



Christian Brothers College Monkstown Park

Newsletter

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As the dark days of winter are disappearing, the essence of spring is in the air in CBC. Life proves to be exciting and busy for many of our students with great success in rugby, debating, film and rowing. Congrats to all students and coaches involved.

Our inaugural Arts Week proved to be a great hit with the CBC community, well done to all the teachers and students who gave up their time to make it such a success. As Easter fast approaches our Leaving Cert students are preparing for their Orals and we wish them the best of luck. Finally may I wish all members of the CBC community a Happy Easter and may God Bless you and your families at this special time.



Dr. G. Berry

Vinnie Murray Cup Champions



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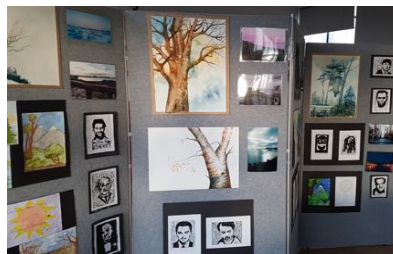
With his big crazy hair, he's class in the air!
He leaps like a salmon, jump with him if you dare!
Sweeney, Sweeney, Sweeney, Sweenaayyyyyy!!!

Luke Sweeney's theme song rang out around Donnybrook before the start of the Vinnie Murray Cup Final as if to warn Kilkenny of what was to come.

Kilkenny shot out of the traps and scored first in the 3rd minute and looked to attack from deep when Luke Sweeney plucked a loose Kilkenny pass and sprinted in from 20 yards.

Kilkenny built pressure again and scored from a fine crossfield kick to make it 10-7. James Reynolds and the Kilkenny kicker traded penalties in the last few minutes before half time to leave CBC trailing 13-10 at the break.

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By: Charlie Garland O' Connor 1ROD

March 2017 saw CBC's first Arts Week. It was seven days of fun events, concerts, exhibitions and learning.

During the mornings music was played from 8:30am till 8:45am and every morning there were readings in different languages (Irish, Latin, German, French and English).



Throughout Monday there was a science gallery talk, a UCD Arts and Humanities talk as well as the senior concert jammed with great music. On Monday afternoon lots of first and fourth years packed down onto the pitches. We were all placed into a letter to read CBC ARTS from the sky. The atmosphere was fantastic and we all waved and cheered as the drone flew over our heads.

On Tuesday there was a talk on working in the music industry, a workshop on drumming linking body percussion and maths. During Tuesday afternoon there was an interesting photography talk lead by Daniel De Chenu from IADT and his piece of advice for any young person interested in photography is

"Be curious about everything, let your camera lead you and let your imagination guide you".

Wednesday was Funky Tie Day and lots of students made a brilliant effort. In the afternoon the junior concert took place and we were lucky enough to have Bernard Farrell (CBC past pupil) talk to us. There were lots of soloists and groups who performed in addition to people reading out stories.



Thursday evening was the main event of the week running from 6-9pm, lots of art work, pictures and students' work was displayed in the hall. At 7pm the concert began. It was such a brilliant evening, first years right up to sixth years played as soloists and in groups. There was a huge variety of music, Adele to Oasis to ACDC to Ed Sheeran and some great singer-songwriters, even the German National Anthem was sung! At the end of the show a group of fourth years treated us to a unique performance which will feature in their upcoming production and version of Hairspray.

On Friday we could dress up as our favourite movie/book character and everyone did a great job even the teachers! There were also several talks throughout the day.

I think that Arts Week was a brilliant idea, having lots of guest speakers, being able to express the arts and being able to have the chance to perform. It gave everyone an opportunity to maybe stop and think a little more and be involved when they normally wouldn't. It was obvious that everyone had an enjoyable time and learned a huge amount. In general, the high point of the week was the Thursday night concert as there was incredible musical talent. There definitely should be Arts Week every year as it brings CBC together from 1st to 6th year.



Some great photos from Alireza Khoddam (5th year)

Hero's and Villains

As part of Arts Week, pupils and teachers were asked to dress as a hero or villain from a book or movie of their choice. Some of the outfits were brilliant, we even had our very own crew from the Millenium Falcon.



Morocco Talk with Mr. Ali Serkouh

By Liam Browne 1MF

As an introduction, Ali asked us what we knew about Morocco. We knew a lot more than he expected. He showed us some Moroccan pottery. There was a stand and a sort of plate with a cover. They used this to cook their food. He showed us a video about the top 10 places to visit in Morocco. It looks like a very hot deserted country. It is just south of Spain.

