

4<sup>th</sup> Year

# TY Update

**Killinarden Community School, Tallaght, Dublin 24**

## A Great Start!

KCS' Transition Year Programme has had a great start with lots of activities and work being done. This Update will give you a flavour of what has been achieved already.

Many thanks to the students, parents, guardians, teachers, SNAs and management for all their input and hard work.

We look forward to working together in 2017 and preparing the TY class for their Senior Cycle options in KCS.

*Ms. Concannon & Ms. Dignam*



## Transition Year = 4<sup>th</sup> Year

The aim of transition year is to give students an opportunity to develop extra skills which will help them to become more mature. This will enable them to take on either the Leaving Cert Applied or the Traditional Leaving Cert in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year.

Students still study school subjects as well as complete homework, class projects and exams. They also need to get involved in their school and community through various activities and educational trips.

### Save these Dates in 2017!

**Parent Teacher Meeting**

Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> February  
in KCS

**Road Safety Workshop**

Tuesday  
17<sup>th</sup> January in the  
Red Cow hotel

**Work Experience**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. to  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
(two weeks)

**Electronics Makeshop**

Thursday  
12<sup>th</sup> January in KCS

**Class Retreat & Religion Project**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>  
January in  
Tallaght from  
6-9pm

**Visit to Google Headquarters**

March – date to be  
confirmed



## Class Activities

We have had so many class projects that we couldn't list them all here! They include drumming, working with the Children's Ombudsman, creating artwork and woodcraft projects, doing the Green Schools programme, learning about spiritual development, Spanish studies, book and film reviews.

### Lego Robotics Workshop 1<sup>st</sup> December

Rob McHugh worked with the students to help them build their own robot and use their engineering skills to guide their machine around a racing track.

### Health Awareness Talks

Adrienne McCleery from Breast Cancer Ireland came to talk to the girls about a great new app to download to remind you when to check and to raise awareness.

Guest speakers from Samaritans also spoke about suicide awareness.

### Visit from John O Shea

John shared with us his experiences of trying to make the world a better place through his work with the charity GOAL and encouraged the students to help out in their communities and the wider world.

### Fundraising for the Hope Foundation

4<sup>th</sup> Years sold Butlers Irish Chocolate bars to students and teachers in aid of Hope – a charity which works in India. A total of €320 was raised for their valuable work.

### Vodafone Ireland

Ann Kennedy and Ciara Davis from Vodafone came in to talk about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (known as STEM) as part of Science Week. Free pens, sweets and information on how to get into STEM were all received warmly.

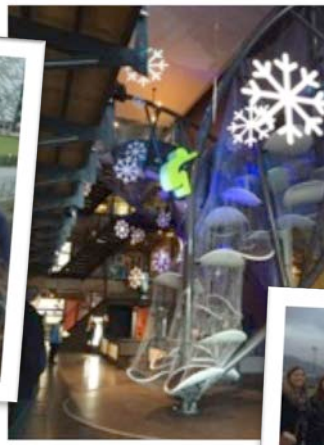
### Bank of Ireland Workshop

A number of staff from Bank of Ireland ran a workshop to help build teamwork skills and how to have confidence when speaking in front of others. One of the staff members is a member of Toastmasters and shared his experiences of public speaking. They will return in 2017 to work with the students before and after they go on Work Experience.





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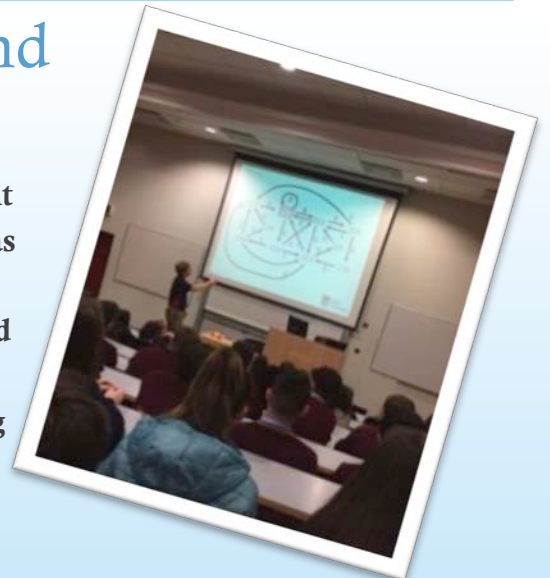
## Trip to Belfast December 2016

Students who had completed all their class work and projects went on an overnight trip to Belfast to learn about the Titanic which they had been studying in History class and to visit the W5 Science Museum. Evening activities in Belfast involved going to the beach and watching the Titanic movie! The students completed numerous hands-on experiments in W5 which included communications, engineering and fighting off dinosaurs! They also climbed to the top of the new Leafy maze. They then worked hard to fill in Mr. Hind's worksheet as we went around the giant Titanic Museum and really experienced what it must have been like building the ship, sailing on board and then the devastating tragedy that struck. Afterwards we boarded the SS Nomadic – a boat used to ferry the passengers out to larger ships including the Titanic. By the time we reached the Outlet centre on the way home, all our energy had been spent!



## The Maths behind Juggling

The TY class went to Tallaght Institute of Technology (IT) as part of Maths Week to learn about the mathematics behind the act of juggling. It was a fun way to look at something from a different perspective.



## Class Trips

### 1916 Tour of Dublin

As part of their Irish Culture and Language class, the TYs did the 1916 Tour of Dublin city with a tour guide. This project helped their history studies as well and was really interesting as it visited all the important sites around the city.



### Visit to Zeminar in RDS

This event was aimed at raising awareness about positive mental health and opportunities for young people. As well as meeting the band The Strypes, the class also got to try out a motorbike with the Road Safety Authority and some electronics with various colleges.



### TY Expo in Punchestown

This was our first outing of the year and gave us a chance to learn about what other schools do for TY and what organisations we can work with.



### TY Class of 2017

In 2017, we will continue to challenge the students as they set targets to achieve their Gaisce President's Award through their Community volunteering, hiking challenge, Sports Leadership Course and personal skill of communicating more confidently.

