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## EDITORIAL

Enjoy your Easter Break and be prepared for all the forthcoming exams!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March Closing date for applications for TY and LCA September 2018.

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> School closes at 3.20. for Easter Holidays.

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> American Visitors return home.

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Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> April School Re-opens.

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> Leaving Cert. Spanish Oral Exams all week.

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> Leaving Cert. French Oral Exams for two days.

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> Blood Donation Clinic in the Aras for two days.

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Departure of Teachers & Students on French Exchange.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> Leaving Cert. Irish Oral Exams all week.

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> First Year Exams for four days.

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Closing date for return of Fifth Year Subject Choice Forms.

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Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May School Closed.

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> School Closed.

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> Sports Presentations in The Aras.

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Arrival of Students on French Exchange Programme.

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> TY Dance Show in The Aras at 8.00. p.m.

Matinee at 11.00. a.m.

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> TY v Teachers Fund Raising Soccer Match.

<b>Friday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TY Dance Show in The Aras at 8.00. p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Second and Fifth Summer Examinations.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>TY Presentations in The Aras.</b>
<b>Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Gaisce Adventure Journey for two days.</b>
<b>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Annual School Leavers Service at 7.30. p.m. in the Aras.</b>
<b>Monday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Year L.C.V.P. Work Experience this week.</b>

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<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>School closes.</b>
<b>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Concert to celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of C.C.S.</b>
<b>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations begin.</b>
<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>School Bookshop for Incoming First Years and Second Years.</b>

## General Data Protection Regulations

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**From May 2018 the GDPR - General Data Protection Regulations - will apply. This means that all organisations who hold data / information on individuals must manage that information appropriately. This has implications for schools as schools hold a lot of data on pupils. In the coming weeks, parents and guardians will be issued with a Data Protection Statement which will outline the context for schools. You will be asked to indicate your decisions about the school contacting you and about the use of photographs. It is important that you return this Form to the school.**

## U14 Girls GAA

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The U14 GAA Girls have been training really hard over the past 6 weeks. They played their first match at home to Moville CS on the 20th February. The girls played a fantastic game of football on the day, and came away from the match on a scoreline of Carndonagh 7-4 to Moville 5-2.

The next match for these girls will be an away match to Dean Maguire (Tyrone), followed by Sacred Heart (Omagh) and St. Pius X (Derry). Best of luck girls.....

The girls train every Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

## Macbeth 5<sup>th</sup> Year Trip

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On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 113 fifth year students went to see the Icarus production of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth.' It took place in the Millennium Forum in Derry at 10.30 am. The layout of the stage stood out straight away. Six triangles were spread across the back wall of the stage. When a character came on stage the triangles lit up a different colour, depending on their mood. This was a very clever way of portraying their feelings.

The cast was made up of nine actors. Each character played several roles in the play. This became quite confusing as the play progressed. However, everyone played their roles well. The strongest character in this production was Lady Macbeth. She

projected her lines clearly with emotion. This helped us connect with her.

One thing I disliked about this production was the gender switches. Important male characters were played as the opposite gender. Macduff, Thane of Fife, was played as a woman. To compensate for this, key quotes had to be changed to suit the gender. Personally, I do not think this worked. It is very important that we visualise the play. We can connect with characters more easily. We can hear how they speak and show their emotion rather than just reading it. The use of exotic costumes and vivid colour also makes it more memorable. Overall, I really enjoyed this experience. *Tara Doherty 5<sup>th</sup> year.*

## World Book Day

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As we missed World Book Day due to snow, we rescheduled the following week, March 8<sup>th</sup>. As always, the second corridor showed a colourful display of post-it notes of favourite books and authors from students and staff. Teachers' doors are also showing their favourite books too as we try to promote discussion around reading. There was a 'Guess the Teacher Reading Photo Competition' on the school website too. Eight members of staff had their photo taken, with their favourite book covering their face. It proved to be a fun but difficult task for staff and students alike.

### **World Book Day Results - The Top 10!**

The results are in from our annual World Book Day post-its...

The top 10 books as recommended by CCS students are:

1. The Harry Potter series - JK Rowling
2. Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck
3. To Kill A Mockingbird - Harper Lee
4. Girl Online - Zoe Sugg
5. Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff McKinney
6. The Outsiders - S.E. Hinton
7. Wonder - R.J. Palacio
8. Goodnight Mr. Tom - Michelle Magorian
9. Holes - Louis Sachar
10. The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins

Top Authors:

1. JK Rowling
2. John Steinbeck
3. Michael Morpurgo
4. Harper Lee
5. David Walliams

## JCSP Tour of the Walls of Derry

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On Tuesday, February 6th, 16 students from classes 3E and 2F took part in a walking tour of the Walls of Derry. They were accompanied by Mrs. Sharon Barr, Ms. Catherine Mc Intyre and Mrs. Seana Monagle. It was a cold and wintry day and the students were well prepared and had wrapped up well against the elements. We arrived at the Tourist Office in Derry where we were greeted by our charming and knowledgeable guide, George. George explained the route we would take and how long the tour would last, and we set off on our trek across the famous walls. We learned that Derry is the only remaining completely walled city in Ireland, and one of the finest examples of Walled Cities in Europe. The Walls were built during the

period 1613 to 1618 by the Honourable Irish Society as defences for early settlers from England and Scotland.

The Walls, which are approximately 1.5 km in circumference, form a walkway around the inner city and provide an ideal promenade from which to see the original city, and from their elevated position to view the Bogside. We stopped at various points along the tour where George explained in detail the story behind each Gate. The four original gates to the Walled City are Ferryquay Gate, Bishop's Gate, Butcher Gate and Shipquay Gate. Three further gates added later are Magazine Gate, New Gate and Castle Gate.

At one point on our tour, we were pelted with hail stones as George continued with his words of knowledge. We learned many facts about the history of Derry and the Troubles that took place, including the Siege of Londonderry in 1688/1689. In 1688 the Catholic King James II was deposed. All of Ireland stayed loyal to James, but Londonderry was one of the few places which remained loyal to King William. A Catholic army attempted to enter the City on December 1688, but 13 Apprentice Boys shut the gates against them. This began the siege of Derry in which many thousands of people died of starvation. The siege lasted 105 days and ended on the 28th July 1689 when ships broke a wooden boom across the river erected by the Catholic Army and brought food to the City. Three days later the besiegers realised they could not succeed and left, leaving a trail of destruction.

We saw the original cannons from this time, displayed throughout the City Walls. Many having been restored in 2005. We saw the lovely St Columba's Cathedral, the Fountain Estate, the Bogside and much to the delight of the students, St. Cecilia's School where the recent DERRY GIRLS tv series is set.

We finished the tour at Derry's Guildhall where the students saw the stunning stained-glass windows, an exhibition on the Plantation of Ulster, and the main hall and famous organ.

