



Pres Gazette

Summer 2022

The Newsletter of Presentation Brothers College, Cork



Junior Cup win caps a memorable season for Pres Rugby

Report by Principal David Barry



I wish to take this opportunity to welcome the Pres and wider community to the summer issue of the Pres Gazette. The Gazette is very much an integral part of the Pres experience as members of the community get to see the achievements of our current and past pupils. As Principal, I am delighted with amount of activities that have returned to the school this academic year. Having pupils participate again in all of the varied activities brings that sense of normality back to the school. Participation rates in activities are excellent and long may this continue as this gives the pupils a good balance between the academic and extra-curricular.

The Board of Management wish to acknowledge all those in the Pres community who have passed since the last issue of the Gazette. The Board have been working hard on a new Development Plan for the school where plans for the extension and refurbishment are currently being finalised. The Board will be looking to the Pres and wider communities for support in this significant project.

At this time of the year, the 6th Year students are preparing for their examinations. On behalf of the staff and the Board I wish all students every success and good luck in their Leaving Certificate and hope that their hard work is rewarded. I wish to thank the Leaving Certificate Class of 2021 for the way you adapted to the unique circumstances of having a combination of Leaving Certificate exams and Accredited Grades.

On the sporting front, the school had a very successful year and in particular for rugby, where the school reached the final of every major competition and took trophies home in the McCarthy Cup, Bowen Shield, Barry Cup and the Junior Cup. Thanks must also go to the SCT squad for reaching the final and giving the whole school a great day, even if the result did not go our way. The amount of support that the pupils gave on JCT and SCT cup days was fantastic to see and winning the Junior Cup so convincingly on the day was great for the school, coaches, players and their families.

A special note of thanks must go to the teachers for their excellent teaching over the past year as this is what makes the difference in Pres along with the work of the pupils and the support of parents.

Finally, I would like to thank Don Buckley, the Pres Gazette Editor and his team for all the work in putting this valued publication together.

At the end of the school year, I'd like to wish you all a happy and relaxing summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone's safe return in late August.

Kindest regards,

David Barry

David Barry
Principal

Cover photo shows Junior Cup captain Rory Moloney and his squad celebrating in Musgrave Park after the final whistle in the Junior Cup.

UCC Quercus Entrance Scholarships 2021-22



UCC Quercus Entrance Scholarship recipients (l-r) John St Leger, Daniel Squires and Adam O'Brien

Three Pres students, John St Leger, Daniel Squires and Adam O'Brien were the recipients of Quercus Entrance Scholarships to UCC in October 2021, as a result of their outstanding performances in the 2021 Leaving Certificate Examination. John is studying Engineering, Daniel is in the Finance course and Adam is doing a Maths Science degree.

Dylan Lane receives a Jack Murphy Scholarship



Congratulations to Dylan Lane (Class of 2013) who was the recipient of the Jack Murphy Scholarship from the FDC Group in April 2022. A BComm graduate from UCC in Economics and Food Business, Dylan is currently undertaking the MSc in Co-Operatives, Agri-Food and Sustainable Development in UCC. We wish him well!

Darragh French receives a Quercus Rugby Scholarship from UCC



Former PBC Rugby SCT captain Darragh French (Class of 2021) was awarded a UCC Quercus Rugby Scholarship in September 2021. He is pictured above receiving his award from Prof John O'Halloran, President UCC.

Mel Deasy secures a Golf Scholarship in the US



Mel Deasy (Class of 2021), has been one of the most successful underage golfers in Ireland over the past few years, with a long list of trophies to his name, including the Ulster Boys U14 Championship, Munster Boys Champion U15 and U16, Irish Boys U15 Champion and most recently, Munster U18 Player-of-the-Year and a member of the Ireland Boys team of 2021. Mel will journey to Davidson College in North Carolina this coming August on a full golf scholarship, studying Economics and German and competing in Division 1 of the NCAA Golf circuit. We wish him the very best of luck!

Pres gets its second Green Flag



Back row (l-r) Ben Wrixon, Emmet Brady, Ms Alison Crowley, Umer Kiani and David Thurnbull
Front row (l-r) Theo Scully, Caleb Sheehan and Alex Chircu

Having been the first year since the initial lockdown without online learning, the Green Schools Committee felt more than ready to not only accept our second Green Flag at the beginning of the year, but also begin working towards a third one, which will be a two year process. With the first two Green Flags being awarded on the themes 'Litter and Waste' and 'Water', this one will be based on Travel. In this year alone, we've already conducted a speed and traffic survey, not to mention a walkability audit, all done right outside the school. This was all done to not only raise awareness for more environmental methods of transport to and from school, and to see what improvements can be made. Not only that, we also applied for, and received, a grant for sheltered cycle parking, to try to persuade people to cycle more. With numbers starting small at the beginning of the year, they quickly grew and we are always open to new members, anywhere from 1st to 6th Years. Near the end of the year, we're planning on having an Action Day, which not only highlights and showcases the amount of work we as a committee have put in, but also involving the entire school in the process.

Ross Daly

Class 5B

Ross Daly is the Gold Medal Essay winner 2022



Gold Medal Essay winner for 2022 is 5th Year student Ross Daly. He is shown being presented with his prize by PBC Principal David Barry. Also present is Ross' English teacher, Mr Don Buckley.

ROSS DALY'S structurally unique and authentically emotional narrative about the contrasting experiences of two young lads forced to rethink their lives during lockdown was the sleeper hit of this year's entries, a seemingly simple story that grew and grew on me after re-reading it. The piece is told in a very natural and unforced conversational tone which immediately set up the personalities and arcs of both main characters. Daly had the confidence to work within the constraints of a set structure (contrasting journal entries) and to also break from that structure to emphasize certain narrative beats (Liam's depression resulting in his journal entries stopping entirely). The fact that this piece worked in several perfect thematic parallels while maintaining a pace that complimented both characters' arcs and kept the reader invested, while also creating two likeable and believable lead characters with distinct voices – Daly was juggling a lot of plates here, to be frank, and not only did he not drop a single one, he managed to make this story look simple and effortless.

Runners Up:

RONAN MURPHY'S creative piece about the emotional impact of isolation as told through the eyes of a semi-reluctant modern hermit starts strong and keeps going, never running out of steam despite the fact the narrator himself frequently does. Murphy keeps a good balance between some really lovely descriptive passages about the character's surroundings and also the petty insincerity of the narrator's human relationships. The piece also benefits from a sharp sense of humour – it's no comedy, but the narrator's awareness of the ridiculous elements of his life and Murphy's way with words make this story amusing as well as poignant. For a piece that could have drifted into a dirge or a pseudo-philosophical ramble, Murphy keeps the pace under control and makes good use of a broad vocabulary when he allows his narrator to lapse into reflection, and the result is a deeply readable yarn about one man being caught between a lonely life in nature and a cramped, compromised life in society. The final joke is that, ultimately, the collision between nature and human society - resulting in the breakout of a deadly virus - is what makes the narrator's mind up for him rather than his own choices. Ending with such an ironic cosmic joke seemed all too appropriate for a story like this, and I appreciated the unorthodox approach to lockdown humour when compared to some other submissions.

HUGH O'CALLAGHAN'S short story was a grand piece of classic fantasy in the tradition of R.A. Salvatore or Andrzej Sapkowski. The prose style was a touch choppy – with several misspellings – but the student freely admitted that this was a first draft, and in any case the choppiness was more of a problem in the opening passage. However, there was some really impressive writing techniques on display throughout, and it was clear to me that O'Callaghan was familiar not only with the basic structure of epic fantasy, but with the tone and emotional register that makes fantasy so compelling. Each passage has a strong sense of place and reveals more and more about the connections between the characters. Epic fantasy writers sometimes lapse into exposition and purple prose, but the prose here was admirably quite restrained, a bit appropriately folksy, and even when considering the misspellings, the actual sentence structure was generally good, with a consistent tone and a general lack of run-on sentences (my nemesis) or overstuffed paragraphs. The writer also managed to pull off some fairly tricky things – he managed to write a cohesive fight scene with clear stakes and a well-communicated sense of space. He wrote a lot of evocative descriptions that didn't overshadow the overall intent or emotion

of the passage. He had a good sense for when to allow for some background when it would enhance the emotions rather than simply to add to the page count (Damien's memories of his father's advice before the fight was particularly well-considered). The whole piece was well-paced, establishing the emotional stakes quickly and then building to the final confrontation with the lord and the tragic outcome. For all of clear first draft flaws exhibited by this piece, it also displays a writer with good instincts who could be sending scripts to fantasy publishing houses in a couple of years if he gets into the habit of rewriting and editing his work.

All together, they make for three very different approaches to the topic, and that all of the writers put their distinctive spin on the material not just by having different opinions but in how wide-ranging and unique their styles were. Despite all of these winning pieces being creative rather than persuasive, each one displayed a very different voice and tone.

Ms Sophie McKenzie
Gold Medal Essay Adjudicator

SHARE 2021 - '22



Back row (l-r): David O'Dwyer, Eamonn Barry, Eoin Browne, Fintan O'Flynn, Evan Lee, Cameron Lee, Jack O'Connor, Seán Lang and Niall Collins
Middle row (l-r): Olivier Nadal, Miguel Barbosa-Fleming, Adam Noel, Daniel Maume, Tom McCarthy, David Barry, Andrew Cuddigan, Patrick Brophy, Daniel Hegarty and Isaac Lee
Front row (l-r): Alex Cunningham, Ian Van Sinderen, Rowan Murphy, Ronan McAuliffe (Chairman, SHARE Executive), Luke Whelan (Vice Chairman), Max Dillon, Tom Colbert, Rory O'Donoghue and Max Geary

The SHARE Christmas Collection at Christmas 2021 was faced with many logistical difficulties, with restrictions around the pandemic still a very big issue. Our Executive met to plan out the year at the start of October, and we also held a 'Yellow Day' in many schools across Cork, with the objective of raising awareness about those who are isolated in our society.

Almost every school involved in SHARE took part and there was a huge turnout from students who were wearing yellow. Members of the SHARE Executive also took part in visitations every Wednesday, which involved going to each of the several SHARE complexes to talk to the residents and to help them with any need they may have. For us, it was very important to continue to do visitations in order to help people who may have been socially isolated as a result of the pandemic.

From the 14th to the 24th of December 2021, we held our annual Christmas collection in Cork city, raising a massive amount of money thanks to the generosity of people from all walks of life across the city. We used tap boxes throughout the collection to allow people to donate using their credit / debit cards and this proved to be very successful.

From a personal point of view, I would like to thank the entire SHARE Executive, all of whom put in a massive effort to get the collection done this year. I would also like to acknowledge all of the students from other Cork schools that helped to make the collection such a resounding success this year.

*Ronan McAuliffe
Chairman,
SHARE Executive 2021-22*



Collectors Jack O'Connor and Eoin Browne



Photo shows (l-r) Laura Lyons , Roisín Montgomery, Ronan McAuliffe Chair SHARE Executive, Lord Mayor Cllr Colm Kelleher, Eoin Browne, David Madden Avondale United FC and Noel Long PRO Avondale United FC



Collectors with An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD



6th Year students Finn Cowhig, Seán Barrett and James Lynch



Photo shows the final Executive meeting before the traditional SHARE collection started last December

Pres teams place first and second in regional Applied Maths competition



Applied Maths winners (l-r): Ms Janet Cotter, Seán Ó Coileáin, William Hetherington and Charlie Neville.

Pres had an excellent performance in this year's Regional Applied Maths Team competition in March. The joint efforts of our 5th and 6th Year Applied Maths students proved very successful on the night. Heartiest congratulations to our team consisting of William Hetherington, Charlie Neville and Seán Ó Coileáin who won on the night and Fionn Coleman, Mark Fitzgibbon and Isaac Lee who came in the runners-up place. A brilliant achievement for both teams!

Congratulations also to PBC 6th Years students Ronan Barry, Diarmuid O'Connor, Darren Sheehan and Isaac Wheelock who participated in the National Final of Team Maths in March in UCD. In the regional round of the competition in January, they finished joint first and as a result they were one of 12 teams selected to take part in the national final where they finished on the fourth highest score.

We wish to acknowledge all the students involved for their exemplary work ethic and dedication in preparing for these prestigious competitions.

Ms Janet Cotter



Applied Maths runners-up (l-r) Ms Janet Cotter, Fionn Coleman, Mark Fitzgibbon and Isaac Lee

Pres team placed fourth in the National Final of Team Maths, March 2022



(l-r) Isaac Wheelock, Diarmuid O'Connor, Ms Janet Cotter, Darren Sheehan and Ronan Barry

Maurice Minogue and Ben Wrixon excel in TY ICDL

Transition Year students, Maurice Minogue (Class 4C) and Ben Wrixon (Class 4A) had the remarkable achievement of attaining accreditation in ten ICDL modules in a single term in 2022. Most people would take two or three modules in a year, so the boys can be exceedingly proud of their efforts, under the careful supervision of teacher, Mr William O'Keeffe. Well done lads!



(l-r) Maurice Minogue and Ben Wrixon

Tour to Rome MMXXII



Back row (l-r): Cian Timoney, Michael Dan Lucey, Eoin Harrington, Ronan McAuliffe, Ruairí Ó Donnchadha, Alex McKenna Carroll, James Barry, Liam Keville, Énán Budhlaeir, Seán Keville, Sam O'Connell, Hugh McIntyre, Seán McBride, Oran O'Toole and Michael Scott

Front row (l-r): Ronan McCarthy, Fionn Leahy, Andrew Maume, Seamus Sweeney, Oscar McCarthy, Daniel Crowley, Louis Flynn, Keith Walsh and Denis Ke

Viginti quattuor discipuli ex anno secundo, tertio, quarto et quinto una cum tribus magistris nuper itinere scholastico Romam maxime fructi sunt. Tres dies omnes locos clarissimos pulcherrimosque visitaverunt: Circum Maximum, Amphitheatrum Flavianum, Forum Romanum, Urbem Vaticanam, Ostiam Antiquam, Fontem Trevianum et Gradus Hispanicos inter multa alia.

The annual Latin / Classics tour to Rome took place recently from April 29th to May 2nd. After two years of travel restrictions, the trip proved to be even more enjoyable this year. Great weather, great atmosphere, great food, great gelati; the only disappointment was having to return home. Vivat Roma!

Mr Ronan O'Mahony

Movember campaign raises over €2,500 for the Mercy Foundation Cancer Appeal



PBC students get behind the Movember campaign

Movember is an international campaign to raise awareness of and funds for male cancers, specifically testicular and prostate cancer, in addition to mental health. Now in its tenth year, our annual campaign in Pres encourages a conversation amongst the school community about these issues and all funds raised are donated directly to the Mercy Foundation Cancer Appeal. One in six men will be affected by cancer in their lifetimes and the school's donations continue to make a valuable contribution to cancer research locally.

As in previous years, we encouraged all students and staff with the ability to cultivate a MO, and all with the means to contribute, to get on board with this year's campaign and to give generously. Challenges presented by COVID-19 forced us to be creative, and in a change from previous years we organised our fundraising efforts around a class competition, facilitated by our class teachers. Sincerest thanks to all for

their sterling work in driving the momentum of this year's campaign in trying circumstances, particularly to Jack Quinlan (Class 6C) for his outstanding personal contribution and to Mr Bohane, whose competitive streak is obviously still alive and well, whose 1C Class raised multiples of the sum raised by the next best class! Following a hiatus imposed as a result of pandemic restrictions, we welcomed Dr Derek Power, Consultant Medical Oncologist at the Mercy University Hospital back to Pres to speak to our 6th Year students about the prevalence of cancers in the Cork area, the work that he carries out day-to-day and the preventative measures that young men can take to reduce their likelihood of developing cancer. Totalling €2,505, this year's fundraiser exceeded previous years and sets a high bar for next year's campaign. The class competition based model ensured that the awareness raising aspect of the campaign reached all members of the school community.

Mr Karl Sweeney

Fundraising swim raises over €11,000 for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Assoc



Photo shows (l-r) Ms Nora Walsh, Mr Enda O'Regan, Mr Des Keane, John O'Driscoll and Mr Caleb Sheehan

On Saturday April 2nd, coincident with 'Climb with Charlie Bird' fundraisers across Ireland, nearly one hundred people made up of Pres students, staff, friends and family of Caleb Sheehan came together to brave freezing temperatures in the waters off Fountainstown beach. The event was organised by Margaret Cooney (Sister-in-law of Caleb) to raise money for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA).

Swimmers and supporters alike enjoyed a cool but sunny day and lingered for hours afterwards enjoying teas, coffees and cakes whilst catching up with old friends and new. Through online donations, collection buckets and raffles, over €11,000 was raised for the well deserving charity. Thank you so much to all who took time join us for this very special occasion and to those who donated. We would hope that this fundraiser will become an annual event in the years ahead.



Pres teachers (l-r) Mr Seán O'Brien, Mr Ian Lehane, Mr Eanna Ó Loingsigh, Mr Caleb Sheehan and Mr Karl Sweeney



5th Year students (l-r) Ronan Murphy, Peter Wall, Michael O'Sullivan and Seán Herlihy



Pres teachers (l-r) Mr Craig O'Driscoll, Ms Shannen Dawkins, Ms Alison Crowley and Mr Cian Bohane



5th Year students (l-r) Thomas McCarthy, William Hetherington, Dara McMahon and Joe MacNamara



Photo shows (l-r) Pres teachers Ms Katie O'Donovan, Ms Grace Fitzgerald, Ms Siobhán McGrath and Ms Therese Kenneally

Pres win Best Schools' Film at the First Cut Youth Film Festival 2022



(l-r): Maximilian Le Cain (First Cut! Programmer), Mary McGrath (First Cut! Director), Alex McKenna Carroll, Daniel Prestwich, Sam O'Connell, Liam Ring, Maurice Minogue, Christy Hosford and Mr Brian Casey.

Congratulations to the first ever TY Film studies Module!

Maurice Minogue, Daniel Prestwich, Alex McKenna Carroll, Liam Ring, Sam O'Connell and Christy Hosford.

The Film Crew had some intense competition to win first place overall. This is a first for the school and all in PBC are extremely proud of their achievement. The students' talent and creativity for this module and competition was exemplary.

First Cut! Youth Film Festival is an annual event based in Youghal, County Cork dedicated to showcasing new films by young filmmakers. It presents films in all genres by individual filmmakers, schools and youth groups as well as offering workshops and talks by film industry professionals. Well done to the boys, their teacher, Mr Brian Casey and Ms Nora Walsh for her help. A special thanks must go to Mr Caleb Sheehan for helping to bring film studies into Pres.

Cian Ring
Class 4A



Still from the award winning film

2021-'22 was undoubtedly great for the first ever Film Studies Module class

At the beginning, six of us had one class a week to come up with an idea for a movie, which would then be entered into the First Cut Youth Festival. It was after a lot of trial and error that our directors finally came up with the idea of Vindicta. There was always a great amount of pressure on us however, as only having one class a week limited how often we could film, and throughout the filming not everyone was always available which complicated things further.

We didn't start our filming for six weeks, as that time was spent going to the Everyman Theatre, which Mark Donovan oversaw. This time spent together brought us closer as a group, and this is where things started to take shape. After that had concluded, we got to planning. Our teacher, Mr Casey, suggested we film scenes in Muckross Abbey, and this area set the tone for the rest of the time spent making the movie, as those scenes were the first we filmed. However, even with the production going well, we only had two hours, once a week to film scenes. We filmed in multiple locations, which included Muckross Abbey, for the church scenes. Farran Woods, for the opening. And lastly, Christy's house for the ending, which we used our own cameras for. The filming lasted between October to December, and after this we began to edit it altogether. The school provided us with trips to Muckross Abbey and Farran Woods, and also with the cameras we used to film. By the time we finished editing the movie together in January, the deadline for First Cut was only days away. The music then was added on the final day, and our movie was complete. The editing and the music, mixed with the cinematography, was pivotal to what the end product was. We tried to create the best cinematic experience with the resources we had, and the school themselves are to thank for everything that we used to create the movie.

