Dear Students & Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

I would like to congratulate the Transition Year students for putting together this Christmas newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading about the many activities that take place in our school which make it such a vibrant environment.

It’s great to see students getting involved. A word of thanks also to the students’ Media Studies teacher, Mr. Stack, for his guidance and direction.

No doubt our students are looking forward to the Christmas break and all that Christmas brings. Hopefully parents will also get a rest and enjoy the festive season. Christmas can of course be a tough time for any of you who’ve found 2015 a hard year in whatever way. May 2016 be more joyful for you and your family.

So, to you all, may the blessings of Christmas be yours.

G. Cullen, Principal

Sam Maguire visits St. Joseph’s

On Wednesday 21st October, the students of Joey’s Primary and Secondary were in the presence of a trophy that would have many people envious: the Sam Maguire. Carried through a guard of honour by county star and former footballer of the year Michael Darragh MacAuley, the boys of the primary broke out in a chorus of ‘Molly Malone’.

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Michael Darragh took some questions from students, including the tongue-in-cheek “who do you think is the best footballer on the Dublin team?” from our own Darragh Reynolds. (MDMA managed to avoid answering that one!)

After some pictures and autographs, the cup was whisked away. Hopefully Dublin’s current GAA success will continue and it won’t be too long until ‘Sam’ (or even ‘Liam’!) is visiting us again.

Thanks to the primary school for accommodating us on the day.

Over the Halloween mid-term break, a group of students from the school went on one of the biggest school tours in recent times. Taking the flight over the Atlantic, the group left on October 23rd for Washington.

Here the travelling party got a guided tour, witnessing The Lincoln Memorial, The Martin Luther King Memorial, Arlington Cemetery and of course stopping outside 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue: The White House.

On the road to New York, the group took a quick pit-stop in Philadelphia to see the ‘Rocky steps’, made famous by Sylvester Stallone’s climb to the Top! Of course, more famous landmarks would follow.

In New York, the list of attractions are countless, but the group made sure to see as much as possible. In Manhattan, they travelled to the bustling Times Square, the upmarket Rockefeller Centre, the (relatively!) tranquil Central Park, the historic Statue of Liberty and the somber 9/11 memorial.

After such a compacted and hectic schedule, there was time built into the trip for students to explore (and shop!) on the final day in the world-famous Macy’s.

Yet again, this was another fantastic trip, and special mention must be said of the attitude and representation of the lads on the tour. Also, a special thanks to the organising teacher Mr. O’Callaghan and the teachers who accompanied. Well done all!!
Annual School Walk by Mark Hughes

On Friday the 25th of September 2015 the annual school walk took place. As per tradition, the walk went ahead on the last Friday in September. All students took part in the fundraising efforts in the weeks before the walk, and great support was shown for the school in the contributions received the week of the walk, and in the subsequent weeks.

The walk began on school grounds as class tutors signed each pupil’s walk card and accompanied them on the walk, from the school to the first checkpoint on the Howth Road, at Squash Ireland, where their cards were stamped.

The pupils and staff continued walking up the Howth Road, as far as Raheny where they were given sustenance in the form of sweets and chocolate.

They then made the trek down Watermill Road and back to school through Clontarf, along the promenade on the sea front.

The walk was a great success, enjoyed by everyone involved, and raising €5500 for the school. The annual walk is a crucial fundraiser for the school, raising money for student activities such as sports, events, school trips, extra-curricular activities and after-school resources such as homework club.

The school walk was organised by Ms. Mc Gee, Ms. O’ Regan and Ms. Glennon, and on behalf of the school community we would like to say thank you for the time, effort and dedication that was put in by them. Thank you!

“A healthy mind and a healthy body” - Mr. Quinlan

School Open Night by Gary Colton

The school open night was held on the 17th of September. The night provides an opportunity for primary students to come into our school for an evening and get a ‘taste’ of what it may be like should they accept a place here.

