



***HISTORY OF
STUDENT COUNCILS
OF
TRALEE EDUCATE TOGETHER N.S.
2004 to June 2014***



February 2004: First Student Council composed of children from senior section. Abi Hurley- Collins was prefect. We don't have the names of other members. They helped to organise bag-packing to raise funds for books for the school library.

Student Council 2009 to 2010:

Elections: Held on the 9th October 2009 following campaign with speeches, posters and voting by secret ballot.

Count: presided over by Deputy Mayor Mairead Fernane in Denis' classroom.

Members: One boy and one girl elected from older classes.

Student Council Committee – Catherine Barry and Caroline Doyle.

MEMBERS:

*Cerys Rider and Felix Walker,
Vilte Gaidelyte and Haris Ismail,
Jennifer Byrne and Kenny Foran,
Rose Looney and Josh Dicken.
(Ryan took over from Josh)*

Officers: Rose was Chairperson and Jennifer was Secretary.

Training: provided during school hours.

Achievements:

- First Student Council to visit Town Hall in November 2009. Presented with scrolls and badge.
- Fundraiser for Haiti Earthquake victims – crazy costume competition – raised €480.
- Newspaper article re election, Haiti fundraiser and trip to Town Hall.
- Website of www.tralee.ie – included photo of trip to Town hall.
- Members presented with scroll at end of term to thank them for contribution, with cinema tickets.

Student Council 2009 to 2010



Cerys Rider and Felix Walker

Vilte Gaidelyte and Haris Ismail

Jennifer Byrne and Kenny Foran

Rose Looney and Josh Dicken (Ryan replaced Josh)

Chairperson: Rose

Secretary: Jennifer



Student Council 2010 to 2011:

Elections: Held on **13 October 2010** during Ethos Week. Class Plans prepared in advance of elections. Posters, speeches and vote by secret ballot.

Count presided over by Mayor of Tralee – Arthur J Spring – in school yard.

Members: One boy and one girl elected from 2nd to 4th class, two boys and two girls from 5th and 6th class.

Certificates: Winners presented with Certificates – including group photo with Mayor.

Committee: Catherine Barry (elections), Caroline Doyle, Treasa Ahern and Maryanne Keane.

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:

Co-Chairpersons: Rían O'Connor and Ryan Leonard

Co-Secretaries: Lia Moeller and Haris Ismail

Junior Liaison Officers: Lia Moeller and Saoirse Hussey

PR Team 1: Patrick O'Sullivan, Cathal Commene, Haris Ismail

PR Team 2: Felix Walker, Daire Doyle O'Brien, Colin Stroppel

Members: Sara Stroppel, Sorenta Ivanauskaite, Siobhan Foran, Sherraya O'Connell

Training: Two sessions – in November during school hours and in February after-school with pizza and coke! Student Council handbook for each member - includes information on how to hold meetings and roles of members and officers.

Achievements:

- Fundraiser for books 28 January 2011 - raised €188 – dress up as favourite book character – draw picture or write piece about book character. Winning entries display.
- Health and Safety – members asked to identify hazards/dangers
- New Student Council noticeboard organised
- Pupils feedback to General School Survey – discussed with Denis
- Ideas for St Patrick's Day Parade
- Books purchased for each classroom
- School clean up/ Yard difficulties relayed to Principal/rota for toilet monitoring
- Trip to Town Hall April 2011 – met with Mayor Gillian Wharton Slattery, Cllr Mairead Fernane, Brenda Conway (Acting Town clerk) – Treasa, Caroline and Maryanne attended - speech, scrolls, refreshments, – NO HOMEWORK! . Thank you letter sent to Council staff and Mayor.
- Student Council logo competition June 2011 – Siobhan Forans logo adopted – hand.
- First Student council newsletter produced in June 2011 – articles written by each member and SC committee members. Circulated to school and two Mayors.
- Letter received from Arthur J Spring, with invitation to visit the Dáil
- Letter to Chris Reina inviting him to Ice-cream day and use of toys – fab letter in reply
- Speeches at Public Information Evening, and at start of Multi-Faith and Culture Day
- Ice-cream Day organised with Gail – facepainting, lucky dips, madhatters, Chris entertainment
- Members presented with certificates and cinema tickets at Assembly at end of term.
- Articles appeared in papers re election, trip to Town Hall, Fundraiser for Books, Ice-cream Day, and included in new school website.
- €38 donated to next year's Student council (out of funds raised for books).

Student Council 2010 to 2011



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Student Council 2011 to 2012

Elections: Held on **18th October 2011** (same day as Presidential election) during Ethos Week. Class plans prepared, gallery walk, student council fun quiz, posters, speeches, vote by secret ballot.