We travelled to Youghal in March for the First Cut Youth Film Festival. This is the competition we have been building towards since filming began. We were competing against multiple schools from across Munster, and altogether there were 17 movies that were competing for first place, as we were. There were many movies of high quality, but ours too were met with thunderous applause when the end credits rolled. And then came the time for the winner to be announced, and the six of us were absolutely ecstatic when our movie was announced as the winner. Some of us were asked to speak on stage about production, and we were met with a lot of cheer and applause when we were crowned winners. All of us were so delighted, and we all felt incredibly rewarded for the arduous work we had all put in over the months.

This is a huge step for the school, as not only was this the first year of this module, we also won the award for best Youth Movie in Munster in that first year! This will help gather more interest for the module in the future, and it guarantees a solid foundation for the film studies future within Pres. The award tops off an already amazing year for Pres, and all at the school are immensely proud of this achievement.

I cannot thank teachers Mr Brian Casey, Mr Caleb Sheehan and all at Pres who helped us with this movie enough, and I say that especially about Mr Casey and Mr Sheehan. They both put so much time and effort into helping us create Vindicta, and they supported us from start till the end of production. Finally, a huge 'Thank You' to everyone in the group who created, wrote and filmed this movie. We will all look back on this as a massive achievement for us in our lives, and a big step forward for Pres Film.

Liam Ring
Class 4A

Luke Whelan's film shortlisted for Our Frame Of Mind Film Competition

Congratulations to 5th Year student Luke Whelan. Luke's short film 'Student During Lockdown' was shortlisted in the Our Frame Of Mind Competition!

Every year the competition grows and they are always impressed by the effort that goes into each entry. We have been told that the standard this year was very high.

The Our Frame of Mind Short Film Competition aims to improve mental health awareness and remove the stigma around mental health difficulties. Students are invited to use film as a creative way to challenge mental health stigma or show the importance of positive mental health in this film competition.



PresLink '21 - '22



Back row (l-r): Ben Horgan, Adam Hartley, Maurice Minogue, Peter Cullinane, Eoghan Ahern, Hugh McIntyre and Andrew O'Leary.
Front row (l-r): Saad Khan, Moez Khan, Louis Flynn, Ben Wrixon, Dylan Swihart and Mark Twohig.

In 2005, more than a decade and a half ago, twelve students and seven teachers came together with a simple mission, to create and strengthen our links with other Presentation Schools in Ghana and Nigeria. We used fun events to raise funds and awareness, their successes were our successes - their wants, our wants. We succeeded in fostering a community, brought together by education and the Edmund Rice Ethos. Though thousands of miles apart, we are now closer than we have ever been.

This year has been a year like no other in terms of our challenges and successes. Though we were limited by pandemic restrictions in the first half of the year, we continued to work focusing on spreading awareness, and a sense of community, to the whole school, but especially the first years.

We organised a sponsored walk to the banks of the Lee Fields. This was the first insight we had as a group with planning and carrying out such an event, and we feel that this prepared us for all the other events to come. It was also a raging success for the 1st Years, who enjoyed the great scenery, the sweets (and the two hours they got off school!). However, even more importantly they were introduced to the Presentation Family that they are now a part of.

We saw first-hand the generosity of Cork when we held our Annual PresLink Raffle. We were pushed out of our comfort zones when approaching various businesses, all worth it for what we got. We had prizes filling the school entrance for all to see, and we had even more happy winners of the raffle than any previous year. See the complete list of sponsors over, their generosity will not be forgotten.

This year was different in more ways than one for PresLink, as the invasion of Ukraine was underway we felt that we needed to do something to help. So on the day of the Senior Cup final we had a 'Black & White for the Blue & Yellow Day' - though we were all disappointed with the results of the final the same could not be said for the fundraiser, and we gave over €3,500 to those affected by the conflict.



To finish the year we tested the minds of the student body with a table quiz. After two hours of rigorous questioning on topics from Geography to Food, we were left with two winning teams above them all, one team from 6th Year, the other from 1st Year. As we look back on one of the most successful years of PresLink, we are grateful to have played such a big part in helping the Presentation Community, and though we have put a lot in we have definitely gained an immeasurable amount from the experience.

- Keanes Jewellery (€50 Voucher)
- Saville Menswear (€75 Voucher)
 - Tom Murphy's (Benneti Shirt)
- Michele Jewellers (Woman's Necklace)
 - The Leaping Salmon (Voucher)
 - Electric (€100 Voucher)
 - Velo Coffee (Hamper)
- MSL Engineering (€100 One4all Voucher)
 - The Reel Cinema (Two Cinema Passes)
 - Tung Sing Restaurant (€25 Voucher)
 - Peterson Family (Hair Products Hamper)
- Dr Maria Byrne Cork Dentist Smiles (Tooth Hygiene Hamper value €350)
 - Fitzgerald Marine, Kinsale (€100 Fishy Fishy Voucher)
 - Kelt Hair Design, The Lough (€25 Voucher)
- DJF Engineering Services (Jacques Restaurant Voucher)
 - Biogold Agri Limited (€60 Cash)
 - Diana O'Mahony Jewellers (Prize tbd)
- Aunty Nellie's Sweet Shop (Sweet mix & €25 hamper x4)
 - Centra, Victoria Cross (€50)
- D&M Construction, Dave Horgan (€100 Cinnamon Cottage Voucher)
 - Citrus & Sage Home Interiors Limited (Two Clocks)
 - Proximo Spirit (Bottle of Bushmill Whiskey)
 - Neville Jewellers (€100 Voucher)
 - Abbeyville Veterinary Hospital (€100 Voucher)
 - Rochestown Park Hotel (€100 Voucher)
 - Fire Steakhouse, Dublin (Voucher)
 - Sole Seafood and Grill, Dublin (Voucher) 21
 - Grey Heron, West Cork (€50 Voucher)
 - Cocoa Cork (Truffle mix)
 - Dankso Food Limited (€150 One4all Voucher)
 - Cohalan Downing (Spa Voucher)
 - Gerald O'Connor Associates (Ray Ban sunglasses)
 - Matt O'Mahony & Associates (€75 One4all Voucher)
 - Gallo Galetti Restaurant (€50 Voucher)
 - Quinlan Development; Echo Show 8 (2nd Gen) white
 - The Angers Bar & Restaurant (€50 Voucher x2)
- Celene Collins Interiors & Design (Consultation value: €300)
 - JP Chenet - Wine & Glass Set (The Karousos family)



Ben Wrixon and Maurice Minogue, 4th Year

TY enjoy an exciting ski trip to Austria



Charlie's angels



Table for three



Well earned break



Smiley happy people



On your marks!



This could hurt!



Quiz night



4.00pm Friday. All safely off the mountain. Time to relax.

Danny O'Halloran wins the PBST Christmas Card Art Competition



Photo shows (l-r) Mrs Carmel Murphy (PBST), Danny O'Halloran (Class 4D) and Pres Art teacher Ms Nora Walsh

The Presentation Brothers Schools Trust ran an art competition open to Senior Students from their eight schools. The brief was to design a Christmas Card depicting a Nativity Scene encompassing a Social Justice Message.

Seven entries were selected from each school and presented as part of an exhibition held in Mardyke House. The winners were announced prior to the opening of this exhibition. Congratulations to Danny O'Halloran from Transition Year who won the overall prize with his digitally manipulated nativity, inspired by the pandemic, titled 'Necessary Precautions'. Congratulations also go to Christy Hosford from TY who came second with his anti-war piece titled 'Violent Night'. Two 6th Year students were highly commended for their entries. Fionn O'Hare with 'Where's the North Star?' and Jamie Barry for 'Fishing for Peace'. Well done to all the students who participated and represented their school to such a very high standard.

