



Mount Sion C.B.S. March 2019 Newsletter



Green Schools

Our Green Schools Committee has been hugely busy the past couple of months and this culminated in the school retaining its Waste Management Flag. We are also soon to receive the Energy Conservation Flag. Huge thanks as always to Karen Harte and the students on the



Green Schools Committee who are doing fantastic work in raising environmental awareness around the school.



Engineering Week

Engineering week took place in Mount Sion C.B.S. during March. The first and second year metalwork classes attended W.I.T. for a 'Superheroes in Engineering' talk by Sue McGrath. The presentation was fantastic with the boys learning about STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) through historical anecdotes and real life examples. Junior Achievement Ireland (JAI) also came into the school to talk to Transition Years about STEM careers. Huge thanks to Helen Halpin from JAI and Pat Deegan from Bausch and Lomb for their time. Finally, we hosted the 6th class students from Mount Sion Primary School for a paired engineering class. It was a great success and our excellent Transition Year students showed the younger boys their array of skills and knowledge. Huge thanks to the engineering department in school for organising all of the initiatives.



Transition Year

Our Transition Year students participated in First Aid training with Paul Flood of Alpha Training. The boys are now equipped to deal with First Aid emergencies. This includes providing necessary first aid within the workplace and understanding and demonstrating essential life saving skills if ever called upon.



J.C.S.P. Make A Book Initiative

The 'Make a Book' is an annual celebration of reading, writing and the creative imagination of students and teachers involved in the Junior Certificate School Programme.

Eight students from the 2B E.A.L. (English as an additional language) class collaborated on this year's production: 'Diversity'. Well done to Rahmat, Javed, Sami, Ashukullah, Augusto, Filip, Mohammed and Renato for sharing their fascinating world and cultures with us. Many thanks to Mr. Connolly and the 4th years for their help with the display, it couldn't have been done without them!



South East Super Spellers 2019

The Riverside Court Hotel in Enniscorthy was the location for this prestigious event. Huge congratulations to Conor Threadgold, Azeez Alabi and Sean Reilly for being the last men standing at the South East Super Spellers in Wexford last month. Thirty six students from twelve schools participated in the event organised by the J.C.S.P. Demonstration Project. Mount Sion C.B.S. made it to the final against Selskar College and Ramsgrange C.S. from Wexford. We are delighted and proud to say the boys held their nerve and all three of them made it to the very end without misspelling a word all day!



Bank of Ireland "Battle of the Pitches" Final



The Bank of Ireland Battle of the Pitches Final took place in the Hub in Kilkenny during March. The three-day T.Y. Academy programme challenged students to design a solution to overcome the challenges young people have saving money and budgeting.

The teams comprised students from various different schools who were mixed together to develop ideas from concept to delivery and presented their projects to an experienced judging panel comprising business people, representatives from Bank of Ireland and academic experts. Mount Sion C.B.S. were represented by Max Sarba and Niall Geraghty. Niall's team made it into the final 4, while Max's team managed to win 2nd place.

Mount Sion Choir

After many months of arduous rehearsal, the Mount Sion Choir made the trip over to Prague to participate in the Young Bohemia Choral Competition. The choir used all opportunities to rehearse for the competition, treating bystanders and tourists to impromptu performances on the metro and even in an underground car park in the hotel! The choir performed in



the Young Bohemia competition on Friday 22nd March, and were awarded the Silver Award for their category; Jazz, Pop and Gospel. They were also delighted to receive an award, which recognised their outstanding performance and their wonderful contribution to the festival as a whole. A lovely day was spent on the Saturday, singing for other choirs at the 'Get Together'. Here the Mount Sion Choir unveiled their Rapping Medley 2019, which received uproarious applause. They were also honoured to be the only group to receive a standing ovation in St Nicholas' Church after their performance of Stand By Me. Before departing Prague, the choir located a quiet church and performed a lovely rendition of 'The Parting Glass' to commemorate those who lost their lives in the Christchurch attack in New Zealand. The Mount Sion Choir had a wonderful time in Prague making friends with students from Omagh and from across the pond!

U.C.C. Plus Student Achievement Awards



Eight students were recently awarded with U.C.C. Plus Achievement Awards having been nominated by staff to receive these prestigious awards. These awards are presented to students where their potential and effort in school is recognised.

Thanks to Maeve Minehan from U.C.C. Plus and Ms. Byrne for organising the event. Mount Sion CBS is developing a strong relationship with U.C.C. which will further encourage progression to third level education.

T.Y. Business

The TY Business department was busy last Thursday competing in the Regional Finals of the Foróige Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. It took place in the ArcLabs located in the W.I.T. campus on Carriganore. We had two groups participating on the day. They had to present their business idea and plan to experienced judges in the business world.

It was a great experience for the students to gain valuable feedback on how to successfully compete in today's competitive markets.

One of our groups, which included Max Sarba, Jake Halloran and Cian Sinnott, was crowned the Regional Winners of the Business Plan competition. They will now compete at the National semi-final this month in Dublin.



Sports Round UP - Cnoc Síon Abú!

U16 Hurling - Waterford Championship

Mount Sion C.B.S. 1-9

De La Salle College 2-17

Match Report by **Jack Cashman 3B**

The lads set out in their third game of the Waterford Championship, looking for their second win of the campaign. It was a wonderful day to play a game of hurling as the sun was shining and there was a light breeze favouring no side.

Mount Sion started off strongly, dominating the early ball. Two back-to-back points and a very well worked team goal set up Mount Sion with a great foundation. But these early scores may have went to Mount Sion's heads as De La Salle quickly gained the lead with two goals that may have been prevented another day.

More battling throughout the half led De La Salle to be ahead at halftime.

Halftime score

Mount Sion 1-05 (8)

De La Salle 2-08 (14)

With the sun continuing to shine our lads began to tire. Silly mistakes allowed De La Salle to take control of the game. Early in the second half, Mount Sion's centre back, and Waterford minor, Jamie Gleeson, was forced off due to an injury to his ankle. This change saw Evan Mackey go to wing forward and Mark Hogan was placed into the centre back position.

Another change saw Scott Ryan move from the goal and into midfield and Dylan Ryan was put between the posts. A few more scores from Mount Sion only served as consolations as De La Salle had a firm grip on the game.

Overall it was a bad day at the office for the team and we will be hoping to improve in our next game as the Championship depends on it. Big thanks to Mr Egan, Mr Galvin and Mr O'Meara for making the game possible.

2nd Year Basketball

Well done to our 2nd year basketball team who after 6 hours, 6 games and a tournament consisting of 10 teams; ended up as South East runners-up after narrowly losing the final to Tyndall College from Carlow. Great effort from the boys and huge thanks to Mr. Keane for continuing to grow basketball in the school.



Dates for your Diary

- Leaving Cert French Orals 1st - 5th April
- Kentucky Highschool Choir visiting Mount Sion C.B.S. April 1st
- T.Y. Trip to Barcelona 7th - 10th April