



The school's Chess Final, held in the library

school, and were hosted by families of the students involved. Many thanks to everyone who supported this very worthwhile educational programme, especially the teachers and parents.

75th ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL BOOK

The school still has copies of the 75th Borrisokane Community College Anniversary Book for sale. All profits from the sale of this 2017 book go to the Parents' Association.



TY students learning how to administer CPR



Students organised a Daffodil Day collection.

THANK YOU

The Parents Association would like to express their gratitude to Principal Matthew Carr, Deputy Principal Paula Molloy, and all of the staff for their hard work and commitment to our school, for the benefit of all of the students. If you would like to know more about the Parents' Association, or if you have any suggestions for school fundraisers or events, please contact the school.



Our school was presented with its 3rd Green Flag – well done!



Borrisokane Community College

Parents Association Newsletter

June 2019

BORRISOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our 2018/19 Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about the ways in which we actively support the school. We meet once a month during the school year to organise a variety of events and fundraisers which benefit the entire school community. We also discuss and review issues relating to parents and students, including the development and review of School Policies. The Association has two representatives on the Board of Management. We encourage all parents, and especially parents of incoming 1st Year students, to get involved in the Association. Please contact the school for details.

SCHOOL LEVY – WHAT IS IT?

The €50 Annual Family Levy helps support many activities in the school: After School Study is subsidised by the Parents Association and only costs €3; We contribute to the running of the Annual Christmas Concert; We subsidise the cost of Transport to Extracurricular Activities, including boys hurling, girls camogie, soccer matches, athletic events, junk couture competitions and many other activities throughout the year. By paying the €50 Annual Family Levy, you are ensuring that all students benefit from this essential funding. Thank you for supporting our students throughout the year.



The Scholastic Book Fair in March 2019

NEW BALL WALL & DRESSING ROOMS

Our major project for 2018/2019 was the construction of a new Ball Wall and 2 new Dressing Rooms, due for completion in September 2019. Details of the official opening will be available in due course. The Parents' Association are delighted to fund this project.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Our Uniform Exchange is an opportunity for families to pass on unwanted uniforms to other families in the school. Uniform items in good condition can be dropped into the school up until Monday 24th June. Parents and students can then come to the Uniform Exchange on Tuesday 25th June between 6pm – 8pm. All items are free!



The new Ball Wall under construction May 2019



Transition Year Students performing at the Annual Christmas Concert



BOOK FAIR

In March 2019 the Parents Association, teachers and TY students worked together in organising the school's first Scholastic Book Fair. The aim of the week-long Book Fair is to promote and enhance literacy in the school, in addition to raising funds to purchase new books for the school library. It was a huge success! The TY students learnt how to plan and run a 'book shop', and the library received over €500 worth of new books. Thank you to all of the students, teachers and parents who bought books at the Book Fair. Our next Book Fair week will be in November 2019, alongside the 'We Are Writers' project, which will see the students publish their own books.

'THIS IS NICHOLAS' – DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

The Parents Association, along with the school's Special Education Needs (SEN) Department invited Nich-



Students reading in the school's well stocked library.

SENIOR SOCCER NORTH MUNSTER CHAMPIONS 2019



olas Ryan-Purcell to the school to screen his documentary 'This Is Nicholas – Living with Autism' to the Junior & Senior cycle students. The aim of the event was to promote Autism awareness in the school. Nicholas spoke with the students after both screenings, and also enjoyed a tour of the school, including meeting with students in the ASD Centre. The students found the documentary very interesting.

TALKS FOR PARENTS

For our AGM in October we usually invite a Guest Speaker to cover topics of interest to parents. In October 2018 we had a very informative, and somewhat frightening, talk from Pat McKenna, a social media & online security expert. In March 2019 we invited Clinical Psychologist & Broadcaster David Coleman to speak to parents on issues relating to rearing teenagers. 300 people attended the Talk, including parents from surrounding schools. It was a very informative Talk, with an opportunity to ask questions at the end. Please contact the Parents' Association with any suggestions you may have for topics or speakers relevant to parents.

BAG PACKING – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Bag Packing is an annual fundraiser for the Parents' Association. We organise two separate days. In April 2019 we were in Dunnes Stores Nenagh, and raised €1023. On Saturday 21st September 2019 we'll be packing bags in Tesco Nenagh. Bag packing is a hugely profitable fundraiser for the Association, and the money raised is put to good use within the school. A huge thank you to all of the parents and teachers who have volunteered for bag packing. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. If you are available on Saturday 21st September, please contact Sinead on 086 3394639, thanks.



Nicholas Ryan-Purcell at the screening of his documentary

ERASMUS PROGRAMME

Borrisokane Community College continued with the very successful EU-funded Erasmus programme which began two years ago. 24 students from Transition & 5th Year participated in week long events hosted by schools in various European countries (Spain, Germany, Norway & Lithuania). Students from those countries then came to our



Students and teachers on the Erasmus Programme in Spain



Students enjoying activities during WellFest Week