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Happy New Year

Christian Simons

We would like to wish students, staff and their families a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead. We hope that everyone had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to many exciting school events in the coming months.

Transition Year News

Belfast Trip

Jake Healy & Jim Kennedy

Just before the Christmas break, TY students were treated with a trip to Belfast. Our tour began with a visit to Stormont Castle, where we were given a guided talk around the historic site. After Stormont we went for a walk around the city centre, followed by a fascinating walk around the Shankill Road area. We would like to thank Mr. Traynor for organising the trip and both Mr. Traynor and Mr. Cassidy who accompanied us on the day.

TY visit to Collins Barracks

Kevin Nolan and Hari Radhakrishnan

On 17th December all Transition Year Students along with Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Traynor went on a trip to Collins Barracks in Dublin City Centre. We visited the museum which focuses on Irish and European military history. It was an

interesting and informative experience, particularly the section focusing on World War 2. All the boys really enjoyed it. Thanks to Mr. Cassidy who organised our visit.

Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition

Maitiú Cawley

On Friday January 9th, TY and 2nd year students travelled to the RDS to support the TY students taking part in the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition. Clonkeen College was well-represented this year with 11 projects entered. Students visiting the exhibition had a fun and informative day at the exhibition, viewing the 500 projects on display, seeing robot shows and observing a variety of interesting experiments at the companies' stands. We would like to congratulate all participants from Clonkeen on their excellent projects.

Music CD Project

Conor Kinsella

Clonkeen College's annual music CD project recently got under way for 2015. Currently, we have at least one contribution from almost every year in the school. The end result will be a visit to a recording studio to produce a CD and later in the year we will perform in a concert in the school. Any student who would like to be involved in this project should make themselves known to Mr. McGloughlin or come along to the lunch room at 13:15 on Thursdays.

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Sports News

U15 Soccer

Clonkeen College v Drimnagh Castle

Caolán Moore & Michael Culloty

Our U15 Soccer team suffered a humbling 6-1 defeat to Drimnagh Castle Secondary School, in the Leinster Cup, on Thursday, 8th January. Hard luck to the players and their coaches Mr. Faherty and Mr. Cassidy.



Clonkeen College v St. MacDara's CC

Matthew Geary & Cathal Gillen

Following their crash out of the Leinster Cup earlier in the month, Clonkeen College played St. MacDara's Community College in the semi-final of the South Dublin League on Monday, 26th January. The team hoped to make it through to the final for the second year in a row. Clonkeen got off to a blazing start with Luke Hannigan (B3) opening the score. Captain Aaron Byrne (C3)

showed great leadership and defensive play, driving the team on. With great play on the ball from Kevin Quinn (B1) Clonkeen went into the half-time break leading 2-1. Clonkeen defended well against a valiant attempt from St. MacDara's to level the score and were unfortunate to concede a goal in the dying minutes, forcing the match into extra time. Three extra time goals from Clonkeen sealed the victory for the home side. Clonkeen will now face either Drimnagh Castle Secondary School or St. Benildus College in the final. Congratulations to all the players and their coaches Mr. Faherty & Mr. Cassidy.

U19 Soccer

Clonkeen College v Blackrock College

Martin Jensen & Marek Galus

Clonkeen College U19 Soccer team played a home match against Blackrock College on Friday 7th January. Unfortunately, Blackrock were the better side on the day, winning the match 1-0. Commiserations to the players and their coaches Mr. O'Shaughnessy and Mr. Howley.

Dylan Watts makes Irish School's Team

Congratulations to 5th Year student, Dylan Watts on a solid performance for the Irish School's Team against their Australian counterparts, in a friendly played at Whitehall on Monday 26th January. Final score: 1-1

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First Year Gaelic Football

Matthew Geary & Cathal Gillen

Clonkeen College v St. Benildus College

Clonkeen College 1st Year Gaelic Football team played a challenge match against local rivals St. Benildus College on 19th January. The match started slowly for Clonkeen who trailed St. Benildus 8-8 to 0-8 at the half. Coaches Mr. Lynch and Ms. Murray rallied the troops at the half-time break and Clonkeen upped their game in the second half, scoring 5-5. Despite a commendable performance in the second half the match finished St. Benildus College: 9-13, Clonkeen College: 6-13. This match was a great learning experience for the team who we hope will build on their performance going forward in the league.



1st Year panel: Cal Doran (A1), Seán Finn (A1), Alex Hogan (A1), Brian Kenny (A1), Oran Molony (A1), Jack Nugent (A1), David O'Dowd (A1), Byron O'Gorman (A1), Conor Ring(A1), Charlie Boyle (A2), Jamie Crilly (A2), Max Cunneen (A2), David Farrelly (A2), Killian Flynn (A2), Conor

Keane (A2), Luke Lynch (A2), Donal Martin (A2), Adam Matthews (A2), Andrew Byrne, (A3), Eoin Harcourt (A3), Oisín O'Connor (A3), Seán Walsh (A3). Coaches: Mr. Lynch & Ms. Murray.

First Year Soccer

Rory Fitzpatrick & Jack Hogan

Clonkeen College v Arklow CBS

Clonkeen College 1st year Soccer team had a convincing win against Arklow CBS in a match played in Arklow on Monday, 26th January. Arklow CBS went ahead early in the game, however Dylan Wildes equalised soon afterwards for Clonkeen. Although, Clonkeen appeared the stronger side they conceded a second goal. Clonkeen then took control off the game. Goals from Andrew Byrne, David O'Dowd, Byron O'Gorman and a second from Dylan Wilde secured the game for Clonkeen. Final Score: Clonkeen College: 5, Arklow CBS: 2. Congratulations to the players and their coaches Mr. Faherty and Mr. O'Shaughnessy.



