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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 showcase 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 achievements 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. stratfordcollege.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



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position

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

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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 Certificate Junior results, they were kept very busy doing variety of outdoor activities.

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



A complete list of cocurricular 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

_og on to Learning



Photo: Ms. Finnegan

Log on to Learning is an initiative where

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

As part of the Gaisce r d. 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. nouncements 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 o n the Stratford YouTube channel.

Stratford National School News

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



5th and 6th Class visited the Dubray Bookshop 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".



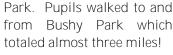
Well known for his dragon detective series, Gareth P. Jones signed copies of his new book for some pupils and played his guitar to them too!



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



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





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 Monday, pupils can

avail swimming classes in Terenure College.



Photos: www.sxc.hu



On a Tuesday there are Art and Guitar lessons.

Pupils in 1st class or higher play football



Every Thursday afternoon



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

For more

details go t o the Extra-Curricular page on www.stratfordns.ie.

Stratford Schools Open Day



Sunday, 18th Stratford November,

Painting of Stratford College: Karen Walsh

Primary and Secondary Schools will be to the open public.

Everyone is welcome to

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

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

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 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 details more www.stratfordns.ie www.stratfordcollege.ie.

N.S. 2013 Calendars

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