After a spot of lunch in the Foyleside Shopping Centre, we proceeded onto Jump Lanes in Derry's Altnagelvin Business Park. This is an indoor Trampoline Park where the students had tremendous fun on the large lanes of joined trampolines. Many displayed great skills as they dodged the balls that were thrown at them as they raced down the lanes of trampolines. Overall, a great day was had by all.

## Junk Kouture

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The Junk Kouture regional finals were held in The Helix in Dublin on Thursday 8th March. This year seven dresses from Carndonagh Community School were selected to participate in the regional final.

- Shattered and Broken- Jade Doherty, Caoimhe Doherty and Niamh McGonagle
- Erebus- Niamh McGeoghan and Natasha Devlin
- Electus- Amy Kirkland, Chelsea Doherty and Natasha Kirby
- Inter Twine- Deirdre Brennan and Cliona McNeill
- Icarus- Temika Mularkey, Hannah Toland and Sophie Farren
- Cupcake Glory- Alysia Loftus, Caitlin McKinney, Stephanie McDaid
- El Charmant- Darragh McLaughlin

It was an early start, departing from the school at 7am for the regional final in Dublin. But it was worth it! The seven pupils who modelled their designs on the catwalk were so professional and really impressed the judges, not to mention the large crowds in the audience. We were absolutely delighted when the finalists

were announced to hear that three of our dresses had made it through to the Junk Kouture final. Congratulations to the students from Electus, Inter Twine and Icarus who successfully made it through to the final.

On Monday 12th March the Junk Kouture team visited the School and to our surprise a fourth dress, Erebus has been selected by Junk Kouture as their wildcard to participate in the Grand Final. Well done all the students, Miss McGee and the Art Department for their hard work and dedication over the past few months designing and making the dresses and preparing for the live shows. Such a massive achievement for one school to have four dresses in the final. Best wishes to the four teams participating in the Junk Kouture final in the 3 Arena in Dublin on Wednesday 19th April.

## Roinn na Gaeilge

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The Club Cainte continues every Friday at 1 o'clock in Rm 110. Tá fáilte roimh chách.

### **TY/5th Yr Turas chun na Gaeltachta**

A new date has been set for the 30th April. Rules/Health forms to be handed back to Ms L Mc Gowan or Ms C Mc Intyre.

### **Foireann Caint Phoiblí**

Congratulations to the Irish Public Speaking Team who represented the School in the Gael Linn Public Speaking Competition 'Abair' in Cultúrlann Ui Chanáin, Derry on February 20th. The team consisted of Ellen Simmons, Eimear Smith, Sally Mc Kenna and Finn Devenny. Comhghairdeas to winners Eimear

Smith and Sally Mc Kenna who progress to the Ulster Final to be held on the 17th April.

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge at CCS (12th - 16th March)**

SNAG 2018 was a huge success this year with many events taking place for our students. The celebrations started off with our 5th yr higher level classes having a Tráth na gCeist in the Áras. The competition was tough and the questions even tougher but the winners were Jack Leddy, Jack McLaughlin, Lee McLaughlin and Jason Lynch. Well done to Mr McCafferty the quizmaster and his team of TY correctors! We had poster competitions, spelling competitions, games, singing, decorating and much more so well done to all students and teachers on promoting our native language.

The annual Ceilí Mór for 1st yrs took place on Friday March 16th. This was a lovely display of Irish music and dance, with some Ceilí dance moves thrown in for good measure. It's hard to say who was more tired at the end - the 1st yrs or the teachers helping out. Massive thanks to the dancers, musicians and Ms McGowan's 5th yr Leprechauns who performed. A worldwide tour has been mentioned but we'll see how it goes!

This year the school has nearly 100 Fáinne awards to grant to some of our 1st yr students. They will receive their Fáinní and their Cúpla Focal pins after the Easter holidays. We also have some senior students going for their Fáinne Óir pins. Well done to those students and to their teachers who promote it. Thanks to Miss Sinead McColgan for helping with these also.

The Trip to the Gaeltacht was postponed due to the weather and will now take place on April 30th to May 2nd. We have 48

students heading to the wilds of *Gweedore*. They will spend 3 days in *Coláiste Chú Chulainn* owned by Kevin Cassidy of Donegal GAA fame. Our students will be mixed in classes with students from a Dublin school; lifelong pen pals could be made.

SNAG 2019 is already being planned and it's gonna be epic! P.S. there's not a single Easter egg to be got in the surrounding shops as the Irish Dept bought them all for prizes! Fact!

## Carndonagh Community School Cross-Country Success

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C.C.S continued their long tradition of success at the Ulster District cross-country championships by taking team gold in the Inter Boys (Under 17) race in Coleraine. In the process, they qualified for the Ulster Schools' cross-country finals in Mallusk on 21st February. Transition Year student Fionn Bowyer led the team to the top of the podium with a fine individual performance in 8th. Lughán Devenny made a seamless switch from the track and indoor scene to the country by securing 10th. Lughán was followed six seconds later by the ever-consistent Jack Leddy in 11th. Multi-sport competitor Christopher O' Brien raced well to earned 23rd place. The ever-determined Brian Houghton completed the victorious team in 46th. These collective performances gave the C.C.S athletes a comfortable 16 point winning margin ahead of Lumen Christi in second. St. Joseph's Creggan collected the bronze medals with 10 teams finishing.

Second year student Diarmait Keogh will accompany the Under 17 boys in the Ulster Finals following his strong performance in the Junior Boys (Under 15). The Ballyliffin native raced to a fine 9th place finish, thus qualifying as one of the top 6 individuals. Diarmait led his team to a solid 6th place overall behind St. Mary's College, Magherafelt who took the gold. Promising runs from Cian Burke 32nd, Daniel McLaughlin

37th, Sean Meehan 46th, Finn Devenny 59th, Adam McDaid 62nd and David Doherty 68th suggests that this team can challenge for a top-three finish in the years ahead.

First Year student Fionnuala McLaughlin made a very promising debut at Ulster Schools' level by finishing 45th in the Minor (Under 14) girls race. Michael Noone 64th and Jason McLaughlin 92nd will also have gained invaluable experience in their first outing at Provincial level in the Minor boys' race.

The action moved to Mallusk in Belfast on the 21st February for the Ulster cross-country finals. The very best middle-distance runners from across the Province lined out to claim top honours and win a place in the All-Irelands in Waterford on 10th March. Diarmait Keogh had an outstanding run in the under 15 boys 3km, finishing 16th, just one place short of qualification for the All-Irelands. Fionn Bowyer led our under 17 boys team to a highly creditable 6th place overall out of 15 teams by finishing a fine 21st overall. Lughán Devenney handled the longer distance brilliantly to take 25th. Jack Leddy ran very strongly to finish 54th while Christopher O' Brien did very well to re-join the race after losing his shoe and finished 90th. Brian Houghton was just a few places behind in what was a commendable team effort.