Nora Walsh



'Necessary Precautions' by Danny O'Halloran won the competition



'Violent Night'
by Christy Hosford
which was the runner-up
in the competition



'Where's The North?'
by Fionn O'Hare
was highly commended

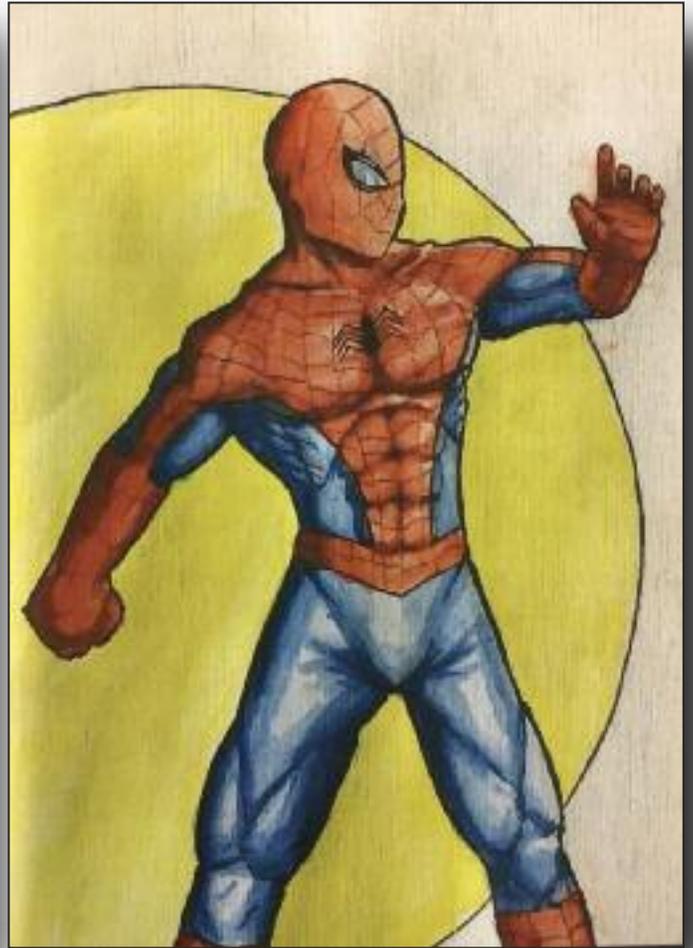


'Fishing for Peace'
by Jamie Barry was
also highly commended

PBC Budding Artists



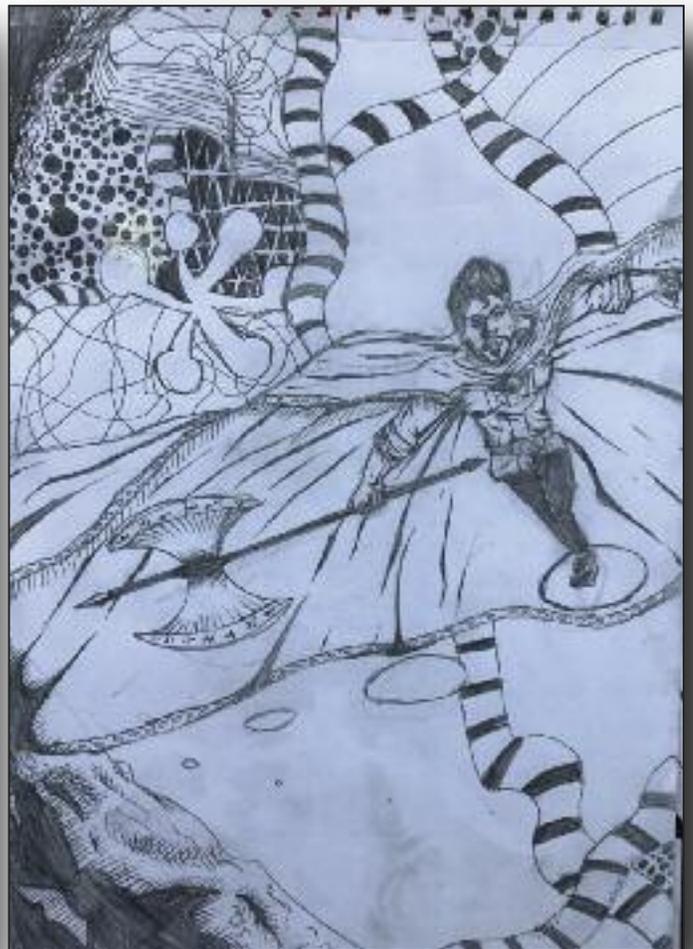
Artwork by Oscar Madden, Class 1B



Artwork by Darragh O'Malley, Class 1B



Artwork by Andrew Hinds, Class 1C



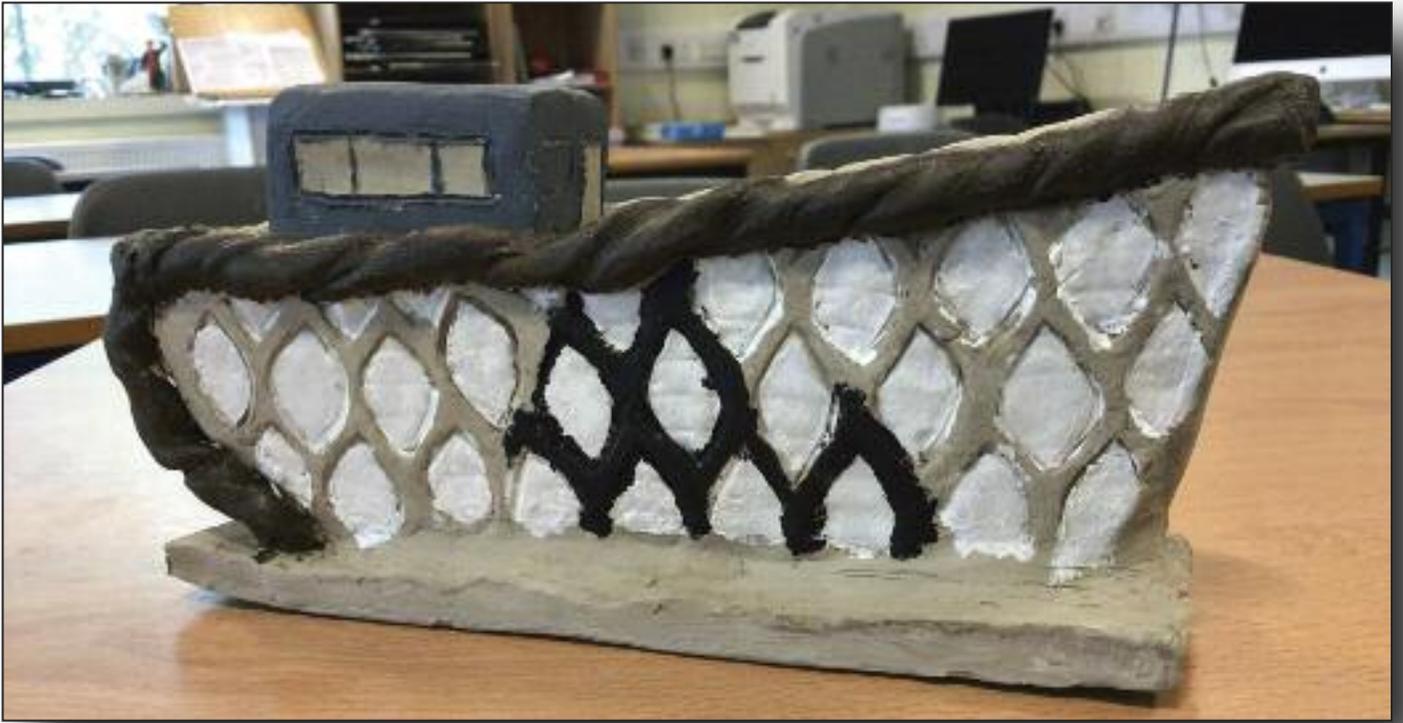
Artwork by Matthew O'Connor, Class 1D



Artwork by Usman Asif, Class 1A



'Sunset' by Benjamin Linehan, Class 2C



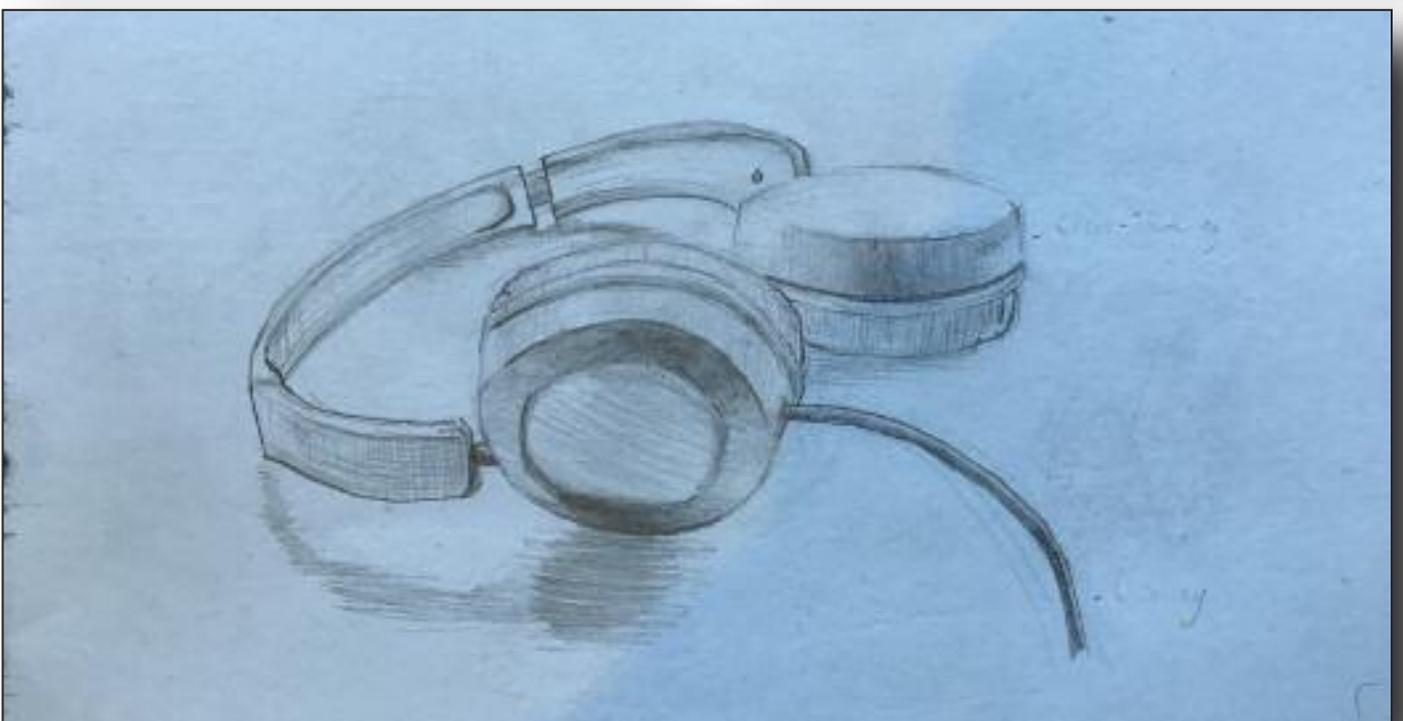
Artwork by Dylan Lynch, Class 2E



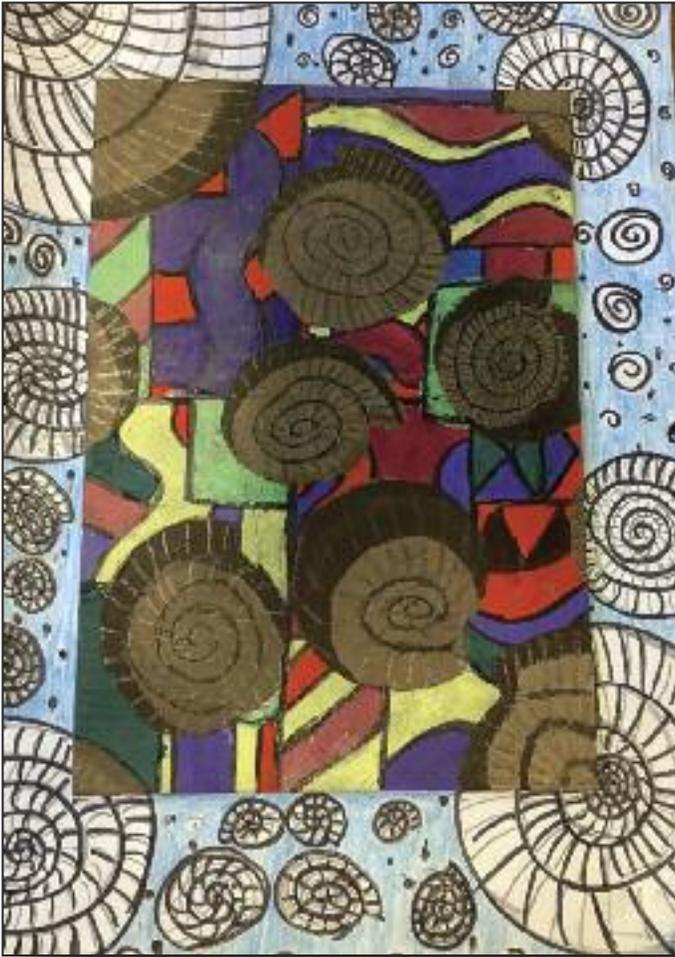
Tiago Barbosa Fleming, Class 2C



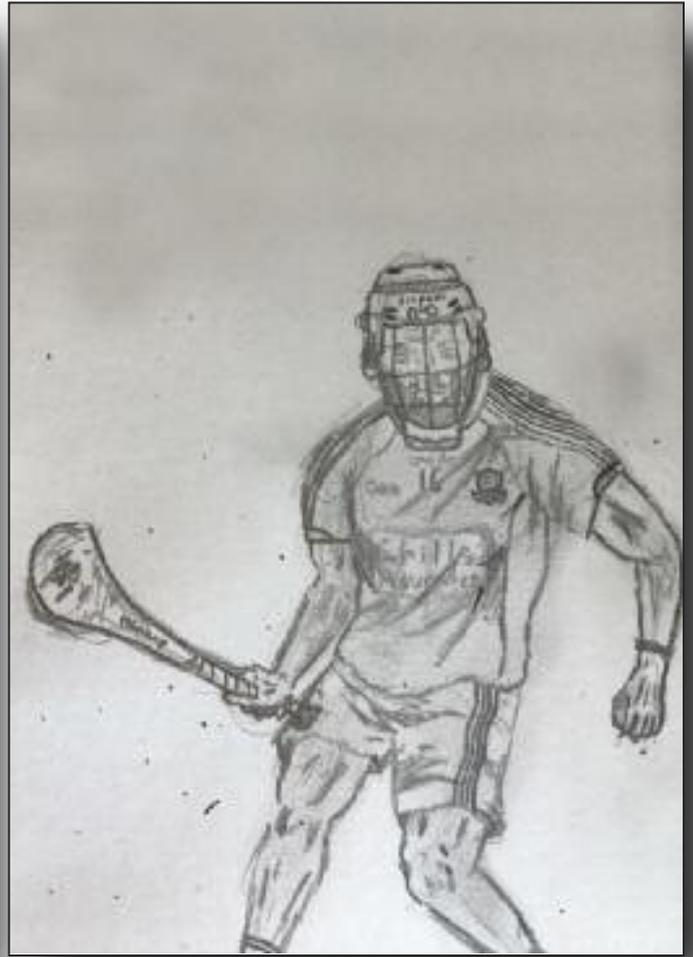
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Drawing by Ivo Kok, Class 3C



Fossil painting by Daniel Gosling, Class 1B



Tiago Barbosa Fleming



Sculpture by Mark O'Riordan, Class 2B



Apple by Benjamin Linehan, Class 2C

Graduate News



David O'Neill (Class of 2000)

I entered Pres in 1994 in the footsteps of my brother, Peter (a younger brother Ian followed), my dad Billy and my uncles. I played U13 rugby under Marian Carey's tutelage and played Junior Cup and two years Senior Cup. Sadly silverware proved elusive. I was part of PBC's first tour to South Africa in 1999, around the peak of the 'Living with the Lions' documentary. We thought we were Keith Wood, Paul Wallace et al heading down to play the 'Boks'. Led by Don Buckley, Caleb Sheehan and Enda O'Regan and others, it was the trip of a lifetime. We had an unbeaten record (5W, 1D) finishing with a win over the famous Bishops College in Cape Town. The tour gave us very special memories for life.

I was on the SHARE Executive in 5th Year. It was an emotional time as Br Jerome was unwell and passed away shortly afterwards. While our sporting and academic pedigree may get more headlines, SHARE is arguably Pres' greatest achievement - a unique contribution to society in Cork. After Br Jerome's death, BBC journalist and Pres boy, Fergal Keane, wrote a beautiful tribute to Jerome which wonderfully captures the spirit of SHARE. I still read it.

In 6th Year, I captained Munster Schools and played for Ireland Schools. We won the Interpros and I was capped against England, Wales and France, in addition to touring Australia.

I studied Economics and French in UCC and earned a Sports Scholarship. I completed a Masters in Edinburgh, and started a career in banking and finance. I moved to Dublin in 2008 and had many happy years playing with Old Belvedere. I now work with Wells Fargo Corporate & Investment Banking, specialising in the energy sector and managing clients across Europe. At home my wife Eavan and I are very lucky to have two great kids, Billy (5), and Annie Rose (3).

I'm very proud of my Pres heritage. Many of my closest friends are from my school days. I think there's a culture of decency and respect integral to the Pres ethos which continues to serve us so well, long after we have left the school gates behind.



David Kingston (Class of 2003)

Joining a new school can be a daunting experience for anyone. Thankfully, Pres offers significant opportunities for its students to partake in extracurricular activities ie Rugby, Football, Rowing, Basketball or Debating to name a few. I threw myself head first into Rugby and within no time had developed a large group of friends, most of whom I maintain to this day, as well as developing important life skills such as hard work and discipline. Despite losing two Senior Cup finals, I also experienced many sporting highs including winning a Junior Cup medal, and representing Munster and Ireland Schools, while I also played on the school soccer team winning the Cork U16 schools Cup.

'A rising tide raises all boats' would be an accurate reflection of my academic performance in Pres, with the ambition and work ethic of my friends undoubtedly rubbing off on me in my Leaving Cert year. Pres helped me to develop as a person as well as offering support through tougher times. From a personal care perspective, I will always remember in 5th Year following a difficult summer, Ms O'Donoghue, Ms Carey and Ms O'Keefe all subtly checking up on me at different points during the year. For me, this empathy is what sets Pres apart from most other schools. It's only now that I can look back on my six years and acknowledge how this approach has positively impacted upon my personal and professional life.

After Pres, I completed a degree in Accounting in UCC along with six other school friends, and then joined PwC where I qualified as a chartered accountant. Qualifying later as a tax consultant taught me one major lesson; live in a country with no tax! I have lived in Dubai for over ten years where I am Head of Risk Management of the Omani government's commodity trading arm, managing teams based in Dubai, Oman, Houston, Singapore, Rotterdam, London and Shanghai. Living abroad, I only return to Ireland for a few days each Christmas. However the true friendships I was lucky to develop in school have stood the test of time, and I expect up to twenty former class mates to make it to my stag party next month in Holland!



Kevin O'Connor (Class of 2011)

I entered Pres in 2005 an era that was pre-iPhone, pre-Facebook, and definitely pre-TikTok, Cork were winning All-Irelands, Munster were about to win their first Heineken Cup and Manchester United had a decent team.

I still remember the nervous excitement of being a 1st Year and, like any young person going into a new environment, I dived into what I knew best; sport. Soccer and GAA were my vices - ironically, after attending one of the most popular rugby schools in the country, I never played rugby in a Pres. I think back on my time in Pres with great fondness. I think of the great people in the staff, the ski trip to Austria, the brilliant Students v Teachers soccer game, the Lord Mayor's Cup, and most of all the friendships I cultivated. Some of my best friends are the same guys I met on that nervy first day in Pres. That's what I'll always admire about Pres: it was the feeling you were a part of something and that the friendships you made in Pres would stand the test of time.

After graduating in 2011, I studied History and Economics in UCC. The running joke in my family is that I only went there to play soccer. I played on a great team managed by John Caulfield who went on to manage Cork City. I was also lucky enough to be voted Chairman of the UCC Soccer Club something I will always be proud of. It's still odd to see my name on the honours list every time I visit The Mardyke!

After UCC, I worked in IT, with companies like Wisetek and Dell EMC. After a couple of years of the 'real' world, I decided in 2017 it was time to take a risk and go travel the world alone. I saved up the cash, quit my job, and backpacked from New York to Colombia, stopping in each country along the way as I headed south. All in all, an absolutely amazing nine months.

On my return, I began a career in Recruitment & Talent-sourcing. I started working with a company called Starcircle, where I still work today. The only difference is that the new remote working world we live in has allowed me to work from Lisbon, and as it happens, I'm not the only Pres boy in the city! Thanks so much again to everyone in Pres.



Brian Treacy (Class of 2012)

My Pres journey began in 2006 when I became the first member of my family to attend, followed later by my younger brother Eoin. Before Pres, I had not really played field sports, so rugby became my first one, and by 3rd Year, I was quite enamoured with it. I was always a 'B' Team athlete, with my rugby career peaking when we won a Kidney Cup medal in 3rd Year! However I gave up rugby in 6th Year to focus on the Leaving Cert, though I later came to regret this, making the decision in the mistaken belief that I would study more.

However, rugby would continue to have an impact throughout my life. When I was studying in UCC, I returned to Pres Rugby to coach for a year and later, when I moved abroad, I found rugby to be a great way to make friends. Those years playing in Pres, in addition to being great fun, now serve as a passport as I'm able to move anywhere by myself, confident I can make friends by joining a sports club, whether that be rugby or GAA. I have Pres Rugby to thank for that.

Besides rugby, I participated quite a bit in the 'student life' in Pres. I was on several Student Councils and in my final year, became a prefect and the Deputy Head Boy, a duty that has never ended. It seems as I'm now on the hook for organising our ten-year reunion this year!

I started to take my academics more seriously in 3rd Year. I ended up instead doing Applied Psychology in UCC, a course I liked but ended up switching to Math Science because of my interest in statistics. This turned out to be a very inspired choice as I absolutely loved Math Science in UCC and went on to do a masters in Sweden. I am now in the final year of my PhD in Mathematical Biology at Université de Montréal. Looking back, I realise that I was very fortunate to go to Pres. Much of my academic foundation was laid within those walls, but I also value the many life lessons garnered from staff members and peers alike during my brilliant six years.

Friends of Danny Crowley win prestigious Community Spirit award



The Friends of Danny Crowley receive their award at Myrtleville beach with Eoghan Murphy, Cork International Hotel

The 'Friends of Danny Crowley' who have raised more than €150,000 for the Mercy Hospital Kids and Teens Appeal, have been selected as the first 'Cork International Hotel Community Spirit Award' monthly winners of 2022.

Since 2013, the 'Friends of Danny Crowley' have been fundraising for the Mercy Hospital Foundation to go towards the Children's Leukaemia unit. Following Pres boy Danny's untimely passing after a long battle with leukemia in 2013 at age 12, his friends and family set up the Danny Crowley Christmas Swim as their way of remembering him while also raising funds for the Mercy Kids and Teens appeal.

In memory of a much loved young boy, every Christmas Day taking place on Myrtleville beach, or wherever the nearest beach may be, many people take the plunge into the icy waters to raise funds for the hospital. Since the annual swim began back in 2013, over €150,000 has been raised for the young patients at the Mercy Hospital.

As the annual fundraising tradition continues to grow, starting out with forty brave people battling the cold, multiplying to over five hundred swimmers. The event even successfully went virtual during the Covid-19 pandemic.

When asked about the difference the phenomenal funds have made, Danny's mum Majella had said that the 'the Mercy Paediatric Outreach Oncology Nursing Service (POONS) and the entire team in the Children's Leukaemia unit provided invaluable support to Daniel and our family when Daniel was undergoing his treatment. They went the extra mile and we all appreciated the huge difference it made. We want to ensure other families can continue to avail of this service'.

General manager of the Cork International Hotel, Eoghan Murphy said 'The Danny Crowley Christmas Swim, organised by his loving friends and family, is a remarkable event and an amazing tribute to a much loved young boy. It is fantastic to see the growing number of people willing to take the cold plunge in aid of such an important charity. This annual fundraiser has made a huge difference to the lives of the young patients and their families at the Mercy Hospital.

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Visit of French Ambassador to Pres



(l-r) Josselin Le Gall, Danny Sheahan, David Barry Principal PBC, His Excellency Vincent Guérend, Ambassador of France to Ireland, Valerie McGonnell, Jacob Sheahan and PBC Head Boy Panos William Karousos

As part of Europe Day on 9th May, we had the honour of welcoming His Excellency Mr Vincent Guérend, Ambassador of France to Ireland and Honorary Consul of France in Cork, Mr Josselin Le Gall.

The Ambassador of France and the Hon. Consul were welcomed by Principal David Barry, Vice-Principal Aiden Twomey, French Co-ordinator Ms Valerie McGonnell and her 6th Year students Jacob and Danny Sheahan (Ireland U18 rugby players) and Panos William Karousos (Head Boy).

They had a tour of the school and were brought to see the new French Heritage Language section which has been initiated by Ms McGonnell in the Reading Room. They also visited Ms Alison Broderick and Ms Mary O'Driscoll's French 5th Year classes.

This was the second official visit by the French Embassy to Presentation College this academic year. Last November, Ms Mariam Diallo, Cultural Counsellor with the French Embassy and Mr Benjamin Girodeau, French Language Attaché, also visited one of Ms McGonnell's classes.

French DELF Diploma

On 10th May, Transition Year students of French sat the international French DELF Scolaire A1 examination. While a number of schools around the country organise the DELF diploma, Pres is the only school to offer it in Cork this year. This diploma was organised for the first time in PBC by Ms McGonnell in 2017. Candidates will receive their results in a few weeks. We wish them all the very best of luck!

*Ms Valerie McGonnell
French Co-Ordinator*

PBC Podcast returns for another successful season



5th Year student Ronan McAuliffe interviews past pupil and rugby star Simon Zebo for the PBC Podcast

The boys in the Transition Year podcast module came up trumps again and raised the bar on what was an incredibly successful debut season of podcast episodes the previous year.

From a starting point in September where the boys winced at hearing their own recorded voices to producing high quality, nigh-on professional standard podcasts, it has been a steep learning curve.

Episodes 1, 2 and 3 featured a miscellany of interesting and compelling segments; among them a two part insightful and in-depth interview with rugby star Simon Zebo; a piece conducted in Russian on life growing up in the Soviet Union with an Azerbaijani political writer, Rasim Aguyev; the lessons we can learn from Covid with Prof Karl Vaughan of the Mercy University Hospital; the history of the charity PresLink with Br Martin Kenneally; a talk with the school librarian Sophie McKenzie; an interview with former pro golfer John McHenry and some fascinating personal pieces by the students on subjects as diverse as diabetes, golf, gaming, the London Underground, ASMR as well as film and book reviews.

Stay tuned for Episodes 4 and 5 which will be live streamed in May and contain among other items, BBC special correspondent and former Pres boy Fergal Keane on the importance of reading; the rejuvenation and re-establishment of the PBC Music Society; an interview with the TY boys and their teacher Brian Casey on the making of their award winning film this year, an incredible interview with Christy O'Donovan of Cork Missing Persons Search & Recovery; a chat with DJ and all round Cork music maestro Stevie G and finally a trip down memory lane with George Hook on 1950s film and cinemas in Cork City.

The podcasts can be downloaded on the school app or website and are available on Spotify, Acast and Apple - alternatively, just search PBC Podcast on your phone or device and listen at your leisure.

Immense credit is due to the students this year for all their work: to Ronan McCauliffe who returned from 5th Year to help out and offer his experience from the previous year and from TY, Hugh McCarthy, Sebastian O'Donoghue, Eoin Harrington, Ryan Lyons, Adam Hartley, Joe Hayes, Liam Ring, Charlie Vaughan and Ronan Maloney.

Thanks to the management in Pres for their unwavering, wholehearted support, to the staff and especially to TY Coordinator, Caleb Sheehan.

As always, a huge thanks to the producers - to George Hook for his generosity with his time and expertise, to Elaine Smith, our sound engineer and of course to Éanna Ó Loingsigh.

Ronan McAuliffe



Ronan McAuliffe interviews teacher Brian Casey and student Liam Ring about the TY Film Studies' Module



Liam Ring, member of the PBC Music Society plays on the Podcast

PBC Podcast Crew



(l-r): Mr Eanna Ó Loingsigh, Ryan Lyons, Liam Ring, Eoin Harrington, Adam Hartley, Ronan McAuliffe, Sebastian O'Donoghue, Hugh McCarthy, Charlie Vaughan, Ronan Maloney and Elaine Smith (Sound Engineer).



We are hugely grateful to George Hook for his generosity with his time and expertise with Radio Pres

Pres Music Society has a successful launch



Back row (l-r) Ms Nora Walsh, Ms Mary O'Driscoll, Rory Buckley, Patrick Mulcahy, Conor Power, Liam Keville, Michael Dan Lucey, Liam Ring, Daniel Maume, Mattie O'Flynn, Olan O'Donovan, Robert Charteris, Adam Hartley, Joseph Cregan and Mr David O'Riordan
Front row (l-r) Sami Flannery, Denis Kelly and Johnny McCarthy

Music in Pres can often be overlooked by other dominant things in the school especially sports. However, this year, the introduction of the after-school Music Society is an attempt to change that and give the schools musicians a chance to work together and show off their talents.

The Society is run by Ms O'Driscoll, Ms Walsh and Mr O'Riordan and as of now is a once a week activity, run in The Theatre on Wednesdays. Anyone in the school who has interest in music and / or plays an instrument is very welcome to come along, with around fifteen of us at the moment.

The idea and hope is to bring the musicians together, and to give us an insight on other people's music tastes. So far it has worked quite well, with some pieces by a few of us to be hopefully played for certain year groups as time goes on.

There is no objective, and people have quickly connected and made plans to play duets with each other and form small groups to play as a band in.

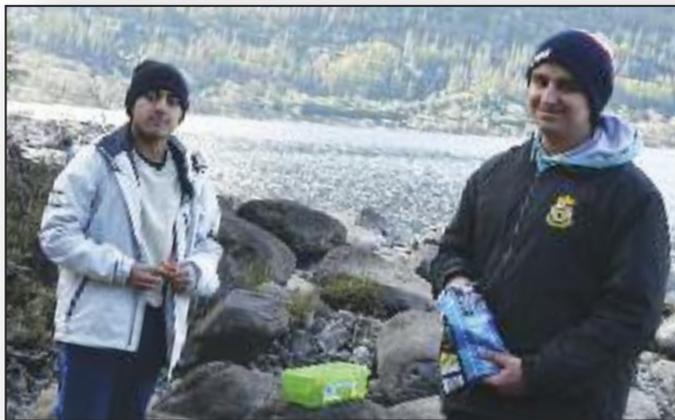
It's a very welcoming environment and one that definitely gives all of us as musicians a different and new perspective, through learning from other people.

The school also plans to move ahead with this for the foreseeable future, and thankfully funds us with brand new equipment for next year. This is key to bringing in more interest from students in the school, and possibly encouraging more people to pick up an instrument and just play. The funding would bring new guitars, pianos, drums and amps that would be stored in the school for us to use, which would make concerts in the school a reality too.

Unfortunately music in the school has definitely died down a bit since the 90s, however, it seems as if it could make a comeback. Starting with the Music Society, and hopefully one day music could be introduced as a subject, because as seen with the society, music is very much alive in the school, and will be for the foreseeable future.

