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# Pres Listowel Times



# Matilda JR Takes To The Stage !



At the beginning of the school year, auditions were held for all students. Many auditions were held due to the volume of talent and enthusiasm.

Students were picked for the main cast, supporting cast and dancers.

Rehearsals were held every week since the start of the year.

On the 25th and 26th January, students put on a total of 7 energetic and outstanding performances. All shows were fully sold out demonstrating the true excellence of the performances.

Students spirits were high as they became the characters in the show.

We would like to Thank all students, parents, teachers and SNAs for their support. A special Thank you to Bryan Carr and Laura Daly.

The level of consistent dedication and enthusiasm from all students was commendable





# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Comhghairdeachas le Caoimhe, Niamh, Noelle, Aoibh agus Síne who won recent awards and debating competitions as Gaeilge. Maith sibh a chailíní



Congratulations to Noelle Dillion and Cara Leahy who were very successful at Kerry Schools Cross Country!

Well done to Hiyab and Lucy who were winners of the Science Experimental Design



# **Top Ten Tips**

## **for Exam Season**

1.	Do your homework the night that it's assigned to avoid procrastination.
2.	Keep your notes in different copies for each subject and have them well written so that you can use them to revise.
3.	Spend time studying early before your exam so that it does not build up and become unmanageable
4.	Arrive early to your exams so that you have time to collect your thoughts and organise your belongings
5.	For your exams, bring a pencil-case and all the necessary equipment; blue/black pen, colouring pencils, ruler, calculator, maths set etc.
6.	Use class test results to discover what areas you struggle with, and what areas you excel in. (Study accordingly)
7.	Begin with the homework in the subjects you find difficult or that you dislike. It will get easier from there on as you will feel more accomplished for completing the difficult tasks.
8.	During your exams, manage your time. Do not spend too long on one question - move on if you're struggling and come back to it if you still have time.
9.	Try not to get distracted during your exams. Sometimes you may find yourself looking around to see if everyone else is writing. This will only put more pressure on you, so focus on what you're doing, rather than what others are doing.
10.	Don't stress - do your best!





# BT YOUNG SCIENTIST



At the beginning of January, Presentation Secondary School, Listowel were proud to have two groups representing them at BT YOUNG SCIENTIST 2024 in the RDS, Dublin. We had a group in the Junior category-Siun O' Brien and Ellen Murphy for health and wellbeing. We had a group in the senior category-Abbie Mazzelle and Emma Heaphy for social and behavioural science.



## Things the girls experienced.

- group work
- meeting others
- researching.

"For me, BT was a once in a life time experience. It was absolutely brilliant, I loved every moment of it, I made life long friends. It was organised very well and was made enjoyable for everyone of all ages"  
-Abbie

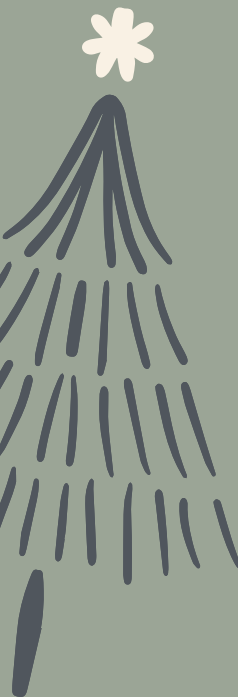


Students from Presentation Listowel also made sure to show support to the girls competing in BT. They had a chance to go up and support the Pres Projects. Congratulations to all students!



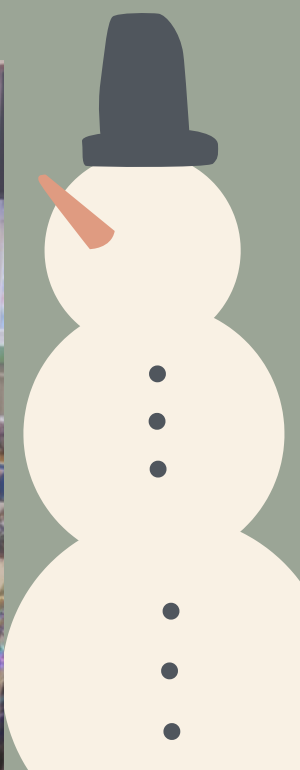



# ty Christmas Market



**Transition Year Students  
held a Christmas market  
in the school canteen on  
the 14th of December.**

**The Transition Years  
worked very hard on the  
market and wish to thank  
all students and parents  
who came to support  
their market.**





# Áras Mhuire

Student Council members, singers, and musicians brought personalised care packages and Christmas cheer to the residents of Áras Mhuire Nursing Home. The residents got to enjoy some carol singing, dancing, music and our Ukrainian students sang a song in their native language. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment!

