

Awards Ceremony 2010

The School Awards Ceremony was held on Friday, 15th October. It started with a reception in the Library with a display of newly acquired Jewish Studies books and DVD's. Much appreciated donations were made in name to the Library by Mr. Michael Gilbert, Ms. Mildred Adler, Ms. Rozzy Stein, Ms. Hinda Bloom and Mr. Ciaran Cuffe T.D. Three 6th Years, Vincent Murray, Todd Harrison and Chloe Harris presented Ms. Deirdre Hughes, Appeals Director for Friends of St. Lukes with a cheque for €1467.80 which the school raised last May. Tim Cullen (2nd Year) raised the most individually — over €200.



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Student musicians and singers



Mr. Ciaran Cuffe, T.D.



Lauren Corbet

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize.

Ms. O'Kelly



Ita Obara, Hebrew Studies Prize-winner Fáinne Ór Prize-winners



Debating Society Prize-winners

Dates to note

- 15th October — 15th November: **MS-Readathon**
- 25th - 29th October: **Mid-term School Closed.**
- 2nd November. **Hamlet** lecture for 5th and 6th Years, Trinity College.
- 3rd November: **Aubrey Flegg school visit.** 2nd Year and TY.
- 4th November. **Hamlet** workshop.
- 7th — 14th November, **Science Week/Feldman Lecture.**
- 8th November, **UNESCO Workshop** for 1st-3rd Years and **Tomi Reichental** talk for TY—6th Years.
- 10th November, Trip to **W5**, Belfast for 3rd Year and TY.
- 11th November, **Biology Genetics** Lecture by Éanna Ní Lamhna.
- 14th November. **School Open Day**, 2.30—4.30pm.
- 15th November, U16 and U19 Boys Basketball matches vs. St. Aidans.
- 16th November, **Wordsworth** Lecture, Trinity College. TY visit to **Dáil Eireann**.
- 23rd November, **Aware** Meeting for TY, 5th and 6th Years. **Yeats Lecture**, Trinity College.
- 30th November, **Dickinson Lecture**, Trinity College.

Looking Ahead

- 8th—9th December: **The School Play**, *My Fair Lady*.

**Sunday 14th November,
School Open Day,
2.30 — 4.30pm.**

Selection of Prize-Winners from the Awards Ceremony 2010



Kathy Wilson, 6th Year Merit Award



Leadership Awards: Mentors



Tami Sheridan, Junior Sportsperson



Finn Keyes, Subject Awards: Humanities



Vincent Murray Subject Awards: Business & Enterprise



Jake Regan Subject Awards: Junior Literary Merit



Ita Obara, Subject Awards: Linguist



Robert Downes, Transition Year Achievement Award



Merit Awards



Tadhg Charles, Comhairle Na nÓg



Ashley Grey, The James Brady Memorial Award for Media



Jorden Bukspan, The Rev. Abraham Gittleson Award

TY Coffee Morning



TY boys serving drinks



Some 1st year girls tucking in!

On Wednesday, 6th October, TY students held a coffee morning in aid of Our Lady's Hospice in Harolds Cross. During the first three classes we called each year up one-by-one to have some tea, coffee, biscuits and cake. The morning was a big success and thanks to everyone who took part, as we raised over €200. We would like to thank everybody who helped including Brendan, Ms. O'Sullivan and Ms. Gordon. We would also like to thank the shops and businesses who sponsored us and provided us with biscuits and tea.

Hanna Hughes (TY)

Log On To Learning

Log on to Learning is a programme designed to "buddy up" a Transition Year student with an older person from the local community in order to share their computer skills with them. It started on Friday, 8th October and continues every Friday until 26th November. There are 22 members of the community involved in this scheme.



Amy Bennett and Dorri Finegan

I would like to take this opportunity to praise the TY's for giving up their time on a Friday afternoon and also comment on their maturity and social skills during the lessons. Both the students and members of the community benefit and already there are rewarding friendships developing. Well done!

TYs: Amy Bennett, Christine Byrne, Hanna Hughes, Sarah Epstein, Emma O'Brien, Peadar Charles, Hugh O'Rourke, Jake Regan, John Nolan.

5th Year's: Lucy Murphy, Bogdan Kuzmanovic, Marc Comiskey.
Ms. Finnegan

TY Knitting-Irish-Art Project



TY Knitting Master class

Ms. Ivers, Ms. Mahon and Ms. McGuckin are teaching the TY's how to knit. They are learning how to knit different Aran stitches, then knitting them into squares and finally sewing all the squares together to make a showcase patchwork rug. It should look wonderful!

Amy Bennett (TY)

TY Mini Company Focus: Who wants Hoodies?

