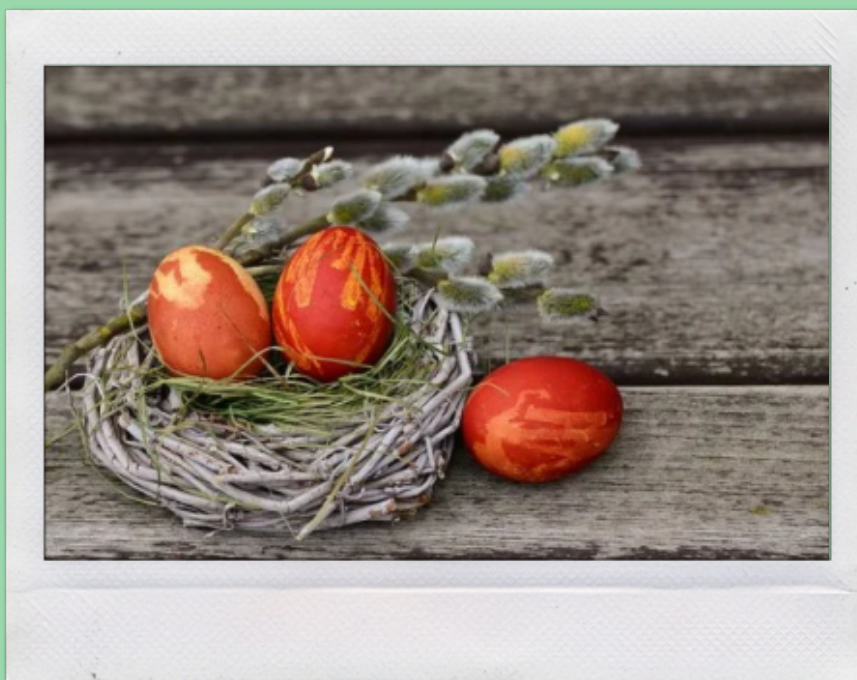


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Principal John Mangan's Easter Message

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff,

As we approach our Easter break we do so with greater hope than at any time over the past year.

The season of Easter, the central liturgical celebration on the Christian calendar, has at its core the gift of hope for us all. It is time of resurrection out of the darkness of death; it is about new life and new beginnings. It is a time of great celebration following the denials of Lent and the suffering of Holy Week.

How appropriate is its message this year. As individuals, families and a community we have all endured much hardship under the dark shadow of COVID-19 since March 2020.

Isolation, sickness, suffering and death have been the experience for many over this past year. Life has had to continue without the usual support of family and friends whom we have not been able to see due to lockdown.

But the message of Easter, the resurrection of Jesus to new life after his passion and crucifixion, reminds us again that there can be hope in the midst of suffering.

Let us take this joyful message of optimism into the weeks and months ahead as we continue to remain vigilant and adhere to the restrictions still in place.

My wish for you all this Easter is to remain safe and well. We are almost there! Ensure you get plenty of rest to restore yourself and allow the Easter message of hope bring with it thoughts of a brighter future where we will be able to celebrate in our customary way. Thank you for your support over this academic year and especially during this recent lockdown.

Have a wonderful and safe Easter.

Regards,
Mr. John Mangan, Principal

***This issue compiled by Rowan Kelly, pieces by Rowan Kelly,
Ann Kate Haugh and Lauren Conmy***

Bake-Off and Cook Off

On the 12th of March, the TYs took part in a bake-off organized by Ms. Kelly and Ms. Cunningham. This was held over zoom and Ms. Cunningham instructed us through the cupcake recipe.

It took about an hour to complete the baking and we all enjoyed this very much. Well done to all the students who won awards.



Best Easter decoration:

- 1st. Eimear O Hora
- 2nd. Aoibhinn Newell

Best St Patrick's decoration

- 1st. Caoimhe Murphy
- 2nd. Fionn Barrett

Best Icing Skills

- 1st. Aoibhinn Newell
- 2nd. Eva Moyles

Best Use of Decoration

- 1st. Aine Killeen

Most Creative

- 1st. Sophie Davidson
- 2nd. Lauren Murray

Best Presentation

- 1st. Anne Murphy

Most Impressive Overall

- 1st. Aine Killeen

Best Effort

- 1st. Danny McDonald
- 2nd. Eoin Ruane



Cook off

On the 19th of March the students also took part in a Cooking demonstration over zoom by Ms. Cunningham to make homemade pizzas. We enjoyed this very much and the pizzas were gorgeous.

By Ann-Kate Haugh

R.S.A Talk

At the beginning of March, TY students attended a virtual talk from the RSA on Road Safety. We learned about many statistics, such as how many people are injured on the road, or how many fatalities there are. As well as this we also learned the interesting way of how these figures have changed over the past ten years, with larger campaigns being launched by the RSA for crimes such as Drug driving or Drink Driving. It was a very informative afternoon, in which we all learned just how paramount Road Safety is when learning to drive. Our thanks goes out to Ms. Kelly for organizing this event for the TY Group.

By Rowan Kelly

Team Travel Challenge

During the past week before the Easter break began, T.Y students took part in a challenge to get to Athlone and Dublin Airport with their class before the others. The challenge was split into two, with the four classes having to get to Athlone first, 142km away. In each competition, the classes' movements were combined to find the winner, whether they moved through walking, running or cycling. The winners of the Athlone challenge were St. Peters. The challenge to get to Dublin Airport was 248km, and was won by St. Anthony's. Our thanks goes to Ms. Kelly for organizing this fun event with the year.

By Rowan Kelly

Microsoft Dreamspace

This term, T.Y boys took part in a Microsoft event online called Dreamspace. During the event, they learned about what it is like to work for Microsoft, and the work or development process when it comes to making things for sale. After this, they took part in a coding exercise and worked on an example of a product that might be made to sell. Overall it was a very enjoyable and educational day, and we would like to thank Ms. Kelly for organizing this event.

By Rowan Kelly

Give And Gain Quiz

Students from First year to TY took part in the Give and Gain Quiz. The quiz was in aid of the Irish Cancer Society on Daffodil Day. Huge thanks to Elena, Aine, Lauren, Sara, Megan, Katelin and Eva for the wonderful work they did on raising a massive €2096 for Daffodil Day with a Difference. Thanks to all who participated and donated, it is greatly appreciated.

By Lauren Conmy

**The TY Media Team would like to thank all our readers and wish them a safe and happy Easter
The TY Media team would also like to thank Ms. Watts for facilitating the team and its meetings**