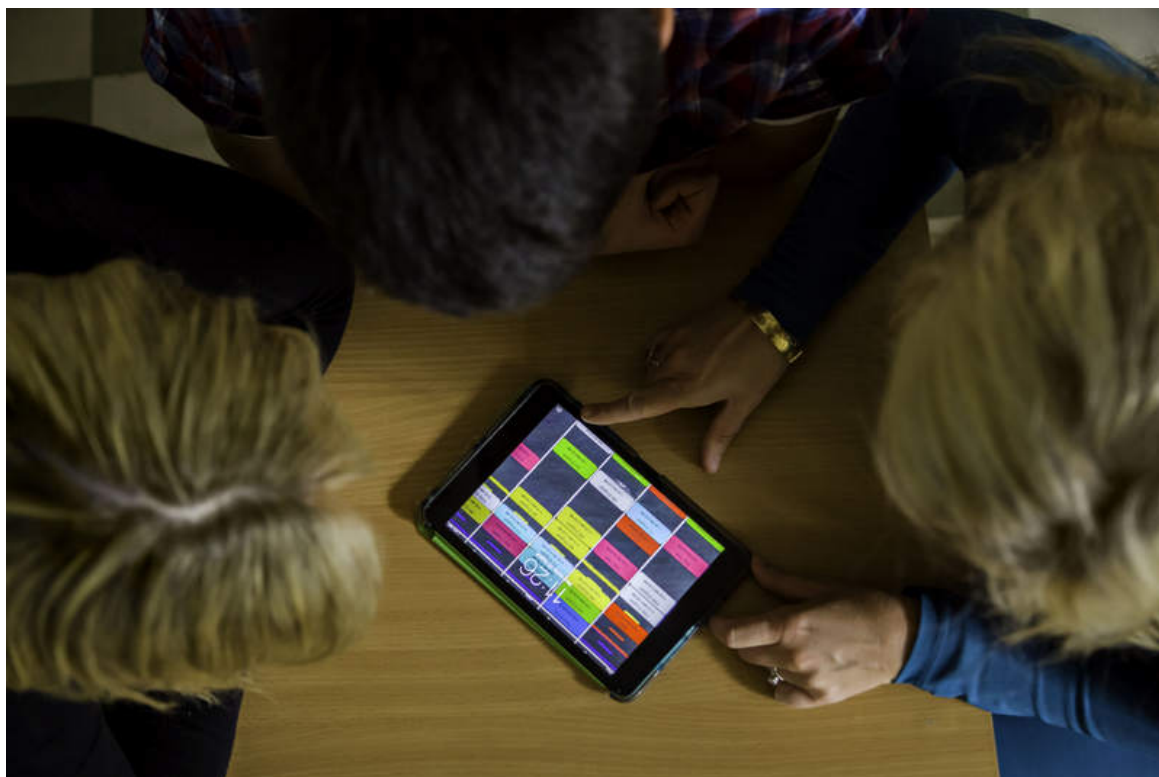




Stratford College

Co-educational Secondary School

Dear Friend of Stratford,



As you know the Department of Education and Skills asked all schools to consult with staff, parents and students on the use of Mobile Devices in school. On-line questionnaires were distributed to students and parents by the PA, Zeeko and the school, the results of which were made available at the meeting on Wednesday, 12th March. Staff were widely consulted. The results identified amount of time spent on-line, most popular apps, the use of parental controls etc. Most of our students don't have a screentime app on their phones. I will circulate these to you when finalised but you might be interested to know that a small number of our students are engaged in risky behaviour on-line.

Many thanks to the PA and Locksley Messam in particular for a very comprehensive examination of the issues involved and to Ms O'Kelly who has researched many aspects of the issues. The Board of Management will now review the implications of these consultations, our Draft Digital Learning and Well Being frameworks and their recommendations which are outlined in a related [blog](#).

Ms Patricia Gordon
Principal

Green Schools inspected for fourth Green Flag (Marine Litter)

Stratford's Green Schools underwent an inspection today, Thursday, 14th March as they aim for their fourth Green Flag for Marine Litter.