Next up for our athletes will be the Donegal Schools' track & field championships in Lifford on 19th April. Athletics training for all year groups continues every Thursday from 3:20pm to 4:45pm in the Gym. All pupils are very welcome to attend.

## TY News

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### TY Radio Course

On 7th and 8th February over 30 students made their way to Sligo for a one-day TY Radio Course. The TY Radio Workshop was a one-day course from 10am to 4pm. It enabled the students to see all sides of radio and digital production in the ever-

changing world of journalism. The outcome of the workshop was to produce a half-hour program which was recorded and edited by the students themselves.

## **Personal Safety Techniques Course**

Congratulations to the following 9 TY students who received their Certificates for the 1-Day Personal Survival Techniques Course. The course contained practical and theory sections including launching and entering a life raft in a designated pool. Included are actions to be taken by persons for self-protection in emergency situations, survival at sea and deployment of safety equipment - Tony Meehan, Stephen Kelly, Dean Mc Eleney, Jessica Coyle, Matthew Grant, Fionn Bowyer, Oran Doherty, Killian Mc Carron, Oran Raymond.

## **Well Being Week**

Well Being Week took place from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th January 2018. Many activities were held during the week to promote positive mental health among our school community. We were delighted to welcome back Ms. Karen Duggan from Jigsaw who delivered a workshop to all TY students called "It's Time to Start Talking". Jigsaw states that "This is a 40-minute mental health promotion workshop for young people. It forms part of Jigsaw's objective of engaging with communities to promote mental health, with the overall aim of changing how Ireland thinks about youth mental health. The interactive workshop has been designed to encourage young people to talk with someone they trust when they feel, anxious, stressed, worried or down." The talks received very positive feedback from both staff and students and we are very grateful to Karen for taking the time once again to deliver them to our students. Another event that proved very popular with students during the week was the

'Unwind Your Teen Mind' Wellbeing Programme, delivered by Ms. Joanne Cullen, owner of Yogi Life. Joanne explains that this is "a wellbeing programme that incorporates yoga and meditation, aimed at second level students. The goal of the programme is to teach students, through the techniques of yoga and meditation, to manage their stress more effectively, by developing an awareness of their mental, emotional and physical health and wellbeing. Turning inwards, tuning in to the mind and body, promotes a healthy relationship with the body, instils confidence and a feeling of empowerment to support their own wellbeing". The students loved it with many expressing an interest to take up yoga outside of school! Thanks to Joanne for her fun and motivational approach to delivering this great programme. All TY students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

On Wednesday 24th, with the help of Eadaoin, Alisha and Beibhinn from TYA, our first-year students were treated to a "Positive-TEA party". Each first-year class was invited to attend the party in Room 405, where they had a lovely cup of tea and some biscuits and enjoyed the time to relax and have a chat with their classmates. Remember "little things can make a big difference".

## **Work Experience**

The TY students are on their 2nd Work Placement from Monday 12th-Friday 16th. Work experience is an opportunity to introduce young people to the reality of working life as well as other important skills: Verbal Communication, teamwork, initiative/ self-motivation, planning & organising, time management. I'm sure the TYs have gained and will continue to gain some valuable skills which they can apply to their TY year and future endeavours.

## **LAW Programme**

We are delighted that Cliona Mc Neill TYD was randomly drawn in the lottery for the Bar of Ireland's Look into Law programme. Cliona attended five days in the programme and had a very enjoyable and interesting week.

## **Campaign Academy**

Campaign Academy is a yearlong TY programme with the aim and purpose of empowering students to run a campaign within their own school community and we will equip them with the skills to do this. The theme this year is on peace and conflict and students will be able to plan their own campaign on any issue they are most drawn to around this. It's a great programme and really gives students a chance to become actively involved with global issues! The following students are taking part in the Campaign: Niamh Mc Geoghegan, Paul Shiels, Shane Doherty, Cliona Mc Neill, Deirdre Brennan, Lorcan Diver, Olivia Harkin, Fionn Bowyer.

Three students are away to Carlingford Adventure Centre for a 2-night Residential, Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th March.

## **First Aid**

TYB have completed a 3-week Introductory Course in First Aid. This course aims to give the students the understanding and confidence to be able to act in the occurrence of an accident or emergency.

## **TYC Literacy Programme**

TYC have completed a Literacy Programme with Ms. Fiona Mc Laughlin's First year group. Both groups enjoyed the programme.  
AIB Future Sparks

30 students will be travelling to the RDS in Dublin on 22nd March 2018 to take part in the AIB Future Sparks Festival. The AIB Future Sparks Festival brings together industry experts and young entrepreneurs "to inspire students and show them the power of potential". No other event gives students this kind of access to Ireland's most innovative industries with business at the heart, including tech, creative and lifestyle.

### **Future Leaders Programme**

The "Future Leaders Transition Year Programme" is a joint initiative from the GAA and the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). It is a cross-curricular programme comprising of a series of modules designed to encourage maturity, initiative, responsibility and leadership skills in pupils. The Programme gives pupils the knowledge and skills to support all roles required in the effective staging of Gaelic Games. As part of the programme pupils are challenged to organise and run a GAA Super Games Blitz or set up a Super Games Centre for younger students and/or support coaching of younger players in their school or community. The students participated in this programme are all gaining valuable skills and will receive a certificate of completion.

### **North West Simon Community**

Colette Ferguson from the North West Simon Community sent the TYs a thank you letter for their contribution of €100 to the Simon Community.

### **LYIT Taster Day**

Letterkenny Institute of Technology School of Business welcomed all TY students to their Letterkenny campus on Wednesday 17 January 2018. The School of Business Taster Day

began at 10am and included sessions on studying Law and Business at LYIT, as well as practical sessions in the Sports Labs and Design & Creative Media suite at the institute.

## **Cycle Against Suicide**

Many TY students helped promote the "Schools Go Orange" Day. The Camino De Santiago Cycle route (800kms) was an easy target for all the students. With a little bit of sweat, tears and juice the overall distance cycled was over 1000kms. Christopher O'Brien was on hand to calculate the distance while Eadaoin was the photographer. Well Done everyone.

## **Bank of Ireland School Bank**

The following TY students completed a successful interview with Bank of Ireland and will be setting up a school bank in the coming weeks,

Manager : Caitlin McGonigle

Sales Manager: Dean McEleney

Marketing Manager: Alysia Loftus

Operations: Caoimhe Doherty

Digital Managers: Tony Keys and Lauren Collins.

They have completed the initial training and will be involved in setting up and managing the day-to-day operations of the School Bank from marketing to data protection. It's not just the School Bank team who benefit, as all students can open a genuine bank account and save on a regular basis by visiting the onsite bank. There are incentives available for both the students and the school.

