

Our Student Council Newsletter 2011/2012

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Tralee Educate Together National School
"Learn Together to Live Together"



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Welcome to our Newsletter!

Welcome to this year's Student Council Newsletter.

Members were invited to write an article for the newsletter.

Members could write about their experience on the Student Council, or about any other subject of interest to them.

We hope you enjoy reading it!

Maryanne



This is who we are...

Co-Chairpersons – Luke and Kenny

Kenny

Co-Secretaries: Neil and Gift

Junior/Senior Liaison Officers

Vilte and Caitlin

PR Team 1: Ruairi, Andrew, Jagoda

Jagoda

PR Team 2: Eshaal, Peace, Wiktor

Wiktor

Treasurers: Darragh and Bosun

Upcoming Events

Parents invited to attend.

- ☐ **Multi-Faith and Culture Day Concert on 28/6/2012**
- ☐ **ICE-CREAM DAY 29/6/2012 from 10 to 12.**
- Graduation Ceremony - 7 p.m. 28 June 2012.**

Dear Parents & Staff & Pupils

Thank you for your encouragement and support of the Student Council throughout the year.

*They did great work for the benefit of the school community. Please support them for **Ice-Cream day** on the 29th June.*

Caroline will be stepping down from the Committee, but will continue to do Training Sessions with the new Student Councils. We appreciate her involvement and expertise over the last three years.

We wish Neil, Gift, Luke and Kenny and all our 6th class pupils all the best in secondary school.

Student Council Committee

Caroline Denis and Maryanne



Kenny.... “My time on the Student Council”

I’m going to be talking about my time on the Student Council.

I’ve been on the Student Council twice now and it has been a lot of fun.

It was exciting meeting the Mayor and going to the Council Chambers.

It’s great helping the school get new things.

Kenny Foran 6th Class

I think everyone would like to be on Student Council so..... TRY!



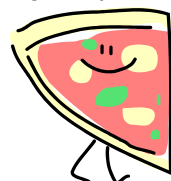
Luke.... “Student Council Experience”

Being on the Student Council has privileges. But it is also hard work sometimes. We had a great year. At the start of the year at our Training we decided which person got different jobs.

We also had pizza and coke at the Training. I can still taste the pizza on my tongue.... Yummy!!!

It was interesting what other people’s ideas were and to bring them to the Student Council. I enjoyed working with other people.

I encourage others try and run for the Student Council next year. If you don’t win, don’t give up. It was a great experience.



Luke O’Doherty 6th Class



Vilte “Student Council”

On the Student Council there are 14 members. The Student Council is a thing we do in our school. Anyone who wants can enter the election. Every child gets to vote their top 3 people they would like to win. Then on another day we have the Count.

On the Student Council we all try to make the school better by planning stuff and agreeing on new stuff we want to buy.

We have meetings.

We went to the Town Hall and we met the Mayor of Tralee. While we were there we made speeches and asked the mayor questions.

questions.

The Student Council is really fun! really fun!

Vilte Gaidelyte 5th class





Neil ... “A Journey to 6th Class”

Being in 6th Class means you move on to Secondary School. Some people might find the change not so nice, but that need not happen to us.

Some of the people in my class are going off to the same school, but the rest of us are going to different schools with only one other person they know.

That doesn't mean you only have one friend.

My advice would be to go out and make new friends in the area.

Neil Moore Ryan 6th Class.



Bosun “What it is like on the Student Council”

“I think it is great to be on the Student Council because we get to help out the school. I am Treasurer and so I work with the money that we get.

This is my first year on the Student Council. There are fourteen members and we mostly have a meeting every few weeks.

We are working on the benches for the school. We have raised over €99.

We got the money after a fundraiser at Easter.



Bosun Falade 5th Class



Gift “Na Gaeil Football”

I like playing Football. I play with Na Gaeil.

I play for the Under 12s and Under 14s.

When I play a match with the U12s I play in Midfield. When I play with the U14s I play in the Forwards.

I like to play football because my team-mates are really nice.



Gift Ovbude 6th Class



The Student Council is really fun because sometimes it gets us out of homework and school time.

I like to play sport like basketball and soccer.

My favourite team in soccer is Manchester United and my favourite team in basketball is Bulldogs.



Darragh O'Reilly 5th Class

**Eshaal.... "Student Council"**

I like being part of the Student Council because my PR Team are good.

We met the Mayor and everyone is nice.



Eshaal Rana 2nd Class

A Word from the Mayor of Tralee.....