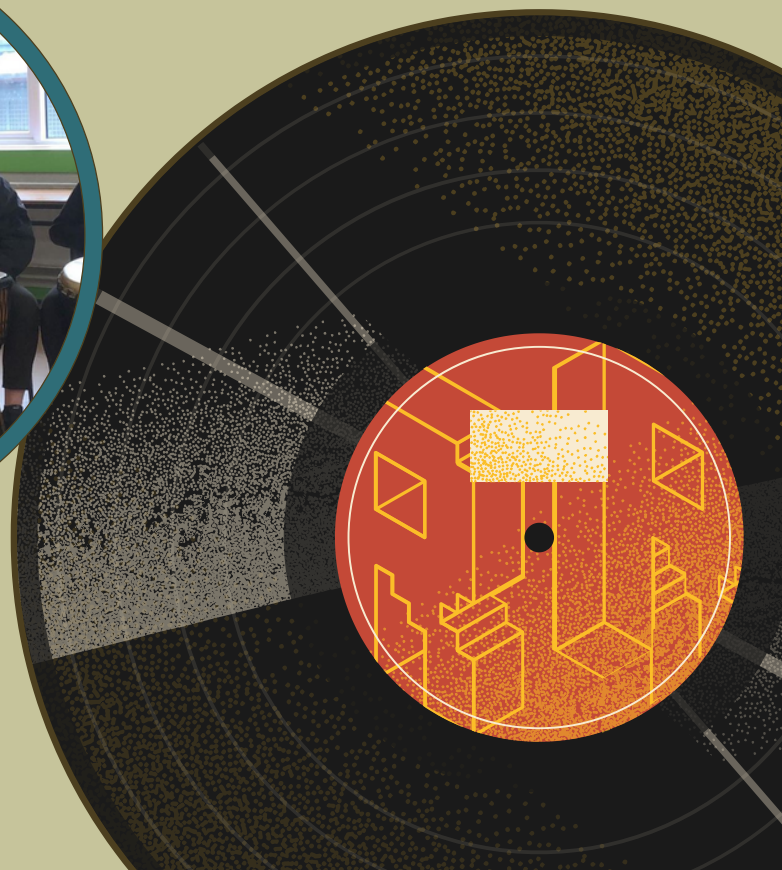




# PERCUSSION WORKSHOP FOR TY STUDENTS

On Wednesday the 17th of January the TY students had a percussion workshop with Martin Schaerer. They learned about the origin of various African drums.

They were shown how to play different rhythms and beats. At the end of the workshop, they were able to perform a traditional rega tune for students in the canteen.





# Visiting Local Nursing Homes with the Gardai

On the 12th and 13th of December, musicians and dancers from our school went to spread some Christmas joy by joining local Sergeant Diarmuid O'Brien on his trip to Lystoll Lodge and Kilcara Nursing Homes



The girls traveled to and from the Nursing Home on a Garda community bus. As a token of appreciation, the local sergeant issued Certificates of Achievement to the girls who contributed their time to help the elderly.





# PERSONAL SAFETY WORKSHOP

TY students had a workshop with Garda Alex who shared some of his own personal experiences working with the Gardaí. This included stories that highlight the importance of personal safety, especially for young women. Our girls were taught signs to recognise dangerous situations and the importance of their digital footprint online.



Later, the girls were shown a number of ways to help protect themselves when in imminent danger. Undoubtedly, this workshop was extremely useful and enjoyable for our students.



# FIRST YEAR VOLLEYBALL BLITZ

Well done to all the first years who took part in the Volleyball Ireland Blitz in Mardyke, Cork in December. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had great fun.





# TY Enterprise – Dragons Den!

Our Transition Years held a Dragons Den presentation during Business week. They presented their enterprise projects and ideas to 1st year Business students. The winners of Dragons Den was 'Codail Bear' and in second place was 'I want s'more'. Our winners were chosen by our 1st year Dragons and Judges.