He showed us the place where he was born, Sidikni. It is known for its fishing market. Number 9 was the capital. 7 was a city painted in blue. A place called Fez had the oldest university ever there. Number 1 was Marracka it is a beautiful city with amazing gardens and buildings. After that he put on a video about Morrocon food. It said Morocco has some of the nicest spices in the world. They use a lot of couscous in their dishes. They all make their own couscous. They do not refrigerate their meat so they eat it all in one day. In the video they were making a lot of Morrocon dishes. After he handed out pieces of cake his wife made the day before. It was delicious. When we finished our cake Ali put on a Moroccan song.

Fresh Film Festival

By Matthew Cahill



Declan Thorne, Patrick Whelan, Taylor Whyte and myself were selected to attend Ireland's answer to the Academy awards - the Fresh Film Festival. We left our acting bro's behind in NB6. We were nominated for the gong for Best film production, this is a memory that will be with us for life. Huge thanks to our inspiration Mr. Finnegan.

Debating Success

Congrats to Parsa Nazemi on claiming 2nd place in the Leinster Junior Mace Debating Championships



Best of Luck to Parsa and his partner Jack Palmer in the Leinster Junior Debating Final and also to the other CBC team in the final, Kyle Mullen and Doncha Murphy. Bring home the trophy lads!

Safer Internet Day

As part of Safer Internet Day, a group of our 2nd years were invited in to Facebook's offices in Grand Canal Dock for a symposium on making the internet a safer environment for teenagers. Organised by the PDST the conference focussed on ways parents and teenagers can enjoy a healthy relationship with the online world.

Huge thank you to Simon Grehan from the PDST for giving us the invite.



Sports Update

Vinnie Murray Cup (cont)

The 2nd half started with more Kilkenny pressure, stoic defence from CBC held them at bay with Zach Sattar and Rob Doyle to the fore.

Kilkenny looked to go wide but Sweeney was again primed and ready when he sniffed a chance and lunged for another intercept and then outpaced the covering defence to go a full 90 metres to give CBC the lead. This settled the team and they listened to the advice at half time and took control of the game.



Eoghan Clarke carried hard and made ground while Sean Power controlled the game from 10. Neat interplay from Shane O'Hanrahan and Darragh Forster set Luke Sweeney flying through a hole and he beat the covering defence to complete his hat-trick. James Reynolds continued his flawless kicking display to make it 24-13.

CBC were unlucky not to put the game beyond Kilkenny soon after, when Reynolds launched a counter attack from deep and cut through the first line of defence to set Conor Newman free. Conor used his pace and went over in the corner, only to be called back for a forward pass.

Despite Kilkenny scoring late on, CBC held on to win our 4th Vinnie Murray Cup! Congratulations to the team and their head coaches Mr. O'Donovan & Mr. Corcoran.

1st Year Rugby

The 1st Year rugby programme had our highest numbers in years participating, with over 100 pupils toggling out every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. With many coming to the game for the first time, the coaches focussed on the fundamentals with the aim of getting all players passing, catching, running and tackling to a good standard. This approach has paid dividends with some eye-catching attacking rugby being played by all four teams.

The A team recently competed in the inaugural Clongowes' Blitz, where they were very competitive. In a strong pool they ended the day by winning the Plate competition beating Castleknock and a Clongowes selection along the way.

The first years are ending their season with a tour to Wales at the end of March which promises to be a great trip. Thanks to all of the coaches who have worked so hard over the season, particularly Dave Murphy, Mr. Feeney, Mr. McNestry and Ms. Deasy.



Rowing



A group of 3rd, 4th and 5th year MIRT rowers went down to the University of Limerick on the 1st of March to compete in the schools' indoor rowing blitz. Students got a tour of the campus from a current student (and a sneak peak of Munster rugby training) before taking part in a 2000m relay race against other schools from around the country. All of the lads did themselves proud in the competitive Open category, with the mixed senior team of Alan Hickey, Calam Jones, Jake Doherty, Bill Hughes and Naoise Burke taking silver with a time of 6.18.4.

Record Breaker

Major congratulations to Shane Gevero in 1st year who smashed the National U13 60m record with a time of 7.2 seconds.