## **Nutritional Talk**

20 TY students attended a nutritional talk in Carndonagh Library on Feb 22nd with Niamh Britton who is a Nutritionist from Buncrana. This talk was part of a new national programme called Healthy Ireland, the new national initiative to make Ireland healthy ([www.healthyireland.ie](http://www.healthyireland.ie)). The students were treated to a variety of healthy snacks after the talk although it took some coaxing and peer pressure to get some students to eat olives and hummus.

I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here...after Easter - be careful who you nominate. I don't think Shay will be up for it!

## **AIB Build a Bank**

Congratulations to Roisin Toland, Michael O'Sullivan, Megan Hands, Mary Kate Kelly and Ailbhe McLaughlin on getting to the Final of the Build a Bank competition on the 21st March in the RDS. This is a fantastic success. These students have worked very hard running their bank as well as raising money for charity. Their Bake Sale raised over €400 for the RNLI. Good luck at the Final.

## **Fair Trade Week**

As part of Fair Trade Week (despite the snow and days off) the TY students decorated the Coffee Dock with balloons in the FT colours, posters, banners and Thanks to all the pupils who helped spread the Fair Trade message to the shoppers in Supervalu during Fair Trade Week and to the students that modelled the banana outfit. Roberto Arturo Lopez from Honduras gave a talk to the TY students. Since early childhood, he was taught the ways of coffee farming from both his mother and grandfather who worked on small coffee farms. Now Roberto is employed by

COAGRICSAI as Sustainability Program Manager, having worked his way up from Certification Program Officer and Production Manager.

Currently, Roberto is working to improve the quality of life of the members of the cooperative and involving the women and young members in management and technological development to drive better farming and reduce contamination.

Roberto works on spreading the importance of Fairtrade and the benefits of being certified, as well the positive impact that it has on development in Honduras. Thanks also to Caoimhe Brown for organising the girls for the Big Breakfast.

### **Erasmus + Exchange**

Megan Hands, Roisin Toland, Jodie Mullarkey and Ciara Gill have just returned from a school exchange in Tenerife. The girls stayed with host families and attended school and school-based activities for the week. Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport for the years 2014 to 2020. It provides funding and support for organisations to operate projects consistent with its objectives and which encourage European exchange, co-operation and learning.

### **St Patrick's Day Parade**

40 TY students will be attending the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin on 17th March. It promises to be a spectacular display once again. Keep an eye on the TV as the TY students are guaranteed to show up at some stage. Thanks to Isabel (Spanish assistant) for helping with the routine.

## **ECO-UNESCO's Young Environmentalist Awards**

Y.E.A. is an all-Ireland environmental awards programme that recognises and rewards young people who raise environmental awareness and improve the environment. Two groups of TY students are eagerly waiting to find out if they have made it through to the semi-final. TY students are up-cycling furniture for an outdoor area to introducing a colony of bees. Well done to all involved!

## **Iveagh Scholars Programme**

The Iveagh Scholars programme is a way for secondary students to share their views on Ireland's role in the world, and to get involved in the discussion about how the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade promotes abroad the values, interests and economic well-being of Ireland and its people. They are accepting four of our TY students on the programme for a week in May.

## **TY Dance Show**

It's almost SHOW TIME - The TY students will be putting on a Dance Show "Random Dance Acts" on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th May. This show promises to be the pièce de résistance of TY. All TY students are participating and with a variety of dance styles, moves and an array of bright costumes this is a Dance Show not to be missed. Tickets on sale End of April.

# Team Hope Thank You

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A big thank you from 3C & Team Hope to all students, parents, teachers & all the school community for making a difference to children from Eastern Europe & Africa this Christmas. Our boxes helped towards a total 264,636 children receiving a gift this year from Ireland well done & thank you.

## St Charles West High School visit to CCS (March 2018)

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### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> - Arrival

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Host families

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Causeway Coast

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> - Classroom visits / Isle of Doagh

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Dunree Fort / Walls of Derry / Free Derry Museum / Bowling  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Irish Dancing / Civic Reception  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> - Weekend with host families  
Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> - Visitors depart

## First Year Girls Soccer - No Substitute for Class as Girls Hit Five in Each Half

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Our 1st year girls qualified for the Ulster Final after a comprehensive 10-0 victory over Loreto Milford. The girls played very well from start to finish and led 5-0 at the break. Mr Doherty rung the changes in the 2nd half and some of the substitutes really staked a claim for a starting place in the final. The goalscorers were as follows: Emma Devlin x4, Sophie Murphy x4, Alaina Keogh x1, Mairead Farren x1. The girls will play the winners of Loreto Letterkenny and Scoil Mhuire Buncrana in the final after Easter.

Team as follows: Ciara Gilmore; Katie Harkin; Ella McGonigle; Lorinne Greene; Roseanna McConalogue; Katherine Doherty; Alaina Keogh; Caitlin Kelly; Chloe Lacey, Emma Devlin; Sophie Murphy.

Substitutes: Dacia Crumlish Hawes, Caoimhe McCallion, Mairead Farren, Aoibheann Toland, Kate Doherty, Valerie Grant, Caitlin McGranaghan.

## Senior Boys go to Sea!

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Twelve senior boys recently had the opportunity to take place in a three-day safety course that took place in the National Fishery College, Greencastle. This is an exciting initiative funded by CCS & the Fishery college. The boys took part in life-skills such as Personal Survival Techniques, Safety Awareness & Fire Prevention and Elementary First Aid. This course is accredited and all boys passed with flying colours...congratulations boys...you were a credit to CCS! Check out the website for photos including life boat scrambling!

## Ski Trip 2018

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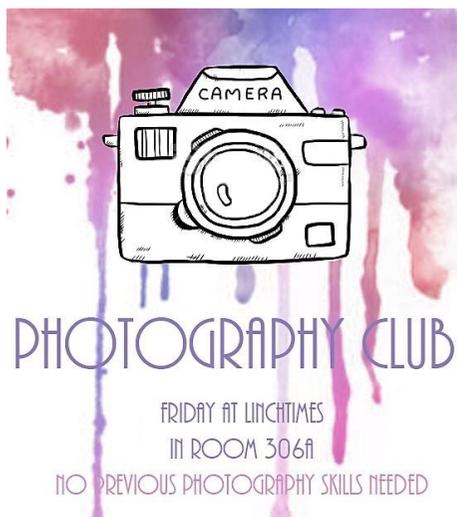
This year, the school took the largest number of students skiing as a single group. 100 students and 13 staff went to Grandvalira in Andorra for the February midterm. The weather was fantastic for most of the week but we did get a few hours of heavy snow on the slopes. Most of the students caught on to the skiing within a few days. Highlights of the trip saw 2 students stuck in a two-foot hole, a student wiping herself out while recording another student wiping herself out, a teacher accidentally knocking over a poor student who was standing minding his own business, skiing in the fun park, the light show at the swimming pool, the cold pool in the Roman bath and of course, The Disco! The hotel was very nice and rooms were clean. The food was not far off normal but McDonalds and Subway had to be tried. All-in-all it was a good week. It was not a relaxing holiday due to the lack of sleep. However, it was a good week and there are plenty of memories and stories brought home.