*Liam Ring
Class 4A*

Biology Field Trip to Killarney National Park





Class 3A students show racism the red card!



(l-r) Jack Bugler, Robert Barry, Stuart Gilbert and Devin Giltinan

We created this video for a CSPE project called 'Show Racism The Red Card'. In this video we assembled 42 teachers to take part in both the filming and photos. The videos consisted of items specific to the teachers' subject eg History, Round Tower, Art, paintbrush.

The photos consisted of teachers holding a sheet with the school crest, a message saying 'Presentation Brothers Cork, United Against Racism' and the slogan for the campaign 'Show Racism The Red Card'.

The aim of this video was to show the great community we have here in Pres and our united stance that racism is completely unacceptable in our society.

We would like to extend our thanks to all teachers that took part for both their enthusiasm in the filming and photos and their dedication to the campaign so we can 'Show Racism The Red Card'

www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfmG7FmRuIY

*Robert Barry (Class 3A),
Mr Brian Casey*

Transition Year Rocket Launchers



Photo shows Transition Year students at the Rocket Launch in Wilton, 5th May 2022

What makes rockets fly straight? What makes rockets fly far? Why use water to make the rocket fly? These are some of the questions TY students in Mr Garvey's Physics Class came together to answer over the last number of weeks. TY Physics students were challenged to design and build rockets from two-litre plastic bottles and get them to travel as far and straight as possible or stay aloft as long as possible. Students worked in pairs to create their own rockets from plastic bottles with cardboard / plastic fins, selecting an appropriate propellant and identify the centre of mass of the rocket. This culminated in a 'Rocket Launching' field day competition on Tuesday 5th May.

Weather conditions were ideal on the day and all students had successful launches. A special mention must go to Hugo Doherty (Class 4C) for his persistence in eventually getting a successful launch and to Reuben Lee (Class 4E) and Charlie Dineen (Class 4A) for building the most durable rocket. The design and creativity shown by students was great with one group of students even attempting to incorporate a parachute in their design! The colourful and varied designs were launched using a device which builds air pressure in the bottle using a foot pump and then the stored-up energy is released when a holding latch is released - propelling the rocket into the air and launching the careers of tomorrow's engineers.

*Mr Martin Garvey
TY Physics teacher*

Tobar na Gaeilge



An Cúigiú Bliain, Tráth na gCeist (l-r): Caoimhín McColgan, Cuan Déasach agus Mícheál Ó Suilleabháin.



An Dara Bliain, Comórtas Postaeirí (l-r) Ryan Ó Donoghue, Dylan Ó Loingsigh agus Sé Clarke.



An Ceathrú Bliain, Comórtas Postaeirí (l-r): Dylan Swihart, Alex Ó Liatháin agus Adam Ó Riain

Bhí bliain mhaith againn ó thaobh na Gaeilge i gColáiste na Toirbhirte. Cé gur chuir Covid-19 isteach ar imeachtaí áirithe d'éirigh linn roinnt mhaith a dhéanamh. Bhí imeachtaí éagsúla ar siúl i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge, comórtas postaeirí, tráth na gCeist, comórtas scríbhneoireachta agus araile. Bhí an-chuid ar siúl sna seomraí ranga féin i mbliana agus le cúnamh Dé beimid in ann níos mó a dhéanamh amach anseo.

D'eagraigh an PBST comórtas aiste i mí an Mhárta a bhí oscailte do na scoileanna PBST ar fad. Cumadh teideal suimiúil; 'Cad a dhéanfainn chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i mo scoil féin agus i measc na nÓg in Éirinn'. Bhí gliondar agus bród mór orainn nuair a bhain Dylan Costello agus Adam Ó Riain an dara háit amach. Comhghairdeas libh a bhuachaillí!

Bhí an teanga Gaeilge le cloisteáil ar an gCallaire níos minice freisin agus déanann an Leasphríomhoide Ms O'Donoghue iarracht iontach mar is gnáth. Ina theannta san rinne múinteoirí áirithe na fógraí as Gaeilge ar an gCallaire ó am go ham agus bhí sé an-éifeachtach. Is fíor go deo, an rud is annamh is iontach!

Bhí na daltaí breá sásta leis na scrúdaithe cainte i mí Aibreáin agus rinne an tromlach iarracht den scoth agus cleachtadh rialta roimh ré. Le cúnamh Dé beidh sibh breá sásta leis na torthaí amach anseo. Thar aon rud eile úsáidig an teanga Gaeilge agus an cúpla focal gach lá más féidir. Beatha teanga í a labhairt!

Le Micheál Mac Eoin

PBST Comórtas Aiste 2022



An buaiteoir, Adam Ó Riain agus a mhúinteoir, Micheál Mac Eoin



An buaiteoir, Dylan Costello agus a mhúinteoir, Seán Ó Maoilearca

Pres students attend a Conference On The Future Of The EU with Billy Kelleher MEP



(l-r) Conor Higgins, Hugh O'Callaghan, Matthew Kingston Billy Kelleher MEP and Daniel Philpott Vendrells

Last November, Conor Higgins, Matthew Kingston, Daniel Philpott and Hugh O'Callaghan attended a regional session of the Conference on the Future of Europe in Cork, an event organised by Billy Kelleher MEP, Renew Europe and Fianna Fáil, as part of an EU initiative sponsoring deliberative democracy and encouraging citizens to make concrete recommendations on the future direction they want for Europe. Mr Kelleher addressed the Politics & Society Student Body and took questions on the EU in last October's event. We collaborated with three students from Pobalscoil Na Tríonóide. Following the event's opening, we participated in a team-building event and quizzes on our knowledge of the EU's history and structure. We then began the main activity and spent the day debating the Climate Crisis, the proposed EU Health Union and the Common Defence Policy, amongst others. The format consisted of a roundtable discussion within each group, forming several agreed upon points and policies for each motion, following which each group had the option to have a spokesperson present their response to the whole assembly. A diverse variety of arguments on each topic was raised and presented and raised within our group and in the general discussion, leading to an engaging and productive session. With the conclusion of the roundtables, Mr Kelleher took questions from the floor, followed by the closing remarks. We enjoyed the event considerably and would recommend the participation of Politics & Society students in similar events in the future. It represented a valuable opportunity to discuss pressing issues and develop our critical thinking as well as facilitating discussion with students and experts outside PBC. Thanks to the organisers and to Mr Karl Sweeney for facilitating our attendance at this unique event. *Matthew Kingston, Class 6C*



PBC Debating Society 2021 - '22



Back row (l-r): Brian Sweeney, Miguel Barbosa Fleming, Adam Sherwin, Olan O'Donovan, Eamonn Barry and Niall Collins.
Middle row (l-r): Ms Mary O'Driscoll, Ahaus Syed Muhammed, Alexander McGarry-Hernandez, Michael dan Lucey, Ronan McAuliffe (Chairman), James Hyland (Vice Chairman), Matthew Kingston (Vice Chairman), Cian O'Mahony and Mr Craig O'Driscoll.
Front row (l-r): Liam Fitzgerald, Jack Horgan, Michael Dunphy, Ronan McCarthy, Usman Asif, Oscar Madden, Devyn Delee and Theo Scully.

This year we were able to have debating in person for the first time since the Covid pandemic. We hosted the November Leagues competition in Pres which was attended by schools from all over Cork and ran over three weeks. It was a great opportunity for our Junior Debaters to improve their skills. For many of them it was their first time speaking in front of a group of an audience in a competition. This was followed by debates in Mount Mercy and St Aloysius which our juniors again took part in.

Eight of our Juniors Debators were involved in the Davis Shield Debating Competition. This competition determines the best junior speaker in the school and was highly competitive this year. Liam Fitzgerald in 2nd Year won. Well done again Liam.

Our seniors undertook international debating trials and will have their gold medal debate later this year. Four of our seniors were involved in the annual Cambridge Union Debating Competition, which they performed very well in.

This year was the first time we could take part in competitions post pandemic and it was great to see lively debating in Cork back again. We look forward to more competitions in the months ahead.

Ronan McAuliffe
Class 5B

Ronan McAuliffe wins the Gold Medal



Ronan McAuliffe (Class 5B) won the 2022 Gold Medal Debate, arguing for the motion 'That this House should abolish the death penalty'. The photo shows Ronan with the Debate Adjudicator, Ms Kayleigh Whelan.

Cork Schools Junior Mace Debating Competition 2022



Back row (l-r): Ronan McCarthy, Ronan McAuliffe (Adjudicator), Denis Kelly, Matthew Kingston (Adjudicator) and Ruairi Ó Donnchadha

Front row (l-r): Anaus Syed Muhammad, Jack Horgan and Theo Scully

Best team at Junior Mace Competition

Congratulations to our Junior Debating team who competed at the Cork Schools Junior Mace competition on Saturday, May 7 last, in Mount Mercy College.

Denis Kelly won Best Speaker and Best 2nd Year Speaker.

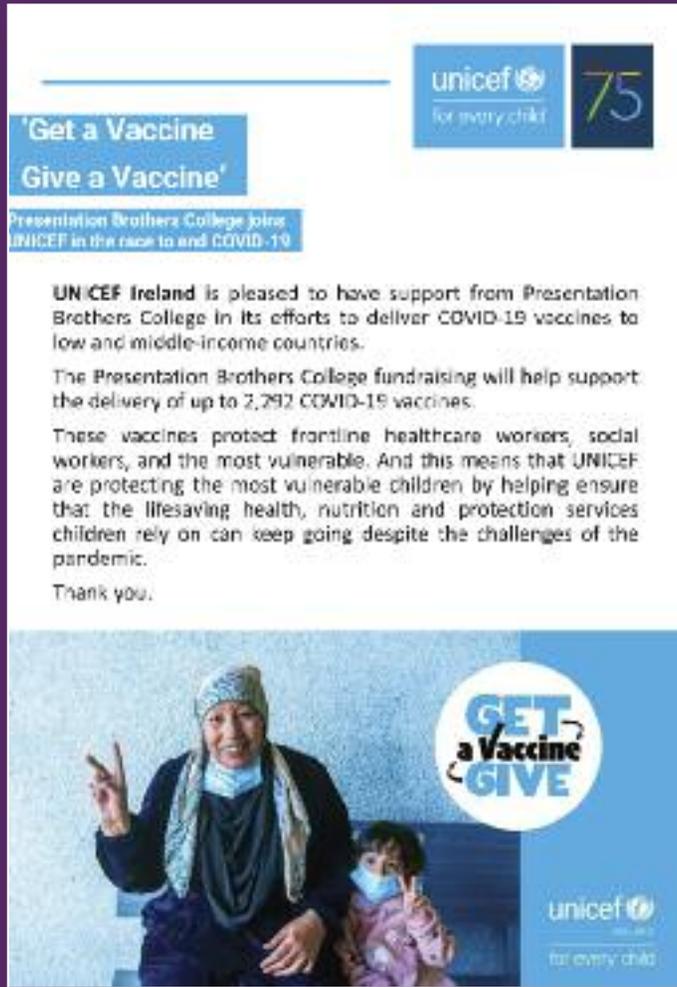
In addition, Denis with partner Ruairi Ó Donnchadha reached the final and also won Best Team on the day. A superb achievement by the boys. All the teams put in a great effort. Very well done to all who participated in this prestigious competition.

*Ronan McAuliffe
Chairman, PBC Debating Society*



(l-r) Denis Kelly and Ruairi Ó Donnchadha who won the Best Team award at the Cork Schools Junior Mace competition

Pres supports UNICEF deliver Covid-19 vaccines to low and middle income countries



The image shows a promotional poster for the UNICEF 'Get a Vaccine Give a Vaccine' campaign. At the top right, the UNICEF logo is displayed with the tagline 'for every child' and the number '75'. Below the logo, the campaign slogan 'Get a Vaccine Give a Vaccine' is written in a blue box. A sub-headline reads: 'Presentation Brothers College joins UNICEF in the race to end COVID-19'. The main text of the poster states: 'UNICEF Ireland is pleased to have support from Presentation Brothers College in its efforts to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to low and middle-income countries. The Presentation Brothers College fundraising will help support the delivery of up to 2,792 COVID-19 vaccines. These vaccines protect frontline healthcare workers, social workers, and the most vulnerable. And this means that UNICEF are protecting the most vulnerable children by helping ensure that the lifesaving health, nutrition and protection services children rely on can keep going despite the challenges of the pandemic. Thank you.' The bottom half of the poster features a photograph of a woman wearing a blue headscarf and a child, both making a peace sign. The UNICEF logo and tagline are repeated in the bottom right corner.

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc in every community and country in the world. The majority of people in Ireland have been able to receive vaccinations free of charge. We now find ourselves in the more favourable environment of an endemic, unfortunately those in less developed countries have not been so lucky, with huge numbers of vulnerable individuals and healthcare workers being unable to access vaccines.

The UNICEF Get a Vaccine Give a Vaccine campaign is the largest global vaccination programme in history, and aims to address this profound vaccine inequity. We are all very much aware of the danger posed by the development of new variants and the central message that no-one is safe until everyone is safe. Humanity has the ability to end this pandemic, but it will require a global effort.

In September / October 2022, we were faced with this once in a generation opportunity of historic significance to do something amazing. We, in the Pres family, rose to the occasion and we can certainly look back with justified pride upon this moment when our school community summoned up our considerable empathy and generosity, showing solidarity with those less fortunate than ourselves in the developing world, and raised €5,185 for this magnificent cause.

Mr Karl Sweeney



Class 1A with their designed posters for UNICEF's 'Ger A Vaccine, Give A Vaccine' campaign

More success for Pres students at Scifest 2021



(l-r) Seán Herlihy, Ms Claire Lynch and William Hetherington

The aim of our project, undertaken for Scifest 2021, was to investigate if it is possible to create artificial gravity in space through using centripetal force. This included an experiment to determine how to calculate the centripetal force at various velocities and at different distances from the centre of the curvature. At the Scifest in MTU, we got first place in the Physical Science Intermediate Section, and were presented with the 'Physics Award 2021'. We also won the 'ESRO Prize' for the best Discover Space Student Award' for our project and our teacher Ms Claire Lynch, was awarded the ESRO Teacher Award for our Science Department.

Seán Herlihy and William Hetherington



(l-r) Daniel Hegarty, Ms Claire Lynch and Dylan Costello

Our project was titled 'An Investigation Into The Effects of Wearing Face Masks'. We entered it into the regional Scifest Competition, and came third in the 'Life Science' category. We greatly enjoyed creating this project and believe that it was a very worthwhile experience. We'd like to thank Ms Claire Lynch, Mr Martin Garvey, Mr Alan Donnelly and Mr Ian Lehane for all their valued assistance and advice throughout.

Dylan Costello and Daniel Hegarty

Gaisce Awards 2020



(l-r): Eoin Harrington (Class 4B), Peter Cullinane (Class 4D), Ms Mary O'Driscoll and Colm Kelliher (Class 4D)

The Gaisce Awards are a Presidential Award undertaken by many 4th Year students across the country who strive to better themselves in some way. The name 'Gaisce' literally means 'Great Achievement' in Irish.

Students competing in Gaisce do three different activities chosen by themselves. The first activity is a personal activity. An example of a personal activity is learning a musical instrument, cooking, and so on.

There is also a physical component. In this one you must pick a physical activity to do, like running or a sport.

The last is a community project. You must join your local community and spend time helping other people in your area.

When completing the various tasks that lead to a Gaisce Award, you are encouraged to try out new ventures, rather than do something you are already proficient at. When starting these activities, you must spend an hour each week at each of your three chosen tasks for thirteen weeks! After these thirteen weeks you pick one specific task and continue it for another thirteen weeks.

The final stage, once you have completed all of these activities, is to complete an overnight stay and a long walk to finish out the experience.

In total, there are three different awards Gold, Silver and Bronze each to be done in 4th, 5th, and 6th Year, respectively.

The three tasks I completed for my Bronze Award were, learning the piano for personal; Running for physical; and Scouts for community. Having completed all of these activities for thirteen weeks, I decided to keep on running for another thirteen weeks. Doing this helped me greatly improve my fitness and stamina.

My goal was to complete 10km in under 55 minutes and I completed this on the 15th week. Even after completing the last thirteen weeks of running, I have kept it on, and running is still one of my main hobbies.

Now all that is left for me, and the other participants is to complete the adventure walk, which I am eagerly looking forward to, before being awarded the Bronze Award. Completing the Gaisce tasks has helped me to develop my patience and my interpersonal skills, and I am incredibly happy with my achievement. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I look forward to attempting the Silver Award next year.

Colm Kelliher
Class 4D

Class 1A of 2022



Back row (l-r): Robert Sheehan, Danny Jim Ó Donnchadha, Peter Meaney, Jack Donnelly, James Healy, Thomas Lafferty and Adam Wiczorek

Middle row (l-r): Shane O'Flaherty, Cormac O'Connor, Jack Ryan, Jack Horgan, Usman Asif, Daniel Wiseman, Christian McCarthy and Evan Lynch

Front row (l-r): Peter Collins, Chris Lennon, Jack O'Mahony, Michael Doyle, Donnacha Leane, Darragh Pomeroy, David Smith and Alan Geelan. Inset: Olan Hosford

Class 1B of 2022



Back row (l-r): Conor Barry, Mikey Fitzgerald, Oscar Madden, Gearóid Coughlan, Alexander McGarry Hernández, David O'Leary, Conal McBride and Darragh O'Mahony

Middle row (l-r): Adam Browne, Jack Hurley, Andy Cuthbert, Daniel O'Leary, Conor Keigher, Freddie Long, Daragh Walsh and Alex O'Leary

Front row (l-r): Ronan McCollum, Jake Dalton, Eanna O'Sullivan, Rory O'Neill, Tom Costello, Daniel Gosling and Alex Jack Murphy



1st Year students of 2022

We warmly welcome all our new 1st Years to the Pres family and hope they enjoy their years here.



Class 1C of 2022



Back row (l-r): David Nolan, Daniel Barry, Shay Rooney, John Kennedy, Daniel Coakley, Oscar Naughton, James Randles and Seán O'Flaherty.

Middle row (l-r): Colman Shanley, Daniel Horgan, Fionn Hayes, Bobby O'Sullivan, Ben Egan, Conor Crowley, Anaus Syed Muhammad and Luke McCarthy

Front row (l-r): Darragh McSweeney, Alex Joseph Murphy, Jack O'Connell, Jack Hurley, James O'Regan, Leon Desmond, Andrew Curtin and Andrew Hinds.

