



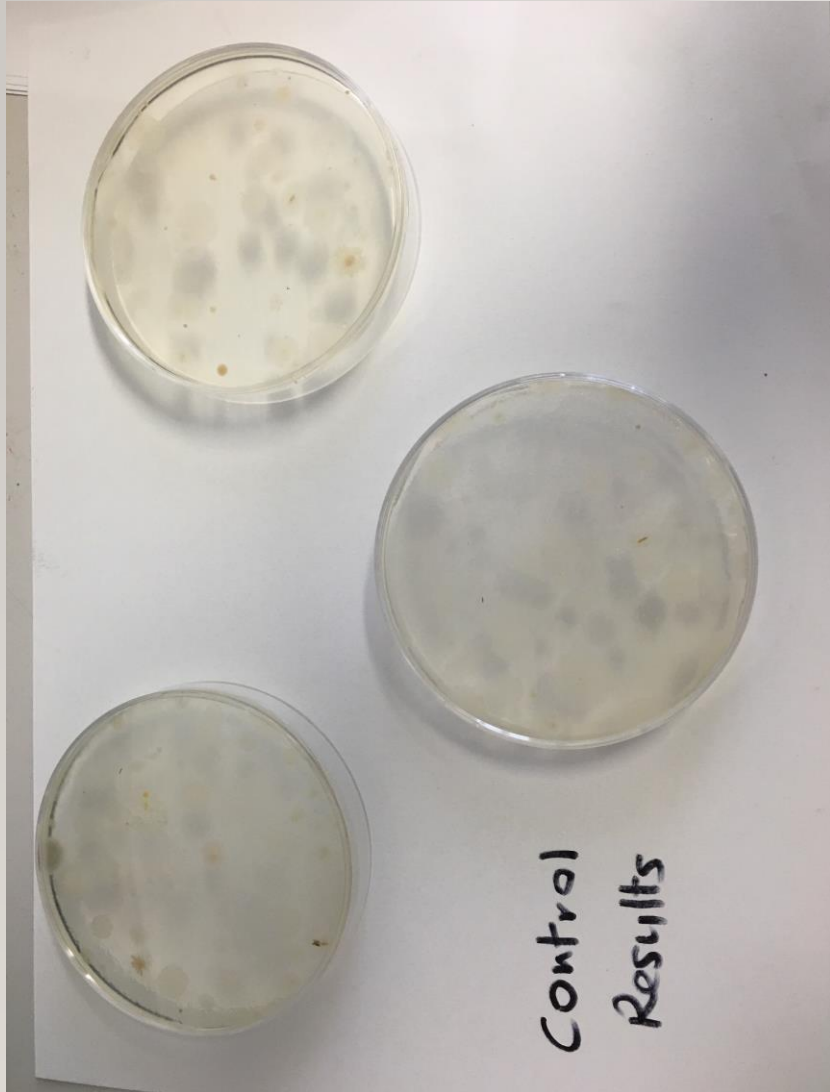
HERITAGE COMMITTEE

ABOUT THE PROJECT

- The Heritage Committee is now entering its sixth year of existence, it is comprised of staff members from a mix of subject areas, the Principal, a member of the Borrisokane Historical Society and TY students. Our objective is to continue to highlight the significance of the school building and adjacent sites of historical importance and to explore new and creative ways of engaging with our past. We are involved in the Creative Engagement programme which sees our students creatively engage and collaborate with skilled members of outside individuals or bodies.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Borrisokane Community College first exhibited at the **Creative Engagement Exhibition** 2017 and are currently preparing to exhibit again this year in November.
- This year, as part of the **microbiology module of TY biology**, the students engaged in an experiment which examined the effectiveness of carbolic soap by comparison to a well-known modern antibacterial soap brand.
- Students also worked on models and ICT projects to gain further understanding in relation to the site we are on.
- **Thomas Mullen** worked with 12 TY students over a 12 week period. He is a Ceramist and the students collaborated under his guardianship to complete many ceramic artefacts based on the schools heritage, the workhouse buildings and what life was like for it's inhabitants. The title of this project is **Austerity**.
- A new link with the local **Borrisokane Historical Society** regarding the historical ringfort located opposite the school was created last year.
- The storyboards for signage that the TY group of 2018 presented to the group were warmly received and the **signage was unveiled** in February by Sean Egan.
- In May 2019 TY students volunteered to **clean up this site** and collected many bags of rubbish. The Borrisokane Historical Society were delighted and we look forward to working with them again in the coming year.
- The vision for 2020 is to **erect a commemorative plaque** for the graveyard adjacent to the staff carpark. Research is ongoing and death certificates are the primary sources that students are investigating.



• TY MICROBIOLOGY RESULTS

- The students engaged in all aspects of the project by preparing their own agar plates for growth of micro-organisms, by designing the experiment and by also hypothesising their findings by researching the ingredients of each of the soaps used in the experiment.
- The sample of carbolic soap used in the experimental portion of the project is taken from a 100-year-old carbolic soap sample bar which was recovered from the historical buildings adjacent to the school.
- After conducting the experiment and examination of the agar plates after a week on incubation **it was concluded that the carbolic soap was just as effective as the modern day well-known brand of antibacterial soap, despite only containing a fraction of the ingredients.**

CERAMIC ARTEFACTS





TY RINGFORT SPRING CLEAN