# Camera Club Roundup

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Theme	Closing date
Dúlra*	23rd March
Animals	12th April

Comórtas nua, Dúlra, do Seachtain na Gaeilge! Duais breise. Seol isteach do ghrianghraf is fearr, agus d'ainm agus do rang, go dtí cameraclub@carndonaghcs.ieroimh an 23ú Márta. Cuir teideal ar do ghrianghraf.



Winner of the camera club LANDSCAPE theme is Clodagh McConnell Hewitt TY. Congratulations!

## Senior Boys GAA - Twenty-two years in the making! CCS back in the Ulster Final

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### Danske Bank Markey Cup semi-final

*Carndonagh CS 1-18 St Joseph's Donaghmore 5-4*

This Danske Bank Markey Cup semi-final in Owenbeg was a see-saw battle with Donaghmore's ability to find the net keeping them ahead for long stretches, although ultimately it was Carndonagh's accuracy and range of scorers that brought them through strongly in the middle of the second half and holding on at the final whistle. Carndonagh started well with points each for Oisín Hession and Lee

McLaughlin, but a couple of defensive errors were cruelly punished by a very sharp Ryan Cush for the opening two goals.

Before the Inishowen side could recover, Paddy McIlDuff ran off the shoulder in a fine sweeping move, taking out most of the defence; he fired to the net for a third Donaghmore goal. At eight points down, Carndonagh composed themselves and worked their way back into the game with three points from Conor O'Donnell who had a superb battle with Conor Ward throughout. By half-time the deficit was a mere two points, 0-10 to 3-3, and that closed on the re-start with scores from Oisín McGonagle and Lorcan Bradley, before Conor Ward with a goal followed by a point from Dermot McAleer pulled the Tyrone side clear once more. However, they couldn't push on and instead Carndonagh added a flurry of points before a high ball in from Oisín McGonagle was punched to the net by Daniel Houghton. More points followed so that when Donaghmore's fifth green flag came courtesy of Davin Cummings in the 58th minute, it couldn't really hurt the Donegal side.

Carndonagh CS : Daniel Houghton 1-0, Conor O'Donnell 0-5, 0-2 frees, Lee McLaughlin 0-3, Oisín Hession 0-3, Lorcán Bradley 0-3, Donal Doherty 0-1, Finn McClure 0-1, Oisín McGonagle 0-1, Sean O'Neill 0-1.

## Senior Boys GAA - All Eyes on the All-Ireland Semi-Final

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Carndonagh Community School claimed a historic victory over St. Columbia's College Stranorlar in the Ulster final, beating them 3-8 to 1-10. This is the first time a Gaelic team from the school has won an Ulster final. Mr John Farren was coach of the U16 side that narrowly missed out in 1996. Mr. Farren, during a post-match interview, said that winning on the Ulster stage is a big achievement for any team, but this year's squad had a personal

stake in this particular game. The U16 team was beaten by St. Columb's last year in the Ulster semi-final, and many of those players were glad to get another go at their arch rivals.

And after the victory, Mr. Farren kept a promise he made at the start of the year - if they won a trophy, the head would be shaved. As soon as the team retired to their changing room, the razor was out. At least Mr. Farren doesn't have to worry about the greys for a few weeks...Great stuff, lads!

## Girls Soccer - First Years in Eleven Heaven against Scoil Mhuire

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Well done to our First Year girls who qualified for the Ulster semi-final with an 11-0 win over Scoil Mhuire Buncrana today. The girls have finished top of their group after some outstanding performances and keenly await their semi-final opponents. It has been very much a whole squad effort with very solid defensive performances and a good spread of goalscorers.

Starting team as follows: Ciara Gilmore; Katie Harkin; Ella McGonigle; Lorinne Greene; Kate Doherty; Katherine Doherty; Alaina Keogh; Caitlin Kelly; Roseanna Mcconalogue; Emma Devlin; Sophie Murphy;

Goalscorers as follows: Sophie Murphy x3; Caitlin Kelly x2; Chloe Lacey x2; Roseanna Mcconalogue x1; Alaina Keogh x1; Emma Devlin x1; Mairead Farren x1

## Louise's CV is the Best in Ireland!

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A BIG congratulations to Louise McElhinney 6H, who took first place in her category in the Europass CV Competition. Louise can claim to have the best CV in Ireland! As first place winner, Louise received a Google Home voice activated speaker. Well done Louise! What a great achievement and very well deserved!

## U16 Rugby - Omagh Leave Valiant CCS Stuck in a Ruck!

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We were prepared for anything: Gear bags packed, water bottles filled, the finest rugby kits in the school freshly washed, Ethan was coming; we were set. A full squad ready of the top u16 rugby players in the school (also Sean) were going to Omagh to win. Then the match was cancelled and we had to go back to class, despite the protests of three of our players who had missed breakfast that morning. Slightly disheartened, but unbroken, we once again prepared ourselves mentally and physically to play a bit of rugby as a team, despite a change in manager from Mr. McNally to Mr. Spencer. Then it got cancelled and we had to go back to class, again, to the dismay of the players and the manager alike. The next day, tired, and desperate to actually get playing rugby, we headed to Omagh without Ethan (singing his wee heart out at the talent show) or Ronan Kelly (rushed to NowDoc after scraping his knee), taking the wrong kits and a size 4 ball instead of a size 5.

After an uneventful bus journey, we arrived at Omagh High School. We ran towards the changing rooms before we froze and found private showers and fancy changing rooms, with a side for the usual starting team and a side where Coran got changed. After 15 minutes of the pack doing their hair we headed outside to find the pitches

were a bit closer to home than we'd have preferred. You'd have sworn you were back at Moss Road, with your feet 6 inches into the muck and visible pools of water on the other field. Truly, we were in our element.

We started out in a dazed state, with the pack seemingly having forgotten what a ruck even was. Omagh wasted no time pressing this advantage. Their 8 took the ball from the back of the scrum and ran across the try line, while Anton dreamed of Turf and Mark tried to figure out his new position. Once he'd copped on that he was meant to tackle the players running at him he quickly got into the game, followed swiftly by his 14 team mates. Pressing on, we battled our way through Omagh's defence and despite Jesse and Darragh's "Who can throw the most hospital passes?" competition, we made steady progress towards the opposition's 22. Flash ball out the backline brought us within yards of the try-line with strong running from new signing Daire Porter, Coran "Golden SCAR" Donaghy, Mr. Keyes, Aaron "500cc" Jaki and me, the U16s knock-on specialist. However, it was the pack who brought us our first try of the match, with Paul McCallion driving it right down the middle of the pitch in a manner not dissimilar to a man possessed. As a result, the conversion was so easy that even Darragh McCormick managed to make it over the posts.

