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Cover: Orla Gaffney's winning entry in the secondary school art category of the National Book of Kells Creative Competition

Above: Liz Twomey (5th Year) and her ape dancers, performing 'The Lazy Song', also at the concert

Right: A typical day in the SAC staffroom.



Deputy Principal's Welcome Address

With the arrival of the dreaded pre-exams, not to mention the first daffodil in the school gardens, Spring has finally sprung in St. Angela's. In this fresh new season I am delighted to welcome you all to the second issue of *Living the Green*. The magazine is chock full of activity and fun. You will get a flavour of the school's Christmas celebrations, the wonder of the crib ceremony and the craic of the Christmas concert (including a surprise appearance by the teachers!). The Transition Years have nearly completed their Junk Kouture creations and the fashion spread in this issue is truly spectacular. Features describing the school's sporting endeavours, artistic accomplishments, and charity collections capture the busy and vibrant



spirit of St Angela's. There is also an account of a VIP visit from the Irish Consul General to New York! Well done to the Transition Year editorial team and to Mr McLoughlin for all their hard work in preparing this issue, and I hope you enjoy reading about the richness and variety of life in St. Angela's!

Le gach dea ghuí,

Ms O' Donovan

HOOP DREAMS DASHED

The U19A basketball league title was up for grabs. St Angela's College was up against a strong St Vincent's side. Either team could take the title.

Alanna O Connor, Orla Coffey, Isabelle Walsh, Caitlin Brosnan and Dara Diggin started the game for St Angela's. Dara Diggin went in for the jump ball facing off with Mollie Blount from St Vincent's. Dara Diggin got the first score for St Angela's with a basket after a foul. In reply came Lauryn Homan from the St Vincent's team, which was followed with a three pointer from Isabelle Walsh for St Angela's. Louise McKenzie got a basket and Homan scored a free throw which was the end of the scoring from St Vincent's in that quarter. Orla Coffey scored a basket and made two free throws and Kayleigh O' Sullivan scored a basket to give St Angela's a twelve to five lead over St Vincent's at the end of the first quarter.

Lauryn Homan picked up her team in the second quarter scoring ten points with a basket from McKenzie and a basket from Blount. Caitlin Brosnan came into the game

scoring a three-pointer and a basket as well as Alanna O' Connor scoring a three-pointer. McKenzie and Aimee Cronin scored a free throw each and Emily Peyton scored a basket for Vincent's. Going into half time St Angela's were down by four points.

Diggin opened up the third quarter with a three-pointer, followed by a free throw for Brosnan. In the third quarter, Peyton scored four points for Vincent's with ten points from Homan. O'Connor scored two three-pointers and Coffey also scored three. Brosnan followed with another basket. This left Angela's three points down going into the fourth and last quarter.

Brosnan opened the fourth quarter with a basket followed by a three-pointer from Diggin. Homan responded with two baskets and made a free throw with Brosnan responding with another basket. This left Angela's one point down with a minute to go. In the last minute Brosnan scored a basket and with only thirty seconds remaining, Angela's thought they had won the game. With twenty seconds left, Vincent's had possession

of the ball and Angela's were on defence. With only a couple of seconds left the Angela's girls were quite confident but Homan flung the ball at the basket and in goes a three-pointer. The game was over, Vincent's 46 to Angela's 44. Angela's were so close to winning but just lost out. Even though they lost, a terrific game of basketball was displayed.

Vincent's- Lauryn Homan, Mollie Blount, Louise McKenzie, Emily Peyton, Aimee Cronin, Ava Hayes, Erin Wallace, Emily Watkins, Alex Burhesxos.

Scorers- Lauryn Homan (31), Louise McKenzie (6), Emily Peyton (6), Mollie Blount (2), Aimee Cronin (1).

Angela's- Alanna O' Connor, Orla Coffey, Isabelle Walsh, Caitlin Brosnan, Dara Diggin, Orla Kiely, Eimear Diggin, Yasmine Murphy, Kayleigh O' Sullivan, Jess Forde, Aisling O' Sullivan, Emily Hughes, Anna Colbert.

Scorers- Caitlin Brosnan (14), Dara Diggin (9), Alanna O' Connor (9), Orla Coffey (7), Isabelle Walsh (3), Kayleigh O' Sullivan (2).

Many of you may not know this, but we have a very active Equestrian Club here at SAC! On Friday 15th November, Orna Mahony (Transition Year) competed at the Scellig Sport Horse Interschools and she placed a very impressive 6th place in the individual competition.

