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 it. A word of thanks also to the students’ Media Studies teacher, Ms. Dowdall, for her 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 lost a loved one or simply found 2014 a hard year in whatever way. May 2015 be easier and more joyful and may you find peace and acceptance and the ability to move on. So, to you all, may the blessings of Christmas be yours.

G. Cullen, Principal

On Tuesday, December 9th, our school was visited by illustrious character Mr. Paddy Armstrong. Paddy is known for being one of the infamous Guildford Four; those wrongly imprisoned in the 1970s for the IRA bombing of a pub in Surrey.

To a full group of Transition Years, Paddy first showed the

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Preventing for Paddy

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When our teacher told us Mr. Armstrong was coming in to the school to give us a talk, we weren’t exactly sure who he was. We had heard of the Guildford Four before, but we didn’t really know much about their story. Mr. Stack told us that they were four people who were wrongly accused of planting a bomb in a pub in Guildford in Surrey which killed five people and injured more than sixty-five. We tried to learn as much as we could about their case before Mr. Armstrong’s visit. We watched a documentary that gave details about the case and which focused on Gerry Conlon’s experience in particular. This gave us enough background information to begin watching In the Name of the Father, a movie about Gerry Conlon, played by Daniel Day Lewis. Although the movie is mostly about Gerry Conlon, it tells the story of all of them; Paddy Armstrong, Paul Hill and Carole Richardson.

Jamie Curry said, “I was particularly shocked by their brutal treatment at the hands of the police, and the threats the police made against their families. I found it very interesting that although there was evidence to prove their innocence, they were still locked up almost 15 years later. I was shocked by the injustice of their situation.”

After we had watched the movie, we discussed it together as a class. We spoke about how their treatment would be very different if it happened today instead of in the 70s, and how much they must have been affected by their imprisonment. We then composed some questions to ask Mr. Armstrong when he visited the school. By the time the day of the talk arrived we were really looking forward to seeing him, having learned so much about his case, and in hearing what he had to say.

by Oisín Dunne, Jamie Curry and Carl Flynn
Annual School Walk

On Friday the 26th of September 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

Building for our Future

Over the summer and at the beginning of September, there was building and renovation work done in the main building of the school. This work took place on the first floor and included an extension to the current career guidance office, the creation of a meeting room for parents and staff, and new staff toilets.

Speaking of the work Mr. Timmons said, “Very impressive work, very good for the school.”

This work shows the present commitment to developing and improving the facilities of the school for pupils, staff and the wider school community.

Junior Cert Results

We’d like to congratulate all the students that received their results, which were handed out on the 10th of September. These results were a great start to the new academic year and a brilliant way the students to begin Transition Year on a high note. We interviewed some students, asking them if they were happy with their results, Darragh Reynolds said, “I’m chuffed! Similarly, Suman Neupane said, “I’m very happy with them!” All the parents and teachers were extremely proud of the students’ success. Pupils celebrated their results with family and friends that evening.
Debating Success

Congratulations to the St. Joseph's debaters who excelled in public speaking and debating in the National Model UN Debates that took place in University College Cork on the 7th, 8th and 9th of November. Accompanied by Mr. Quinlan and Mr. Hennessy, the team consisted of Alex Fay, Manolito Aviles, Conor O’Reilly, Jamie Gannon, Danny de Vaal and Paul Carr. The team did very well, receiving three honorable mentions, as well as three subsidiary prizes. The pupils put in a tremendous amount of work in the lead up to the event, as well as the effort put in over the weekend itself. Special thanks to Mr. Quinlan and Mr. Hennessy for travelling to Cork with the boys and to Mr. Flattery for his superb advice and training of the speakers prior to the event.

ORB ROCK JOEYS!

On the 3rd of November The Original Rudeboys (ORB) came to Joey’s to support and raise awareness for ‘Walk in our Shoes’ a mental health charity. Accompanied by FM104, they said they felt a strong connection to this organisation because they have seen first-hand the terrible effects poor mental health can have on people. The event took place in the hall with the group performing a number of songs including; Stars in my Eyes, Live Your Life and a charity cover of a Mr. Probz song called Waves. They answered questions from the students and even brought someone up to sing with them on stage! Sean, a member of the group told us about how he was a former student at this school and about some of his experiences in Joeys. The event was very enjoyable and after the performance the band signed autographs and took photographs.