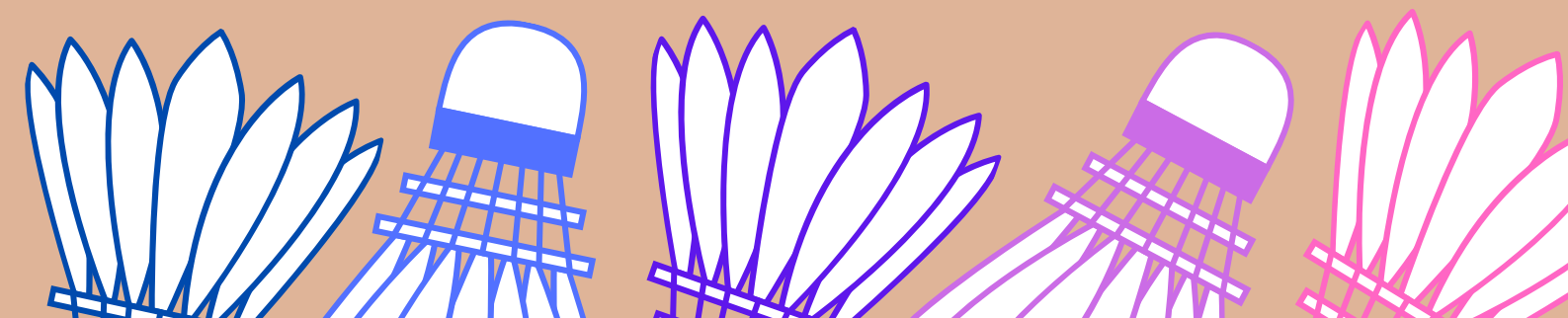


The U14 and U16 badminton teams showcased their talent and dedication in Killarney at the beginning of December. They qualified for the Munster Finals. Their hard work paid off as they went to UL this month representing the school.

Both teams played extremely well and showed off their skill levels. As a result, the U14 team successfully secured a spot in the All-Ireland Final. Unfortunately, despite a huge effort from the U16 team and great perseverance, they were defeated in their final match. Well done girls!



Congratulations to all the girls for their outstanding performance. It is a huge achievement to have come this far in the competition! Our best wishes to the U14 team as they prepare for the upcoming All-Ireland Final.





# Student Council Trip to Cork

**On the 9th of January, Student Council representatives travelled to Cork City to visit the offices of Cork City Council. They were invited by Cork's Lord Mayor, Kieran McCarthy. The Student Council received a warm welcome from staff and Mayor McCarthy, who is a geographer and local historian.**



**He gave the students a tour of the Council Chamber and Lord Mayor's office. He expressed to our Council the importance of representation in public office. He also shared his extensive knowledge of local governance and city planning. He encouraged our diligent Student Council on the importance of their continued commitment to their school community, Listowel and representing the student voice.**

# Presentation Secondary School Listowel Presents



# THE CRUCIBLE

20th and 21st of March @7pm, St. John's Theatre

**TICKETS €15 , €10 FOR STUDENTS / OAP**

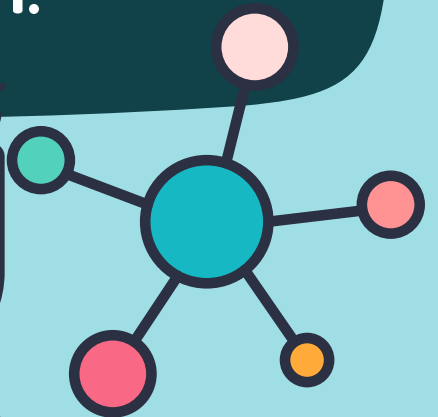
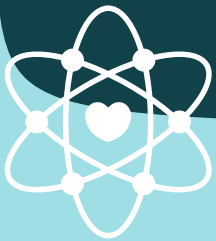
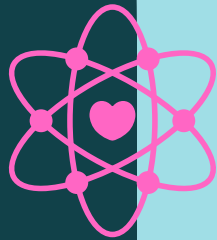




# TRANSITION YEAR STEM DAY IN KILLORGLIN



On Wednesday the 24th January ,our TYs travelled to the RDI hub in Killorglin. The TY's are taking part in the STEM passport for inclusion programme. This program contains learning about computational thinking, data science and coding with BBC MicroBit. The TY's will take part in this scheme over three separate school days. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to explore and develop their skills in the area of STEM.



# Foal To Race

This month the TY students took a trip to Limerick where they participated in a photography workshop in the morning. They learned how to take different types of photos and the best angles to use. Then the girls made a short trip down the road to Limerick Racecourse where they spent the rest of the day watching the races. Thank you to Equine Ireland who kindly sponsored tickets to attend as part of their Foal to Race programme that they will be actively participating in throughout the year.







# 1st & 2nd Year Basketball

Congratulations to the first and second year basketball teams for their successful participation in their opening league match this month against Causeway Comprehensive. It is commendable that both teams performed exceptionally well and secured their first victory of the season. The first year team emerged triumphant with a remarkable score of 3-63, while the second-year team achieved a commendable score of 22-44. Well done to all who took part.