Also, on December 18th a group of 30 students from all years travelled to Kinsale Equestrian Centre for a day trip. They got to ride the horses on a trek in the beautiful scenery and a great day was had by all! Please feel free to drop into our next club meeting, listen out for announcements and join in the fun at Equestrian Club!

Keep an eye on the @sac_equestrian_club on Instagram for more updates and competition information!



Equestrian Club News



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Christmas Crib Ceremony

One of highlights of the year is always the Christmas Crib Ceremony and this year was a classic! Our school's celebration of the nativity took place on Thursday 19th of December with the Christmas spirit visible to all. Transition Years rehearsed tirelessly coming up to the exciting day. It's always a proud day for the school and the whole community attended, with our esteemed and much loved guest Father Cormac making a happy appearance.

The theme of this year's ceremony was hope, and the TY's began the celebration with a moving rendition of 'High Hopes' by Kodakidz. Every TY student had a part to play in this ceremony, whether singing in the choir, reading

or playing a part in the nativity play itself. The ceremony continued with readings and our take on the birth of Jesus. We had some special touches this year, such as a video of members of our school community responding to the question 'What Does Christmas Mean to You?' put together by Kate Walsh. We also had an amazing performance by Rose O' Reilly of 'O Holy Night' and even some laughs at the bearded Wise Men!

The Crib Ceremony ended with a choir performance of 'Do They Know it's Christmas' which in turn led to the whole school becoming involved and embracing the Christmas spirit further. It's safe to say everyone left that day feeling very much in the Christmas Spirit.

Transition Years were very happy and left feeling full of Christmas cheer knowing that they had helped to spread the good news to all.





Consul General Visit to SAC

Ciarán Madden, the Consul General of Ireland, and Peacekeeper Sergeant Denis McGarry visited SAC on Thursday 9th January. During their visit they presented a fascinating talk on the roles they have played in the past, and continue to play, on the world stage, representing Ireland's interests abroad. Consul General Madden is currently based in New York and is currently working to secure Ireland a coveted position on the UN Security Council for 2021-22. He has served as Irish ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (with added responsibility for Qatar and Kuwait) and has been Director for the Middle East and North Africa. He spoke about his work representing Ireland and our

interests, and about our ambitions for the world. He answered a series of challenging questions posed to him by students on Ireland's position on issues such as Brexit, the environment and global trade.

Students were also given a fascinating insight into the role that Ireland plays in peacekeeping operations around the world by Sergeant McGarry. It was evident to all present that he wears his Irish identity with pride, and is especially effusive about the great work done by the Irish army to maintain stability in some of the most conflict-ridden regions of the world.





Soaking Wet...and Frozen 2!!

Spare a thought for the 1st Years who got soaked on their way to the cinema leading up to Christmas to see Frozen 2. Despite the weather, spirits were high and students used their initiative to make some bespoke rain gear to stave off the worst of the rain. Well done, girls. With a little more practice your imaginative use of unconventional materials has prepared you for the Junk Kouture module in Transition Year (see pages 14-16)!



Presents for Edel House

by Amy Ring & Ruth Mckeone

As part of our Community Class Project our class and our teacher, Ms Connolly decided that we would all buy a present for a child who will be staying in Edel House for Christmas. We were told whether our child was a boy or a girl and their age to help us buy a suitable gift. We were granted permission to take two classes off on a Friday morning to head down to town as a class to buy the present we had chosen. All of 4C walked down the hill together and when we reached Patrick Street, we split up to go to the different shops to buy the present we had researched. Some of us went to Smyths and others went to Penneys. We wrapped all the presents with bows and ribbons to make the present for the child even more

memorable. We then had all the presents ready to be handed over to Edel House. This project made us all realise how lucky we really are to have a roof over our head, lots of presents under the tree for us at Christmas and a big Christmas dinner served up to us. Many of these children have nothing and are in a small room, squashed, with no Christmas dinner for them to eat. Even though we will never know the child we bought the present for, I can say for definite that all of us felt very fulfilled afterwards. This project would not have been possible without Ms Connolly who organised everything for us and we all feel that she deserves a special thank you for helping us with this project and for making the whole project a big success!



Photos from the annual SAC Christmas Concert



Rebecca Akinkuolie
(1st Year)

Here you can see Rebecca mid-flight during her jaw-dropping gymnastics routine at the concert.



