On Thursday, March 27th our TY Science Debating team won the prestigious All-Ireland Science Debating Issues Competition. This was a wonderful first for Joey’s as it was our first time ever in the competition and our first time winning it. The following students were members of our well-trained and enthusiastic team: Alex Fay (Captain and First Speaker), Manolito Aviles (Second Speaker) and three diligent researchers: J. Morgan, S. Moran and P. Redmond, who are pictured above with their winning trophy. Needless to say, they were expertly coached by their Science teacher Mr Sheahan who provided tactical and expert scientific advice to our enthusiastic TY team. However, the boys wish to underline the fact that the caretaker, Frank Cullen, was very good with offering expert advice on speech delivery. Our students had to spend a long day in the hallowed halls of the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland (RCSI) as they spoke both in the Semi-Finals and Final. After a short opening address by Professor Raymond L. Stallings, Director of Research, the first semi-final...

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One Book, One Community by Jordan and Austin

The school’s first years are taking part in this year’s ‘One Book, One Community’ event for the fourth year. The launch event was held in O’Connell’s primary school hall. The meaning of this event was to bring other schools closer as a community on the basis of reading the same text, to engage in the same thought and feelings while reading this book. The book Once is written by Morris Gleitzman. It is about Felix, a Jewish boy in Poland in 1942, who is hiding from the Nazis in a Catholic orphanage. Many different schools attended this event such as Marino College, Larkin Community College and Rosmini. Maureen O’Sullivan TD and Mary Collins, our home school liaison officer, were speakers at the event.

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School Anniversary Matters— 125 Years!

On 9th December 2013, a host of past pupils, past teachers, historical enthusiasts & many other dignitaries attended an anniversary event held in the school. Over 200 people attended.

Launch of the new school website: The website has been revamped, generously funded by the Past Pupils’ Union. Its level of interactivity has been furnished to a degree never before obtainable, due to the technological constraints until now.

Mr John Kennedy, an owner of several successful conglomerates, promised to double any money raised in the school by the end of the academic year. Thus launched our fundraiser.

Launch of the School 125 Anniversary Book: The “pièce de résistance” of the event. Contained within: exclusive, brand-new interviews with past pupils from most eras, essays on prominent figures in our history including: T.M O’Catháin, George Lyons, The Mulcahys, John Teeling, “Redser” & more, never-before-released photos from a rediscovered archive dating back to 1895. We guarantee anybody who reads the book will recall a long-forgotten memory of the school. If any student hasn’t yet purchased a copy, please do so soon – priced only €5, 50% off the retail price of €10, for pupils of the school.

It really is an exciting time to be a pupil in this wonderful little school!

Barcelona Trip by Andres Martin

This year, the school tour is packing up and going to visit Barcelona in Spain. They’re going to visit it from Saturday 3rd May to Tuesday 6th May.

Travelling around the world is a good experience to discover how the world is outside of your city and your country, and the best way to do it is enjoying it with your friends.

They are going to visit Barcelona. They would visit some of the most important monuments in the city such as La Sagrada Familia, designed by Gaudi, one of the most important architects in Spain.

As well as this, they are going to visit the Camp Nou (FC Barcelona’s Stadium) to see a match, Barcelona against Getafe.

Also they will visit Las Ramblas, Montserrat and Port Aventura Theme Park. I think is a good way for the students and teachers to have a good time to forget the Irish weather and find out how is one of the most important cities in Spain.

Mr. O’Callaghan referenced Barcelona’s stadium when talking to the paper saying “Much like the writing on Camp Nou, ‘Mes Que un Club,’ which means more than a club, Joey’s is showing it is Mes Que un Colegio.”- More than a school!
Debating Science Issues by Stephen Moran and James Morgan

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between Leinster and Ulster took place. The motion before the assembled guests was “This house proposes that the potential benefits of using embryonic stem cells to develop new medical treatments mean that we have a moral obligation to support this type of research.”

Our team proposed the motion while the Northern team (Our Lady and St Patrick’s, Belfast) spoke in opposition. Both teams acquitted themselves well, but Joey’s had the slight edge in the quality of research and in their facility in putting their findings across clearly. To triumphant cheers from the assembled TY supporters Joey’s were judged to have won their semi-final.

