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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate exams are well on their way at this stage and I wish all students the strength and stillness to give their full mindful attention to the exams they face.

This is the last parent newsletter for this academic year, and here are a few notices that you may be interested in.

School Trips

The 1st years visited Kilfinane in deepest County Limerick for their class trip this year. For more information and pictures please click [here](#).

The 2nd years visit Birr adventure centre and the 5th years visited Holland. The feedback from the trips was that all, both students and teachers, thoroughly enjoyed the company of each other.

Soccer Victory for Junior Boys

The John Scottus Junior Boys soccer team have recently played both St. Conleths and Stratford College winning all three games. For more information please click [here](#).

5th Years teaching 3rd years in Geography

On Friday May 27th, the fifth year geography students prepared activities to teach the third year students. For more information and pictures please click [here](#).

Book Club May 2016

At lunchtime on Friday May 27th the final book club of the year took place. The theme was 'Bring Your Favourite Book'. To see some pictures please click [here](#).

3D World Globes

Miss Swan's 2nd year geography class were set an end of term project to create a 3D globe. The globe needed to include continent and ocean names, lines of longitude and latitude, and needed to be able to hang from the ceiling if possible. To see some globes please click [here](#).

Students meet T.D. Jim O'Callaghan

First and second year students were visited by local T.D Jim O'Callaghan on Friday the 20th of May. For more information please click [here](#)

2nd Year India Trip Presentation in Primary School Assembly

Four of the 2nd year girls gave a presentation to the primary school about their trip to Indian at Easter. For more information please click [here](#).

Twelfth Night

The Transition Year students produced a fantastic performance of the Twelfth Night. They delivered scintillating performances to enthralled audiences over 4 days in the Player's theatre in Trinity College. It really was impressive to see how this Transition Year group have grown in self confidence, strength of character and unity throughout the year. Well done to all involved, in particular the drama coordinator Ms Byrne.

Please check out this short video for a description of what can be achieved with Shakespearian drama in schools: [Drama in TY](#)

World Wyse

Transition Year has been contributing to and benefiting from Worldwide advice and finance in developing Development Education in the school since 2007. The school has recently received €2000 in grant aid to continue its work in this area and develop further its links with schools in India.

Celebration and Prize Giving Night

Celebration and prize giving night took place on Thursday May 19th. It was a great night of celebration enjoyed by all. To see the prize winners for each category please click [here](#).

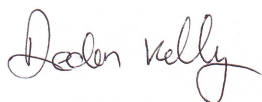
Sports Day

In the build up to sports day 'Active Schools Week', encouraged students to become more active during their down time. Activities included, Sports Quiz, Healthy Breakfast and the Teacher/Student soccer game. Sports day took place on Friday May 6th. The day was a great success with many great examples of individual and team performance. A special mention must be made of Mr. Pender and Ms. Sweeney for the superb organisation and communication. For more details of the event please click [here](#).

A philosophical thought for the day

"I know that I am intelligent because I know that I know nothing" – Socrates

Yours sincerely,



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