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Basketball

Daniel Flatman & Cathal Gillen

Clonkeen College v Sutton Park School

On Tuesday, 20th February, our 1st Year and 2nd Year Basketball teams took on Sutton Park School in matches played in Sutton. The first saw our 1st Years narrowly defeated 13-11. The 2nd Years then played a tough match securing a much deserved win. The score: 14-13. Congratulations to both teams on solid performances and to their coaches Adam Mooney & Ms. Ní Chatháin.



U18 Gaelic Football

Matthew Geary

Clonkeen College v Portmarnock CS

Our U18 Gaelic Football team played Portmarnock CS in an away fixture on January 16th. Clonkeen established control in the opening minutes of the first half and played well, leading Portmarnock 1-4 to 0-3 at half-time. Despite a great goal from Jamie Broderick in the opening

minutes of the second half, luck was not on Clonkeen's side in the second half. Down to fourteen men, following a sending off for Eric Donnelly, Clonkeen found it hard to hold off Portmarnock who came back strongly to take the match 0-11 to 2-4. Commiserations to the players and their coaches Mr. Sheehy & Mr. O'Brien.



U16 Gaelic Football

Seán McDonald and Daniel McSherry

Clonkeen College v St. MacDara's CC

On January 7th, Clonkeen College U16 Gaelic Football Team played an away match against St. MacDara's Community College, Templeogue. The teams were well-matched and although they played with great heart, Clonkeen were defeated by three points. Notable players on the day were Seán McDonald (2-0) and Rory Fitzpatrick (Captain) at full back. Final score: Clonkeen College: 03-08, St. MacDara's: 03-11. Hard luck to the players and their coaches Mr. Brennan and Mr. Bennett.

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Athletics

Cormac Quinn & Daniel McSherry

A number of students represented Clonkeen College at the East Leinster Schools' Cross Country Championships which took place at Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow on 27th January. Our athletes faced a tough course and stiff competition on the day, but put in a steely performance to come home with good times. Best for Clonkeen on the day was first year Harry Gunning who finished in the top 20 in his race. Well done to all involved and to coaches Mr. Howley and Mr. Sheehy.



Mountain Biking

Following last month's feature on 5th Year student, Conor Lavelle's 2014 mountain biking success, we are delighted to bring you the news that Conor has secured sponsorship with a high profile American bike company. This will allow him to participate in all rounds of the Enduro Mountain Biking Series and to consolidate and build on last year's

fantastic third place finish.



Conor was also nominated for Outsider's 2015 Person of the Year award for his outstanding 2014 performance. At the awards ceremony, held in Smithfield on January 29th, Conor walked away with an award for Breakthrough Performance of 2014. We would like to congratulate Conor on this remarkable achievement and wish him the best of luck in the 2015 series.

TWSG

Klent Nervez

The Third World Support Group had a very busy end to 2014 with bag packing in SuperValu, Deansgrange and our annual Christmas Fast and Christmas Eve collections taking place in Blackrock and Dun Laoghaire. All events were well supported resulting in a very successful end to the year for us. We would like to thank everyone at SuperValu in Deansgrange and all Clonkeen College students who took part in the fast and Christmas Eve collections. A reminder too to all those who have yet to return their sponsorship cards to bring them in to Mr. Nolan as soon as possible!

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TWSG news contd.

Over the Christmas period Mr. McGauley travelled to Africa with students Maurice Johnson, Ben Hogan and Aaron Hempenstall to visit TWSG funded projects in Ethiopia and Uganda. In Ethiopia, they visited a school constructed with TWSG support, while in Uganda they visited local farmers in the northern part of the country who will benefit from a microfinance initiative we are helping to establish in the region.

January brought the end of their term in the TWSG for our 6th Year members, who are now taking a step back, to focus on their upcoming exams. With their departure we had the election of a new chairperson. Congratulations to Conor M. Murphy (5th Year) who is taking on this role and Jamie Hume (5th Year) who is continuing in the role of secretary. A big thank-you to our outgoing chairperson Earl Echivarre for all his hard work over the years. We wish him and all our other outgoing 6th Years all the best in their exams.

Our second non-uniform day of the school year took place on January 30th. We would like to thank all students who participated and all teachers who facilitated our collection of €2 from each student.

As a final note we would like to remind all senior students that our meetings take place on Fridays at 13:15 in Room 5. All students from TY, 5th Year and 6th Year are welcome to join the Third World Support Group.

Green Schools

Devon Keogh

The Green Schools Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on the 15th of January.

We welcomed a number of new members and elected our new committee:

Chairman: Clifton Lewis

Secretary: Conor Wallace

Vice Secretary: Jamie Hume

Head of Monitoring: Ronan Brennan

Public Relations Officer: Klent Nervez

A Marine Biologist from Eco-UNESCO visited and presented a workshop for us. We worked in groups designing our own sustainable environment on an island. This task challenged our thinking as we had to come up with some really creative solutions. We found the workshop invaluable and it inspired us in our work within our school community.

We are currently working towards the school's first green flag. This flag relates to the areas of litter and waste awareness. We are expecting a visit in February to assess our efforts and hope that we will be successful in achieving our goal. We would like to remind all students and staff to keep up the great effort being made to separate waste in the school. So far we have managed to decrease the amount of general waste being sent out and to increase recycling in the school.

Mock Exams

Eric Ryan

Good luck to all Junior and Leaving Certificate students who will sit their mock exams between February 5th and 13th. We wish them every success and hope all their hard work pays off.