Class 1D of 2022



Back row (l-r): Greg Cronin O'Toole, Matthew O'Connor, Devin Demir, Charly Garcin O'Mahony, Matthew Lynch, Mike Mullaney, Kevin McCarthy and Billy O'Connell

Middle row (l-r): Cali Sheehan, Sam MacKenzie, Callan Clarke, Billy St Leger, Frankie Fenton, Ben Horgan, Jeremy O'Connor and Conor O'Mahony

Front row (l-r): Paul Kelly, Sam Warner, Tiernan Twomey, Ben Flynn, Dario Cammoranesi, Tommy Fitzgerald, Tom Kelly and Johnny Fitzgerald

Class 1E of 2022



Back row (l-r): Loughlain Cashman, Daniel Lim, Jack Walsh, Ben Doyle, Rory Cahill and Jack Hennessy
Middle row (l-r): Ryan Wiley, Andrew Barry, Kevin Barry, Bob Lee, Arham Khan, Gabriel Whelan, Jack Jones and Pierce Bugler
Front row (l-r): Josh Blakeman, Michael Dunphy, Iarlaith Twomey, Bobby Waters, Louis Dineen, Joe Wrixon and Liam O'Brien
Insets (l-r): Alex Moloney and Dylan O'Donovan

Class 6A of 2022



Back row (l-r): Jack Cotter, Jacob Sheahan, Fionn Coleman, Diarmuid O'Connor, Conor Power, Isaac Wheelock, Seán Ó Coileán and Ronan Barry

Middle row (l-r): Mark Fitzgibbon, Mathew Murphy, Christian Daly, William Hartley, Darren Sheehan, Charlie Neville, Pierce Scully and Paul O'Halloran

Front row (l-r): Tom Kelly, Conor Higgins, James Cuddigan, Liam Buckley, Mattie O'Flynn, Ethan Giltinan, Will Buttimer and Daragh Boland

Class 6B of 2022



Back row (l-r): Aidan Keane, Tom Costigan, Louis Herdman, Adam Twomey, Seán Condon, Jack Hallisey, Doug Healy and Jamie Dineen

Middle row (l-r): Joachim O'Driscoll, Ben Kiely, Seán Naughton, Alex Dineen, Jamie Barry, Niall Lynch, Mark O'Connor and Dane Nagle

Front row (l-r): Scott Sexton, Jared Westly, Alex McAllen, Sam Noonan, Ben Dalton, Cillian Twomey, Robert Mullins and Ian Roche

Class 6C of 2022



Back row (l-r): Conor Walshe, Stephen O'Mahoney, Micheal Cullinane, Seán Cronin, Emmet Ahern, Naoise Powell Owen, Vaughan Ryan and Cian Sisk O'Mahoney

Middle row (l-r): Eoghan Maloney, Brian Sweeney, Zach Dinan, Rory Buckley, Karl Condon, Harry Coughlan, Rian O'Donoghue and Paul Higgins

Front row (l-r): Conor Madden, Jack Quinlan, Mathew Kingston, Daniel Philpott Vendrells, Mr Seán O'Brien, Cillian Sabatino, James Hyland and Chris Sweeney

Class 6D of 2022



Back row (l-r): Adam O'Callaghan, Panos William Karousos, David Egan, Adam Sherwin and Donal McCarthy

Middle row (l-r): Callum O'Brien, Oscar Lee, Marc Byrne, Finn Cowhig, Scott Murray, Dylan Costelloe and David Traynor

Front row (l-r): Andrew O'Brien, Max Barrett, Reem Gafurov, Mathew Clarkson, Ivor Dennehy, Eddie Roche-Kenneally, Ciarán Sexton and Conor Clarke



A fond farewell to the Class of 2022

We would like to wish all Leaving Certificate students the very best of luck in their exams and every success throughout their future careers. We're really proud of them all!



Class 6E of 2022



Back row (l-r): Mark Howell, Gearóid O'Sullivan, Hugh O'Callaghan, Kyle O'Flynn Long and Conor Kelleher
Middle row (l-r): Charlie Gowen, Andrew Greene, Jason Kiernan, Eoin O'Connell and Michael Montgomery
Front row (l-r): Jake Lynch, Stephen Mulcahy, Evan Duane, Conor Cashman, Mikey O'Leary and Kieran McCarthy

Class 6F of 2022



Back row (l-r): Stephen Sexton, Danny Sheahan, Ben Cunningham, Jack Hallisey and James Lynch
Middle row (l-r) Mr Ger Burke, Gavin Keane, Peter Carthew, Tim Ryan, Seán O'Leary, David Carroll and Luke Henson
Front row (l-r): Cian Ahern, Seán Barrett, Eolann O'Regan, Harry Kent, Alex Walsh, Rocco McLoughlin Barry and Fionn O'Hare

Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy 2022



(l-r) Panos William Karousos, Head Boy and James Cuddigan, Deputy Head Boy, Class of 2022

Prefects 2022



Back row (l-r): Conor Kelleher, Seán Ó Coileáin, Isaac Wheelock, Marc Byrne, Christian Daly, Charlie Neville and Danny Sheahan
Front row (l-r): Conor Madden, Zach Dinan, Panos William Karousos Head Boy, James Cuddigan Deputy Head Boy
and Daniel Philpott Vendrells and Gavin Keane



The Class of 2022 as 1st Years back in 2017



Holocaust Memorial – The Crocus Project

The Crocus Project is an Irish initiative whereby the Holocaust Education Trust of Ireland provides yellow crocus bulbs for young people to plant in memory of the 1.5 million Jewish children who perished in the Holocaust, and the thousands of other children who were victims of Nazi atrocities. The yellow flowers recall the yellow Stars of David that Jews were forced to wear under Nazi rule.

During the 2021 /'22 academic year, the Transition Year History Class undertook a Holocaust Studies Module, exploring the history of European anti-Semitism, the development and execution of the Final Solution and the Pyramid of Hate. With a focus on providing a voice to the victims, the module encouraged students to engage with this most harrowing of subjects in an engrossing and personal way.

This tangible reminder serves to educate and raise awareness both of the atrocities carried out during the Holocaust and of the dangers of racism and intolerance in our contemporary world. The study of history must alert us to the mistakes made in the past and must inform our future, such that acceptance and respect for all peoples becomes ingrained in our youth, ensuring that the old motto holds true.

NEVER FORGET, NEVER AGAIN!

Mr Karl Sweeney



PBC Cross Country 2022



Second Place Munster Minor Cross Country Team Event

(l-r): Bobby Waters, Andrew Hinds, Paul Kelly, Tom Kelly (holding the Team Trophy), Conor Twomey and Rory O'Neill

PBC athletes enjoyed a phenomenal run of success at this year's Cross Country Championships culminating with our students appearing in the All-Ireland final in Belfast. In all, we had 20 students compete and proudly represent the school across numerous age grades.

At the South Munster Event last February in Riverstick, both our minor and intermediate teams qualified. Daniel Murphy qualified as an individual but unfortunately he wasn't able to compete in the Munster Championships.

This phenomenal run of success continued into March for PBC too as we again competed in the familiar surroundings of Riverstick with an unprecedented second place for our minor team and a 5th place for our intermediate runners. Our minor team of Paul Kelly, Tom Kelly, Bobby Waters, Andrew Hinds and Rory O'Neill produced a scintillating run which will live long in the memory of all who witnessed it. Our intermediate side consisted of Conor Twomey showed great skill and composure to qualify as an individual while his team mates Frank Balfry, Finbarr Murphy, Ronan Nangle, Thomas Egan, Luke Mullins, Bobby O'Riordan and Michael Mullins also produced a mature and controlled run to finish fifth. Although they narrowly missed out on qualification, this experience will stand them in very good stead to compete again next year.

Finally, on the 11th March, we were proud to have our minor team and Conor Twomey compete in Belfast at the All-Ireland finals which is of course, the crown jewel in the cross country calendar. Again our boys performed splendidly on the day which was highlighted by our 5th place finish for our minor team and a great run for Conor who placed in the Top 50! This success bodes well for our runners who have very bright futures ahead in this competition.

Many thanks for the guidance and mentoring of our athletes to Mr Craig O'Driscoll and Ms Shannen Dawkins, without whom none of this would be possible without their coaching and organisation.

Conor Twomey
Class 3C

Sports Day 2022



Absolutely no truth whatsoever that Middle Eastern betting syndicates made a fortune in another betting scandal backing the teachers!



Looks like far too much hard work. Classes back in school may not be the worst way to spend a Friday after all!



Psyched and in the zone. The lads are about to put a serious shift in. The smiles are lulling the teachers in a false sense of security!



Hang the expense. Next year a state-of-the-art VAR system will be installed as Sky Sports are vying for exclusive coverage of the game!



(l-r) Oscar Naughton, Billy O'Connell and Fionn Hayes



(l-r) Fionn Roussel, Peter Wall and Thomas McCarthy



Ah here! The Leaving Cert will be an absolute cakewalk after these shenanigans!



3rd Year 400m gets underway



Matthew Lynch 2nd, Robert Sheehan 1st and Oscar Naughton 3rd



3rd Year students clear the hurdles on the obstacle course



100m Championship of the College. Zach Dinan (second from the left) pips Gene O'Leary Kareem (right) to the title



Seemed like a good idea at the time!



2nd Year students observe the Tug-of-War



Ruarc Porter (Class 3E) puts the shot in fine style



The beautiful game brings tears to the lads!

Rory Buckley and Jack Cotter storm to victory at the National Championships 2021



Jack Cotter with partner Rory Buckley bringing home the silverware. A magnificent achievement!



Men's Junior 18 Pair National Champions
Rory Buckley and Jack Cotter with the spoils of victory!

A lot has happened in the last year for the rowing club, most notably a fantastic win for the Men's Junior 18 Pair of Rory Buckley and Jack Cotter at the Rowing Ireland National Championships! The Championships took place at the National Rowing Centre in Inniscarra in August 2021 and this is the 7th National Title win for the club. Rory and Jack rowed a great race to beat crews from across the country and dominate the event with a finishing time just two seconds shy of the course record. Very well done lads!

Rory and Jack qualified as the fastest crew from the heats but faced stiff competition from Coláiste Iognáid (The Jes), Galway in the final. Early on in the race both crews separated from the other boats in the six boat field and a head to head tussle ensued. Pres began to apply the pressure in the second half of the race and coming into the last 500m began to up the pace and break away from the Galway crew. With 20 strokes to go, Pres had opened up clear water and stormed across the finish line to claim the victory! Massive credit must go to the crew who were able to perform at such a high level when it counted most. This was no less than Rory and Jack deserved after all the hard work and dedication they showed in their training. This includes countless hours spent on their own on rowing machines during two lockdowns! They showed great spirit and pride in their performance and hopefully this success will spur on our younger crews and inspire our future rowers at all levels.

A huge 'Thank You' must go to all the coaches who worked so hard in the background to help the crew achieve their win. Rory and Jack started rowing in 1st Year and a lot of people had a big hand in guiding them to their victory in August. In particular, Cathy Hennessy and Barry O'Sullivan who first taught the lads how to row as beginners and developed their love of the sport in their first few years of rowing. Subsequently past pupils Kevin Neville and Colm Keohane who formed part of the Junior 18 coaching team, fine-tuning Rory and Jack's technique over the last couple of seasons. These included zoom sessions during lockdown. A special mention also for Ms Shannen Dawkins, Ms Alison Crowley and Mr Paul Downes who helped with the midweek strength and conditioning training. This was a real team effort and huge congratulations go to everyone involved!

A very successful Rowing season so far!



Photo shows the large Presentation College Rowing Club membership with coaches Cathy Hennessy, Shannen Dawkins, Eoin Hennessy, Alison Crowley and Paul Downes

The club has enjoyed great success so far this year as we enter regatta season. There were a number of events during the winter months where crews at all levels picked up wins and top three finishes, along with strong performances from our younger rowers in their first races.

We started the season at Skibbereen Head-of-the-River in November with wins in the Club Pair, Junior 18 Four and Junior 18 Eight. This was followed up by a win at Shandon Head-of-the-River for our Junior 18 Four again, and a third place finish this time around for the Eight. At Cork Head-of-the-River in March, the Junior 18s kept up their winning streak with wins in the Pair, Four and Eight, and the Junior 15s and 16s had top 5 finishes in extremely competitive events.

Skibbereen Regatta took place on April 30th and May 1st. The Junior 18s finished second in the Men's Division Two Fours event and there was a fourth place finish for the Junior 15 Quad. This was the first 2000 metre race of the season and a first opportunity for a lot of our rowers to race at the National Rowing Centre, Inniscarra. Regattas will now come thick and fast as we get ever closer to the National Championships in July and all the rowers are looking forward to some summer racing!

Munster Indoor Rowing Blitz

On March 31st, 50 rowers headed to the UL Sports Arena, Limerick to compete in the Get Going Get Rowing Munster Indoor Rowing Blitz which takes place in a relay format. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day out and the first chance for our new 1st Year rowers to take part in their first rowing event! Three 1st Year teams competed, with the day being topped off with a 4th place finish out of 33 teams for the relay team of Bob Lee, Shay Rooney, Loughlain Cashman, Matt O'Connor and Christopher Lennon!

The TY team of Andrew O'Leary, Rex O'Sullivan, Adam Hartley, Eoghan Ahern and Sam Hernan won gold in the TY / 5th Year race, and the 2nd Year team of James Power, Barry O'Connor, Joseph Carney, Zak O'Sullivan and Cathal Cross won a silver medal in their event with a very strong performance. All those hard kilometres on the ergometers certainly paid off! Well done lads!



Our 1st Years after their successful trip to the UL Arena

1st Year Rowing

Rowing started for 1st Years in January and takes place on Mondays and Fridays in school and on Wednesdays and at the weekends at Shandon Boat Club on the Marina. We're delighted to have a large group of 1st Years rowing this year but new members are more than welcome to join. We aim to have our 1st Year crews competing on the water in the summer and plan on running a four day Summer Rowing Camp early in June once school has finished. More details on this will be sent out in the school app.

Former Pres Rowing captain coaches at the Tokyo Olympics



Fran Keane

Former Rowing Club Captain Fran Keane had the honour of travelling to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics as a coach last summer. Fran coached the Women's Pair and Sanita Puspure in the Women's Single Scull, and was part of the overall Rowing Ireland team which enjoyed such success at the Games. Fran has since been appointed as Men's Head Coach, and is now again fully focused on the build up to the Olympics in Paris in 2024. All of us at Pres Rowing wish Fran continued success in his role with Rowing Ireland.

Superb performances in the Munster Indoor Rowing Blitz



Gold medals for the TY team (l-r) Eoghan Ahern, Andrew O'Leary, Sam Hernan, Adam Hartley and Rex O'Sullivan



The Silver Medalist 2nd Year Relay Team of (l-r) Cathal Cross, Zak O'Sullivan, James Power, Barry O'Connor and Joseph Carney

Pres Soccer on the up!



Pres Senior Soccer Team 2021 / '22

Back row (l-r): Leon Sahm, Ben Dalton, Ian Van Sinderen, Patrick Brophy, Jack Hallissey, Kyle O'Flynn-Long, Niall Lynch, Rory McCarthy and Tom McCarthy

Middle row (l-r): Joe MacNamara, James Kelleher, Mark O'Connell, Luke Sweetnam, Alex McAllen, Robert Barry, Max Healy, Niall Brady and Oliver Bogue

Front row (l-r): Alex Quin, Matthew Clarkson, Ethan Giltinan, Conor Higgins, Tom Kelly (Captain), Eddie Roche-Kenneally (Vice Captain), Jerry Murphy, Charlie Collins, Jake Lynch and Zach Dunne

The Pres senior soccer team kicked off their Munster Cup campaign with an away game against Deerpark. Pres started the game the better team as they controlled possession and limited Deerpark's opportunities. The deadlock was broken by Jake Lynch after dancing past the Deerpark defence before rolling the ball past the hopeless Deerpark keeper. From here Pres dominated the game with further goals from Ben Dalton and Zach Dunne with the score line reading 4-0 at half time. Things only got worse from here for Deerpark as half time substitute Aidan Barry managed to complete his hat trick late in the second half. Eventually the referee called proceedings to a halt as the scoreboard read 11-0. A fantastic start to the campaign as the squad began to build momentum.

In the next round the senior soccer team faced Patrician Academy from Mallow in what began as a tight and cagey affair. The game began to open up after Eddie Kenneally curled a free kick into the top right corner of the net leaving the 'keeper with no chance of stopping it. Pres increased their lead with goals from Ben Dalton and Aidan Barry. This coupled with some excellent defensive displays from Léon Sahm and Matthew Clarkson, along with the ever commanding Robert Barry in goal helped Pres to keep the clean sheet and ultimately run out 5-0 winners on the day.

First game back after the Christmas break was away to a strong Carrigaline team, and Pres's rustiness showed finding themselves 2-0 down at halftime against the run of play. After an inspiring speech by the Pres coaches, Pres came out of the blocks quickly with a header from Tom Kelly starting the comeback. Two excellent finishes from Aidan Barry and Luke O'Donnell saw us take the lead, which we saw out for a gutsy 3-2 win.

We then played Tralee CBS in Corinthians' Park. After an even first half with both teams creating and conceding chances, Tralee CBS got the breakthrough with a flick on header finding the back of the Pres net. Despite throwing everything at it in the second half, we were unable to find the goal to get us back into the game, with Tralee CBS scoring two goals in the final few minutes of the game to see them through. It was disappointing result, but the lads can take pride in their fight until the end. Unfortunately it was not to be after an excellent run in the Munster Cup. The school, however, are still chasing silverware in the Cork Cup.

John Mullarkey

U16 Soccer Squad



Back row (l-r): Thomas O'Mahony, Fiachra Wall, Bobby Kelleher, Thomas Egan, Devin Giltinan, Ronan O'Shea, Kyle O'Sullivan and Barry Collins

Middle row (l-r): Tadhg Daly, Daire McStay, Shane Collins, Ricky Barrett, Deckie Fitzgerald, Dave Coughlan, Diarmuid Forrest and Ben O'Connell

Font row (l-r): Michael Collins, Kieran Barry, Zach Bradley, Robert Barry (Captain), Dara O'Brien, Tom Barry and Peter Burke

U15 Soccer Squad



Back row (l-r): Tiago Barbosa Fleming, Sé Clarke, Odhrán Healy, Devyn Delee, Cormac Bohane, Daniel Mellerick and Jonathan McLaughlin

Middle row (l-r): Dylan Lynch, Daniel Murphy, Barry O'Driscoll, Liam Cummins, Daniel Burke and Donnacha Twohig

Front row (l-r) Luke Neenan, Olan Healy, Eddie Dooley, Michael Browne, Frankie Óg Sheahan, Sam McKenna Carroll and Charlie Nestor

1st Year Soccer Squad



Back row (l-r): Oscar Naughton, Conal McBride, Billy O'Connell, Conor Keigher, Tom Kelly, Danny Jim O'Donnchadha, Conor O'Mahony and Ben Doyle

Middle row (l-r): Mr. Conor Power (Coach), Ms Rebecca Walsh (Coach), Sam Warner, Rory O'Neill, Jack Walsh, Colman Shanley, Daniel Wiseman, Arham Khan, Robert Sheehan, Adam Browne and Mr Shane Twomey (Coach).

Front row (l-r): Tommy Fitzgerald, Andrew Hinds, Alex Moloney, David Nolan, Liam O'Brien, Peter Collins and Paul Kelly

Zach Dunne plays for Ireland U18 Schools in Centenary Shield



Zach Dunne



Zach is third from the left in the front row

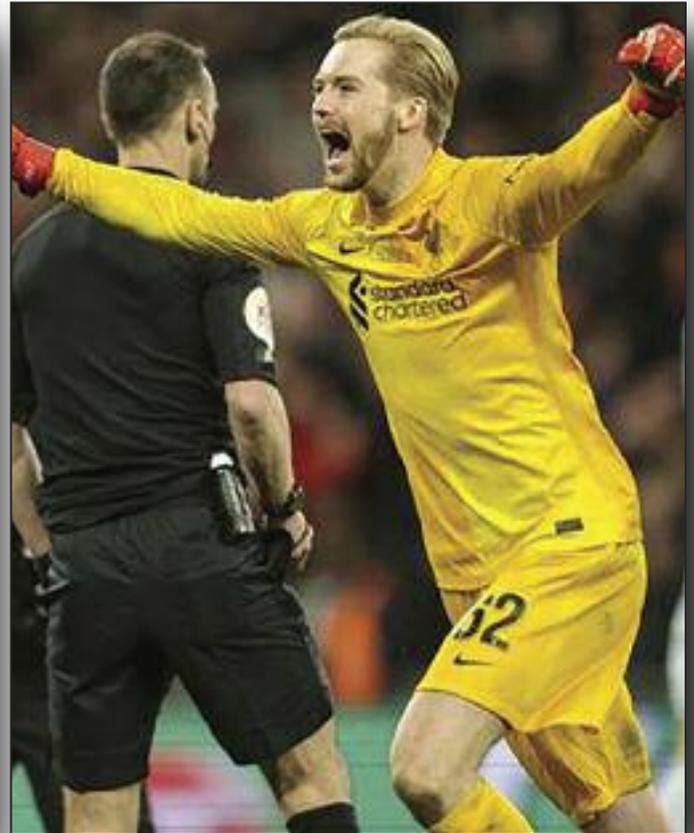
5th Year student, Zach Dunne, played for the Ireland U18 Schools soccer squad that contested the prestigious Centenary Shield competition played in March between Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales.