But we were giving away too many penalties and after losing Daire Porter to a recurring head injury he's had since his brief MMA bout with Sean "The Rock" Carroll, Omagh easily took their three points. Half time came directly after, with Mr. Spencer giving us a rousing team-talk with some tips from "I play Ulster" himself, Stephen Kelly. Diarmuid was told to try and take fewer leisurely walks when behind a ruck. Dean Toitin was subbed-on for Tony, and Mr. Spencer explained what an offside was to Adam, who hadn't a notion before and had been dandering about the place without a care. Christopher Diver was called upon to play out the wing while Coran was moved into second centre in Daire's stead, the theory being that Christopher was so thin that

Omagh wouldn't be able to get a hold of him. It didn't pan out, but we enjoyed trying it anyway.

The second half started poorly, Omagh attacking with renewed vigour and CCS defending with an older, staler vigour. Omagh's pack ran at us till we could move no further back. Their next try was inevitable and as they knocked it over the posts with ease, by a prop no less, CCS resolved to fight on as hard as they could. Not before giving away another try to the same style of rugby, however. Two tries and a conversion ahead, Omagh began to get comfortable, and we started putting the pressure on. Liam Crua came on for Paul McCallion, and seeing this, Omagh panicked and started giving away silly penalties just as we did. After deciding flash ball out the backline wasn't going to work when the hospital pass competition started getting too heated, our pack dominated possession. Scott's line break was supported by Tony Keyes, who brought play well beyond Omagh's 10 metre line. But fumbles in the rucks resulted in a turnover, and after an unsuccessful attack by the opposition's back line, the counter ruck was won by Inishowen's premiere first centre himself. James Kelly took the ball from the back of the resulting scrum and ran straight for the try line, rather than his usual method of running sideways till he could run sideways no more. Scott opted to take the conversion this time as it was a bit windy and Darragh was intimidated by the scary boys running at him.

It was too little too late however and the match ended 20-14 to Omagh High School, CCS having to accept defeat. Although John M. blamed the pitch and Mr. Spencer blamed the defence, the true cause of our downfall was all too clear. RUCKS!

Player Ratings:

Sean Carroll: 0.35/10 Forgot he was there to be honest

Adam McCarron: 6/10 Big shift from the big headed man

Paul McCallion: 6/10 Good try, shame about the rucking

Tony Meehan: 2/10 Was cleaned in a ruck by a sixth class student

Diarmuid McCarron: 5/10 Enjoys long walks on the beach and standing behind rucks  
Anton McLaughlin: 4/10 Forgot his arms at school  
Mark Scott: 8/10 Should replace Sean O'Brian for Ireland  
James Kelly: 7/10 The REAL Kelly  
Jesse Callaghan: 4/10 Shovel passes are his specialty  
Darragh McCormick: 6/10 Hospital passes for days  
Coran Donaghy: 3/10 Too much FortNite, not enough rugby  
Odhrán Cavanagh: 7/10 Actually caught a ball  
Dáire Porter: 3/10 Faked injury to get off  
Aaron Jaki: 4/10 Had no clue where he was playing  
Tony Keyes: 7/10 Line break central  
Christopher Diver: 5/10 The next Devin Toner  
Dean Devlin: 4/10 Still not sure if he knows what a ruck even is  
Owen McLaughlin: 4/10 Was busy doing turf and not training, it shows  
Ethan Harkin: -10/10 Traitor  
Liam Crua: 14/10 Played as expected  
Shane Gill: 10/10 Unreal performance marred slightly by the fact he didn't actually go  
Stephen Kelly: 1/10 Assistant Manager (kit man)  
Mr. Spencer: 6/10 Was just happy to be out of class  
By Odhrán Cavanagh & Mark Scott

## TYA Catering Module Wrap-up Taste-test

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TYA recently had their final taste-test session as part of their Catering Module. Over the course of the module, they had a brief introduction to catering with a focus towards safe and hygienic food preparation for prospective employment in the food industry. Students selected, prepared, cooked, served and evaluated a range of dishes and demonstrated a wide array of practical cookery and personal management skills.

## The Physics of Hobbies (James Soper)

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James Soper, internationally renowned science presenter, ex-professional circus performer and Guinness World Record holding juggler, performs this fast-paced and interactive show especially written for 14-16 year olds and the Tyndall Lectures.

In the show, James will challenge and inspire the audience to look at their passions and hobbies and see that the physics behind their hobbies is the same physics that drives our modern world and could be their passport to rewarding future careers.

Combining live physics demonstrations together with a multimedia presentation and lots of engaging audience inspiration, this show is guaranteed to have your students thinking and talking long into the future.

## Pope John Paul II Awards 2018

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Congratulations to the 5th year students who received their John Paul II Awards at a ceremony in the Millennium Forum in Derry, 5th February 2018. The students actively took part in the life of their Church and in the life of their community and society. In total, Carndonagh Community School received eleven gold awards and seven bronze awards. The students are pictured with the Bishop of Derry, Bishop Donal McKeown and the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, Jude Okolo. Well done to all involved.

The Students receiving the awards were: Ella Devlin, Rachel Doherty, Amy Doherty, Breda Doherty, Ciaran Doherty, Maurita Doherty, Megan Gallagher, Katlyn Grant, Emma Harkin, Sorcha Hession, Danielle Houghton, Aisling McCarron, Ciara McGonagle, Chantelle McLaughlin, Rachel Moore, Eimear Smith and Johnathan Toye.

## Ulster Senior Soccer Final - The Callum Report

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We all met in the Coffee Dock in the morning for a good gossip and a moan about sore legs. Corey noticed a missing Lorcan Bradley. "He's likely counting sheep" says Jimmyroe. These allegations were soon to be thrown out when we all remembered that Lorcan can't count. He wasn't long turning up anyhow, still with sleep in his eyes and the curlers in his hair. Generosity was shown when Mark Spencer decided to boil the kettle and make us all a drop of tea, but tightness was to overrule generosity in the end up when he failed to produce any buns or biscuits and using 1 teabag to 5 cups.

The bus landed and the door bust open. No Seamus O'Donnell, it was Conor Susie. The Panicking started. "I hope he doesn't start singing!" and "When Susie's singing in the Persian, not even the draft will come in" were among a number of complaints made. We got away anyways after 10 minutes of convincing him to leave the guitar and his CD's behind. We pulled into Centra, first man to the deli counter was Jimmyroe. To save time, Shane Glack got 3 of us to grab the corner of the deli and tip it into the bus for Ciaran.