My Experience in Joeys: Hector Mangas Afonso

I remember the day I arrived after a whole day of travelling from the Canaries, in Spain. It was raining and everything matched the images I had seen in Google Maps. Four days after that I went to Joey’s for my first day. Everyone was nervous and strange to me. We were a bunch of foreign students. After a quick meeting, we got our timetable, a journal and the school rules. That was a Friday. I was really looking forward to the Monday!

The school’s building impressed me. It’s really old, classy and big. On Monday I arrived at school and I was so excited. The classes have a lot of resources like computers, projectors and books to borrow.

Compared to the Canary Islands, where I am from, this weather is really cold, but the school’s heating makes the school very comfortable.

In Spain, we don’t have Transition Year, so it’s very interesting for me to do work experience, mini-company and all the other activities we are doing this year, like trips and visits. Lessons are not too hard and we don’t have to worry about exams and grades. My classmates are really nice and it’s very easy to make friends.

I miss my parents a lot, but Skype and being able to text them helps me to not feel homesick. Anyway, my host family is great and we talk daily.

I’m into computers, so when I discovered Ireland has Google, Facebook, Dropbox and Amazon headquarters here, I was thrilled. It’s phenomenal how many technological enterprises are here.

Since arriving here I have been to the Google and Dropbox offices. The day I went to Google the offices were full of people. I asked and a Google employee to give me a tour around the installations and he was happy to build buildings with gyms, several restaurants and offices.

I’m going back to Spain on the 11th of December. I want to see my family and my friends in Spain, but at the same time I don’t want to end this amazing time here in Ireland. I have met a lot of great people that I hope I will see again in the future.

I’ll miss everything and everyone here, and I will have to adjust to being back to “real life” in Spain. I’ll never forget my time in Ireland, especially my experience in Joey’s in Fairview!
**Movie Review: FURY**

*Fury* is set at the end of World War II in Nazi Germany. It tells the story of how a battle-hardened U.S. Sgt. commands his tank crew against the final resistance of the German troops. The film stars Brad Pitt as Don “Wardaddy” Collier and Logan Lerman as young Pvt. Norman “Machine” Ellison. The film was written and directed by David Ayer. The tank’s original assistant driver and gunner has been killed in battle and his replacement turns out to be a recently enlisted army typist, Norman Ellison (Logan Lerman) who, it transpires, has never seen the inside of a tank before, let alone experienced the ravages of war. The surviving crew, who have been together since the North African campaign, despise the new recruit upon meeting him, for both his lack of experience and his reluctance to kill. The bond between Norman and Wardaddy becomes stronger after capturing a small German town, where they meet German woman, Irna, and her cousin, Emma. The platoon of three tanks, led by Wardaddy is given a mission to hold a vital crossroads but after encountering a German tank, only Fury remains. After hitting a landmine the vehicle is immobilised. With a battalion of three hundred infantry approaching the crew are forced to stay and defend the crossroads.

This film shows us the true brutality of war and how it affects each individual involved.

I would recommend this film to anyone interested in war, and for ages fifteen and above as it contains some violence and bad language.

*TY Rating: 4.5 stars out of 5.*

By Cian Larkin and Ciaran Kelly

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**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 *Boyhood*
- 16th October—TY Walk – Alfie Byrne Road and Fairview Park
- 16th October—Education Fair, Parnell’s GAA Club
- 23rd October—Half day for funds raised
- 4th November—Visit to IMMA and National Gallery
- 12th November—Visit to Collins’ Barracks
- 25th November—Trip to the IFI to see French movie ‘Populaire’
- 1st 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 and Mr. Paddy Armstrong. 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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Joey's Crossword

Across

3. Where was the school tour last year?
5. An instrument you would find in the music room
7. The approximate number of pupils in the school
8. 3rd year pupils do this in June
10. The park across the road
11. A popular sport in the school
12. The place where games are played
15. The name of the avenue that is part of the school's postal address
16. St. Joseph's is a Christian _ _ _ _ _ _ school

Down

1. The century in which the school was founded
2. TYs do this on Fridays
4. The date in January when school reopens
6. The name of the band who played in the hall on Monday the 3rd of November
9. What does TY stand for?
13. Where you would get delicious chicken for your lunch in Fairview
THE SIDELINE VIEW

Joeys Knock-Out Opponents

On Monday the 1st of December our T.Y. boxing class took part in an inter-county friendly competition in the National Boxing Stadium of Ireland. Seven boys from our school fought these were: Aaron Daly, Tariq Rowe, Daniel Panych, Dean Shevlin, Paul Carr, Stephen Kelly, Jordan Greene, and unfortunately Luke Dunne was unable to compete because there was not an appropriate opponent to match him with. Each boxer was giving a certificate and medal presented by Paul Quinn, a community welfare boxing coach. Throughout the fights there was a lot of chanting between the schools. Each of the boxers fought their hearts out and did our school proud.

