



# Christian Brothers College Monkstown Park

## Newsletter

Edmund Rice Schools Trust

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

## Greetings from CBC

"The final throes of winter fade, and life is again renewed".



The essence of spring is in the air at CBC as staff and students are busy heading for the business-end of the school year. On the sporting front, congratulations to all our participants and coaches in rugby (2019 Vinnie Murray Cup Champions!), athletics, tennis, table-tennis, basketball and swimming. Arts Week was a smash hit once again this year along with our Creative Writing Competition – a massive thank you to the staff and students who gave up their time to ensure its continued success. The Junior Cycle Profiles of Achievement were issued to our 4th Years in TY and along with the students

in Loreto Foxrock, it's TY Musical Time - well done to all involved in the fabulous "Back to the 80's". Catholic Schools Week took place at the end of January and our Junior and Senior debaters continue to progress and achieve success (Third Year Student James O'Donoghue – 2019 Leinster Champion!). Congratulations to Mr Finnegan on the recent launch in the school of his Irish textbook Gaeilge Abū! Our Junior and Leaving Certificate students are busy preparing for their language oral exams and practical deadlines – we wish them all well. Our building plans for the new Sports Hall and additional classrooms are advancing well and thanks to all our staff and parents for hosting the annual American Tea Party in April. Finally may I wish all the members of the CBC family a Happy Easter and blessings at this special time of the year. Beir Bua agus Beannacht!

Gerry Duffy, School Principal.

## Vinnie Murray Champions



Congratulations to the Senior Rugby Squad following their victory in the Vinnie Murray Cup Final against CUS. The Senior team this year have managed to bring the Vinnie Murray Cup home in convincing fashion playing some very attractive rugby. They beat St. Andrew's in the 1/4 Final 54-10, before beating Kings Hos 39-10 in the Semi Final and qualified for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Senior Cup. The Seniors beat CUS 55-0 in the first round before losing 38-10 to Clongowes in the 1/4 Final. The Final of the Vinnie Murray Cup was then played and was a repeat of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Senior Cup with a similar score line with CBC running out 50-17 winners.

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To the players, coaches, their families and all the supporters we say a massive thank you all for your support this year.

Huge thank you also to past pupil Conor Battigan and his company Tenant Ready for their Sponsorship and support this year,





## Bond Trader Challenge

Five 6th year pupils, Ross O'Neill, Tadhg St Leger Quinn, Harry Wall, Gareth Hughes and Luca Haran (Team Leader) won the prestigious Bank of Ireland Bond Trader Challenge in the Maldron Hotel in Tallaght.



## Student Sean Mackey Champion Amateur Boxer

**What age were you when you started boxing ?**

I started boxing properly when I was eight, when my cousin brought me down to try it out.

**Are you in a club?**

Yes, St Kevins, but I go around to different clubs to spar, including Monkstown, Crumlin and Ballybrack.

**How often do you train?**

8 times a week, before school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, after school Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and then Saturday and Sunday.

**What are your best achievements so far?**

Two Dublin Championships, One Dublin League, Two Monkstown box Cups (biggest junior amateur competition in the world) and One All Ireland title, which came to a 3/2 split decision against the European Champion.

**What is your goal as a boxer?**

Keep fighting, keep winning and to make the senior Irish team.



## National Junior Mace Debate



Congratulations to James O'Donoghue who won the Leinster Final of the National Junior Mace Debating Championships on March 2nd. In order to get to the final, James had to compete against 300 other students from schools around Leinster in three preliminary rounds. On Saturday, the top 72 speakers arrived in CBC to compete in the finals day. There were four debates before the top eight speakers were announced for the final.

Joining James in the final were Leon Reilly from CBC as well students from Belvedere College, Loreto Beaufort, Castleknock Community College and PS Setanta. They debated the motion which was that "this house believes social media has a positive influence on politics". James was on the opposition side during the debate. The final was chaired by Keelin Shanley from RTE's Six One News.

There was also success for CBC students Conor Coveney and Charlie Garland O'Connor who both qualified for the national finals day based on their performance. This was the first time CBC has hosted a round of the competition and are delighted that the day went so well. Particular thanks must go to all the students who helped out on the day, in the setting up of rooms and the hall, the serving of lunch and the other duties needed to run the day so well.



## Senior Debating

Congratulations to Jack Palmer, Luke Holmes, Donncha Murphy and Dara Grady for winning their Leinster Debating quarter finals and qualifying for the upcoming semi final.



## Marathon Row for Crumlin Hospital

On Wednesday December 19th, a number of CBC Present, Past Pupils and Staff took part in an Indoor Rowing Marathon in the Dundrum Town Centre. In total the participants rowed over 360km in the 9 hours on 4 rowing machines.

It was great to see pupils, past and present and teachers including Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Brennan and our Principal Mr. Duffy working hard for this great cause.

Thank you to all those who supported and helped raise over €7,500 for the CMRF Crumlin.



## Walk the Walk for the CMRF



Past Pupil David O'Reilly took a quick dip in the Forty Foot before his 200km walk to Galway where he will finish with a swim in the Atlantic.

Our Transition Years joined Dave for the start of his charity walk to Galway to raise funds for Crumlin Childrens' Hospital



## Arts Week 2019

This years Arts Week was filled with activities including glass engraving, a photography competition, blackout poetry, music concerts, a food expo showcasing food from around the world, talks by a number of staff members as well as visiting speakers.



Jae Young Cho – Origami Workshop



Glass engraving



Junior Music Concert



Food from around the world



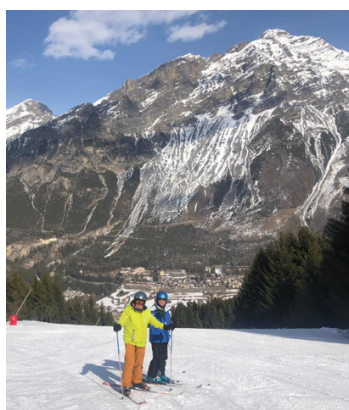


## Transition Year Update



Our Transition Year Pupils have once again had a very busy term. They started this term with a two week block on work experience. Since then they have walked from Bray to Greystones, as well as having attended conferences run by Dell and the Fighting Words crew and a workshop in Innovation and Creativity

They also attended the 'Future Sparks' Festival in the RDS in March and some of the pupils found out that they have some hidden talents in the Circus skills workshop. TY had a talk from RTE's George Lee on climate change and what we can do about it. They will finish the term with their 4 night run of their Musical "Back to the 80s"



The Ski trip was probably the highlight of TY for me so far. Getting on the slopes in Italy was a really fun experience and everyone enjoyed it. Over the week everyone improved massively through the lessons and the extra help given by Mr. O'Farrell, on the last few days people who had never skied before were able to manage even the black slopes.

The evenings were really enjoyable as well with activities put on for us including bowling, curling and a table quiz. The hotel we stayed in was very nice and had great facilities which we enjoyed. We finished our trip with a short stay in Verona where we got to explore the city. I think most people who travelled with me will agree that this was the best school trip we have ever been on!

By Eoghan O'Driscoll

## Basketball



The Junior and Senior basketball teams have gone from strength to strength this year. They have been involved in many matches and growing in confidence with every game.

## Cross Country



Well done to the Minor Team that competed at the Leinster Cross Country Championships in January at Santry and to Joe Doody who ran excellently in the U17 Race.

## Rugby



The Juniors were unlucky when they were drawn against a very strong St. Michaels team in the first round of the Junior Cup. They represented the school with pride and determination!

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