Mayor of Tralee - Cllr Grace O'Donnell

"Just a note to thank all in Tralee Educate Together school for inviting me to your Student Council elections during the year. I really enjoyed spending time with the students and watching democracy at its best. They are a fabulous group, happy and full of life.

You have created an educational centre that, to your credit, lives up to your wonderful ethos of Multi-Denominational, Co-Educational, Democratically-Run and Child-Centred. It was a pleasure to visit the school and see this ethos in operation and experience the haven of education you have all created. Much credit is due to Denis and all the staff, and also to the outstanding input that the parents contribute to the running of the school.

It was once said "some people move our souls to dance", and I think in Tralee Educate Together you have built an education centre that certainly moves the children's souls. I wish you all the best of luck in the future and look forward to visiting again soon."

OUR YEAR IN PICTURESTHUS FAR...



The Election - 28 October 2011

**Training Session
Friday 11 Nov 2011
2 to 5 p.m.**

**Facilitated by Caroline,
Maryanne, Denis and
Alex**

Pizza and Coke provided!



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Student Council Handbook
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After-school Training Session November



Signs for Toilets



Fundraiser for Benches –



Trip to the Town Hall 27th April 2012



**DON'T FORGET...ICE-CREAM DAY
ON THE 29th JUNE
Nummy!**



Caitlin....."My New Puppy"

My puppy's name is Titan. He is a Siberian Husky. I bought him from a man named John. He was €150.

He is grey, brown, white and he has a black line going down his back. His ears are outlined in black. He also has blue eyes.

I named him Titan because he is going to be strong like a titan.

Titan is a few months old now. When I got him he was two months. He is now about the size of a fully grown West Highland terrier.

I love Titan and if you saw him, I'm you would too.



Caitlin McCormack
5th Class



Andrew "School"

I like school because we play in the yard and learn things and have fun.

My favourite thing in school is playing in the yard. My favourite subject is English and my favourite book is "Spellbound".

On the bus I talk to Basit and when he goes home I say bye.

We have a substitute teacher named Hannah and she is really nice. We sometimes play "Seven-Up" when she's here.

I sit beside Felix and on the other side is Nelson.

At the end of the school day, we put up our chairs on the tables, and walk out of class.

Andrew O'Connell 4th Class





Peace - “My hobbies and what I would like to be”

My hobbies are football and basketball. I like football because it's really fun and healthy. But when we have running in training it's kind of boring. I have football in Na Gaeil on Thursdays. When you go to football you feel free, except when you have to do warm-ups. I like playing matches on sunny days. I really love football.

I like basketball also because it's fun and healthy, like football. I do basketball on Wednesdays in the school yard. In basketball we played a tournament. We won against Blennerville. Then after we got “Slushies” and pizza!! James is our coach and I think Denis is into basketball. I love game “knock-out” and mock matches.

What I would like to be... I would like to be a singer like Carly Ray Jepson, and a dancer like Zendaya and Bella Thorne. I would like to be an actress and star in movies. The movie I would like to star in is “Men in Black 3”. I would like to get Oscars for the best actress in the world. I would really like to be an actress or a singer and dancer.



Peace Ovbude 4th Class



Ruairi.... “Lego”

I really like lego.

I have lots of lego Ninjago. I had not that much lego, but now I have lots of it

I was given some for my birthday and I bought more with my birthday money.

My dad got me a bike one week later, but I am glad it's not made of lego!

My mom made me a card that had me on it, but in lego.



Ruairi Foran 2nd Class.



Wiktor..... “My hobbies”

My name is Wiktor. I am 9 years old. My hobbies are soccer, TV, sleeping, and Playstation. I like soccer the most.

My best team is Barcelona. My best soccer player is Lionel Messi. My worst team is Wolves. My worst soccer player is Kevin Foil. And my best game is Saints Row the Third.

Wiktor Danilewicz 3rd Class.





Jagoda.....

Jagoda is in 3rd class. She was elected on the Student Council, and invited to take part in the after-school training in November. She was part of PR Team 1.

The role of the PR Team is to organise posters for events - such as the fundraiser for benches, and Agenda for the noticeboard. Along with the other members, Jagoda took part in meetings, discussions and decisions made by the Student Council.

Jagoda Waszkiewicz 3rd Class

A Word from Denis.....



Dear Students,

I really cannot believe that we are coming to the end of another school year. I am sure you are looking forward to the summer holidays as much as I am. I also hope you have enjoyed your year and have many happy memories to look back on from the year. I am sure there are some not so nice ones too, but it is best not to dwell on those. I know I will not.