On the night, Mr. Cullen gives a short talk in the main building, as well as the 6th year prefects who spoke of their experience in the school. The night was very well attended.
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In the past few weeks, students from 6th year and first year have begun the ‘Big Brother’ programme in the school. Not to be confused with the reality TV show, this programme pairs an older student with a younger ‘little’ to act as a mentor for the year.

For the ‘Littles’, this programme aims to give them a peer that they can build a friendship with, gain insights into what the school will be like for the future years and have somebody that they can discuss any concerns with.

The BBBS programme is an international movement that is widely known and acknowledged. Supported by Foróige, a national body for youth development, this programme will be of notable benefit to the older mentors.

Not only will they gain professional experience that will be invaluable when it comes to composing a CV, they will gain and develop crucial life skills such as communication, empathy, planning, and dedication.

**BIG/LITTLE PAIRS**

Jordan Scurry/Lewis Brophy  
James Morgan/Adam Lacken  
Johnny Boyle/Dylan Martin  
Manolito Aviles/Hugh Bowers  
Sean Lynam/Clinton Eluka  
Daniel Marsden/Darragh McCann  
Austin Hendrick/Peter McDermott  
Patrick Gahan/Kevin Foley  
Alex Fay/Shane Fitzgerald  
Seamus Hawkins/Nathan Bewley  
Eric Hyland/ Darragh Duff

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**Proclamation Presented to Primary School**

Two members of the Irish Army, Sergeant Gallagher and Corporal Charters, presented the Primary School with the Irish Flag and Proclamation, ahead of the 1916—2016 celebrations next year.

Sergeant Gallagher read out the Proclamation and Corporal Charters explained what the colours on the flag represent.

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**School Website Memorabilia**

Be sure to log on to the school website, where lots of old photos, class lists, newsletters and yearbooks have been uploaded.

When the archive is completed, there will be class lists for every year, and a year photograph for any year that had one taken.
TY so far...

It’s been an eventful term for the TYs, with lots of activities and trips and talks enjoyed since September and lots more to come in the new year also. Here’s a round-up of events so far this year:

- 2nd September—Trip to Casino Marino
- 30th September—Trip to the Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin
- 8th October—Trip to the IFI (Irish Film Institute) to see Juno
- 17th November—Visit to Newgrange
- 23rd-26th—First Aid Course
- 25th November—Trip to the IFI to see The Theory of Everything
- 7th December—Trip to National Boxing Stadium to see our own pupils competing.

There have also been talks from AA, Hope, Concern, The Samaritans, Make a Wish. These talks were all very informative and enjoyed by the pupils and teachers alike. The speakers all commended the pupils on their attentive behaviour, interest and the constructive questions asked during the talks.

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**Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare**

Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare is a first-person shooting game.

When you are playing, you are able to shoot with the main weapon, usually a machine gun, and with the secondary weapon (a normal gun, heavy weapons...)

Also, you can throw lethal and tactical grenades, as well as use land-mines, combat planes, helicopters and remote-control missile.

In the main menu you are able to choose between 4 options:

- **Campaign.** It’s the best mode to start playing with, because there the game explains the controls. This game mode is where the story of the characters is told.

- **Multiplayer.** You can play online with your friends or you can enter in a game with random players. You can play with your friends on the same device too.

- **Exo Zombies.** This is the most famous mode. It is a survival option where you fight against zombies. You start on Wave 1, which is very easy to pass through.

- But as you pass waves, it becomes harder and harder. You can end the game by being killed by the zombies, because the number of zombie waves is unlimited.

- In the fourth option you can leave the game and go to the main menu of the device.

Definitely, I think it’s a very good war game, with very good graphics. I give it a 9 out of 10.
The 1st Year Election was held recently. The two council members now representing 1st Year are Hugh Bowers and Liam Hendrick. Bobby Dolan was also elected to represent L.C.A.