Count : presided over by Grace O'Donnell, Mayor of Tralee.

Certificates: Winners presented with Certificates – including group photo with Mayor.

Committee: Denis Reidy, Caroline Doyle and Maryanne Keane.

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:

Co-Chairpersons: Luke O'Dohery and Kenny Foran

Co-Secretaries: Neil Moore-Ryan and Sara Stroppel

(Sara was replaced by Gift Ovbude)

Co-Treasurers: Darragh O'Reilly and Bosun Falade

Junior Liaison Officers: Vilte Gaidelyte and Caitlin McCormack

PR Team 1: Andrew O'Connell, Ruairi Foran, Jagoda Waszkiewicz

PR Team 2: Eshaal Rana, Peace Ovbude, Wiktor Danilewicz

Training: November 2011 afterschool with pizza and coke. Updated Student Council handbook circulated.

Achievements:

- Signs for toilets
- Ethical Education survey report.
- Fundraiser for benches 30th March 2012 – raffle for Easter Egg donated by Parents Association, and homework passes as prizes. Raised €100
- Trip to the Town Hall 27th April – met with Mayor Grace O'Donnell, Cllr Mairead Fernane, Michael Scannell (Town Clerk) – Denis Gail Francis and Maryanne. Questions prepared – scrolls, refreshments, and NO HOMEWORK! Information on Town Hall circulated in advance of trip.
- Speech at Public Information Evening.
- Student Council newsletter – articles written by members and committee members
- Type of bench and location agreed with members - bench arrived in June – cost €357 – infants kept sitting on it!
- Email to Chris about his toys for Ice-cream day.
- Ice-cream Day – turned out very wet day – icecream, facepainting, lucky dip, chris' toys. Assembly – members presented with certificates and cinema tickets.
- Articles appeared in papers re election, trip to Town hall, fundraiser for bench, and on the school website.

Student Council 2011 to 2012



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Student Council 2012 to 2013:

Elections: Held on **11th October 2012**. Class plans prepared, talks on

democracy, Student Council fun quiz, posters, speeches, vote by secret ballot.

Count: presided over by Cllr. Johnny Wall, Mayor of Tralee in school yard.

Certificates: Winners presented with Certificates – including group photo with Mayor and school group photo.

Committee: Denis Reidy, Caroline Doyle and Maryanne Keane.

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:

Co-Chairpersons: Sherraya O'Connell and Rory O'Connor

Co-Secretaries: Jessica Davis and Nicolas Larkin Damm

Co-Treasurers: Basit Kareem and Adrian Dunka

Junior Liaison Officers: Kyle Hellstrom and Caoimhe Hussey

PR Team 1: Bríd Doyle O'Brian, Wendy Jakpovi, Nikolas Gyngo

PR Team 2: Siobhan Foran, Jagoda Waszkiewicz, Jack Erah dun

Training: 19th October 2012 - afterschool with pizza and coke. Updated Student Council handbook circulated.

Achievements:

- Some members helped with Parents Association Cake Sale
- Ideas for prizes for attendance
- Name badges organised
- 10th Anniversary Celebration – greetings and presentation
- Article in paper regarding elections

Plans for rest of this year:

- Talent Show
- Fundraiser
- Trip to Town Hall
- Newsletter
- Icecream Day.

Student Council 2012 to 2013



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Co-Secretaries: Jessica Davis and Nicolas Larkin Damm
Co-Treasurers: Basit Kareem and Adrian Dunka
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PR Team 1: Bríd Doyle O'Brien, Wendy Jakpovi, Nikolas Gyngo
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Achievements:

- Elections – article and photograph in paper
- Some members helped with Parents Association Cake Sale
- Name badges for members
- Ideas for prizes for attendance
- 10th anniversary celebration – greeting and speeches
- Made speech for Open Day in March
- Trip to the Town Hall – prepared speech and questions – article and photo in paper
- Held raffle to raise funds for “Be the Change you Want to See in the World” inscription for bench which was put in place in June
- Student Council newsletter
- Wrote to Minister Ruairi Quinn for more PE time – article and photo in paper and received a reply about NCCA survey in 2014.



10th Anniversary Speech 9 December 2013 (also Open Day Speech March 2013)



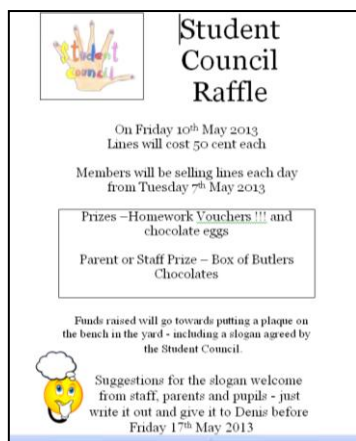
Trip to the Town Hall February 2013



Student Council Newsletter June 2013 –

Articles written by each Student Council member, and by the Committee.

