



Edmund Rice Schools Trust

# Christian Brothers College Monkstown Park

## Newsletter

*A positive environment where learning, kindness and gratitude are valued.*

## Welcome Back



Fáilte romhaibh ar ais go CBC! I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful break over the Christmas holiday period. As we start our busy second term I would like to wish all in the CBC Community a very Happy New Year. This term will pass quickly with many events as listed on the school calendar. For our Leaving and Junior Certificate exam students, it is an important year and we wish them the best of luck for 2019. Our first year students are well settled into CBC life at this stage and we pray for God's blessing to protect and guide all our students, staff and parents in the busy school year ahead. If you get a chance, please visit our school website and check out the CBC School Values that we are promoting among all the students this year.

A big thank you to all the CBC staff for their great work over the past year. Without their co-operation, their ongoing willingness to offer their valuable free time and their infectious enthusiasm for the students and the school, our many activities would simply not be possible. Plans are well advanced at this stage for building work to commence this summer on the new Sports Hall and additional classrooms. Remember that if you want to get involved in school life, the Parents' Council are always looking for volunteers to help out at various events during the year. Contact us here in the office on 01-2805854 and we will put you in touch with the Council members. Beir Bua agus Rath Dé ar an obair.

Mr G. Duffy

## Academic Awards

Our Academic Awards ceremony was once again held in November. This is one of the highlights of the year where many of our highest academic achievers are recognised with awards. The award for best Junior certificate was won by Michael Cregg, while Alan Hickey won Best Leaving Cert and Student of the Year.

Awards were presented for the following subjects for achieving the highest mark in CBC in the Leaving Certificate.

Liam Byrne	Economics,
Jake Doherty	Geography,
David Donnelly	Business Studies,
Eoghan Grehan	Latin,
Alan Hickey	DCG, French, Irish, Maths and Physics,
James levers	Religious Education,
Alireza Khoddamishteh	Biology,
Ewan McGrath	Classical Studies
Eoin Molloy	Applied Maths, Chemistry, English & History
Zach Sattar	Art
Harry Shaw	Accounting
Luke Whyte	Home Economics



Alan Hickey with his parents



Mr. Duffy, Zach Sattar, Luke Whyte, Ewan McGrath, David Donnelly, Jake Doherty,

Eoghan Grehan, Harry Shaw, Liam Byrne, Alireza Khoddamishteh, James levers, Eoin Molloy, Alan Hickey



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## UCD Entrance Scholars

Congratulations to our four UCD Scholars, Jake Doherty, Alan Hickey, Max Read and Eoin Molloy. The boys received scholarships on the back of their excellent Leaving Cert results. Well done also to Abhijith Jyothis who received an exhibition in Trinity College.

## Stand Up Awareness Week



Staff Rainbow Day for Stand Up Week to support the LGBTI+ Community.

## Run in the Dark

A big Well Done to all the pupils and staff who joined thousands of fellow runners in Dublin to Run in the Dark on the 7th November 2018 and support our ongoing research to find a cure for paralysis in our lifetime.



Special Congratulations to Sean Commiskey in TY who was first across the line out of the CBC contingent



## Armistice Commemoration

November 11th marked the centenary of the end of the First World War. The conflict claimed the lives of over 16 million servicemen globally including almost 40,000 of the 210,000 Irishmen, from North and South, who joined the British military. Of the 40,000 Irish servicemen who died, over 600 came from the Dun Laoghaire area, including my great-great grandfather Corporal Patrick Conway of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers who died of his wounds in France during Easter Week 1916.

The historic significance of Ireland's role in the Great War was largely and deliberately forgotten in the new Irish Free State and it was only in 2014, 100 years after the start of the conflict, that we as a nation begin to rediscover Ireland's role in the war. With this in mind, I approached the task of organising CBC's Commemorations of the 1918 Armistice on November 9th. It was an honour to officiate at the school's Ceremony of Remembrance as Master of Ceremonies and a privilege to welcome Cllr. Cormac Devlin, Deacon Eric Cooney of Monkstown Parish and Mr John Burke of the Royal British Legion, Dun Laoghaire Branch. Cllr. Devlin officially opened the Ceremony with a speech about the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown area and Ireland in World War I. Deacon Cooney led the school in prayers of remembrance and Mr Burke spoke about several men from our local area who fought and died in the war and he outlined the work that the Royal British Legion does in the Dun Laoghaire. The ceremony culminated in two minutes' silence at 12 noon and also incorporated poetry readings and a musical performance.

(L-R: Mr Fitzmaurice, Deacon Eric Cooney, Cllr. Cormac Devlin, Eoghan Fay, Mr John Burke)



I would like to thank Mr Fitzmaurice for his help and support in organising the ceremony, Mr Rooney for arranging the music, Sean Power and Donal Madden for reading the poems, Mr Duffy for all his support when planning the ceremony and our special guests for their contributions.

It is my hope that the CBC Ceremony of Remembrance helped to highlight Ireland's role in World War I and the sacrifices made by Irish people. Ar eagla go ndéanfaimis dearmad. Lest we forget our glorious dead.

-Eoghan Fay, 6th Year.



