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Stratford Schools

Senior and Primary School News

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Special points of interest:

Stratford Schools
Open Day and
Student Art
Exhibition
Sunday, 18th
November,
2—3.30pm. All
welcome to meet staff
and students.

Stratford Schools
**Private Members’
Draw**
Monthly draws from
November 2012
through to July 2013
to raise funds for
essential school
equipment and
maintenance.

Variety Show in
Stratford College
The Student Council
are arranging a
Variety Show in early
December to show-
case the array of
talent of students.

Maths Week 2012
Stratford College
came 70th amongst
Irish schools who
participated in
Mangahigh.com
(computer maths
games).

Science Week 2012
A very busy week for
students who
attended lectures,
workshops and W5 in
Belfast.

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Awards Ceremony celebrates Green Schools

The Green Schools
Committee spoke about
the long road travelled to
getting the first Green
Flag for Stratford in May
of this year, at the Awards
Ceremony, on Friday,
26th October. Elaine



Flannery (2008) was
Guest of Honour
because she started Green

Photos: Ms. O’Kelly



Schools. The proceedings
started with a Musical
Interlude that showed off
an array of talent from
students throughout the



school. Ms. Gordon
spoke about the achieve-
ments of the school in
the past year, followed by
the awarding of prizes to
students.

The highlight of the
**morning was the “thank-
you” speech from 5th**
Year Music and Drama
students on behalf of the
TY class of 2011-2012.
Watch the speech again
on **Stratford’s**
YouTube channel on
www. stratfordcol-
lege.ie! You can also
listen to the musical
interludes on the school
podcasts.

Maths Week = Mangahigh!

During Maths Week (15th
- 19th October) everyone
was playing Mangahigh!
Students also attended
maths lectures. Stratford
College came 70th in the
country with 625 medals
(a mixture of Gold, Silver
and Bronze).

This was a fantastic



Photo: Ms. Conlon

achievement. Our
top position
at one point dur-
ing the
week
was 50.

Those who played over the
weekend really made a

difference to our overall
ranking. 90 students from
Stratford took part.

Top Prizewinners in
Stratford were:

- 1st: Amy Bennett
- 2nd: Toms Spruds
- 3rd: Sean Lysaght

Ms. McCarthy

TYs enjoy Delphi Trip



Mountain walks, surfing, rafting...

In mid-September, the TY students, accompanied by Ms. Finnegan and Ms. Cooper spent four days in Delphi Mountain Resort, Co. Mayo.

Apart from getting their Junior Certificate results, they were kept very busy doing a variety of outdoor activities.

Activities such as surfing, mountain walking, rock climbing and getting drenched in streams!



Photos: Ms. Finnegan

A complete list of co-curricular activities is available under **“About us”** on the school website.

“This year Positive Education is a key focal point of learning in Stratford.”
Ms. Reynolds

Log on to Learning



Photo: Ms. Finnegan

Log on to Learning is an initiative where TY

students help local residents learn to use computers and how to navigate the Internet.

As part of the Gaisce award, Stratford students get involved in community work. Every Friday af-

ternoon, students and locals work together to learn how to book flights, buy things and make things such as calendars and cards—all online. Thanks to Ms. Finnegan for co-ordinating this very successful venture.

School Variety Show being organised for December



Photos: Ms. O’Kelly

Auditions took place on

Friday, 2nd November for the Variety Show being organised by the Student Council.

There was a huge interest in the school to audition. All talents were on show—singing, playing musical instru-

ments, drama. Announcements about the auditions are imminent. **Last year’s show was** really successful and the acts that got through to the main show can be viewed on the Stratford YouTube channel.

5th and 6th class Pupils visit Dubray Bookshop to hear Gareth P. Jones talk



5th and 6th Class visited the Dubray Bookshop in Rathmines on Friday, 26th October. They went to hear the award-winning author, Gareth P. Jones talk and

sing (!) about his latest book, "Constable and Toop".



Well known for his dragon detective series, Gareth P. Jones signed copies of his

new book for some pupils and played his guitar to them too!



Photos: Mr. Murphy

School Trip to Bushy Park

On Wednesday, 24th October, a beautiful autumnal day the National School took a nature walk to Bushy

Park. Pupils walked to and from Bushy Park which totaled almost three miles!

At the end of the day everyone got to play in the playground. It was an unforgettable day.



Photos: Ms. Greer



Busy timetable of extra-curricular activities

There's a busy timetable of extra-curricular activities for pupils of Stratford National School this term.



On a Tuesday there are Art and Guitar lessons.

On a Monday, pupils can avail of swimming classes in Terenure College.



Photos: www.sxc.hu

Pupils in 1st class or higher can play football every Wednesday.



Every Thursday afternoon



there are Art classes and Chess classes (for pupils in 1st class or higher).

For more details go to the Extra-Curricular page on www.stratfordns.ie.

Stratford Schools Open Day



*Painting of
Stratford
College: Karen
Walsh*

Primary and Secondary Schools will be open to the public.

meet staff and students, to look around both schools and to ask questions. The Open Day is from 2—3.30pm.

Look at our websites—www.stratfordns.ie and www.stratfordcollege.ie—where you will get a real sense of the learning and student activities in Stratford Schools.

On Sunday, 18th November, Stratford Everyone is welcome to

National School Application Forms 2013

The allocation of places for in Stratford National School for the academic year commencing September 2013 will take place in 2013. If you have not already applied for a place please contact the school office (01-492 2315) immediately for an application form or download it from www.stratfordns.ie.

Stratford Schools Summer Reading Trees

Ms. O'Kelly, asked all the students in Stratford National



Stratford College Reading Tree

School and Stratford College to write down the names of the books that they read during the summer holidays onto a separate leaf.

Ms. Mahon and Mrs. **Walsh's** art class, each painted a tree trunk with branches for the leaves to rest on. The results were fabulous.



Stratford N.S. Reading Tree

Friends of Stratford Schools, Private Members' Draw

In order to raise funds for essential school equipment and maintenance a monthly **private members' draw will be** held from November 2012 through to July 2013. Cost of entry is €50 for 10 draws (20 prizes). Multiple units of €50 each may be purchased. For more details see www.stratfordns.ie or www.stratfordcollege.ie.

N.S. 2013 Calendars

Look out for the 2013 National School Calendars for next year!