Shortly afterwards, the second Semi-Final took place between Connaught (St Brigid’s Vocational School, Co. Galway) and Munster (Coláiste Mhuire, Cork). The Munster Team once again closely beat their rivals resulting in a Joey’s versus Coláiste Mhuire Final.

Shortly after 2 pm, the final commenced. St Joseph’s was once again proposing the motion that was before the house for the Final debate: “This House believes that an organ transplantation allocation that considers only factors associated with individual medical need is a more ethically acceptable method for distributing a scarce resource than a system that also considers factors associated with the patient’s contribution to society.”

This time, the two teams were so closely matched that it was really difficult to call the results accurately.

The judges informed the audience that the teams were so close that they had to go back to adding up the relevant points for various stages in the debate to come up with a definitive winner. In the end we won, and it appears that it was the strength of our team’s rebuttals, and their spontaneous and easy reference to primary sources that swung the day for Joey’s.

Manolito neatly summed up his feelings about Debating Science Issues by saying that it was a whole team effort where each member was committed to researching primary sources that were indicated by their team mentor, and also to researching other relevant primary sources that they had discovered off their own bat. Further, he stressed that while it was their interest in science that had initially sparked their absorption in these debates, it was their growing passion for their subject that really won the day.
One Book, One Community *Continued from front page.*

Sean Bruen of first year was our school’s representative in the *best bookmark* competition and was called on stage as a runner-up. Goodie bags were given out to every school that attended that day.

Our first years enjoyed their day out. Student Sam Chrystal expressed his eagerness to get started on his new book at “Once”!

**Zambia Fundraising** by Seán Reilly

The students going to Zambia with the school are currently fundraising for the trip. They’ll be raising funds for the trip by holding fundraising events to raise €1500 each. The events will include bag packing, comedy nights, raffles and quiz nights.

When in Zambia the students and teachers will be doing things like building facilities for the local community and helping out with things like farming. If you’d like to get involved, you can ask a teacher or student organizing the fundraising events when and where they are taking place.

**Transition Year Mini-Company** by Eoin Leahy

A new subject which could be considered irregular for a typical timetable is Mini-Company. Mini-Company is a subject that focuses on students creating an enterprise, entering the enterprise in a nationwide competition which could see the students’ innovation become a functional business in the real world. In Mini-Company students are encouraged to be creative and to focus on products which have a functional value, on the other side students are encouraged to focus on the practicalities of running a business such as: the records and bookkeeping, the costs of running a business and to check if a product has already been patented. Mini-Company is scheduled for the last two classes on Monday. Mini-Company is also only undertaken by Transition Year students. On March 12th, 3 groups went into a competition in the Lucan Spa Hotel. Two groups won awards, come runners up in awards for Marketing and Sustainability.

“Mini-Company…. Focuses on creating an enterprise & becoming a functional business in the real world.”
12 Years a Slave Review by Matthew Weafer

12 years a slave is a true story of a slave who managed to escape back into American society. Like the Mandela film, its chronicle of racism, hatred and bitter injustice comes from an autobiographical book.

Solomon Northup (Chiwetel Ejiofor) is an upstate New Yorker happily married with two kids, well educated, worldly, an accomplished musician and reasonably well to do, when in 1841 he was tricked and kidnapped and sold in Washington into a life of chains and cotton picking.

Why kidnapping? Slaves could no longer be imported from Africa, but instead there was a steady trade in kidnapping free men and women from the north.

During Solomon’s time on Ford’s plantation in New Orleans the relationship between the two men seems to grow into something beyond master and slave, with Ford gifting Solomon a violin after the work to improve the transportation of timber down-river. The break from slavery is short-lived, however – in Ford’s absence, Solomon retaliates at the snarling overseer, Tibeats (Paul Dano), and is taken and hung from a tree with his toes barely touching the ground. All around him life continues as normal, with people coming and going as he struggles to stay upright. This kind of behavior, the scene seems to say, is normal; this is how powerless a slave was. When Ford returns he cuts Solomon down, but their relationship has changed, Solomon now representing a risk on Ford’s investment that the plantation owner is unwilling to take.