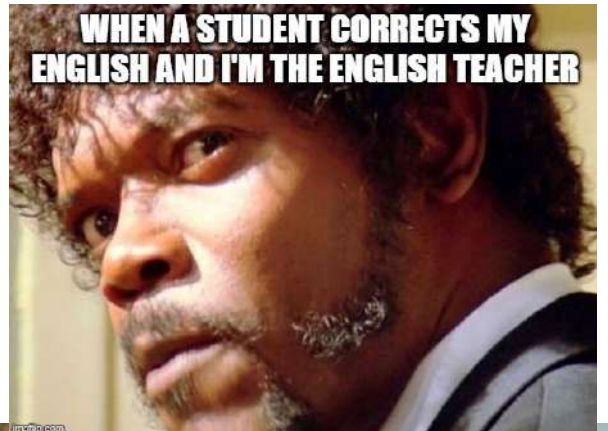
TY MEMES



new school jacket



old school jacket





NOT SO JUNK KOUTURE



Junk Kouture is a fashion competition using recycled materials, which challenges young people to design, create and model high-end couture from everyday junk. It takes in elements of fashion, design, engineering and environmental sustainability and transforms them into a creative contest like no other! Hitting its tenth year running, it has already captivated over 40,000 students, 8,000 teachers and 100,000 audience members.

All of the outfits you see here are made using recycled materials. Groups of TY students worked to design and make their creations and then apply for the competition using photos that were taken in a photo

shoot in January.

During the photo shoot hairspray and make up brushes were flying in the changing rooms. By the time all the hair was done you could taste the hairspray by just breathing the air in, and the heat from the straighteners and curlers could have smashed a thermometer! The atmosphere was electric and everyone was eager to walk the catwalk. Some girls may have walked away with more than just a fabulous hairdo and make up, they may have walked away with a mild case of hypothermia! Some models were blue with envy at the girls in jumpers and leggings in the warm classrooms.

Overall the excitement and the relief overcame the feeling of the cold,

especially when the finished photos were unveiled.

We are currently awaiting the decision on who has been chosen to go to the regional heat in Dublin, where the outfits will be judged and modeled to see whether they reach the national final. Miss Connolly and the groups are nervously waiting for that call to come.

Participating in the Junk Kouture competition has been a load of fun, but at the same time it has taught us valuable life skills such as time management. It also gave us a glamorous break from our uniform and an opportunity to showcase our individuality. Cross your fingers and wish us luck with the results!



From Mini Company to Massive Success

Mini company is a fourth-year elective. An elective means a subject you chose to do for the entire year. Mini company is all about being an entrepreneur, setting up and running your own business.

On our own and then in groups we had to come up with ideas for a business, we could make or sell a product or service. We drew inspiration from current affairs and events such as climate change and Christmas. We also thought about our target markets and what they need or would like to buy.

We had to make a prototype which means a

sample of the product to trial and identify any errors to see if our product would work and how we could improve it. We aimed to make homemade, environmentally friendly products rather than buying in products.

Each business had to set up Instagram pages to promote our products. We made posters as a display in different corridors and had announcements on the intercom and on the school app.

We sold our products at market days in the school. These market days proved very successful as we made a lot of sales. We then attended a market day in Blackpool Shopping Centre where there were a lot of other schools selling their products too. The Evening Echo and Irish Examiner were there helping us to promote our product to a

larger audience. At this market day there were judges interviewing us and inspecting our products. One of our businesses called 'Go Glas' won the best idea and received a trophy.

Mini company gives you great knowledge about setting up and running a business. You get to learn and develop business and life skills from this mini company elective. We would encourage anyone who enjoys business and wants to run a business when they're older to put down mini company as their first preference at the start of fourth year as it gives you an insight into what the business world is really like. No matter what year you are in if you are thinking about doing mini company you can start thinking and looking for business ideas now.





Guilty as Charged!

Mark the dates in your calendar, folks! Rehearsals for the TY musical have been epic so far, and we hope the photos whet your appetite for the auditory, ophthalmic and kinesthetic feast that is...wait for it...OMG it's...**LEGALLY BLONDE!!!**

Miss Godfrey and her trusty team of staff and students have been hard at work each Wednesday (and some Saturdays!) perfecting the musical and we can't wait to