Stratford students striking for climate change

Many Stratford students will be participating in the Schools Strike 4 Climate protest outside Dáil Éireann on Friday, 15th March. Students will be leaving school at 12 noon to join other students from around the country.

Stratford completes school-wide consultation on the use of mobile devices in schools

The Department of Education and Skills asked all schools to consult with staff, parents and students on the use of Mobile Devices in school. The use of smart phones in schools will be included as an item requiring consultation under the Education (Parent and Student Charter) Bill 2016.



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019!

Ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge sa scoil ó 11ú- 15ú Márta. I measc na n-imeachtaí a cuireadh ar siúl na rince gaelach le Bliain a hAon agus Amhránaíocht as Gaeilge le Bliain a Dó. Chuir grúpa daltaí ó Rang na hIdirbhliana físeán le chéile faoi 'Céard is Éireannachas ann?', agus taispeánadh é ag an gceolchoirm ar an Aoine. Ghlac go leor daltaí páirt sa cheolchoirm, agus bhain gach duine sult as an damhsa, an canadh, agus an físeán a taispeánadh. Maith sibh do gach

duine a ghlac páirt sna himeachtaí éagsúla!

Wellbeing in Stratford College

Wellbeing is weaving through life at Stratford College. Students engage in various aspects of wellbeing, including social in areas such as SPHE, Guidance & CSPE; curriculum activities encourage themes such as 'managing myself', 'being active' and 'resilient'; physical through PE with emphasis on the importance of exercise and nutrition, emotional with the practice of 'mindfulness' and feeling connected.



Stratford's Principal, Patricia Gordon, appointed to incoming National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA)

Congratulations to Ms Gordon who has recently been appointed to the incoming National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) by the Minister of Education and Skills for a three year term.

World Book Day celebrations: 'Booky Breakfast' book swap sale raises €180 for charity

World Book Day 2019 in Stratford College kicked off with high-powered fruit juices and smoothies made on the spot by the TYs, while students, staff and parents browsed the many, many books in the book sale. Student, staff and parents were actively encouraged to bring in two books and €2 to make it the best book sale and 'booky breakfast' ever! And it was - we raised €180 for St. Michael's House. The juices and smoothies were also awesome!



2nd Year students thinking creatively for their Business CBA

The 2nd Years have started work on their first CBA (Classroom Based Assessment) in Business classes. Since September, the Science, Business and English teachers have been working very closely together on the Step Up Project to closely plan the 2nd Year CBAs in these three subjects. Stratford is one of the pilot schools for this Step Up project.

TY film screened at IFI Film Festival

Congratulations to Eva's film crew in TY! Eva's film 'Pearls' was screened at the Irish Film Institute regional heats on Wednesday, 6th March during the annual Fresh Film Festival, that awards the Young Filmmaker of the Year.



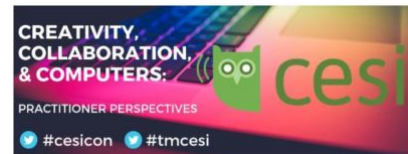


Stratford College receive SciFest STEM School award

Stratford College were awarded a SciFest STEM School award on Thursday, 28th February. The award was presented to Ms O'Kelly who received it on behalf of Stratford. Stratford College has been entering SciFest competitions with TYs since April 2014.

Stratford teacher co-presents at CESI Conference 2019

Stratford was represented at this year's CESI (Computers in Education Society of Ireland) 2019 Conference in Athlone. The theme of the conference was "Creativity, Collaboration, and Computers: Practitioner Perspectives".



TY's present their Science projects in SciFest@Schools competition

Throughout January and February the TY Science students have been working extremely hard preparing their Science projects for their second SciFest@Schools competition. The competition was held on Thursday, 28th February.

Tomi Reichental visits Stratford

Tomi Reichental, visited Stratford on Monday, 25th February to speak with students from 3rd Year to 6th Year. Tomi Reichental is a Holocaust Survivor and now speaks to many students in Irish schools.



Spring Term Dates

Thursday, 21st March: Purim (dress up as your Literary Hero)

Tuesday, 26th March, 7pm: Incoming parents meeting

Summer Term Dates

Friday, 3rd May: Incoming 1st Year Scholarship Exam

Thursday, 9th May: Sports Day