Footballers Kick On in Early Season

On the 27th of November, St. Joseph’s played their U14 Gaelic quarter-final against Firhouse Community College. Joey’s star forward Jordan Doyle was not shy in front of goal, he looks to have a bright future in Gaelic football. Both Carl Mc Keever and Josh Lewis were impenetrable at the back, however, unfortunately this wasn’t enough as they lost the match by 9 points. Their group campaign was a successful one as they recorded two comfortable victories in their second and final group game, recording just one loss in their first match. One of these victories was won with a last minute goal from Daniel Mullane, who has excelled throughout the season to date. Well done to the lads for taking the team to the quarter-final, we know we will see great things from this team in future competitions.

By Carl Flynn and Cian Larkin

Soccer Round-Up

A match between St. Joseph’s and St. Declan’s of Cabra took place at the Clontarf Astro pitches in October. It was a tight game and we expected to be beaten badly by the superior players of Declan’s team, but with two spectacular goals from Ryan Robinson and fantastic goal-keeping from Ciaran Kelly, we took Declan’s to extra time. Unfortunately, we were outclassed in the final minutes. The final score was 4-2. This meant we were knocked out of the cup, but we still had the league to look forward to and began this campaign with a 2-2 draw against Pobalscoil Neasáin, Baldoyle. This put us in a great position to qualify for the next round of the competition. A draw with Larkin Community College would have been enough for us, but it wasn’t to be and we lost 6-3 after 90 minutes. After being knocked out of the cup, Ms. Barry entered us in the shield where we were drawn to play against St. Oliver’s from Drogheda. Despite falling behind to an early goal, a Cian Larkin wonder-strike from 25 yards equalised, which lead to a tight game. When the whistle blew for half-time the score was 4-4 after a Brandon Arkins’ goal and two from Ryan Robinson. However, games worth winning never come easy and Oliver’s ensured we were made to earn this victory. With two superb free kicks, from Ryan Robinson and Pierce Gavin, we went 6-4 up. After a tight battle, Oliver’s drew level. But the workrate of the Joey’s team fought back an impressive 8-6 win. As well as the key goal scorers, Spanish student, Sebastian Payeras, who plays with our soccer team, made a massive contribution to each of our games. With such promising performances, it would seem that Daragh Lyons is captaining the side for what will hopefully be a long and successful soccer season for Joeys.
Throw-in on Hurling Season

Junior

This year’s junior hurlers have faced their fair share of ups and downs with three matches played in September, all home games, played in Fairview Park. In spite of a disappointing defeat in their first match of the year against Coláiste Cholm (Swords), the loss did little to dampen the spirits of our outstanding young players, with the boys in blue (and yellow!) bouncing back in their second game against Donahies (Edenmore). Although the boys performed very well, pushing themselves to their limits in the second half of the match, the game was lost in the final ten minutes with late points scored by the opposing team. Captained by Matthew Weafer, full-back and free-taker, the team rallied at several points through the games. Centre-forward, Niall Sheehy and wing-back Alan Fitzpatrick both put in very good performances, as well as Aaron Daly in goals, who has enormous potential as a keeper. The final match played against Gaelscoil Reachrann also resulted in a loss. However, the promising talent shown by the players and their unbreakable team spirit shows that great potential exists for future silverware, and for the future of hurling in Joey’s.

Senior

The Joey’s senior hurling team played their first knockout round against St. David’s CBS (Artane) on David’s grounds. The hurlers lost out, unfortunately, to a strong David’s team, putting an early end to their campaign. Despite the loss, the players demonstrated their skill and dedication on a pitch the same size as that in Croke Park. So expansive is the pitch in St. David’s it is used as a training ground by the Dublin hurlers. Captain, Aaron Byrne, led his team with great passion and determination, and Caelan O’Meara played really well and did his team proud with his efforts on the pitch. Well done to the team and we look forward to seeing the results of your efforts in future.

Juvenile

After Christmas we have a very promising juvenile team moving up through the ranks, with strong future prospects for senior hurling. Paddy Ryan, Daniel McCabe, Cian O’Brien and Christian O’Brien are all ones to watch, having shown great potential in training. Keep an eye on this team!

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We hope you enjoy our publication!

Merry Christmas!

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