Fanad was a brave distance away so we needed music. I was DJ (not to be getting me mixed up with the other DJ (McGeoghegan), who unlike myself, nobody wants to listen to). There was some classics, from Shunie Crampsey to Daniel O'Donnell, from Stormzy to Wheeler Walker. Songs like Wonderwall, and Oro Se Do Bheatha' Bhaile. A special thanks to Aine 'n' Tara for lifting money in the supporters bus and having the patience to wait on Adam The Hatter's mother to come late with Adam's booster seat and his dummy.

The warm-up had its usual antics - misplaced passes, complaints from Houghton and moans from Cade, who has finally been dropped after Mr. Cavanagh found sense and gave him his P45. Mr. Cavanagh named out the squad anyways, but we were missing our CB Jake. After the sound of "PLOMP" we weren't long finding his whereabouts. Jake's hind was hugging the toilet bowl. There he was without sense nor toilet paper. We solved the problem by throwing in Brendan Lackin's shinpads.

Photo of wee Corey celebrating taken by Gary Foy. Great shot, son!

Carndonagh CS 1-0 St. Columba's (wee Corey to the rescue!) Columba's looked strong, especially seeing as they had Donegal's number 1 (number 16 after yesterday's performance against Kerry), Mark Anthony McGinley as a manager. But after realising he conceded more goals than Carn FC did last year, CCS weren't long finding confidence. CCS looked the stronger of the 2 sides and were more used to a poor pitch (sure they played their last game in Paddy's Park). The first proper chance fell to wee Corey who took it past a lock of men but sent the ball right down the

throat of the keeper. Keeper Houghton was in fine tune today and critics reckon he could kick the ball further than Tiger Woods could drive her with his golf club. In one rather surreal moment, he kicked it so far he smashed the lightbulb in Fanad lighthouse.

To be honest, I didn't see much of the first half as Charlie Collins (uncle of John's) from DonegalSportsHub had us all on the phone to Cristiano Ronaldo and Mark McHugh. Charlie had a great laugh at Mikey up front doing nothing and the fact that Jimmyroe was in midfield, Cristiano had a good laugh at that one too. The half-time show was one of excellence; Bald Benny managed do a few chip 'n' scoops. They were really enjoying showing off to the lads 'n' lassies on the sidelines. The poor lads in the dressing room got an eardrum full of Mr. Cavanagh and were forced onto the wobbleboard to shed a few stone for the second half. The wobble board seemed to work its magic as Carn came out as new men. An inspired attack starting from Derry Reserves star Kieran passed it to the monster among boys, Conor O'Donnell, who was being tossed by a Columba's defender, aided with a strong gale on the edge of the box. A free kick was awarded. This led to the toss of a coin on who's going to hit it - Houghton or wee Corey. Corey won it and stepped over the ball. He gazed over to the fans, looking Seamie O'Donnell in the eyes, nodding and saying "This will be for you, Seamie". It ended up being storm Ophelia who came out of nowhere to help Corey deflect it off the wall. It trickled in past the Keeper, who was on the phone buying a cow off the Castleblaney Cowboys Goalkeeper. It went down as an own-goal, and deservedly so. The final few minutes were very intense and needed leaders, so we decided to bring Mikey off and bring on Cade. For once Cade didn't do too bad now but still has a lot to improve on. Cade was a

part of the Carn FC side who went 3-1 up on Culdaff on Sunday, only to bottle it in the 2nd half and lose 5-3. CCS won the game 1-0 and make it a consecutive 3 wins of the Cup on the bounce in 3 years. Semi final of the All-Ireland to be played on Tuesday, 6th February. Neither venue nor opponent has been confirmed.

### Player Ratings

Daniel Houghton - the return of Daniel De Gea, starting to look like Oisín O'Doherty though.

Lee McLaughlin - spending too much time in the gym or Harkin's chip shop; can't fit into the shorts.

Fionn McClure - a left foot as sweet as a fig roll.

Kieran Farren - unlike his brother he'll make it in Derry FC and not Poundland.

Jake Harkin - showed his inner Tiernan Devine and made a mockery of himself.

Oisín Hession - The wheel's turning but the hamsters dead.

Conor O'Donnell - as hard as a goat's knee, twice the man of Jimmyroe.

Jack Lackin - lucky not to be sent off, pity he wasn't. I'm a fan of brother Benny.

Wee Corey McBride - only thing good to come out of Rasheeney since John Farren n Semus the Bush.

Ciarán JimmyRoe - eating too many fatty foods n not enough cabbage and bacon.

Mikey Friel - as slow as a wet week. Should take up snooker or bingo.

Callum Harley - Mark Anthony curled up into a ball when he spoke. The Holy Prodigy.

Jack Fildara - can do it on FIFA but not in real life.

Bald Benny - lost the hair due to the win. You know you're ugly when a boiling kettle won't even whistle at you.

Nathan Logue - yet to see him play. Maybe that's a good thing.  
He's from Carn.

Pearse McCarron - you'd be as well with Paddy McCarron in the  
CO-OP.

Lorcan Bradley - if he was as quick as his tongue he'd be  
smashing world records in the Olympics.

Nathan McConalogue - sorry, didn't mean to put his name in.

Cade Cooke - 100%, definitely, without a doubt, the worst player  
I've ever played with, and I played with Liam Gallagher and Oisín  
McGonagle!

Luke Rudden - be better off with Luke Skywalker.

Conor Susie - drives like Otto from The Simpsons

Seamie o'Donnell - held the bus well; as long as Daniel Martin  
doesn't come back were happy.

Supporters - they were like pains in ur side. Seamie reckons  
never again.

Mr. Mark Spencer - miserable, you could poo through the eye of  
a needle after drinking his tea.

Mr. Martin Cavanagh - good move to bring Mikey off, bad move  
bringing Cade on.

## Annual Prizegiving 2018

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The Annual Prizegiving Ceremony for academic and creative achievement took place in the Áras on Friday, 26th January. The guest speaker was past-pupil, Caroline McLaughlin, a senior associate at Callan Tansey Solicitors. Her attendance was fitting given that the Callan Tansey Dílseacht Award Bursary was presented to past-pupil, Shauna Craig on the day.

# Girls Soccer - U15s Set Up Ulster Showdown with Scoil Mhuire

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The U15 girls football team had a hard fought 3-1 win in their Ulster Semi Final vs Loreto Letterkenny, 22nd January. The girls started the game in flying form and pressed Loreto all over the pitch. Sophie Murphy opened the scoring after 5 minutes, running onto a through ball and placing it in the corner of the net. Carn CS went 2-0 up on 15 minutes when Emma Devlin intercepted a Loreto kickout. The ball was laid off to Sophie Murphy who drove a powerful shot into the net from 25 yards. The girls played some excellent football in the 1st half and were unlucky to go in at half-time only 2-0 up after some excellent defensive work by the Loreto defenders and keeper.