Ireland were in contention to win the competition going into the last series of games, and a win against a powerful Wales side would have sealed victory. Sadly, it was not to be, with Wales running out convincing 2-0 winners in the end. While disappointing, this was a very valuable learning curve for Zach, and he has now returned to play for Cork City in the U19 National League. We wish him the very best with City!

Caoimhín scores the winning penalty for Liverpool in the Carabao Cup Final



Ice in his veins! Caoimhín drives home the winning penalty....



The hero turns to celebrate with his team mates.

Pres past pupil, Caoimhín Kelleher, has added considerably to his growing reputation this season, starting crucial games in the Premier League, Champions League and FA Cup, as well as starting for Ireland in games against Belgium and Lithuania. But perhaps his most high profile game this season was the Carabao Cup Final in March versus Chelsea, where, after a string of fine saves in normal time, he scored his own penalty in the resultant penalty shootout to help Liverpool lift the trophy.

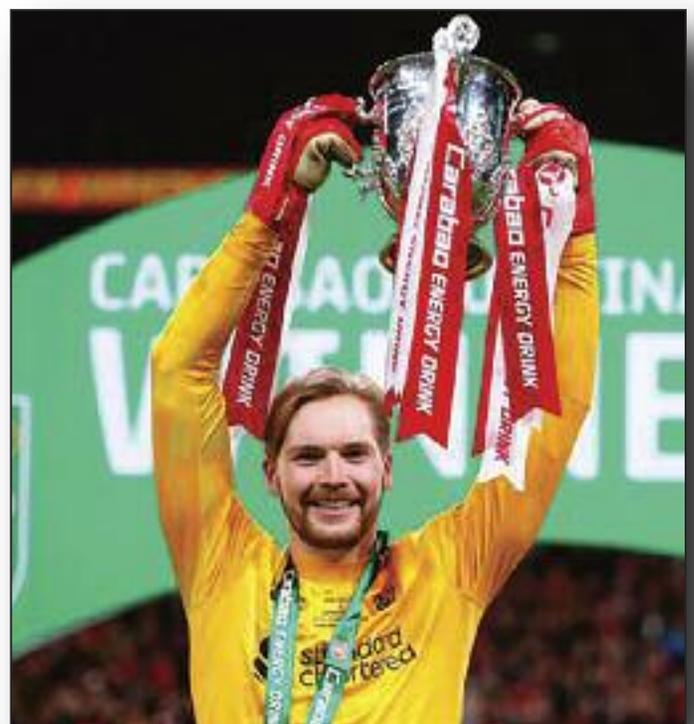
Caoimhín Kelleher is Liverpool's hero as Jurgen Klopp's side claim the Carabao Cup at Wembley

The Irishman scored the winning penalty in the shootout at the home of English football after the game finished 0-0 after 120 minutes of action. Kelleher was given the nod to start over Alisson Becker after he had played in all but two of Liverpool's games on their route to the final. And the Reds youngster repaid the faith his boss had shown in him with two impressive stops to deny Christian Pulisic and Romelu Lukaku in the game. While in the shootout, the Republic of Ireland international was unlucky not to stop a number of the ten penalties Thomas Tuchel's side dispatched. But after Kelleher coolly converted from 12 yards, he then watched on as opposite number Kepa Arrizabalaga, who was brought on for the shootout, blazed over the bar.

'It's a mad one. I thought I saved one, I didn't,' the Irishman said in the immediate aftermath of the shootout. 'I got close to a few and then when it came down to me I didn't even think I scored the winning penalty - I forgot I scored the winning one. All the penalties from the lads were class so I was just happy to score.' Before Kelleher added on his own penalty, saying 'It was more hit and hope. I got close to a few, got a hand on a few.'

The Liverpool youngster also revealed what Jurgen Klopp had to say to him in before his side went up to lift the trophy.

'He just said well done for scoring the winning penalty' Kelleher revealed to Sky Sports. 'So obviously there is a wall at Liverpool with all the goalies who have won cups, and he said now is your chance, you can go on that!'



Irish Schools National Sailing Championships 2022



PBC Sailing Team Irish Schools National Sailing Championship
(l-r) Mr John Kavanagh, Olan Dillon, Adam Fitzgerald, John Neville, Thomas O'Mahony, Andrew Kingston, David Collins, Max Dillon, James Murphy and Ms. Julie Mosher

Last April, seven other students and I travelled to Dun Laoghaire to compete in the Schools National Sailing Championships. Unfortunately, inclement weather conditions dictated the cancellation of the Munster Schools Championships, but happily we still qualified for the national event. Unfortunately, due to our 'older' sailors studying for their Leaving Cert exams, we lost a lot of valuable experience from the team, but nonetheless our younger sailors more than stepped up to the mark.

Sailing was slow on Saturday due to light winds and we got off to a slow start. After a strong performance from 3rd Year student, Andrew Kingston, and 5th Year David Collins, we got our first victory against St David's College, followed by a second win against Scoil Chuimsitheach. That wrapped up the first day for Pres and confidence was high going into the second day.

On Sunday, the prevailing weather conditions were much the same - light winds and rain as we began our day with a victory coming in against St Andrews College. This was a big win for us as we were definite under dogs on paper. The rain really started falling then and morale was a little low after we were unlucky against Gaelcholáiste Carrigaline, losing out on victory by the narrowest of margins.

However, we did finish the competition with a win against Scoil Mhuire with Max Dillon and Thomas O'Mahony finishing in first place and the team of Andrew Kingston and Olan Dillon a close second.

Overall, I couldn't have been prouder of the lads. They really stepped up to the challenge and did the school proud. I would also like to say a big 'Thank You' to Mr Aiden Twomey who helped with the organisation of accommodation and registration and a particular expression of gratitude to teachers Ms. Julie Mosher and Mr John Kavanagh, who travelled with us to Dublin. Without their help, none of this would have been possible.

Max Dillon (Class 5E)

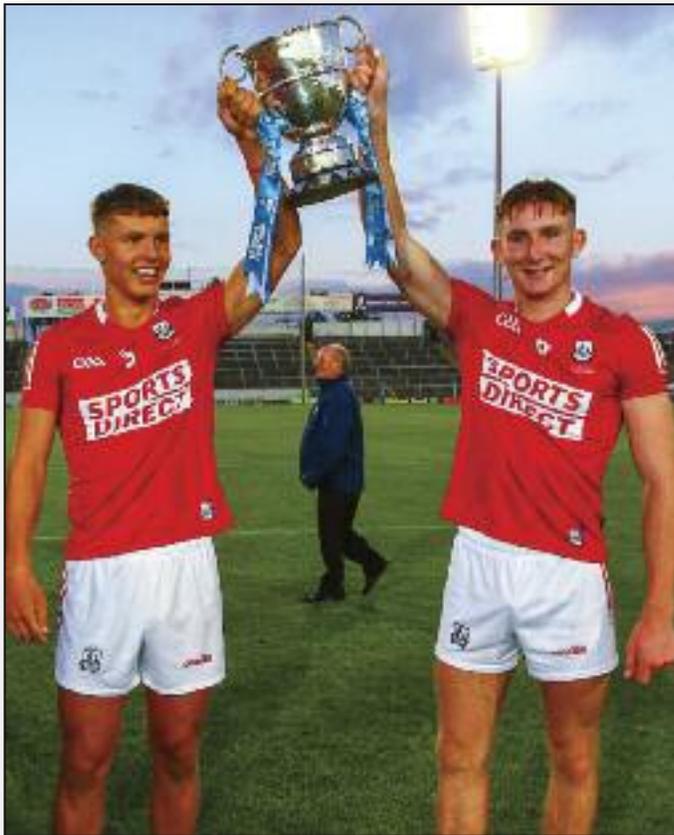


John Neville and James Murphy competing at the Irish Schools National Sailing Championship in Dún Laoghaire, Dublin

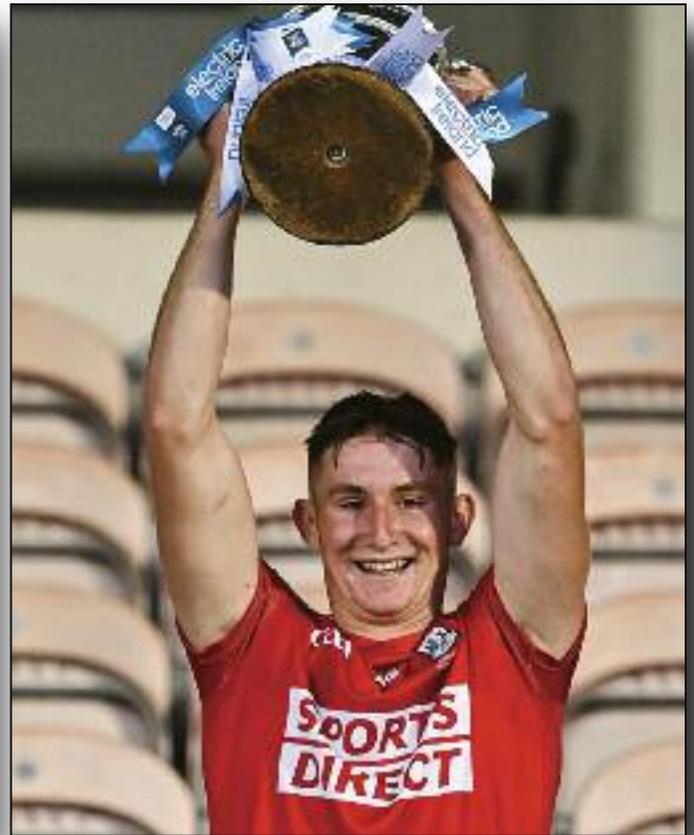


Max Dillon and Adam Fitzgerald competing at the Irish Schools National Sailing Championships in Dún Laoghaire, Dublin

Ben O'Connor captains the Cork Minor Hurlers All-Ireland Champions 2021



Cork Minor Hurling Co-captains, past pupil James Dwyer and 5th Year student, Ben O'Connor hoist the Irish Press Cup



Ben O'Connor shows the Irish Press Cup to the jubilant Cork supporters

Munster Minor Football Champions 2021



5th Year student Rory O'Shaughnessy (left) captained the Cork Minor Footballers to provincial glory versus Limerick August 2021

Cork U20 Hurlers 2021



Photo shows Ben Cunningham, Ben O'Connor, Ethan Twomey (Class of 2021) and Mark Howell.
Missing from photo Brian Hayes (Class of 2020)

Brian Hayes captains Cork to the Munster U20 Football title in 2021



Brian Hayes (Class of 2020), was part of the Cork U20 hurling squad that won the U20 All-Ireland in 2021.

He also captained the Cork U20 footballers to the Munster U20 title in 2021.

In May 2022, he made his Senior Football Championship debut for Cork v Kerry in the Munster Semi Final in Pairc Uí Rinn.

U16½ Hurling Season



Back row (l-r) Brion Kiely, Seán McBride, Giacomo Cammoranesi, Adam Ryan, Ricky Barrett, Denis Murphy, Harison Grant, Peter Laverty, Adam McCarthy, Conor Dalton and Eddie Coughlan
Front row (l-r): Ryan Lyons, Greg Loughheed, Jack O'Sullivan, Alex Lyons, John Wiggington-Barrett, Barry Keane and Jude Twomey

Our under 16½ hurling season this year with Pres was very positive. This was only the third time the school had entered into this competition and with the previous two teams reaching finals it left us with big shoes to fill.

We played Coláiste Christ Rí in the opening round of the competition on an immaculate Mardyke pitch which we were thrilled to call our home pitch. Eager to progress to the next round, we hit the ground running with strong performances around the middle of the field from Jude Twomey, Conor Dalton and Adam McCarthy. Ricky Barrett and Denis Murphy, two of the younger lads, controlled the wings well with some tidy scores. We ran out comfortable winners on a score line of 5-17 to 2-4. In the next round we faced Glanmire Community College which we knew would test us after they were very competent winners over Clonakilty in their first match. We started strong with our danger man John Barrett finding the net and also slotting over a few textbook points both from play and from frees. Harrison Grant, working well in the centre, took his pick of three points in the first half. Peter Laverty was exceptional from full back with his hands full with one of their best players. We lead 2-11 to 1-5 at half time, but like any good team GCC came back at us in the second half. Alex Lyons, Peter Laverty and Adam Ryan holding tough in the full back line and Barry Keane saving us on multiple occasions. Conor Dalton steadied the ship in midfield with some pinpoint balls into John Barrett who made no mistake in finding the target. Seán McBride and Adam McCarthy were superb throughout both with Man-of-the-Match worthy performances. All of that saw us through on a score line of 3-15 to 3-10.

Our toughest challenge yet awaited us in the quarter final as we faced a well rounded Coachford side. We were under pressure right from the start and were out played for the first fifteen minutes. Barry Keane once again getting us out of trouble with some cracking saves. We finally found our feet with some nifty skill from Harrison Grant to find the back of the net. Jack O'Sullivan, Greg Loughheed and John Barrett also racking up a few points just before the break. The second half we were speedy out of the blocks with Seán McBride cleaning up lots of dirty ball on the right wing along with our trusty free taker John Barrett slotting over frees from all angles. Paddy Walsh and Adam McCarthy held off the Coachford attack with strong defence along with some tidy passing. With the wind at our backs, it meant that Barry Keane's puck outs were now comfortably reaching the half way line. Conor Dalton won a lot of ball around the middle and delivered to our forwards well. In the final few minutes of the match we were exhausted and just ran out of steam and Coachford pulled away. In the end it was just too big a mountain to climb which unfortunately meant an end came to our U16 ½ hurling season.

It was a great achievement from the lads considering we never played as a unit before. It was a very successful campaign which is very positive going forward for Pres GAA. All the players would like to thank the coaches John Connaughton, Ms Alison Crowley and Mr Enda O'Regan for their valued help and encouragement throughout the season.

Panel: Barry Keane, Alex Lyons, Peter Laverty, Adam Ryan, Seán McBride, Adam McCarthy, Paddy Walsh, Eddie Coughlan, Conor Dalton, Rickey Barrett, Harrison Grant, Jude Twomey, Greg Loughheed, John Wiggington Barrett, Jack O'Sullivan, Brion Kiely, Giacomo Cammoranesi, Hugh Espey, Bobby Kelleher, Ryan Lyons, Denis Murphy and Danny Nestor.

Eddie Coughlan, Team Captain

Gripmax sponsor Pres GAA



Photo shows (l-r) 4th Year students Barry Keane, Conor Dalton, John Wiggington-Barrett and Eddie Coughlan

Cork Minor Football 2022



Neville O'Leary who played for the Cork Minors in the All-Ireland Football Championship in 2021

Cork Minor Hurling 2022



John Wiggington-Barrett who played for the Cork Minors in the All-Ireland Hurling Championship in 2021

Another stellar season for Pres Rugby



The Junior Cup 2022 winning squad
with coaches (l-r) Paul Downes, Peter Hetherington, Declan Fitzgerald, Brian MacMahon, Steve Ford,
Donncha Murphy, Paul Byrd and Willie O'Keeffe (Assistant Games Master)



Back row (l-r) Declan Fitzgerald, Brian MacMahon and Donncha Murphy
Front row (l-r) Paul Byrd, Paul Downes, Peter Hetherington and Steve Ford

The Junior Cup winning heroes



The Junior Cup winning team who beat Christians 14-10 at Musgrave Park on 23rd February 2022
Back row (l-r) Harry Murphy, Mark Hetherington, Seán MacFarlane, Ali Dunne, James O'Leary (Vice Captain),
Rory Moloney (Captain) Charlie Donnelly, Daniel Foley and Fionn O'Sullivan
Front row (l-r) Deckie Fitzgerald, Eoin Hurley, Liam Hegarty, Denis Murphy, Ronan Byrd and Ben Foley



Harry Murphy adds the points!



Almost there. Denis Murphy charges for the whitewash!

Pres win the Barry Cup in another brilliant year for Pres Rugby!



Back row (l-r): Aodhan Cooke, Donal McCarthy, Reuben Skuse, James Wixted, Doug Healy, Charlie Neville and Fionn Roussel
Middle row (l-r): Mr Willie O'Keeffe (Asst Games Master), Mr Ian Lehane (Team Manager), Daniel Philpott-Vendrells, Michael O'Sullivan, Alex Davenport, Peter Wall, Danny Noonan, Marc Byrne, Jamie Barry, Oscar Nangle, Mr Cian Bohane (Coach) and Mr Don Buckley (Coach)
Front row (l-r): Thomas McCarthy, Max Dillon, Dylan Costello-Ryall, Mr Ger Burke (Head Coach), Cillian Twomey (Captain), Conor Clarke, Ben Hutchinson and Ronan Dwyer

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The Barry Cup 2022 winning squad before the celebrations began. Well done again lads!

PBC Munster Schools Senior Cup Finalists 2022



Back row (l-r): James Wixted, Aidan Keane, James Lynch, Doug Healy, Danny Sheahan, Peter Wall, Reuben Skuse, Fionn Roussel, Alex Davenport, Rory O'Shaughnessy, Sean Condon, Louis Herdman and Adam Twomey.

Middle row (l-r): Mr Ian Lehane (SCT Manager), Mr Ger Burke (SCT Head Coach), Aodhan Cooke, Marc Byrne, Ronan Dwyer, Scott Sexton, Alex Alderson, Ben O'Connor, Max Dillon, Danny Noonan, Michael O'Sullivan, Charlie Neville, Dylan Costello-Ryall, Tom Coughlan, Donal McCarthy, Principal David Barry, Mr Cian Bohane (Coach) and Mr Don Buckley (Coach).

Front row (l-r): Thomas McCarthy, Daniel Philpott-Vendrells, Matthew Murphy, Rian O'Donoghue, Harry Coughlan, Ivor Dennehy (SCT Vice Captain), Jacob Sheahan (SCT Captain), Gene O'Leary-Kareem, Finn Cowhig, Zach Dinan, Conor Clarke, Cillian Twomey and Liam Tuohy. Mascot: Daniel Buckley.

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We had representations on the Munster U19, Peter Hyland, U18, Danny Sheahan, Jacob Sheahan, Seán Condon and Gene Kareem O'Leary. We had three players starting Danny Sheahan, Jacob Sheahan and Ben O'Connor and the head coach Paul Barr, with the successful Irish schoolboy squad in France, while both Seán Condon and Rory O'Shaughnessy were involved in the Irish club and school combined side. Salvador Patricio was involved with Irish U19 squad. PBC had three players on the Grand Slam winning Irish U20 squad - Patrick Campbell, Darragh McSweeney and Daniel Squires, with Darragh French and Daniel Hurley on the extended squad. PBC had players in the NTS, seven players in the Munster Academy, fourteen players featuring in the Munster Senior team this year. Six PBC players playing in the away win against Wasps in the Champions Cup, players in the Irish Senior Team, Gloucester, Bryan O'Connor, Biarritz, Billy Scannell, the list goes on. We are all so proud of their enormous achievements.

None of this could be possible without the team of dedicated coaches, both staff and parents, who give tirelessly of their time and energy day in, day out, not only during school time but through the holidays and the summer months. Thank you again.

Our 1st Year squad had fantastic results and great games as they improve on a weekly basis. Enormous credit goes to the large number of coaches, co-ordinated by Mr Liam Lynch and Mr Craig O'Driscoll, with what is by far our biggest playing group with more than 100 players at most sessions! There were great wins during the year, including beating our rivals on the hill in all 1st Year grades. We had great trips also to Blackrock, Clongowes Wood College, and several trips to Limerick.