The Students’ Council meets regularly, working in partnership with school management, staff and parents for the benefit of the school and its students.

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**Joey's Crossword**

By Gonzalo Aragon

Complete the crossword below

Across
3. School tool composed of the same elements as diamond
5. Room where you go to learn
7. The free encyclopedia
8. What are you reading?
9. What you look at every minute in class
10. The number of pages in this year's Gazette

Down
1. It is always very straight, can measure things and be used to draw
2. You use it on a computer, but they are also on the walls of every room
3. The legends say that someone opened and read one of these many years ago
4. Device more intelligent that you
ATTENTATS DE PARIS - Dublin solidaire en bleu blanc rouge

Les attaques sanglantes à Paris ce vendredi 13 novembre ont ébranlé le monde entier. L’Union Européenne est en état de choc, voyant la menace terroriste se concrétiser sous ses yeux. « Ce n’est pas une attaque seulement contre la France mais contre l’Europe entière », a déclaré le président du Conseil Européen Donald Trusk. Face à un Paris meurtri, le soutien de la communauté internationale ne tarit pas, mais fleurit dans de nombreuses villes.

« Solidaire », le mot est sur toutes les bouches. Sur les réseaux sociaux, la toile s’agit de se parant de messages de soutien ou encore de hashtag. Le monde s’unit et Dublin est en première ligne illuminant le Convention Centre en bleu, blanc, rouge à l’image de nombreux monuments du monde entier comme à New York, Rio ou encore Mexico.

Au total, six fusillades ont criblé de balles la capitale. En Irlande, les appels à la solidarité affluent dans tout le pays. Samedi matin, une réunion en urgence s’est tenue à l’ambassade française. Un turban noir barre le drapeau tricolore et européen en guise de signe de deuil. Au pied du Spire sur O’Connell Street à Dublin ce sont 6000 personnes enveloppées pour certains d’un drapeau français, qui ont participées à la marche silencieuse initiée par Juliette Charton, jeune fille au pair de 21 ans résidant à Dublin, les bougies ainsi que les fleurs ont serti la capitale. Une minute de silence était également observée dimanche à 11 h à Dublin.

Abrisant de nombreux ressortissants français, 1’Irlande affiche une solidarité sans faille. Quelques drapeaux tricolores surplombent certaines enseignes, bars ou restaurants. La ville est en deuil comme si une partie de ses enfants avaient eux aussi péri. À la pro-cathédrale Sainte-Marie de Dublin, un livre de condoléances c’est à la disposition des intéressés. À l’heure où la Marseillaise retentit à Dublin, les marches de soutien se tiennent également à Galway et à Cork samedi dernier. Sous l’arche espagnole de Galway, des centaines de personnes sont massées pour une minute de silence. A Limerick, un livre de condoléances est mis à la disposition de tous.

L’ambassadeur français en Irlande, Jean-Pierre Thébaut, a tenu à rassurer : « Les terroristes souhaitent répandre la peur sur le pays, mais face à eux, il y a une nation apte à se défendre ». Il invite ses compatriotes français à garder leur calme tout en restant unis. Enda Kenny, le premier ministre irlandais, a partagé ses condoléances sur Twitter. « C’est une attaque terrible à l’humanité. Nos pensées et prières vont directement aux victimes et aux familles. Ce soir nous sommes avec la France ».

Basketball

Basketball is back in style in Joeys, and the current crop of players are making sure the victories follow. Playing in both league and cup competitions, both U19 and U16 teams currently boasts a winning record.

Most recently, both teams played Tallaght Community School, an established power in Dublin basketball. Scores of 26-13 and 43-12 in the 16s and 19s competitions respectively has given the squads great momentum and spirit.