## Rugby Update

The Seniors will play St. Andrews in the Vinnie Murray Cup on January 15<sup>th</sup>. After a tough league campaign. They came up just short against Wesley in the last game of the group which would have guaranteed them direct entry in to the Senior Cup. Congrats to Adam Kilroy, Will Boyle and Sean Commiskey who scored their first tries for CBC this month.

The Juniors will play St. Michaels in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Junior Cup on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The Juniors performed well in the league group stages to secure a home quarter-final against Newbridge, unfortunately on the day Newbridge proved too strong.



The Juniors after beating CUS in the league

### 2nd Year Rugby



1<sup>st</sup> years taking on Wesley College

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Rugby

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Years have had some great matches over the last couple of months with good wins against Castleknock, Wesley and Terenure.

It is great to see 3 or 4 teams turning out most weeks and the boys are progressing really well.

First Year rugby continues to go from strength to strength with 4 teams turning out most Wednesdays.

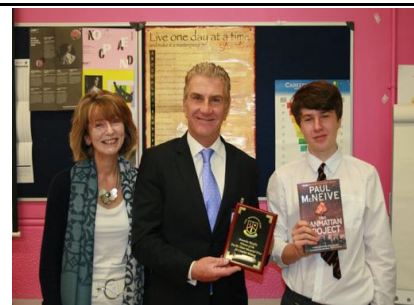
They have had some good wins and the lads are clearly enjoying their experiences, building skills and making friends.



## Guest Speakers

We were delight to have Paul McNieve in to speak to our TYs. He also presented Donncha Murphy with the Jim McNieve memorial award for Creative Writing.

We also had a number of other speakers pupils including JohnO'Shea, Ray Langan and John Lonergan who inspired and informed our pupils.



## Thank You

Thank you so much to all of the members of the CBC Monkstown community who donated items for the Christmas hampers. The hampers are an opportunity for us to help those in need in one of our sister primary schools. The hampers were delivered just before Christmas to CBS Francis Street.



## Workshops



We have run a number of workshops over the term including some on mindfulness, study skills, anti-bullying and career and guidance.



**CBC as a Global School****Geography Week 2018****Geography Week****Place of birth of our pupils and staff**

As part of Geography Week we had a look at migration and the place of birth of our pupils. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> years carried out a survey and they asked our pupils about their country of birth. We looked to celebrate migration and discuss the positives of migration.

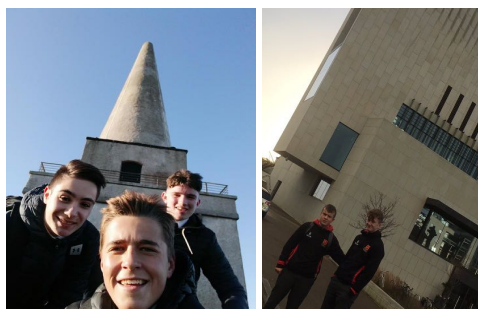
As you can see CBC is a Global School with pupils coming from 28 countries including Australia, Russia, Botswana, South Africa, Brazil, Canada, Iran, Japan and Singapore.

**Transition Year Update**

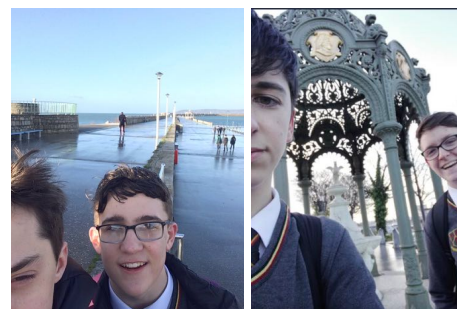
Our 4<sup>th</sup> Year pupils are making the most of the Transition Year program.

They have been heavily involved in charity work, social placement and had a number of talks from inspirational speakers.

They will now embark on their work experience for the next two weeks.

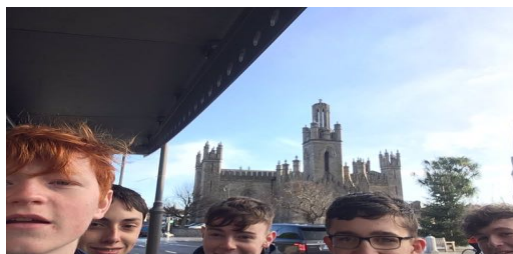
**Twitter Treasure Hunt**

The Transition Year pupils embarked on an adventurous Twitter Treasure hunt, where they travelled around Monkstown and Dun Laoghaire searching for their next clue set by Mr. Ferguson.



The boys had to use twitter to send back messages to show when they got to each location.

This was a definite highlight of the term for most of the boys!

**Wellbeing in CBC**

Thanks to Mr Murphy, Ms Lorigan and Ms Fleming who have been pivotal in establishing the Student Support Team (SST) in CBC. A Student Support Team (SST) is a student-focused mechanism put in place by the school in order to:

- identify and co-ordinate the various types of support available for students in the school
- facilitate links to the community and other non-school support services
- enable students with support needs to continue to access a full education
- assist staff to manage those students effectively
- ensure new staff members are briefed about policies and procedures relating to student wellbeing and support
- advise school management on the development and review of effective student support policies and structures.

The CBC SST meets on a weekly basis and handles referrals from any member of the school community including students who, in good faith, may wish to refer fellow students.

If you would like to include anything in the newsletter, please email [website@cbcmonkstown.ie](mailto:website@cbcmonkstown.ie)