A lot of things as always have taken place in the country too during our last school year. President Michael D. Higgins took office in November and four days later the Republic of Ireland football team (soccer to me) qualified for Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine. Our first big tournament since World Cup 2002. Which just so happens to be the summer before the school opened for the first time.

Next September we will be 10 years old. (The school, not me, it has been quite a while since I have been 10.) So as we bid farewell to another 6th class, I would like to take this opportunity to invite them all back for our celebration in September.

Finally, I would like to offer my most sincere gratitude to all of you for being so good during the year and working so hard, to your parents who do so much to help out in various ways around the school and finally but most importantly the other teachers who help me to make sure the school is a happy and safe place for you to learn.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer holidays.

“ I like being on the the Student Council because ...

“At the start of it we get pizza and coke. It helps me to be a better student as well.”

“Everyone gets to share their own ideas and suggestions.”

“It is fun to talk about how we can help the school and the children in the school.”

“You get to make a change/to improve the school.”

“I get to listen to other people’s ideas.”

“It is fun to have meetings and to discuss things with other pupils on the Student Council. And we don’t just discuss everything with the pupils on the Student Council, but also discuss with others.”

“It is fun and I like my job which is after every meeting I go with my friend over to Junior and Senior Infants and tell them what we were talking about.”

“It’s fun. It’s kind of hard too but I don’t mind hard stuff. It is good to be on the Student Council.”

“We sometimes decide what would make the school better and because we organise fundraisers! That’s why I like being on the Student Council.”



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We recognise each other in the school yard. I know you and you know me. We journey down the same road, and take our own paths. We believe in the dream...we are open to all possibilities...

We both know that there are trees in Ballyseedy and Nun's Wood that accommodate Moonface, Silky and Old Saucepan Man. We recognise the demigods in our midst, and we know why the Egyptians prefer one side of the river.

We have got lost in wardrobes and cupboards, discovered rabbit holes and know that adventures with Timmy are negotiable. We have discovered Queen Scotia's grave, and know how Fionn found Diarmuid and Grainne at Caherconree.

We know where the Whangdoodle resides, and that the Jabberwocky hangs out three trees behind the school. We know there is no need for a fairy trail behind the school, because their

favourite place to hang out is in the school school garden.

Enjoy this summer.....roam freely and meet other adventurers along the way. When asked to stop day dreaming... smile smile softly into your heart and be glad you still feel the magic.

PS For those of you who do not return in September, congratulations on receiving *that* letter!



PPS If you have lost your map, google The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles- you will not regret it!

The summer reading challenge begins in Tralee Library in July. Contact the library for details. Free membership for for all children.

Maryanne" Meet Tadhg"



TADHG....

Tadhg is a four year old puppet tiger that had been adopted by Junior/Senior Infants class this year.

As a class they discussed how Tadhg is different from us, and how everyone is different in some way. The class learnt of different religions people may have, differences in appearances, in where we live, cultures and family units, language, food, interests etc. . He visited the children's homes to learn lots about them.

The way it worked was that Tadhg started off in Zoe's house, and she wrote into his scrapbook what Tadhg did while he was visiting. He then visited the houses of the children in that class. As he went to each house, the families/children wrote a piece in the scrapbook about Tadhg's experiences in their home, along with some photos.

Donnacha told us that *"Tadhg doesn't talk out loud, he whispers in your ear"*.

Tadhg had a busy time visiting the children. He learnt a little of Thai, English, Polish, Irish and Turkish. He visited Ballyseedy Woods, Killarney National Park, Dingle and Sleat Head, the Windmill and the Library. He ate lots of different types of food including marmite, fried rice, salami, rice cakes, and Turkish dinner of flat beans with lamb.

Sometimes he slept with the children, and sometimes he crept into other beds! He met a hamster, teddies, friends, family members, and

grandparents - some local and some of whom were visiting from other countries such as Germany.

He was on a motorbike and pedal bike, trampolines, scooter, made jigsaws, played the Wii, played Catch, snakes and ladders, learnt jokes and tricks, joined in storytime, did homework, found a surprise balloon, watched movies, he learnt to play the tin whistle and received lots of hugs from the children as their "best friend".

We learnt how we are all special and unique and Tadhg helped us appreciate what an exciting and diverse community we have at our school. It was a special and memorable experience, and we hope that Tadhg is happy and well-rested after a hectic journey.



Tadhg the Tiger with my ipod.

Student Council Count....



Oooh..... spooky !

THE END