Want a cool hoodie? With your name on it? For our TY mini company we'll be selling personalised hoodies. Over the coming weeks we will be going around to classes, asking what you would like printed on your hoodies. We will also be selling specially designed t-shirts for Battle of the Bands in March 2011. Details about the t-shirts to come. We will be selling the hoodies for €18. They will be available in small, medium and large sizes. Get one ☺.



Your own personalised hoodies

Amy Bennett, Managing Director. Christine Byrne, Marketing Director. Fearghal Kelleher, Production Manager. Khrystyna Brovko, Financial Director. Conor Allen, Secretary.

5th/6th Year Geography Trip

On the 18th October, the 5th and 6th Year Geography students went to Enniskerry. This was part of our Geographical Investigation which is worth 20% of our final grade in the Leaving Cert. Here we studied both the upper and lower course of the River Dargle. It was a very active day in which we measured the velocity and cross sectional area of each course using various equipment. It took place in the ECO Adventure Ireland Youth Hostel and was located amongst some of Ireland's most beautiful scenery. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all students and we are now looking forward to receiving our full 20% before we sit our Leaving Cert. this summer.



5th and 6th Year Geography students

Sorcha Dunne (6th Year)

Jewish Studies

"And now, a word from our Sages ..."

'Ben Zoma said, "Who is wise? One who learns from old people. Who is strong? One who can control their impulses. Who is wealthy? One who is happy with what they have. Who is honoured? One who honours others.' (Avot [Ethics of the Sages] 4:1)

Ms. Charry

Rugby

Jack Hanratty is the *Leinster Rugby Community Officer* for the Dublin City Council area. On Wednesday, 12th October he came to the school to discuss how we can establish and add value to a rugby programme in Stratford. Jack will be coming in to train the Senior boys rugby team for six weeks in preparation for matches. *Ms. Finnegan*



Senior rugby practise

Basketball

The boys U16's and U19's played their first matches against Old Bawn on Monday, 4th October. The U19's won 40-4 and Marc Comiskey (5th Year) was Man of the Match. Scorekeepers: Lucy Murphy (5th Year) and Katie McCrea (3rd Year).

U16's team: *Jonathan Sweeney, Daniel Kelly, Jordan Daly, Toms Spruds, Hugh Cannon, Sean McGuinness, Elan Bondi, Diarmaid Kelly, Craig Derham.*

U19's team: *Vincent Murray, Todd Harrison, Luke McGuinness, Eoin Kearns, Niall Dunphy, Fionn O'Brien, Mark McRedmond, Marc Comiskey.*

The boys U16's and U19's had matches against St. Brendan's on Monday, 18th October. The 1st years went along to support them. The U16's lost 28-22 and the U19's lost 38-26. Next time!

The U19 girls played in a basketball tournament in Tallaght on Wednesday, 20th October, with support from the 2nd and 3rd Years. They won 29-10 against Tallaght Community School and lost 36-20 to Balbriggan Loreto (who are in the higher 'B' League—so well done!

U19 team: *Lucy Murphy, Tami Sheridan, Sarah Epstein, Emma O'Brien-Collier, Anna Douglas, Katie McCrea, Abi Grainger, Adina Kilroy, Eleanor McNamara and Gabbi Eppel.*

Ms. Finnegan

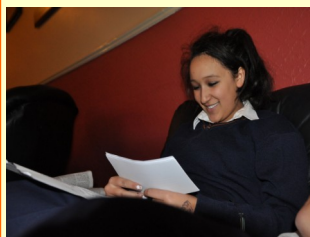
Two Stratford students representing Ireland

Congratulations to Josh Hernandez (2nd Year) and Jake Long (2nd Year) who have both recently been chosen to represent Ireland. Josh has been chosen for the *Platform Diving National Squad* and will be competing in the Nationals competition against English clubs, in November. Jake has been chosen for the second year running on the U16's Irish *Baseball* team. Last July Jake competed in the European, African and Asian Tournament and played against Poland and the Czech Republic.

English Activities

5th and 6th Year English students attended a lecture on Jennifer Johnston in Trinity College on Tuesday, 19th October.

On Thursday, 14th October TY attended a French behavioural comedy, *L'effect de Serge*, in the Samuel Beckett Theatre in Trinity College as part of the Dublin Theatre Festival.



Sarah Epstein, Trinity College
L&H Debating Competition

On Monday, 18th October Sarah Epstein (TY) debated for the first time in the *Senior L&H Debating Competition* held in Trinity College and won a place in the next round. She admirably opposed the motion, *This house would use corporal punishment in the classroom*, a future star in the debating field!

On Tuesday, 19th October Diarmaid Kelly (3rd Year), Alice Murphy (3rd Year) and Jill Ivers (2nd Year) competed in the *Poetry Aloud Competition* held at the National Library of Ireland. Diarmaid Kelly and Alice Murphy are through to the semi-finals. Congratulations! This is the fourth year Stratford College has competed, we've got to the final before so let's hope we have similar success this year. Best of luck!