Information about it was uploaded to the National Educate Together website.



Student Council Raffle – May 2013 & plaque June 2013.

We sold raffle lines and raised €100 for a plaque for the bench in the yard. We made posters, designed lines and homework vouchers. We sold lines at 50c each and Treasurers counted the money. The Chairpersons delivered the prizes to the winners. We invited ideas for the inscription for the bench from parents, staff and pupils. The inscription “Be the Change you want to see in the world” was put on the bench in June 2013 – words attributed to Mahatma Ghandi. We think it is very relevant for our school!





Writing to the Minister...

June 2013 - Dear Minister for Education – we want more PE time!



We wrote to Minister Ruairi Quinn, to ask him for an extra hour's PE time each week to bring it up to 2 hours per week. We introduced ourselves and explained why we think it is a good idea to have more PE time. We think it is good to be fit, to be active and to exercise. PE time helps us to focus and to relax, helps develop team work, and fight obesity in children. We will give him the solution - where to take the time from other subjects (but not Maths, Irish or English!). We invited him to the school, and we all signed the letter.

The Minister wrote back in September 2013 to thank us for our letter, and to let us know about NCCA survey that will take place in 2014 so we can have our say! WE also got his Secretary's contact details to arrange a visit at some time in the future.



Student Council October 2013 to June 2014:



An historic day took place at Tralee Educate Together NS on Friday 18th October 2013, when TWO Mayors of Tralee Town Council attended the counting of votes for the annual Student Council election. This will be the last time that a Mayor of Tralee Town Council will attend such an event - due to the abolition of Town Councils planned for next year.

The pupils had a busy week doing posters and making speeches, AND making promises to their classmates - such as holding a pet day, game day, having more time to work in the school garden, and of course, no homework! The Mayor, Cllr Pat Hussey and Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Mairead Fernane shared some of their election experiences with the pupils, counted the votes and announced the winners to the delight of the school community. We hope that election promises made will be upheld by the new Student Council members !

Included in photo: **Charlize, Donnacha, Maia, Barry, Saorlaith, Ruairi, K.C, Jagoda, Daire, Wiktor, Wendy, Ethan, Basit** with **Denis Reidy, Principal, Cllr Pat Hussey Mayor of Tralee and Cllr Mairead Fernane, Deputy Mayor of Tralee and Maryanne Keane, BOM.**

STUDENT COUNCIL TRAINING

FRIDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2013



During Training Day with Caroline, Denis and Maryanne, we received our Student Council Manual. We learnt how to run meetings – and about the Agenda and Minutes of Meetings. We also learnt about the role of the Officers on the Student Council. We loved our pizza and coke too!

We set our goals for the year, and we are delighted that we have achieved most of the goals.

Officers Elected:

Co-Chairpersons: Wendy & Basit

Co-Secretaries: Saorlaith & Wiktor

Co-Treasurers: Ethan and Daire

Junior Liaison Officers: KC & Ruairi

PR Teams: Maia, Barry and Charlize

Jagoda, Donnacha

STUDENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Maryanne Keane, Denis Reidy, Caroline Doyle

TRIP TO THE TOWN HALL - 2nd DECEMBER 2013



The Student Council visited the Town Hall on the 2nd December 2013.

They met with Cllr Pat Hussey Mayor of Tralee, and Cllr. Mairead Fernane, Deputy Mayor. This is the last year that we will visit the Town Hall.

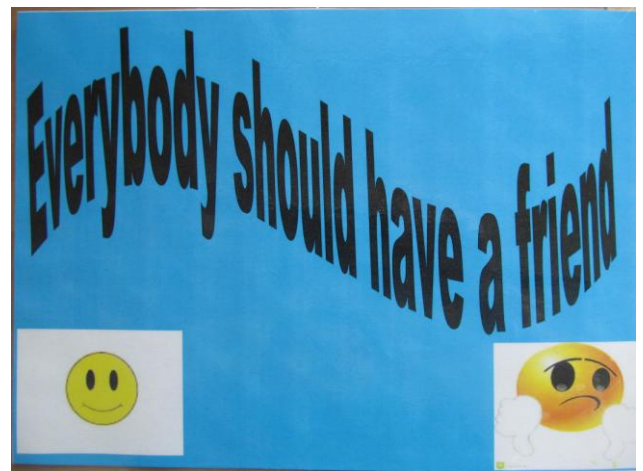
Wendy and Basit sat at the top table and made a speech.
Each member asked a question that the Mayors answered.