Mr Conor Doherty warned the girls that Loreto would throw everything at them in the opening 10 minutes of the 2nd half. This proved to be the case with the Carndonagh defence holding firm. Jenna Harkin and Aimee Porter in particular stood strong in the Carn defence. Carn gradually took control of the 2nd half and in truth were quite wasteful in front of goal after creating some good chances. With 10 minutes left, a Loreto player was fouled on the counter-attack just outside the Carndonagh box. The Loreto player hit an unstoppable free-kick right into the top corner of the net, leaving Caoimhe Doherty with no chance. Suddenly it was 2-1 with just under 10 minutes left and Loreto's tails were up. They laid siege to the Carndonagh goal for the next 5 minutes. However, the Carndonagh defence remained resolute. With 2 minutes left, Emma Devlin collected the ball from a throw-in and laid it off to substitute Alaina Keogh. Alaina nutmegged the Loreto defender and Erin McLaughlin (Fildara)

placed a 25 yard strike into the far corner of the net to wrap up the game. It was a very good team performance, but the girls know they will have to up their performance again when they take on local rivals Scoil Mhuire Buncrana in the Ulster Final.

Carn CS team: Caoimhe Doherty, Chaylee Greene, Jenna Harkin, Aimee Porter, Kate McCallion, Katherine Doherty (Lackin), Alana Doherty (tim), Erin McLaughlin (Fildara), Emma Devlin, Sophie Murphy, Ciara Harkin: Substitutes: Alaina Keogh, Chloe Doherty, Ella McGonigle, Katie Harkin, Shania McCloskey, Caitlin Kelly, Lorinne Greene

## Senior Rugby - Magic Display Takes Years off Mr. McNally!

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The senior CCS boys' rugby team returned with vengeance after their previous defeat to Rainey, when they faced St. Columba's in the Ulster U18s Trophy Semi-final. From the starting whistle the boys emptied the tanks and played with one hundred per cent commitment to winning the game. The Columba's team came out with initial bursts of pressure coming from the opposition flyhalf, who kicked more than an angry donkey; but that pressure was handled perfectly by an on-form Darragh McCormick (who played the first decent match of his life).

PJ Callaghan proved he's not as slow as he looks when he made an astonishing five turnovers in the first half. A young Stephen Kelly was still recovering from a stitch he got from the last match after that Mars Bar Duo; he didn't come on until the second half and was immediately sidestepped so badly he wasn't seen again the rest of the game. As far as the legend goes, the white strap that Finín wore was passed down by warriors through the generations and holds great power and magic...and that is exactly what we saw from his

performance. Conor Bambrick was the man most in need of this magic and would be more suited to chess as he runs sideways half the time. The first try was scored by the team flyhalf, Ultan, who misdirected the opposing man and ran from the half way line to score under the posts. With the forwards turning the ball over, it was then up to the backs to capitalize, which was cut short multiple times due to the sole reason Bambrick forgot his hands at the house.

As PJ Callaghan says - it wouldn't be a match of rugby if Patrick O'Leary wasn't involved in some type of scuffle! The second try was produced through the number 12 Mark Scott, who is nicknamed 'The Apprentice' by Ultan as they're both contesting the flyhalf position, although Mark did stand up and prove he is up to the challenge and was rewarded with a well worked try. The St. Columba's team were eager to close down on the scoreline and scored a try when the CCS lads were not prepared. It was make or break for CCS for the next 10 minutes - they had to be clinical in defence and effective in offense. When CCS worked their way up to the Columba's 22", a line break from Ultan left the lads 10m from the white line. The ball was passed from the unstructured ruck from Finín to Stephen, who drew in his man and then passed a perfectly weighted ball to Darragh Mc Cormick, who was eager to put points down after working so hard in defence. To the team's relief, he put it down on the try line.

Some say Mr. McNally's hair started growing back when the final whistle went! The man of the match was given to the young-gun Mark Scott, which got much debate from PJ..."PJ no get man of match , PJ mad". It was a tough, competitive game, but was well worth it, getting the lads through to the Ulster Shield Final, 10th January. See you then!

Fun facts about the lads...

- 1.Patrick Monagle-6/10 Always the first man into the canteen
- 2.Eoin Hela-2/10 Wanted to leave the field because he had a cramp

3. Finín MacLochlainn-8/10 Currently being scouted by New Zealand Rugby
4. Michael Harkin-4/10 Once got steamrolled by Sean Carroll
5. Tony Meehan-5/10 Not bad for only being 13 years old
6. Dylan Doherty-7/10 Not scared to make a big hit
7. Patrick O'Leary-6/10 Scared to make a big hit
8. PJ Callaghan- 9/10 Mr McNally puts his hand up when he wants to talk to PJ
9. Connor Quigley-7/10 Always the last man into the canteen
10. Ultan Doherty-8/10 Looks like he's had more dinner times than dinners
11. Daire Porter-6/10 Most ginger person in the team
12. Mark Scott-9/10 Must be something magic in that milk of his
13. Conor Bambrick 1/10 Couldn't catch a cold
14. Tony Keyes-6/10 Second most ginger person on the team
15. Darragh McCormick-7/10 As much as it kills me, played well
16. Stephen Kelly- Tallest man on the field, that's all he has going for him
17. James Kelly- The youngest man on the field
18. Sean Carroll- Fair play to the manager not putting him on, giving the other team a chance
19. Ethan Harkin- The best water boy performance CCS has ever seen
20. Oisín McGonagle- Third most ginger person on the team
21. William J. Callaghan - Injured; togged out to get out of double English
22. Coran Donaghy - He'd be the last man to pull out of a tackle
23. Caolan Whoriskey- Slowest man on the pitch

## Aishling Doherty's Word of the Week Poem Wins Creative Writing Competition

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Aishling Doherty (Class 1E) won Mrs. Farren's Christmas Creative Writing Competition, incorporating all the words of the week so far this year. Aishling's poem can be read on the WOTW page of the school website.

## Day of Action Raises €7,000 for Charity

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The Annual Day of Action fundraiser once again greatly reflected the generosity of the school community, and Inishowen in general. The school's designated charities - Derry & Donegal Hospices, Donegal Alzheimer's Society & SVP - were presented with €7,000 in total. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to all who contributed in any way to the school's 2017 fundraising effort.

## "Sponsor a Bulb" Proceeds Presented to Carndonagh Hospital

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On Monday, 18th December, Connor Doherty (Fifth Year) presented Finola McColgan (Carndonagh Hospital) with the proceeds of the school's "Sponsor A Bulb" fundraiser. Many thanks to all members of staff who contributed to the fund.