Give it up for the Pres cheerleaders!



The Pres cheerleaders who year after year perform a great service at all the matches. Thanks lads!
Back row (l-r): Michael Montgomery, Mark Howell, Gearóid O'Sullivan, Jack Hallissey, Stephen Sexton, Mark O'Connor, Niall Lynch and Alex Dineen
Front row (l-r) Jamie Dineen, Charlie Gowen, Vaughan Ryan, Ben Cunningham, Matthew Clarkson, Evan Duane and Paul Higgins



Munster Senior Cup Winners 2020



Back row (l-r): Mr Enda O'Regan (S&C Coach), Ben Comiskey, Daniel Hurley, Darragh French, Peter Hyland, Darragh McSweeney, Sam O'Sullivan, David O'Halloran, John Forde, Tom Gough, Daniel Squires, Mark Deane, Bevan Forde and James McCarthy

Middle row (l-r): Mr Ian Lehane (SCT Manager), Mr Ger Burke (SCT Head Coach), Seán McLoughlin, James Keohane, Salvador Patricio, Keelan Cronin, Daniel Desmond, Cian Desmond, Conal Harrington, Doug Healy, Marc Byrne, Richie Foley, Jacob O'Brien, Alex Walsh, Principal David Barry, Mr Cian Bohane (Coach) and Mr Don Buckley (Coach)

Front row (l-r): Zach Dinan, Adam O'Brien, Patrick Campbell, Ciarán O'Connor, Jack Kelleher (SCT Vice Captain), Alex Kendellen (SCT Captain), Ross McAuliffe, Billy Kiernan, Liam Ormond and Billy Kingston Mascot: Daniel Buckley



Vice Captain Jack Kelleher and captain Alex Kendellen holding the 2020 Munster Senior Cup

McCarthy Cup Squads dominate Munster



The McCarthy Cup Squad

Our Junior team lead by Paul Downes, Brian McMahon and their coaching team had a hugely successful season fielding three teams throughout the year with more seventy five students involved. Their journey began last June when our summer S&C programme began. The Kidney Cup team were just pipped at the post by Christians in a hotly contested competition. Amazingly the Junior Team did not lose a competitive match during the season. PBC beat CBC in the final, putting on a fantastic display of rugby, modelling the 'Pres Way' of playing. When Rory Moloney raised the Junior Cup, the cheers raised the roof in Musgrave Park. Great thanks to the huge support from the school who travelled en masse to all our cup matches.

Our Senior Squad had another very successful season, representation on national and provincial teams at record levels. The win in the Charity Cup match against Christians before Christmas set us up for a great year. The senior season began in June with our summer programme and huge commitment from the boys and all the coaches, Mr Ger Burke, Cian Bohane, Don Buckley, Ian Lehane and Ciarán O'Regan. We had more than 50 players training on a regular basis with our Senior squad and Barry Cup teams. Our Barry Cup team held the day in an enthralling final against Christians and raised the trophy in Musgrave Park. Our SCT were just pipped at the last hurdle by a fine Crescent side in Thomond Park in the Senior Cup Final. A day which saw the school gates close early as more than 700 boys and 70 staff travelled to Limerick to support the team. Unfortunately, you cannot win them all but we certainly did our best. The stand out moment of the year was undoubtedly the epic victory over Christians in an extraordinary semi-final in front of a packed Musgrave Park. All seemed lost losing 19-12 with minutes to go, but the lads showed incredible fortitude and resolve to win the game 21-19. You can rest assured that the Pres seniors will be back contesting at the highest levels again next year.

This year we are beginning our annual PBC Rugby Golf classic. It will take place in Douglas Golf Club on Thursday June 2nd. All support would be greatly appreciated and all funds raised will go directly to improve our rugby facilities in Wilton.

PBC rugby is very much a work in progress, success on the field is only part of the legacy we wish to leave. Our aim this year has been, was to increase our playing population, to create a 'Pres Way' of playing the game and to develop our facilities in Wilton. This is only part of a strategic plan we have put in place. We are making great strides on all fronts and we wish to thank all for their efforts in helping us; Players, Coaches, all School Staff, Management, Parents, Sponsors and the greater Pres community. Our new rugby programme is in its infancy and the support of all is much appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to pass on our gratitude to all the unseen work of Marita Kidney, Barry O'Connor, Michael Jordan and all ancillary staff of Pres. Also, the volunteer coaches at all levels for their dedication and selflessness. We wish to thank the parents and teachers for their co-operation and understanding, allowing our boys be a part of PBC Rugby. We would also like to thank all our sponsors. We look forward to a successful season in 2022-'23 and we look forward to seeing everyone in Wilton next year. Pres Abú!

Brian McMahon and Willie O'Keeffe

McCarthy Cup 'A' Squad



The McCarthy Cup 'A' Squad with coaches (l-r) Conor Power, Jerry Murray, John Mullarkey, John Gleeson and Willie O'Keeffe (Assistant Games Master)

McCarthy Cup 'B' Squad



The McCarthy Cup 'B' Squad with coaches (l-r) Conor Power, John Mullarkey, Jerry Murray, John Gleeson and Willie O'Keeffe (Assistant Games Master)

Bowen Shield Winners 2022



The Bowen Shield 2022 Winning Squad
with coaches (l-r) Sammy St Leger, Denis Maher, Enda Ronan, Fabrice Roussel and Willie O’Keeffe (Assistant Games Master)

Peter O’Mahony is Munster’s Man-of-the-Match v Toulouse in the Champions Cup



Peter receives his richly deserved award

Pres past pupils to the fore for Munster v Toulouse in the Champions Cup



Photo shows (l-r) Alex Kendellen powers through the Toulouse defence for Munster's opening try



Simon Zebo makes a tackle



Niall Scannell lifts Peter O'Mahony to claim the kickoff



Kendo rallies the troops after another great Munster defensive set!

Alex Kendellen scores his first senior try for Munster



21 year old Alex Kendellen touches down for Munster v Ulster at Thomond Park in the URC, January 2022

Captain Alex Kendellen leads by example for Ireland U20 v England



Alex Kendellen charges over the gain line during the Guinness Six Nations Championship v England at Cardiff Arms Park, July '21

Pres trio outstanding for Ireland U18 Schools in U18 Six Nations Championship



Ben O'Connor, Danny Sheahan and Jacob Sheahan



Ben O'Connor touches down versus Italy



Danny Sheahan offloads versus Wales



Pres lads get their international caps from Head Coach and Pres teacher, Paul Barr
(l-r) Ben O'Connor, Jacob Sheahan, Paul Barr (Ireland U18 Schools Head Coach) and Danny Sheahan

Pres rugby graduates



UCC RFC Colours vs UCD (l-r): Billy Kingston, Rory Duggan, Joe O'Leary, Sam O'Sullivan, Cian Bohane, Louis Bruce, Billy Kiernan, Jack Kelleher (UCC RFC Captain), Jack O'Sullivan and Daniel Squires



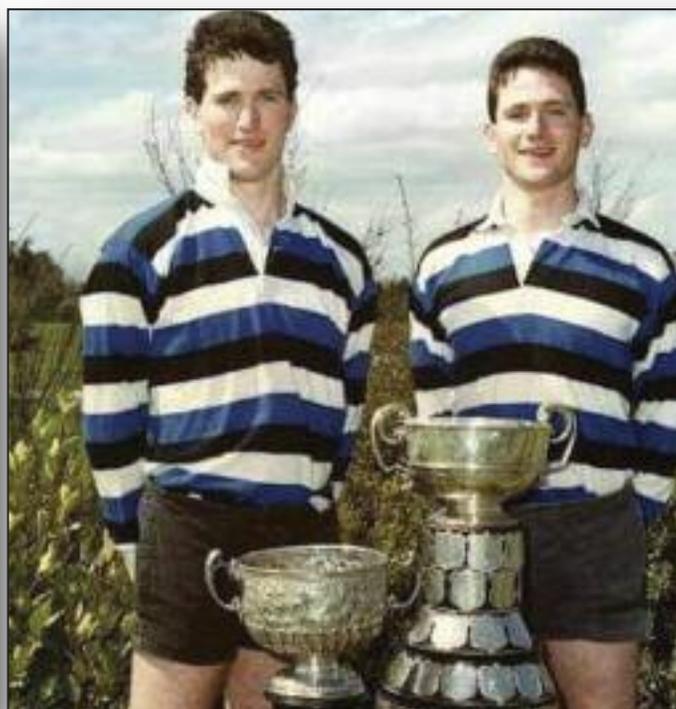
Patrick Campbell and Darragh McSweeney after winning the U20 Grand Slam v Wales at Musgrave Park



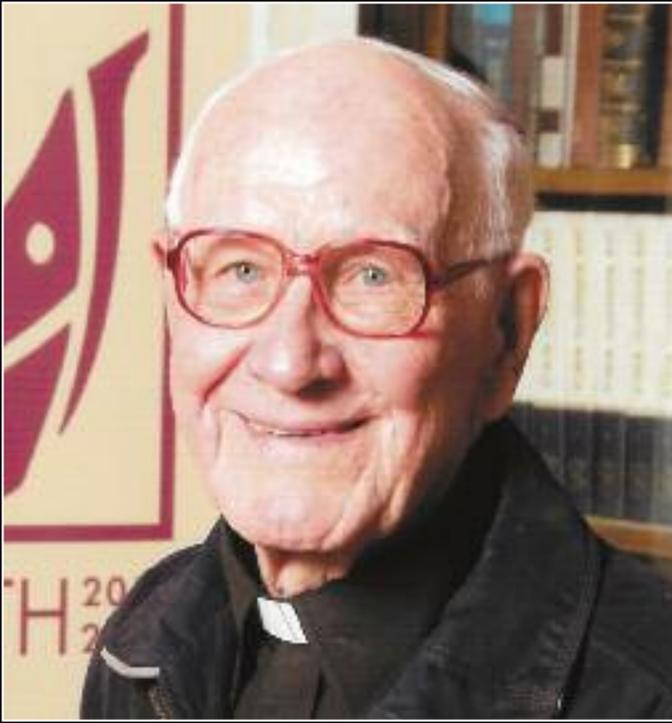
Patrick Campbell scores a try v Wasps



In 2020 Bevan and John Forde won Senior Munster Cup medals with Pres, replicating the 1990 Senior Cup medals won by their father John and his twin brother Declan for Crescent College



A life well lived: - Former Pres teacher Br Cronan Loughrey passes away



The Pres Family lost a truly good man when Br Cronan Loughrey passed away on 21 September 2021, in the tender care of the staff at Nazareth House, Mallow.

Br Cronan taught Irish and R.E. in PBC from 1984 to 1994. He was in the final stage of a long teaching career at that time. Nevertheless, he never lost his enthusiasm for teaching and learning. He impressed all who met him as a genuinely good and holy man and a brilliant teacher.

He retained an interest in the careers and progress of all his past students, throughout his retirement. In an Irish Times tribute, rugby legend and Pres past pupil Peter Stringer, spoke of the positive impact Br Cronan had on his life.

'I think your appreciation of a subject is influenced by the teacher. I enjoyed Irish because I got on well with my Irish teacher. Br Cronan was a very good teacher and just a really nice elderly gentleman. I met up with him recently and he was saying he was following everything I've done and was wishing me well - it was lovely to hear that from him.'

Br Cronan taught in many Presentation schools and colleges in Ireland. During a stint in Pres Bra, he taught a young Morgan O'Sullivan, who would later go on to become a renowned film producer on blockbuster films such as *Braveheart*, *Veronica Guerin*, *Angela's Ashes*, *PS I Love You* as well as the popular television series, *The Tudors*.

When Morgan O'Sullivan won the Outstanding Contribution to Industry Award at the Irish Film and Television Awards in 2011, the first person he thanked in his acceptance speech was Br Cronan.

Accepting the IFTA Award, Morgan gave a special mention to Br Cronan and the influence he had on his career: 'Br Cronan in Presentation College, Bray, used to send me in as a student actor to Radio Éireann and he encouraged me. At the same time he asked me to run the cinema in the school. He wanted it to be run along commercial grounds, so we sold ice cream and fizzy drinks. He did teach me one thing about this business - it's a mixture of commerce and art.'

Commenting on Morgan O'Sullivan's award at the time, Br Cronan said: 'Even in school, Morgan showed his interest in cinema. We had a cinema going on Sunday nights and he was heavily involved in that. I'm delighted for him. He was a hard worker in school and all his life since. He richly deserves this honour.'

Br Cronan, a native of Gort, Co. Galway, had a lifelong interest in Irish language, sport and culture.

During his time in Birr, Co. Offaly, the Presentation Brothers were very much associated with the training of a new generation of Offaly hurlers, with major contributions from Br Denis Minehane, Br Vincent Costin, Br Ultan Rohan, as well as Br Cronan himself. Br Cronan lived his retirement years at the Presentation Brothers Community, Maiville, Turners Cross, Cork. He was highly regarded by all in the Community and local parish. Br Cronan saw the essence of his vocation as the spiritual life. He was a man of profound faith and prayer. Even in his final years, he remained active in prayer groups, as a spiritual director in the Legion of Mary and in supporting organisations such as Trócaire.

His, indeed, was a life well lived. Pres benefitted from the final and most mature decade of his teaching life. Staff and students from that time remember him with great affection. His life, his faith and his commitment to Presentation education can continue to inspire us!

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

Br Martin Kenneally

Tennis in Pres goes from strength to strength



(l-r): Benjamin Linehan, Aidan Barry, Christian Daly and Reem Gafurov

PBC Tennis continued its' tradition of success this year, with many athletes representing the school at varying levels in the Munster School's Competition.

Our Under 19 Cup team comprised of Christian Daly, Reem Gafurov, Aidan Barry and Benjamin Linehan, started the season strongly with a comfortable victory against St. Anne's of Killaloe. The team won 3-0 at home in Sunday's Well Tennis Club. They continued their winning ways against Christian Brothers, Cork. A much tighter competition, with closely fought matches, ended with another 3-0 victory and qualification to the Munster Final.

The Munster Final took place on May 4th in Rushbrooke Tennis Club. PBC faced off against rivals CBC yet again. In a tense competition the boys displayed their skill and determination to retain their U19 Munster School's Title, and take home the cup. Sadly, this will be the last bite of the apple for 6th years Christian, Reem and Aidan, we'd like to thank each of them as they have done the whole PBC Community proud throughout their many appearances representing the school. They can relax now, as the captaincy and responsibility of continuing our winning streak falls to 2nd year Benjamin for the coming years.

Our Under 16 Shield team faced off against Douglas Community School in the first round of their competition. In what was a thrilling series of games, the boys unfortunately did not manage to progress to the next round. They can walk away from the competition with their heads held high however, as they showed immense stamina and maturity to keep a cool head through several long, nail-biting tie break Championship sets. Our young team of James Power, Barry O'Connor, Colman Shanley and Jack O'Mahony did the school proud, especially since over half the team will be eligible to compete at U16 again next year!

Finally, congratulations to U14 Munster Cup team who represented Pres with great pride in the Munster Final against old rivals, Christians, and secured a magnificent victory! Well done.

Sincere thanks also to parents, Susan Nolan and Gillian Fitzgerald, for their great help on the day. The team of James O'Regan, David Nolan, Johnny Fitzgerald, Tommy Fitzgerald and Christopher Lennon should be very proud of their efforts, which rounded off a superb year for Presentation College Tennis!



PBC Senior Tennis team show off the Munster Schools Senior Tennis Cup after their victory over Christians.

(l-r): Benjamin Linehan, Aidan Barry, Christian Daly and Reem Gafurov



Munster U16 Shield Tennis Team
(l-r): Colman Shanley, James Power, Jack O'Mahony and Barry O'Connor



Munster Schools U14 Tennis Champions
(l-r): Chris Lennon, James O'Regan, Tommy Fitzgerald, David Nolan and Johnny Fitzgerald

Munster Schools Swimming Championship 2022



(l-r): Dylan Lynch, Donnacha Leane, David O'Leary, Louis Flynn, Paul Higgins, Evan McArdle, Jude Malley, Jack Bugler and Aidan McGrath

I'm pleased to report that 2022 has proved to be another momentous year for swimming in PBC. This would not be possible without the help of Mick Mc Cormack an extremely supportive coach in Dolphin Swimming Club. Sunday 6th February saw a group of 12 swimmers depart for the UL Arena to take part in the Munster Schools Swimming Championship 2022, in the early hours (5.30am). This is nothing unusual for these swimmers, as many of them are in the pool by 6.00am, five to six morning a week training in competitive squads. We had seasoned swimmers Paul Higgins, David Carroll, Jude Malley and Evan McArdle leading the way to the medal podium. This year saw a group of incredibly talented younger swimmers emerge. The school won two medals for the Junior Freestyle and Individual Medley relays. The intermediate Relay team swam an extremely competitive race and the Senior Relay team also won two medals for the Freestyle and Individual Medley relays. Individual medals included two medals for Paul Higgins, one each for David Carroll, David O'Leary and Louis Flynn. Paul Higgins (6th Year) and David O' Leary (1st Year), will now represent the school and Munster in the upcoming All-Ireland Swimming Championship. Well done to all swimmers!

Overall this was an extraordinarily successful gala with all competitors gaining personal bests. A special thanks must go to Mr Liam Lynch for accompanying the boys to the gala. The squad included: Louis Dineen, Colman Shanley, Donnacha Leane, David O'Leary, Dylan Lynch, Jack Bugler, Aidan McGrath, Louis Flynn, Jude Malley, Evan McArdle, David Carroll and Paul Higgins.

Mr Brian Casey



Pres Senior Swimmers
(l-r): David Carroll, Paul Higgins and Evan McArdle

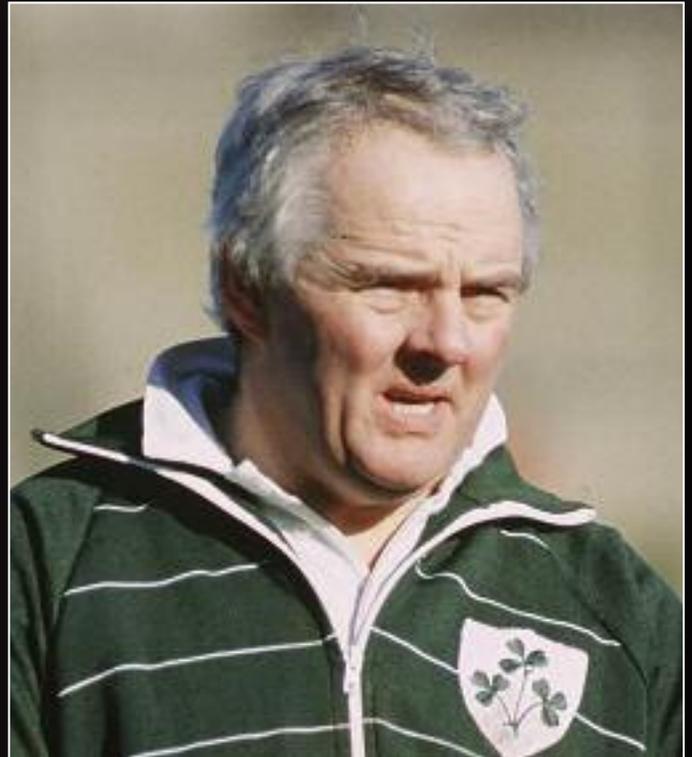


Pres Junior Swimmers
(l-r): Louis Dineen, David O'Leary, Colman Shanley and Donnacha Leane

Rugby legend Tom Kiernan passes away



Tom Kiernan RIP



Tom coaching Ireland to the Triple crown back in 1982

When Tom Kiernan died in February obituaries were written in newspapers in his native Cork, Munster, Ireland, Britain, Europe and the wide world of rugby.

His fame stretched from New Zealand to Japan, from Australia to Fiji and more, from the USA and Canada to Argentina and beyond.