The real villain of the piece enters almost halfway through the film: Edwin Epps (Michael Fassbender) is a ferocious creation, crackling with menace. Each day he weighs the amount of cotton each of his slaves brings in, beating those who do not meet his standards. A crazed alcoholic, he obsesses over one of the slaves, Patsey (a remarkable debut from Lupita Nyong’o), abusing her and then forcing her to pick more cotton than any of the men on the farm. His only feeling for her is lust, but when confronted by his wife (Sarah Paulson), he warns her off setting herself against Patsey, declaring, ‘I will rid myself of you well before I do away with her’.

The violence inflicted by Epps upon his slave’s borders on the unwatchable at times, most notably the scene in which Patsey is whipped, her back torn to bloody shreds.

What is crucial is that 12 Years a Slave has, at the very least, reignited a discussion that has been absent from the mainstream media for some time. This alone would be worthy of praise, but McQueen has crafted a masterpiece in the process. His understanding of the dynamics of cinema, and particularly of the power of visuals, is astonishing; Sean Bobbitt’s cinematography is breathtaking at times, drawing beauty from the ugliest of subjects. Ultimately, however, this is Ejiofor’s film, and he deserves every accolade for his nuanced, empathic portrayal of Solomon. This is an urgent, important film and I hope it is the first of many of its kind.

Verdict: 4 stars out of 5
Dead Rising 3 Review by Stephen Moran

Dead Rising 3 isn’t the best looking game to arrive on the Xbox One at launch, but it sure is the most fun to play. And while it doesn’t have the cutting edge graphics of Forza 5 or Ryse: Son of Rome, Dead Rising 3 rings in the new generation by putting forth a game equal to its launch peers, that wouldn’t be possible on the old hardware.

Dead Rising 3 is a survival “horror” game, much like its predecessors. It couples the tension of the shuffling undead with the comedic relief that the series is known for. It’s a game about crafting weapons to mow down hordes of the undead. It’s about displaying hundreds of zombies on screen at one time, to an amazing effect. Utilizing the power of the Xbox One, Capcom Vancouver delivers zombies by the boatload, the likes of which we’ve never seen before, and something that truly gives you an appreciation for the next-gen.

Taking on the role of earnest mechanic Nick Ramos, you’ll find yourself in the fictional Southern Californian coastal city called Los Perdidos. A zombie outbreak has the military looking to quarantine the city, and you’ve got only a few days to evacuate the area. Twists and turns aside, the objective in Dead Rising 3 is pretty simple. Clear a path to your sanctuary and that path will be littered with thousands and thousands of zombies, as well as survivors looking for your help. The open world is a decent size, but it’s not the open world that’s impressive in Dead Rising 3 — it’s what’s in it. Los Perdidos is packed to the brim with the walking dead. So many, that a trip down the wrong alley or a weapon breaking at an inopportune moment can lead to instant death. The size of these mobs is the most impressive thing about Dead Rising 3; just how much they manage to pack on the screen is an eye-opener when it comes to what the new console is capable of. And it plays well. Mashing through zombie hordes doesn’t fall prey to system sluggishness, it’s impressive and a good indicator of the types of things we’ll see more of this generation.

Verdict

After playing through the game from start to finish, the score I give Dead Rising 3 is 8 out of 10 for the sheer amount of comedic content and gameplay.
Junior hurlers have high hopes.

The junior hurlers have been in competition this term, and combining some of our more experienced students with the talented group of current first years are showing signs of real promise.

The team had topped their preliminary group and have just played a home quarter-final against Confey College of Leixlip.

Many of this team gained their first taste of secondary school hurling before the Christmas in challenge matches against Chanel, and that experience helped in a difficult group decider against Pobailscoil Naesáin that was played in Fairview Park.

The game was in the balance well into the second half until some fantastic work-rate began to expose a tiring Naesáin backline. Niall Sheehy at centre forward was a real menace and broke the game open with a stunning long range goal.

This team has real potential and, despite defeat in the quarter-final, will be in the running for future silverware.

Leaders across the field include captain Luke Dunne, Cian O’Brien, Paddy Ryan, Carl McKeever, Adam Duff and Alan Fitzpatrick.

First Years introduced to Joey’s soccer tradition.


The match started off well with two goals in the first ten minutes. The first goal, came in the 5th minute for Joey’s due to a Brunner own goal thanks to a shot from Cian O’Brien. The second then, which was a Brunner equaliser came three minutes later when their striker went one on one with the Joey’s keeper, Josh Lewis and slotted home. Joey’s held the ball for the rest of the first half and that possession came good with two long range goals from Cian O’Brien and Shaun English.

