A, B, P-Tech!

This event held in Larkin Community School was for 1st years in Marino College Secondary School, North Inner City Secondary School and St Joseph’s CBS Secondary School, this event was for 1st years selected to take on this program, this took place on Friday the 16th of November, the first years all made their own creation out of lego and demonstrated it to An Taoiseach, the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Education, showing them how easy it is to use this kind of technology and talking to them and telling the reason why this should be a subject in the near future, the Taoiseach was very impressed by our 1st year creation, there both the prime minister spoke about how much potential this has to becoming a new subject for future first years and they spoke about how that it would be coding and robotics.

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Big Brother Pairs


This year’s selection of students for the Big Brother programme have reached the halfway point of the year, and this term has been busier than any group before. For the first time, the group got to go on a trip before the break, and the excursion to GoQuest was highly rated. A great venue that really helped everyone come even closer as a group.

We also had a pizza day on our last day, and the weekly activities of board games, cards, music and Nintendo Switch are always looked forward to. After the New year, we have another trip to look forward to and plan. Special thanks to Ms. Dowling and Mr. Stack for organising the programme, and also to Damien HSCL for supporting Big Brother and providing us the means to facilitate such a busy schedule.
Zambia Trip 2018

From June 10th to 30th of this year, five Joeys teachers accompanied 5 students to Kabwe, Zambia. With the guidance of Pat 'Fanno' Fanning and his wife, the group worked in two locations in the town. The first being Sables Nua, the school run by Fanno for the vulnerable children of the near-by compounds. Here students built pathways, helped cook and entertain the children.

In Kongombe; a small village just outside of Kabwe, the students had to dig the foundations for new bathroom buildings in the school grounds. Although the work in Kongombe was much more physically demanding than the work in Sables, students saw just how much the work meant to the school community. This work resulted in the very first fully-functioning, sanitary bathrooms for the school.

Meanwhile, students and teachers working in Sables Nua, had to overcome much more emotional challenges. The Social Worker in Sables Nua brought students on home visits, to really see what it is like to live in the Compounds. Curtis Smith is quoted saying ‘I feel intense love and intense anger when I’m here, feeling those things at the same time is so confusing’. It was this insight into the lives of the children that gave the work such a strong purpose.

The trip was not completely taken up by work. In the picture above the Sables Nua ‘Football Team’ came be seen in their proud jerseys. The team, managed by Fanno and Ba Frederick (Fanno’s right hand man) took on the strongest players from 12 different tribes. The intention here was to foster team work in the locals, so that their man power could be harnessed to build a school for the children of all of the tribes. The Sables Nua team were beaten 2-1 but ultimately they achieved their goal as work now begins on construction.

The next trip will take place in June 2020, Ms McDonnell and Ms Dowling taking the reigns from Mr. De Poire. A big thank you to him for running the trip this year and a special mention for Daniel Mullane, Daniel McCabe, Conor Magee-Moore, Curtis Smith and Lee Font for their amazing work. The impact the trip had on everyone who went is indescribable.
Student Council and Zeminar

Student Council

The focus for this end of 2018 has been a collection for the Capuchin Day Centre for the Homeless in Dublin’s inner city. Third years Dylan Bryers, Luke Fay and Alex Byrne, Second Years Thomas Bulger and Daniel Courtney, First Years Alex Cretu and Callum Kelly and Fifth Years Daniel Magher and Lee Font have been working to better the school and our locality with this clothing drive.

The focus of the year so far has been to increase student interaction and awareness of the Student Council and what they do. Working alongside the wellbeing team, Dylan Bryers has been representing the student body on the Wellbeing Committee at the school working together for the Wellbeing Week in January.

Special thanks to Ms. Dowdall and Ms. Flynn for facilitating the activities of the Student Council.

Zeminar and Headstrong

This year we have continued on with our Cycle Against Suicide mission by incorporating the HEADSTRONG program into our school. The team is made up of 24 students and they work on promoting mental health and stamping out stigma throughout our school. Each month a different event is held to focus in on a certain year group. So far we have done a colour run with TYs and first years and also a boxing tournament with our 2nd years. Our student reps have also attended Zeminar--a mental health event for Generation Z. Furthermore we have many plans for the new year to further promote mental health, a congress in the 3 arena, various events and speakers and much more! Watch this space! If anyone else would like to get involved just talk to Ms Leetch. Remember ‘it’s okay not to feel okay and it is absolutely okay to ask for help’.
Carlingford Trip

The Transition Years went on the Winter trip to Carlingford for a day of high flying adventure. The venue selected was SkyPark, a part of the adventure centre in the area. The long term has been a tough one for the TYs: full courses and efforts toward achieving credits. SkyPark was picked to help raise the group before the Christmas break!

The full year loaded onto the bus at 9am, well stocked and prepared for the drive! Upon arrival, the weather was clear and bright, albeit a little cold! Credit to the students though, they were enthusiastic and ready to climb!

SkyPark is a high climbing set of courses that challenge the climbers strength, dexterity and perseverance. And it is formidable in that once someone starts, the only way off the course is to finish!

For over two hours, the year challenged themselves on the various courses. The staff there were fantastic, and seemed to really enjoy the chat with the lads. Darragh Duff was a particular favourite of theirs. It must be said, that on days like these, we often get to see the very best of the Joey’s, and this day was no exception.

Special thanks to the teachers who brought us, and we look forward to the trip later in the year!
Are you Well Read?

Now in our second year of the WellRead award application, we are well on track to achieve all of the requirements necessary for accreditation. Alongside the work from previous years such as the library and reading programmes in Junior Cycle, this year has aimed to involve more on the wider school community. In the far building we now have the literacy notice board, which has features such as staff book selections, countdown conundrums, and word millionaire.