Denis, Francisce and Maryanne also gave a short speech.
They were presented with lovely medals to commemorate our visit - we were delighted. Our names are on the medals.

The Mayor gave homework off for the night, and then they had some lovely treats.

SIGNS FOR SCHOOL

These are the signs we made for the school. We divided into teams and had a few meetings at lunch time to make these posters. You can see them up around the school.



WORLD BOOK DAY



Where would you find Tintin, Smurf, Count Olaf and Tigger all in the same room?
At Tralee Educate Together National School on World Book Day!

The Student Council organised activities for the week to highlight the joys of reading. Classes visited Tralee library. Pupils went to school dressed as their favourite book characters, and the Parents Association donated prizes for best-dressed.

The entire school also took part in "Drop Everything and Read" for 20 minutes. Count Olaf certainly would be impressed with the bookworms at TETNS!

Included in photograph: Tintin (Lucca), Smurf (Lily), Count Olaf (Donnacha), Tigger (Isa)

This photograph and article were uploaded to Educate Together's website at www.educatetogether.ie, and was included in Educate Together Newsletter that is circulated to all Educate Together schools.

STUDENT COUNCIL RAFFLE – 11th APRIL 2014.



The Student Council organised a raffle of a Chocolate egg donated by the Parents Association and raised €86. Congratulations to Iosa for winning the big prize! Included in the photograph also the winners of the handwriting competition, April 2014.



NEWSLETTER:

We produced a Student Council newsletter again this year. Each student wrote a piece.

Denis, Maryanne and Caroline as members of the committee contributed to it also.

Pat Hussey, former mayor of Tralee, and Mairead Fernane, former deputy Mayor of Tralee were delighted to be part of the newsletter also.

We hope you all enjoyed reading it!



CONNECT 4:

The Student Council and Board of Management put funds together to purchase a giant Connect 4 for the yard just before the summer holidays.

ICECREAM DAY:

Gail and the Student Council organised Ice-cream day again - this year it was held on Multi-Faith and Culture Day. We had icrecream, lucky dips and Chris' toys. Num Num and Great Fun ☺





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STUDENT COUNCIL 2012 - 2013



Wendy, Saorlaith, K.C., Basit, Ethan, Wiktor, Charlize, Donnacha, Saorlaith, Barry, Daire, Ruairi, Maia.

The children, staff and parents of Tralee Educate Together National School wish to thank you for your contribution to the Student Council 2013 – 2014 and to the school. We hope you enjoyed your time on the Student Council.

28th June 2013.

Student Council Committee: Denis, Maryanne and Caroline



THANK YOU CERTS:

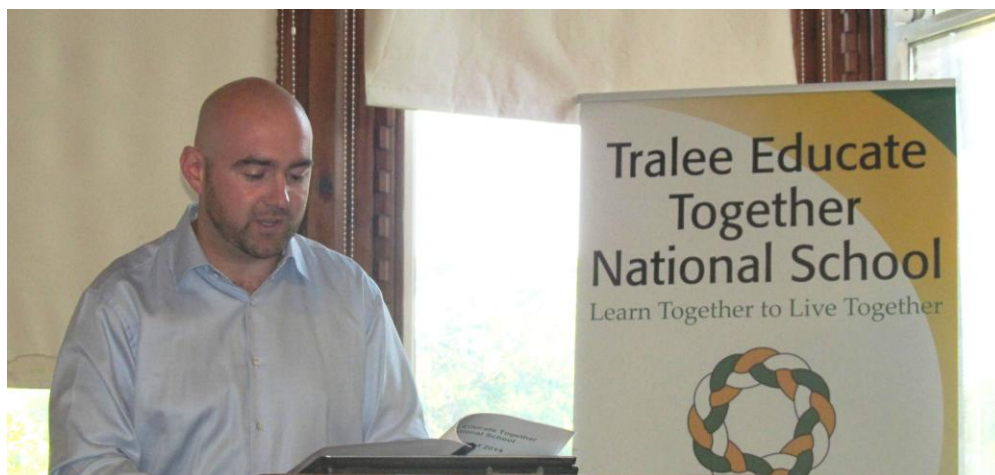
As in previous years, members were presented with Thank You Certs at the end of year.



GOOD-BYE TO DENIS:



The Student Council presented a poster of Student Councils from 2009 to 2014 to Denis to thank him for all his work with Student Councils, and to wish him well for the future. He will be missed.



Maryanne Keane
Student Council Committee
28th June 2014.

