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# Stratford Schools

Senior and Primary School News

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## Special points of interest:

Mr. Murphy interviewed on RTÉ 1 Radio's *Drivetime* programme, 19th January in an Education Special.

4th and 5th Year Students go skiing in Norway in early January.

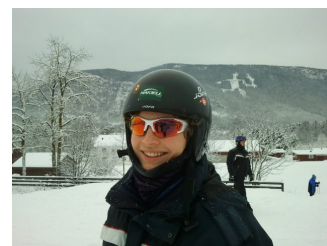
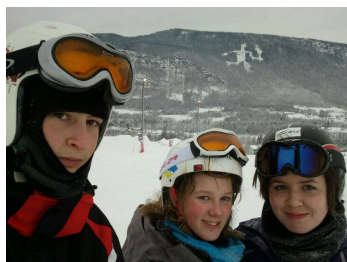
President Michael D. Higgins meets the Jewish Community on Monday, 30th January.

Download podcasts of student's work from iTunes (search for Stratford College) or listen to them on the website.

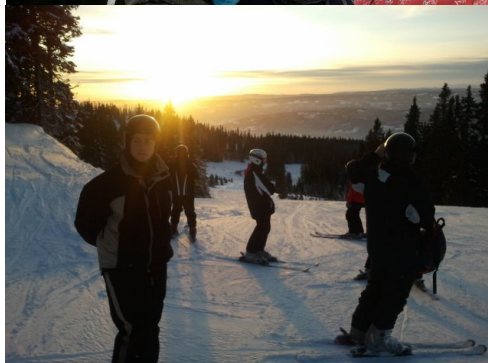
## Stratford College News

### Successful Ski Trip to Norway

An intrepid group of students and teachers went skiing in Lillehammer during the second week in January.



*Photos: Ms. Finnegan*



### The Heineken Cup visits Stratford Schools

The Heineken Rugby Cup was in Stratford National School



and Stratford College on Wednesday, 23rd November. All the excitement was captured on photos as each class in the National School

got their photograph taken with the Cup!



## LCVP Table Quiz raises over €250 for charity



*Tie-breaker questions determine the winning team!*

On the 22nd December, our Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) class ran a Table Quiz in Stratford College



to raise money for the Simon Community as part of our LCVP course.

There was a nail-biting finish with tables, 10, 2 and 9 all drawing at the end of the last round. After a series of tie-breaker questions Table 10 were the eventual winners. We raised over €250.

The LCVP students involved were: Anna Douglas and Alex Lai



*Photos: Ms. O'Kelly*

(6th Year), and April Matthews, Christine Byrne, Khrystyna Brovko and Aaron

*"The BT Young Scientist was huge and vibrant. There were really interesting stalls with robots and 3D Theatres." Niall Garvey, 1st Year*

## Students visit BT Young Scientist Exhibition 2012

On Friday, 13th January students from 1st to 4th Year spent the morning at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS. This is what some of the students thought of the day.

"The BT Young Scientist was very good this year. I found the projects to

be interesting, good games at the weather and radio stand. Presenting on radio was very good. The Road Safety car was good and so was the driving simulator." Tim Cullen, 3rd Year.

"The BT Young Scientist was very interesting and

enjoyable. There were experiments to watch and lots of things to do. I really enjoyed it." Fiona Maguire, 2nd Year.

"The layout of the stalls was good and we got free stuff." Daniel Eppel, 1st Year



## TY Students in Classical Mini-Olympics

Consisting of sprints, javelin throws, wrestling and armour races – the Classical Mini Olympics was an enjoyable (and tiring) event that was enjoyed immensely by all. As they were based on the Ancient Olympics

which started in Greece in 776BC, to honour Zeus (King of the G-ds), we abided by Classical rules (with some adjustments) and only took part in events from the original games. We each gave ourselves Classical names and psyched our-

selves up for each event by screaming our names as loudly as possible. Ms Donohoe started each event by shouting "Apte!" (the Greek for "go"), and whoever came first was the winner. 2nd place was deemed to be a disgrace!



## Pupils display their work on website

The pupils and teachers in Stratford National School are very proud of the work that they do in school.

On a very regular basis, their work is displayed in the Pupils' Work section of the website ([www.stratfordns.ie](http://www.stratfordns.ie)).

Family and friends should check it regularly to see what their children have



*Senior Infants engrossed in books during a rainy lunch*

been doing.



*Jakob Miller, 4th Class*



*Matthew O'Brien, 2nd Class*



*Reading together is relaxing*

## Past-pupil, Annalise Murphy, qualifies for the London

Stratford National School Past-pupil, Annalise Murphy, was featured on The Irish Times front page photograph on Wednesday, 8th December.

She's the first Irish sailor to qualify for the London Olympics 2012.

We wish her the best of luck.



[Image: [www.rtie.ie/sport](http://www.rtie.ie/sport)]

## 5th and 6th Class pupils sow crocus flowers

In the autumn, 5th and 6th Class spent some time planting crocus flowers.



They will be beautiful when



they grow in the spring.

### Potato Power!

5th and 6th Class pupils did a number of science

experiments to understand the power of the humble potato.



*Photos: Mr. Murphy*

## Stratford Schools to celebrate World Book Day 2012

World Book Day 2012 will be celebrated in Stratford College and Stratford National School on Thursday, 1st March.



Events will be organized and students of all ages will be encouraged to read, and very importantly, to enjoy what they're reading.

Last year events for World Book Day included free book tokens for every pupil in both schools, posters drawn by students of their favourite books, a survey of

pupil's favourite books and D.E.A.R time in both schools.



## Safer Internet Day 2012

Safer Internet Day (Tuesday, 7th February) is part of a global drive to promote a safer Internet



[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)

for all users, especially young people.

This year's theme is "Connecting generations and educating each other".

The National Parents Council ([www.npccc.ie](http://www.npccc.ie)) website has an article about Safer Internet Day events 2012. Also keep an eye on [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie) for Safer Internet Day events.

There is a Safer Internet Day

website, [www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org) which has interesting resources including summaries on how to understand social network site privacy settings, e.g. Facebook's Timeline app.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2012: 31st January

The Big March 2012, the world's first global *virtual* march for children's rights.

Beatbullying is calling for people around the world to support The Big March 2012, which took place on January 31st 2012.



[Image: [www.beatbullying.org](http://www.beatbullying.org)]

Predicted to last up to two days, the march will culminate with the delivery of a petition to the United Nations Building in New York; asking the United Nations to explicitly enshrine 'bullying' in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).