Alice Murphy, Jill Ivers,
Diarmaid Kelly

2nd and 3rd Year students attended a Ballet Ireland production of *Romeo and Juliet* on Thursday, 21st October. This should greatly help them to prepare for their Junior Cert question on directing a scene from a studied play. Knowledge of lighting, character expression and movement, music, costumes; the whole *mise-en-scene* is expected. An enjoyable night out was had by all!

Ms. Reynolds

MS-Readathon 2010

Every year the 1st and 2nd Year students participate in the MS-Readathon. The MS-Readathon is an Irish fundraising programme. Over 8,000 people have Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in Ireland so it is important that we help these people. MS Ireland needs to raise €10 million every year to run their services so our money is playing a big part in the lives of so many people. Last year Stratford collected €700 and this year we hope to raise even more. I look forward to reading new books this year.

Jill Ivers (2nd Year)

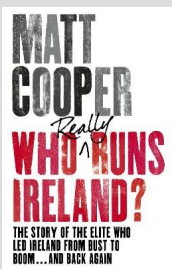
Student Council

Thanks to the Student Council who helped out in the preparations and tidy up afterwards for the Awards Ceremony. Killian gave an overview of work done by the Student Council at the Awards Ceremony.

Back Row: Carmel Grey (1st Year), Jorden Bukspan (2nd Year), Katie McCrea (3rd Year), Lucy Murphy (5th Year), Diarmaid Kelly (3rd Year), Tim Cullen (2nd Year) and Emer Downes (1st Year).
Front Row: Todd Harrison (6th Year), Killian McLoughlin (6th Year), Tadhg Charles (6th Year).

Chess Club

The Chess Club started on Monday, 18th October and meets every Monday at lunch (1.20pm-1.45pm) in the Library. Contact Ms. O'Kelly if you want to play.



Right now I'm reading ...

"Matt Cooper's book called **Who Really Runs Ireland?**," says Mr. Russell. "I think it's a fascinating study of corruption".

Image: www.penguin.co.uk

Bookmark it! Library Website of the Month

Check out <http://show.mappingworlds.com/world/>. A very smart site where you can get many facts, including how many mobile phones there are in China (634 million), CO2 emissions from Ireland (0.2% of world emissions) and how many MacDonald's there are in the USA (14,000 or 43% of the world's MacDonald's). The first World Statistics Day: 20/10/2010.

Ms. O'Kelly

World Book Day, 3rd March 2011

World Book Day may seem far away at the moment, but preparations are already underway. €1.50 book tokens have been ordered for every student in Stratford—which you'll receive on World Book Day. The school is also registered so that we can receive lots of information about events and competitions that students can enter. Watch this space!

Ms. O'Kelly

Image: www.worldbookday.com

School Notice Board

- The TYs completed a two-day **First Aid** course on Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday, 13th October.
- The TYs and 6th Year Biology students were given a talk about recycling from **WEEE Ireland** on 14th October.
- The 5th and 6th Years attended a **Classics Seminar** on Saturday, 16th October.
- 5th and 6th Years attended **Career Information** evening organised by Mr. Culliney. Guest speaker was Brian Mooney, regular contributor to the Irish Times Education supplement, on Monday, 18th October.
- Estelle Feldman gave the TY's a talk on **Sources of Law in Ireland** on Tuesday, 19th October.
- The **Library is open** on Monday's at lunch (1.20pm—1.45pm) if you want to borrow books, browse the shelves, surf the Web or read.
- Recent Library displays include a selection of students' favourite poets and poems for **All-Ireland Poetry Day**, 7th October, the **Man Booker Prize** announced on 12th October and **Maths Week Ireland** 9th—16th October.
- Supervised study** is from 4-6pm, Mon—Thursday and 1.30—3.30pm on a Friday. Contact Ms. O'Kelly if you want to join.
- Basketball training** for 2nd/3rd Years is on Monday's; **Fitness & Circuit Training** is on Tuesday's and **Senior basketball training** is on Wednesday's.

Past Pupils

- Lauren Corbet** (2010) was recently featured in the Irish Independent (29th September), see www.independent.ie/education/features/.
- David Berber** (2001) recently appeared on RTE's *The Frontline* programme (11th October) and attended the ten-year Past Pupils reunion at the recent Awards Ceremony.
- Mark Cleary** (2001) attended the ten-year Past Pupils reunion at the recent Awards Ceremony.

The deadline for the November School Newsletter is Tuesday, 23rd November. It will be published on Tuesday, 30th November. Contact Ms. O'Kelly or a teacher if you have anything school-related that you'd like to publish. © Stratford College, 2010.