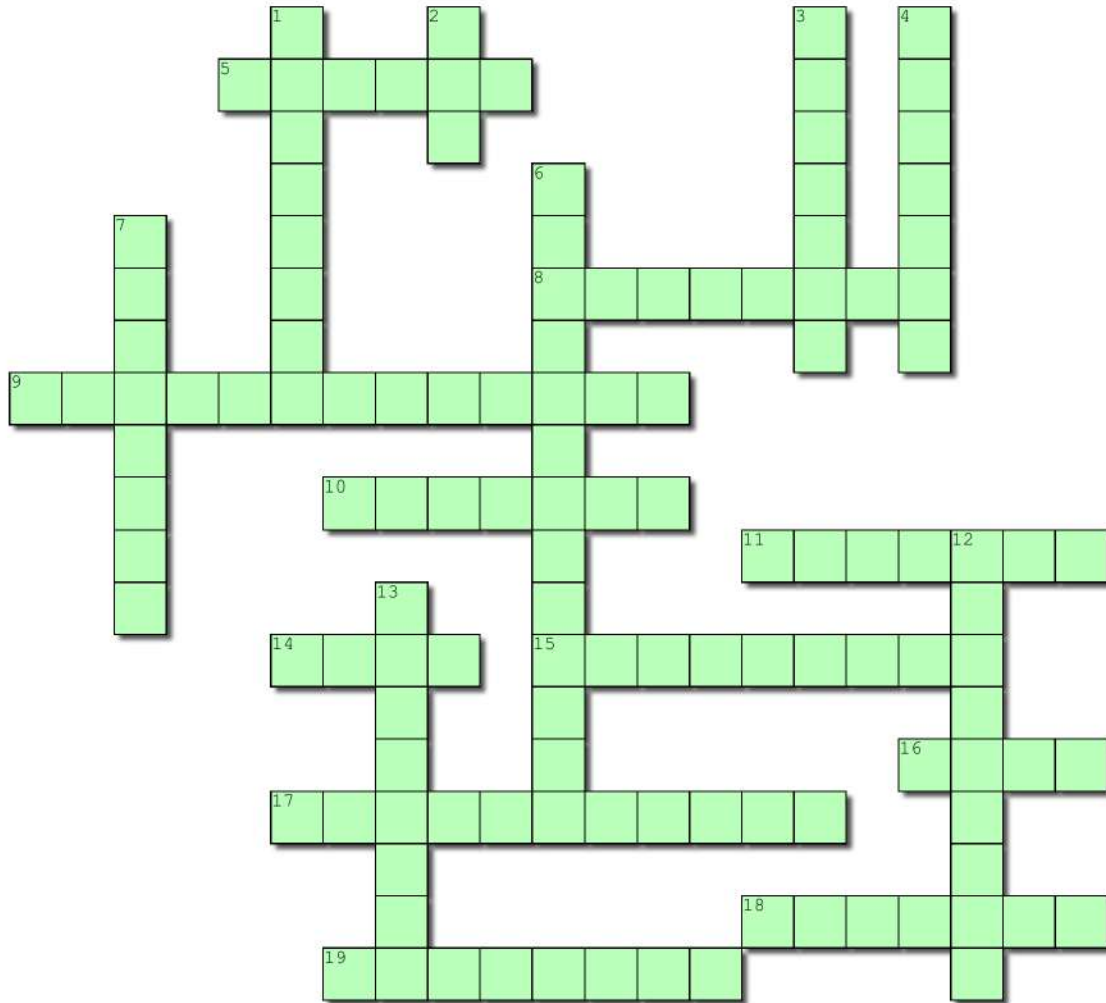
share it with you. Avoid the stampede for tickets and book them as soon as they're hot off the press.

There are only two performances; one matinee on Thursday 19th March and the final gala performance will take place on the evening of Friday 20th March in the Firkin Crane Theatre. Look out for a notice via the school app about the date the tickets will go on sale. Book early to avoid being devastated (or crushing a vertebrae in the stampede!).



Spring Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

5. Animal that eats carrots
8. When an extra date is added to February
9. Name of the event that begins spring in the Northern Hemisphere
10. Shoes for wet weather
11. When light mixes with rain in the atmosphere
14. baby sheep
15. patron saint of ireland
16. When people give up things before Easter
17. the usual number of days in February
18. Small pools of water on the ground
19. Traditionally eaten on the tuesday before lent

Down

1. A common spring flower
2. Both a child and a goat
3. I am yellow. You can eat me. I am a bird but cannot fly. I lay eggs also
4. Short periods of rain
6. 14th of February
7. The month in which spring starts
12. Insects that have four wings
13. Protects you from the rain

'SCHOOL SUNRISE'
BACK COVER
PHOTOGRAPH BY
YANA ZHUMYLO
1ST YEAR



Are you able to Find Frida?

Somewhere between the front and back covers of this glorious edition of 'Living the Green' we've hidden our beloved mascot, Frida. The first non-TY student to find her and show Mr McLoughlin wins a prize!

The majority of this edition of 'Living the Green' was written, edited and arranged by members of Mr McLoughlin's TY Media classes 4C and 4D. Also, thanks to Ms O' Grady for her keen editorial eye and forensic proofreading.