We also have tried to include much more of the parent body, with regular posts on the school website and twitter account, as well as news articles such as the one you are reading now. Free book trades at parent-teacher evenings, and a book box in the staff room have also been set up to try and include everybody.

As you can see in the picture, we have tried to celebrate reading by the creation of a ‘Christmas Book Tree’. This is located in room 3 for the Christmas exams.

If anybody would like to avail of the school library, parents included, it is always available and we would be happy to see you! We are also accepting any book donations you have to add to our collection. Thanks to all of the staff in the school for promoting literacy, but especially members of the English department Ms. Ryan and Mr. Lawlor who have taken the reins of the application this year.

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**Joey's Gazette**

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**Joey's Crossword**

**Around The World**

**ACROSS**

1. US volcano, Mount ... (2,6)  
5. Supersonic planes  
7. Taj Mahal city  
8. Cambridge & Oxford universities  
9. Treeless Arctic zone  
12. Coniferous tree found in Europe  
15. Vienna is there  
19. Croatian capital  
21. Peninsula in southwest England  
22. Manchurian river  
23. Central attraction of Piccadilly Circus  
24. Region that includes Japan, China and Korea (4,4)  

**DOWN**

1. Roughly built settlements, ... towns  
2. Large African antelope  
3. Nasty disease named after a river in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, ... virus  
4. Underground train system  
5. City of northwest India  
6. People from Stockholm  
10. Scotland’s monster lake, Loch ...  
11. German industrial region  
12. Washington-based spy group (1,1,1)  
13. Italy’s Leaning Tower of ...  
14. Kuwaiti ruler

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**ACROSS**

1. Native American tribe  
16. Sport played at Wimbledon  
18. Portugal and Spain  
20. West African nation

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**DOWN**

1. Doomed love affair (10)  
2. Military vehicle (7)  
3. Greek god of the underworld (6)  
4. British monarch (7)  
5. Musical (6)  
6. American state (8)  
7. Mountains in Italy (6)  
8. Insect (10)  
9. Latin capital (8)  
10. Insect (5)  
11. Car in India (6)  
12. European country (7)  
13. Flower in China (5)  
14. Food (6)  
15. City in the UK (5)  
17. Native American tribe (5)  
18. Country in the Middle East (5)  
21. Capital of Portugal (8)  
22. Type of music (8)  
23. American state (5)  

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**The puzzle experts™**
Review Super Smash Bros Nintendo Switch

By Hugo Sanchez

Super Smash bros is one of the funniest video games of Nintendo.

This game has been in most of Nintendo’s console from his beginning with Nintendo 64 and NX is not going to be an exception.

The 7th of December 2018 NX will have this game (Super Smash Bros Ultimate) with much more things like the spirits, new settings, etc.

10 new characters:
This game include 10 new characters to the 65 that were in the last game.

This characters are:
- Incineroar→ A new Pokemon, from the 6th generation.
- Piranha Plant→ from the famous game Mario Bros.
- Ken→ from Ryu’s echo fighter
- Daisy→ from Mario Bros.
- King K. Rool→ from the original game of Donkey Kong
- Isabelle→ from Animal crossing, this character is also know as (JP)
- Inkling→ from Splatoon
- Simon Belmont→ from Castlevania
- Ridley→ from Metroid

Spirits

During the last edition of Nintendo Direct, Nintendo talked about Spirits, a new feature of Ultimate. Spirits are essentially powers, which come from the same series as the fighter. For this reason, each fighter can have a primary spirit assigned.

For example, Cappy of Super Mario Odyssey is the main Spirit of Mario, and Hal of Metal Gear Solid is the main Spirit of Snake. Primary spirits essentially act as teammates when activated. They have one of three types of special moves that include an attack, grab or shield movement. The spirits are also divided into four classifications: beginner, advanced, expert and legends.

In addition, the primary spirits may have multiple secondary spirits attached. The spirits must be unlocked before you can use them in battle. Just as the character is unlocked, you must first defeat each Spirit in the battle and then complete a unique challenge to unite them with your fighter.

New settings:

The damage has increased in 1v1 battles.

You can dodge in specific directions.

You can attack while climbing stairs.

The small jumps allow you to make air attacks, while the opponents are connected to the ground.

Charging attacks can start in the air.

Pressing A and B together you start a Smash Attack

You can achieve a “perfect shield” by releasing the shield button. Successful perfect shields start counterattacks

Smash’s final attacks have shorter animations.

Attendance trophies can be damaged and even eliminated from the field.

New games mode:

Squad Strike→ A battle mode configured as 3v3 or 5v5.

Tourney→ a tournament mode with a support that supports up to 32 participants.

Smashdown is series of battles in which you must choose a new fighter in each round.

Training is an orderly way that helps you learn the best practices for Smash’s success.
The Ringside View

Transition Year partook in boxing lessons from the start of the year with five students being selected to fight in the National Stadium. On the day there were fifty schools taking part in a variety of different weight classes.

The fights were three one-minute rounds full of great excitement and technical ability. Our students showcased great talent and enthusiasm as they competed in their fights. Notable performances from Adam Pigott and Lewis Brophy. Lewis was involved in the fight of the night as the MC gathered all of the students to ring side. A crescendo of noise erupted as the students began banging on the matt drumming up an intense atmosphere. The bout was back and forth with both men worthy of getting their hand raised at the sound of the bell.

Special thanks to Ms. McDonnell for overseeing the training of the boys in the Ballybough Community Centre under the guidance of Emmett Smith.

Adam Pigott in action

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Well done to the Transition Years on another successful publication.
Good luck to all students in the upcoming Mocks, and have a Happy Christmas!

We hope you enjoy our publication.
See you next year!