The second half started well for Brunner, making it 3–2 six minutes in but that seemed to be a consolation as two Nathan Coleton goals finished the game off, Joey’s beating Brunner 5–2.

SENIOR SOCCER:
Ryan Murphy, Ian Maher, Mikey Reynolds, Karl Kelly, Dane Daly, Mark Doyle, Thomas Murphy, Ross Mason, Daryl Conroy, Jonathan Egan, Craig English, Jonathan Boyle, Daniel O’Halloran, Alex Prejban, Aaron Byrne, Dmytro Protsenko, Jordan Lee, Lee Carabini.

JUNIOR SOCCER:
Jonathan Egan, Mikey Reynolds, Ian Maher, Alex Prejban, Eric Hyland, Jonathan Boyle, Jamie Higgins, Patrick Gahan, Brandon Arkins, Cian Larkin, Aaron Daly, Kean Doran, Ciaran Kelly, Jaime Grey, Cian Doyle, Pierce Gavin.

1ST YEAR SOCCER:

SENIOR HURLING:

JUNIOR HURLING:

JUNIOR FOOTBALL:
Matas Galinas, Niall Sheehy, Jaime Grey, Jonathan Egan, Mikey Reynolds, Kean Doran, Dean Conroy, Aaron Daly, Paul Carr, Ryan McGrath, Darragh Reynolds, Darragh Lyons, Cian Doyle, Leon Griffin, Sean Hendrick, Pierce Gavin, Stephen Kelly, Ciaran Kelly, Ryan White, Jamie Higgins.
Leinster Schools Soccer final by Seán Lynam

Starting line-up was as follows; GK: Ryan Murphy, RB: Mikey Reynolds, CB: Jordan Lee, CB: Karl Kelly, LB: Aaron Byrne, CDM: Mark Doyle, RM: Jonathan Egan, CM: Daryl Conroy, LM: Ian Maher, CAM: Thomas Murphy, ST: Craig English.

The game kicked off and Joey’s started poorly, they were finding it difficult to handle the opposition’s pace and physicality, the opposing side were mentally and physically prepared better than the Joey’s side Mr. O’Brien and Mr. Kelly put out on the field.

After a hard fought 11 minutes by the two sides, the deadlock was broken by a great strike from Scoil Eanna’s right midfielder who came across the box and smashed one bottom corner that comfortably beat Murphy in the Joeys’ net. The best motivation the side got was from the right side of the pitch by Johnny Egan and Mikey Reynolds. They created some great link up play as Mikey played a pass into the feet of the winger Egan and made the overlap, which resulted in a superb cross by the right full, but nobody attacked the ball in the box, a let off for Scoil Eanna. Daryl Conroy won a free kick on the edge of the area for striker Craig English to put nowhere but over the bar. After all the hard work Joeys put in to try and convert one of the several chances they had, the first half could only get worse for the side as Eanna’s centre striker beat Murphy and claimed his first goal of the game after 40 minutes. Joey’s went in at half time disappointed.

A half time substitute was made, left full Aaron Byrne was replaced by the quick Lee Carabini. Lee pushed up to left midfield, with Ian Maher dropping to left back. Joey’s won an early corner from good pressure on the leading side, Lee Carabini screamed for the ball to be played back post and he then rose beautifully to claim the header and make it 2-1. Once again however, Scoil Eanna applied maximum pressure to the side in yellow, two yellow cards were picked up in quick succession after lack of concentration. All of Eanna’s pressure eventually paid off. They carved an opening in the tiring Joey’s defence to comfortably beat Ryan Murphy in the closing stages of the game. Soon after that goal, the final whistle blew and Joey’s headed for the dressing rooms in disappointment.

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New Experiences for Joey’s Rugby

Joey’s started a new experience in sport this year, entering the school’s first ever Junior Rugby team. The team made it to the division final only to be beaten by St. Kevin’s of Finglas.

This team did well for their first year in a new code, and the number of training sessions prior to competition really showed on the pitch.

Hopefully this can become a tradition in the school and we can begin to compete for trophies, maybe even one day on a level with powerhouses such as Belvedere and Blackrock!!!

Such is the success of this team, three of the panal; R. Balan, D. Sattell and P. McNeill; are currently with a Leinster schools’ squad.

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