Kiernan (83) was not just a proud Cork and Munster man who excelled on the rugby field, but he was a sportsman of achievement in other codes including cricket.

He was a legendary rugby player and administrator who could not have contributed more to the remarkable growth and development of the game worldwide.

It all started in Pres, then UCC and Cork Constitution, Munster, Ireland with whom he won 54 international caps and the British & Irish Lions whom he captained in four of his five Tests on tours to South Africa in 1962 and 1968.

He retired from international rugby in 1973 but he never left the game behind. He coached Munster to an unprecedented triumph over the All Blacks in 1978 and then Ireland to a memorable and long-awaited Triple Crown in 1982.

Away from the pitch he went on to become one of the most influential figures in world rugby,

Kiernan served as President of the Munster Branch, President of the IRFU, Honorary Treasurer of the International Rugby Board and Director of the Rugby World Cup in 1999 to name just a few of his roles in helping shape the game during and following the transition from amateurism to professionalism.

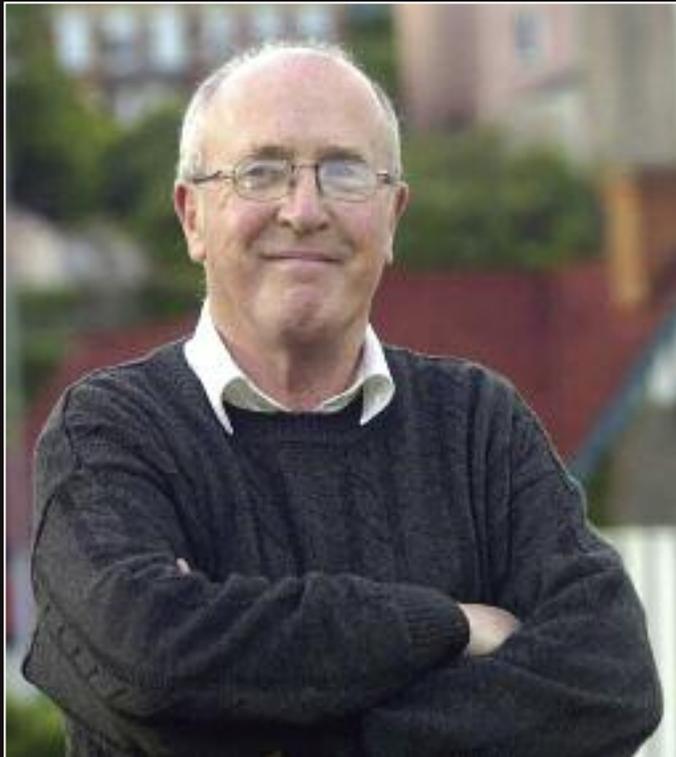
He was chairman of the Five Nations and a key figure in the formation of the European Rugby Cup in 1995, serving as its first chairman for four years.

As a huge mark of his enormous contribution to the game of rugby, Tom Kiernan was inducted into World Rugby's Hall of Fame in 2015. A richly deserved award for one of our own.

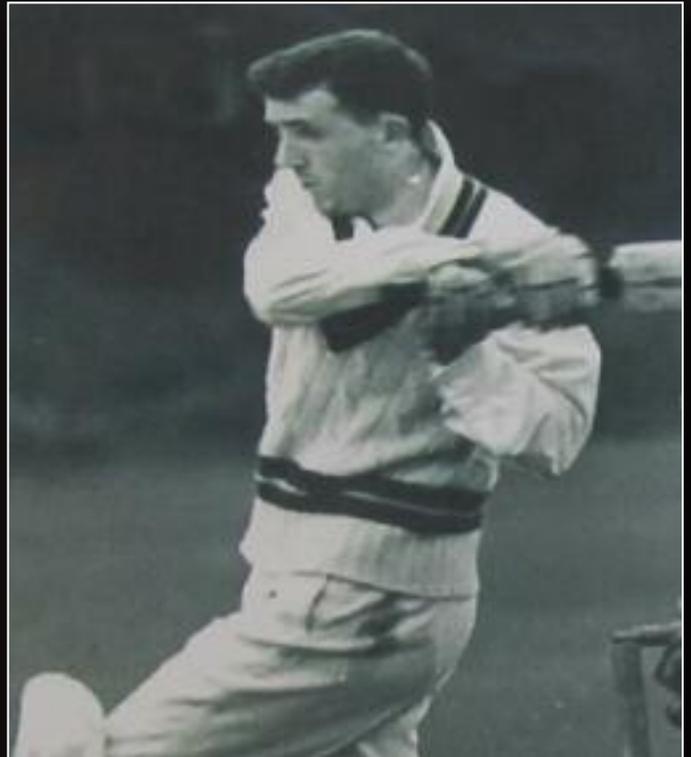
May he rest in peace

Barry Coughlan

Dermot Giltinan – A Lasting Sporting Legacy



Dermot Giltinan RIP



Dermot batting for Pres back in 1958

The recent passing of the cricket coach Dermot Giltinan was not only a loss to the game of cricket but also to the sporting legacy of Presentation Brothers College. For many years from the late 80's right up to the early 2010's Dermot was an ever-present on Saturday mornings in the Pres gym passing on his love for the sport to countless generations of PBC pupils, some of whom went on to represent Munster and Ireland at various levels.

As a former PBC pupil himself, Dermot's passion for the school was undeniable and this enthusiasm rubbed off on all the players that subsequently benefited from his coaching and friendship. Whether you were just someone who wanted to play a new sport, meet new friends or were a talented cricketer who aspired for higher honours, Dermot would treat everyone equally and instilled a sense of teamwork and respect that has stood to those players to this day.

PBC teams under his tutelage would often be strong contenders in Munster Schools competitions, winning cups regularly while also seeking to compete against some of the stronger schools from Dublin and beyond.

During the summer months his attentions would turn to the school's closest cricket club also located on the Mardyke – Cork County Cricket Club – where many PBC pupils went on to represent at various levels. Four former pupils who came through Dermot's coaching went on to captain the club – Shane Connole, Robert Duggan, Stephen Hickey and more recently, Ross Durity.

Dermot's influence did not stop at the Mardyke, many of his players went on to higher honours and represent Munster and Ireland at various levels. Most notably, past pupils Mark Barriscale, Stephen Hickey, Niall Tynan and Ross Durity all had the honour of representing Ireland at underage level.

Sadly, Dermot's time with us may have passed but his legacy will live on for many years to come both as a cricket coach, loyal friend and inspiration to many. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

*Robert Duggan
Class of 1998*

Former Deputy Principal Declan Healy passes away



The late Declan Healy

Declan Healy who passed away in August 2020, was a Pres institution, a 'Pres man' all his life. He started in the school as a student, had a distinguished teaching career there, made a huge contribution as both Deputy Principal, and later as Acting Principal. He was first and foremost an educator, believing in a broad human and Christian education, being steeped in the Pres spirit and the Edmund Rice tradition, while he also had a special concern for those struggling or in any kind of need. Declan's personal faith influenced all he did, with his commitment to family, community, school and service evident throughout his life. In this context, it is worth mentioning that one of Declan's most memorable experiences as a Pres teacher was a pilgrimage to Rome, with other Pres staff members in 1980, during which they enjoyed a personal audience with Pope John Paul II.

Declan was born and reared near the Mardyke. He and his family lived at Brighton Villas, on the Western Road. He attended St Joseph's National School and in 1950, started in Pres. During his time in the school, Declan won a scholarship to Dunquin in the Dingle Gaeltacht, and it was from this experience that he developed a lifelong affection for the Irish language. Indeed, Dunquin made such an impression that Declan visited (later with his family) the area every year until his late '70s. Another interesting fact about Declan's time in

Pres was that he never actually completed the Leaving Certificate. At the time, one was able to do the matriculation exam in 5th Year, so when he was successful in gaining entry into UCC, he decided to forego 6th Year and put the savings from his final year's fees towards his university fees!

Declan started his BA in UCC in 1955, studying Irish and History, and progressed to the Higher Diploma in Education course in 1958, doing his teaching practice in his alma mater. After qualifying in 1959, Declan began teaching in Pres, his subjects broadening to include the teaching of Geography and Maths. Declan was to remain on the staff in Pres for forty years, retiring in 1999, after stints as Deputy and Acting Principal.

Past students hold Declan in the highest regard. He had the ability to motivate young men and bring out the best in them. He was ahead of his time in many educational ideas, while being rooted in the great tradition of Pres. In short, Declan loved teaching and imparting knowledge to young, inquisitive minds. In the months prior to his passing, he stipulated that his body be donated to the UCC Department of Anatomy to aid in medical research and learning. As he said himself, 'I might be dead, but I'll still be teaching!'

Aside from his sterling contributions in the classroom, Declan threw himself into the sporting life of Pres, serving as a rugby coach at all levels and Games Master for many years. He worked closely with some outstanding coaches in this time, notably the great Des Barry, Declan Kidney Snr, and in more recent times, Declan Kidney Jnr. Many great Pres rugby players came through his hands, including future Irish internationals Jerry Walsh, Barry McGann, Michael Kiernan, Michael Bradley and Ken O'Connell.

Declan played senior rugby for a time with his beloved Sunday's Well RFC, but by his own admission, his talents as an accomplished referee far outweighed his playing prowess. Declan refereed countless senior rugby games up and down the country in the late 1960s and 1970s. He later went on to serve as President of the Munster Association of Referees (MAR) in 1982-'83, an honour he greatly cherished. In 1974, Declan was able to wear his Sundays Well socks as part of his match day kit, running the line in the France v Ireland Five Nations game played in the Parc Des Princes. It was the practice at the time that only a neutral referee was appointed and the travelling team brought their own touch judge, so Declan was the beneficiary on this special occasion for him and his family. In parallel with his refereeing career, Declan worked with Raidio na Gaeltachta as a rugby pundit for over ten years.

Sundays Well Tennis Club was another area of significant interest for Declan and his family. He played tennis there for most of his adult life and also served as Captain, President and later, Trustee. Hill walking was a life long passion of Declan's, an activity that continued until his late 70s. In particular, he loved walking in the Alps, and he was a frequent visitor to the slopes of the Eiger in Switzerland. When he was at home, he was always busy, invariably tending to the gardens of the family home in Firgrove Drive in Bishopstown.



Declan (back row, far right) as a touch judge with his Sundays Well RFC socks at the Five Nation match between France and Ireland in Paris, January 1974. France won the game 9-6.

In his retirement years, Declan continued to give loyal service to the Pres community, doing trojan work in linking with the past pupils network across the world. In many ways he was the anchor that held all this together.

As previously mentioned, family was everything to Declan. He was a loving husband to Margaret and father to Thérèse, Jacinta, Anne, Déaglán and Deirdre. He doted on his grandchildren David, Barry, John, Jeanne, Rory, Louise, Seán, Shane, Rian, Lar, Alasdair and Euan and his great-granddaughter Fiadh. Grandson Rory was a past pupil of Pres, graduating in 2009, and in September, we'll see the next generation of the Healy family, Shane (son of Déaglán), start in 1st Year in Pres.

Because of the Covid pandemic, Declan could not receive the large Pres funeral he deserved. However, we want his family to know that his spirit continues to shape our school..... in the corridors of Pres, on the rugby field. Wherever Pres people gather.....the name of Declan Healy will be remembered with affection and honour. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

(Editor's Note: We would like to acknowledge the help of Déaglán Healy, Br Martin Kenneally of the Presentation Brothers and Michael Hennessy in putting this article together.)

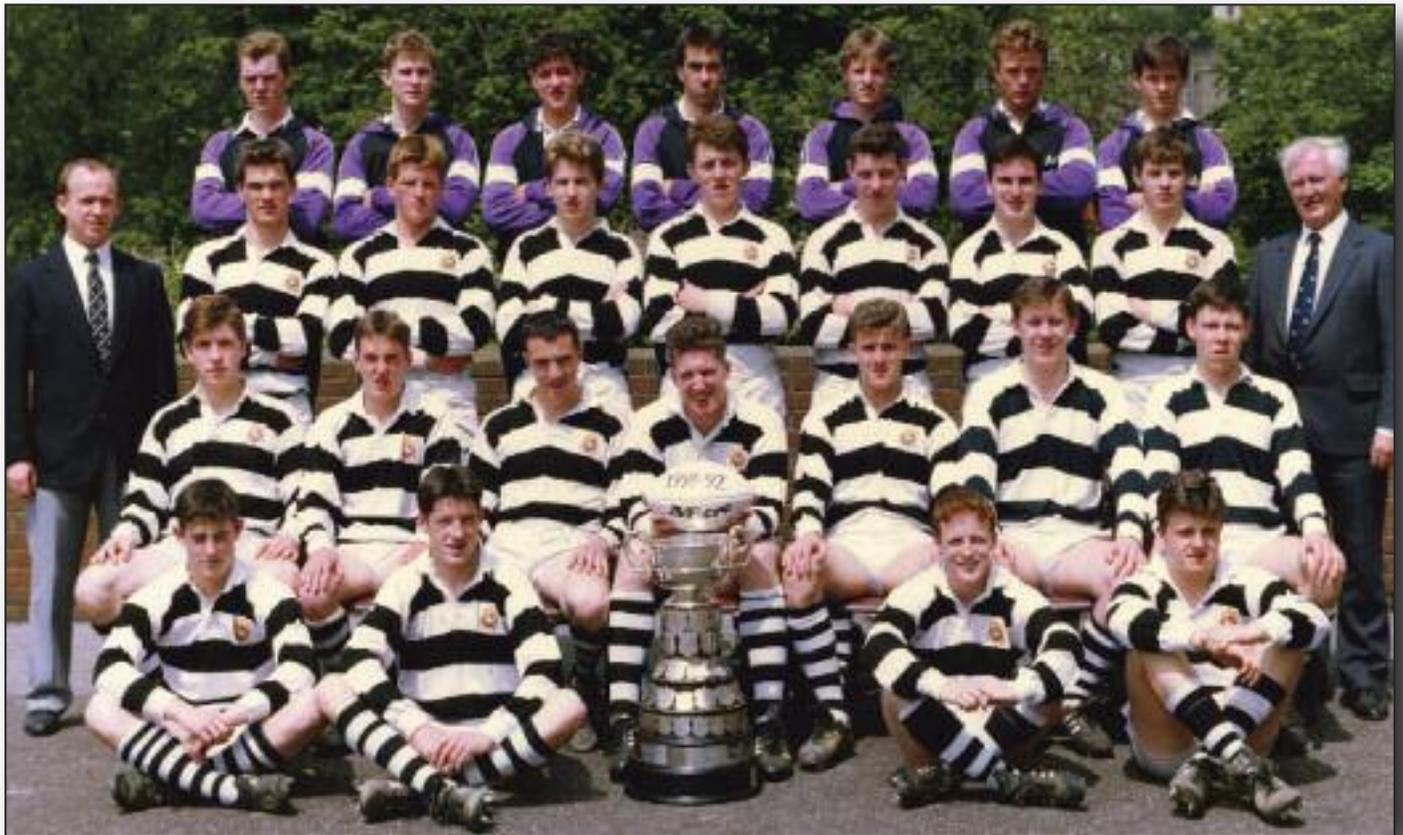


A very proud Declan meeting Pope John Paul II in Rome, 1980



Declan as a young student in UCC

30th Anniversary of PBC's 1992 Senior Cup victory



PBC Munster Schools Senior Cup Panel 1992

Back row (l-r) David Bohan, Kevin Fitzgerald, Jeremy O'Connor, Ian Healy, Tom Flynn, Mick Ahern and Marcus Spillane.
 Second row (l-r) Declan Kidney (Coach), Jerry Murray, Ivan Cummins, Paul Curtin, Mick Healy, Justin Morrison, Brian Twomey, Darroch Wycherly and Paddy Attridge (Assistant Coach).
 Third row (l-r) Colm O'Driscoll, John O'Mahony, Donal O'Sullivan, Tim O'Connell (Captain), Roger Dineen (Vice Captain), Ray Nangle and Mark Kirwan.
 Front row (l-r) Brian O'Meara, Donagh Keeshan, Bryan Whelan and Don Buckley.

No classic but a very sweet win

It took a long time at Thomond Park yesterday for spectators to appreciate how good this PBC team really is. Perhaps we had been waiting for too much from St Munchin's, who entered the game as fairly but favourites, but it was Pres who took the match by the scruff of the neck in the second-half and hardly gave the Limerick boys a look in.

It wasn't a classic final by any means, but it was still a very sweet win for PBC. It was also a good result for rugby as Pres showed themselves to be far the more talented side, prepared to play the set piece game with confidence and aggression when the opportunity presented.

Munchin's, in contrast, were a one-man band who on this occasion failed to play! All credit, they have built up a formidable reputation about rugby through their forward strength and especially the stature of their outstanding and highly promising captain and international number one, Anthony Foley.

He had scored three tries in the quarter final against Ardara and got the all-important try in the semi-final against CBC. He was, so the script said, to be Munchin's match winner.

But Pres haven't won 22 cups without having a long line of shrewd sideline assistants. Paddy Attridge and the nervously committed Declan Kidney knew all too well that if they could stop Anthony Foley that they could also stop St Munchin's.

That they did to devastating and totally unexpected effect. Every time Foley lined a try, Tim O'Connell, a highly inspired PBC captain, Jerry Murray (the son of a great Pres man who was with there to see him do it) and Michael Healy were waiting for him. Even in the first-half, when Munchin's had the wind and the territorial advantage, Foley wasn't allowed to stamp his authority. If anything, his half-row colleague Andrew Bennighan was playing a more influential role for Munchin's.

The pressure intensified on the favourites as they squandered a succession of goal kicks, five in all, and this seemed to be a signal for Foley to try even more on his own. By the start of the second-half, however, the Pres-front row of Ivan Cummins, Darroch Wycherly and Don O'Driscoll had imposed their will on their opposite numbers.

PBC captain Tim O'Connell raises the Munster Schools Cup aloft after his side's great win over St Munchin's yesterday. (Examiner)

When Munchin's was possession, it was inevitably on the retreat and try as he would Foley could get nowhere. Without his leadership and inspiration, the rest were nowhere. Pres called the shots, got a try worth of winning area match, and then robbed salt in St Munchin's piece kicking failures by scoring three of their own with fairly consummate ease. There is one simple statistic to yesterday's game - Munchin's had five penalty kicks at goal and missed them all. Pres had five and Roger Dineen converted three of them.

It was a great win for PBC who demonstrated that tradition still has a major role to play in rugby football. Whereas St Munchin's were clearly afflicted by stage fright, Pres knew exactly what they were at and by the finish they were the most convincing and handsome of winners.

As listed at the outset, it took time for reality to dawn but this was in fact a good Pres side that had the ability to adapt its tactics to meet and counter a certain strategy. They certainly deserve to stand alongside the other 21 PBC teams that have captured this coveted title.

Munchin's cup hopes left blowing in the wind

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Down Memory Lane



Pres win the 1992 Schools Senior Cup 14-3 v St Munchin's College at Thomond Park

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Reflection

Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round? Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight? Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

You better slow down. Don't dance too fast. Time is short. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask 'How are you?' Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done, do you lie in your bed, with the next hundred chores, running through your head?

You'd better slow down. Don't dance too fast. Time is short. The music won't last.

Ever told your child 'We'll do it tomorrow?' And in your haste, not see the sorrow?
Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die 'Cause you never had time to call and say 'Hi'

You'd better slow down. Don't dance too fast. Time is short. The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere, you miss half the fun of getting there.
When you worry and hurry through your day. Is it like an unopened gift...
Thrown away? Life is not a race. Do take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over!

This poem was written by a terminally ill young girl in a New York hospital. She has six months to live, and as her dying wish, she wanted to send a letter telling everyone to live their life to the fullest, since she never will. She'll never make it to prom, graduate from high school, or get married.

Remember to..... Slow Down.....