Top scorers for the U16s were Jordi Blanch and Moises Miguel. Gabby Martinez, Victor Soleil, Alonso Cerro and Jake O’Reilly provided some flashy assists. Top scorer for the U19s was Mateusz Harcej with some amazing scores, 3 pointers and consistent free throws. Great assists and defending from Darragh Reynolds, Adrian Winter, Treb Madarieta, Darren O’Rourke, Paddy Gahan, Aris Delis and Deeshan Camiah gave the team the well earned W.

Special thanks to Ms. O’Donnell and Mr. Hennessey are due in reinvigorating the sport. We wish the team all the best for the remainder of the campaign.
The senior Gaelic footballers took part in an inter-school blitz early into the new term. In Parnell’s GAA club, the blitz format pitted three teams against one another on a round-robin basis.

We faced De la Salle (Raheny) and Colaiste Dhulaigh on the day. A blitz is never an easy format to contest; trying to balance the need to preserve energy with the desire to compete. The slight lack of experience in this format hampered our lads, and we suffered narrow defeats.

Mr. Kelly said “we were a bit unlucky not to qualify– there was only a kick of the ball in both games.” He was quick to point out solid performance from Kean Doran and Aaron Daly, but reserved special mention for Eric Hyland who stood out on the day.

The senior footballers have racked up some great wins this term. Playing in the difficult winter weather, it is no place for weakness. In their first outing, they defeated St. Michael’s well with Dillon McCarthy and Shane Kelly the outstanding pair on the day.

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### Soccer Round-Up Seniors

Beaten 3-2 by St. Paul’s, Raheny in the Leinster Cup, Joey’s season seemed to be at an end when they trailed 4-2 to St. Michael’s, Ballsbridge with ten minutes left in their senior league playoff match at Clontarf on 3rd December.

Santa Claus had made a number of appearances in the Joey’s defence gifting our opponents four goals, beginning as early as the opening minute but excellent team spirit, leadership and no-little skill continually dragged us back into the match.

Johnny Boyle converted a penalty after being fouled in the box. Then Seb finished off a flowing move involving Eric Hyland and Johnny to leave us level at the half.

We quickly gave a way two more goals while missing a hat-full of chances. A Ryan Robinson lob narrowly missed the target. But immediately a speculative lob from Hyland bounced over the keeper to put us back in the game. Boyle scored his second penalty to level it up. A 35-yard rocket from Aaron Daly bounced back off the crossbar and Ryan R. hammered home the rebound to put us in front!

Johnny got a deserved hat-trick in the final two minutes to advance us to the quarter-final against Collinstown Park next week.
Hurlers clash with competition.

**Junior**  by Dean Meehan

Last year, this team reached the county semi-final, so hopes and confidence were high for this campaign. Seasoned players such as Niall Sheehy, Cian McCabe, Carl McKeever and Dean Meehan were expected to lead the front; but the unexpected stars of the younger years came to the fore. Outstanding amongst these were Reece Lowry, Matthew Boland and Declan Kelly. Special note must be made of first year Shane Kelly. Not intimidated by the expectation or strength of his teammates and opposition, Kelly brought great skill to match overall work-rate.

The team, most of whom are underage again next year, topped the group and reached the quarter-final. An outstanding win over Glasnevin was the highlight, with the game within three points right to the end.

Another year reaching the knock-out stages shows that this team will remain competitive throughout their time in Joeys. We wish them the best of luck in (eventually!) bringing home some silverware.

**Senior**  by Niall Sheehy

The senior hurlers started their campaign with a strong win over Trinity Comprehensive on 22nd September. The senior is a knockout competition, so the pressure is tense in each game.

A dominant first half display meant the game was beyond reach for Trinity, and Joeys went on to win 7-7 to 2-2.

Senior players Jaime Grey and Matthew Weafer were the top players on the day, while off the bench Ryan Robinson and Christian O’Brien rarely put a foot wrong.

Mr. Stack said after the game “I’m delighted with the display, but more importantly with the positive attitude of the team.”

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This newsletter was written and made by Transition Year students as part of their Media Studies module with Mr. Stack. The writers and contributors are as follows:

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