.



This year's TY Musical in association with Loreto Foxrock will be "All Shook Up"!

The main roles have been cast and rehearsals are under way.

Opening Night is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of March and this year's production will run for three nights.

## Academic Scholarships



Congratulations to Conor Johnston & Matthew Mc Grath from last year's Sixth Year who have been selected for TCD Entrance Exhibition Awards

Congratulations also to the seven CBC boys who have been awarded UCD Entrance

Scholarships; Robert Chadwick; Conor Daly; Eoin Downes; Niall Hogan; Ben Mahon; Mark Scally and Daniel Walsh.

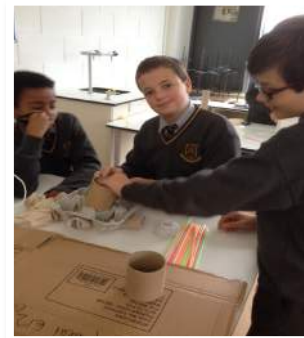


## The Great Egg Drop



During Science Week 2015, the Science Department ran a competition in which 1st and 2nd year pupils were required to build a contraption that would house an egg and survive a drop from the

roof of the new school building.



1<sup>st</sup> years building their contraptions

Some of the ideas were Eggcelent!!

## Jambia



Kel Cunningham  
(1<sup>st</sup> Year)

We had a great night in December when many of our talented musicians came together to hold a jam session in the hall in aid of the Zambian Immersion project.

It was great to have 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> year boys socialising and playing together.



Jack McAteer  
(6<sup>th</sup> Year)

## American Tea Party



The American Tea Party was a fantastic night again with over 170 parents, teachers and supporters of

CBC Rugby in attendance. A great night was had by all with delicious food, great music and fantastic prizes. Thanks to all those parents, sponsors and guests who made the night such a success

## Lá Gaeilge

Ghlac an chéad bhliain páirt i nGaeilge 24 ar an 13 Samhain 2015. Is í aidhm an dúshláin seo ná daoine óga a spreagadh chun labhairt as Gaeilge amháin ar feadh 24 uair a chloig.

The aim of this challenge is to inspire young people to speak Irish for 24 hours at home and in school. The challenge helps open the minds of young people and allows them to experience the Irish language in a unique and positive way.

Well done to the first years, as they raised a total of €724 for Conradh na Gaeilge.



## TY Times

The autumn term in CBC was another busy one for CBCTY! All the boys have been involved in many activities and workshops, both in and out of the school. They are learning new skills and new experiences are being welcomed. Here are just a few

### Tag Blitz



Well done to Mark Nolan and Jordan Brophy who organised the Tag Rugby Blitz in CBC with the girls from Loreto, Foxrock. It was a great day and thanks to Ms. Lorigan and the referees who helped out on the day. Mark and Jordan are organising another tournament

with the girls and looking forward to meeting them again in preparation for the CBC - Foxrock Musical.

### Run in The Dark



This is CBCTY's third year taking part in the Run in the Dark in aid of The Mark Pollock Trust. This year saw our biggest entry with over 45 out of the 50 boys taking part. Some of the boys met and chatted with Mark

before and after the race; they also looked the part while running the 5K in their CBC jerseys!

### Goal Jersey Day



Well done to Jake Doherty, Conor Higgins and Aman Parary who organised the CBC Jersey Day in October. All pupils in CBC were asked to make a contribution and even some of the staff took part! Well done also to the 13 boys who volunteered their time to help out St. Vincent de Paul (Sallynoggin Conference) in Cornelscourt in November. The boys' time and effort helped to raise over €3,000 for the community.



### Social Placement

All Transition Years take part in a Social Placement Programme during their year, working in various types of schools, nursing homes and local centres. In December some boys helped to organise the Social Inclusion Day in Stillorgan, welcoming those involved in local initiatives such as Dun Laoghaire Outreach Project, Bray Community Addiction Team, Mounttown Youth Group (Oasis) and Dun Laoghaire Community Addiction Team. While in November some of the boys helped out Dublin GAA star Michael Fitzsimons (CBC Past Pupil) to bring along the Sam Maguire to the various centres.

### Public Speaking

The Transition Years will be comfortable speaking in front of an audience after taking part in Mr. Fitzmaurice's Public Speaking class this term. We look



forward to them showcasing this skill in May for the Transition Year Presentation evening

### Entrepreneurship and Mental Health



CBCTY have welcomed a number of speakers with diverse areas of expertise. Two of the speakers made a lasting impression. James McManus, an entrepreneur who founded a successful Eco Travel company, worked with the boys developing a skillset for business; while Robert Kerr (left) had an insightful and powerful workshop on Mental Health and Alcohol which has left a lasting impression on the group. Our thanks to James, Robert and to all speakers for making time to visit CBCTY. If you know of other suitable speakers who are interested in visiting us, please contact Mr. Ferguson.

The **next term** will see all of CBCTY take part in their Work Experience. There are a wonderful variety of placements this year : from Microsoft to Price Waterhouse Cooper, from veterinary clinics to bookstores. Good luck to all the boys in their respective placements. Carpe Diem!

## Sports Update

### Junior Cup Team

The Juniors have been drawn against a qualifier from the Fr Godfrey Cup in the Junior Cup 1<sup>st</sup> round.

The JCT lost out to a very powerful Roscrea side in the League Final in Donnybrook just before Christmas. Well done to Sean Power and his team on getting to the final and good luck after Christmas in the cup.



Ethan Ryan (left) & James Reynolds (right) in action in the League Semi Final

### Senior Cup Team

The Senior's league campaign ended in the ¼ Final at the hands of St. Andrews.

The whole school will be behind them when they take on St. Gerards in the Senior Cup 1st round which will be played in Donnybrook on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of January.

It would be great to see as many past pupils as possible there to cheer them on to victory.



### Rowing

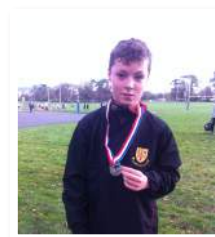
Rowing in CBC continues to expand. Over the midterm a group of first and second year students took part in a three day camp in Trinity Boat Club, getting into one, two and four man boats to paddle on the Upper Liffey. At the Rowing Ireland Schools' Indoor Relay Blitz in Trinity College, where our TY rowing coaches acted as student helpers, Monkstown was a force to be reckoned with. The teams took first place in the U14s (Harry Halwax, Naoise Burke, Alex Campbell, Jack Palmer, Alex Lee) and U13s (Gavin Doran, Jack Reynolds, Josh Curran, Darragh McCaul, Ginn Calverley) categories plus third place in the U14s (Conor Eivers, Adam Doherty, Sean Cronin, Kit McCann, Gavin Doran). At the Leinster Indoor Rowing competition in the Garda rowing club, Naoise Burke finished fifth in his category. We are looking forward to Irish indoor champs and to getting more water time in 2016!



### Cross Country

Well done to the U14 Cross Country team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the recent meeting in Blackrock, especially to Peter Duffy who came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 127 runners. The U14 boys also followed this result with a team 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Edmund Rice Cross Country Championships with Peter Duffy again the pick of the runners with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish.

The U16s also finished third in the Edmund Rice Championships.



Peter Duffy

### Coaching

Well done to all the aspiring coaches in CBCTY. From coaching rugby to 1st Class pupils in C.B.S. Francis Street during the Social Placement Programme to the Indoor Rowing Coaches working with the College's 1st and 2nd Years, a number of this year's Transition Year's are fast becoming a group keen to pass on the skills they have learned.



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