Newsletter

Our TY Journey

January 2021

TY Trip to Dingle
by Ava Fitzgerald

On Thursday the 8th of October our TY class visited Corca Dhuibhne, the Kerry Gaeltacht, with our Irish teacher Ms Hogan. We set off at 9 o' clock and headed for Annascaul. Here we saw the artic explorer Tom Crean's statue and pub. Next, we stopped in Dingle. We all took photos with the statue of Fungi. We then headed to a beautiful beach to eat our lunch. It was really warm and sunny, and everyone had a great time there. We then visited some ancient sites. We went to Riasc another Monastic Site and then headed to Gallerus Oratory, an early Christian church and then to Kilmakader , another Monastic .where we saw a sundial and an ogham stone. We then headed back to Dingle for icecream before we went home. Overall it was a great trip! Bhain gach duine sult as an turas .

TY History Trip
by Alice McMahon

On Tuesday the 15th of December, our TY group went on a local history trip with our teacher Mr. O. Keefe. We headed for Lislaughtin Abbey where we learned about the medieval times. Next, we drove into Ballylongford and onto Carrigfoyle were we took some photos and did a walk around the castle. We then headed to Listowel which I thought was the most interesting part of our trip. We visited a mass grave for people who died during the famine, which I did not even know was in Listowel .We also went to the Garden of Europe in the town park where we saw a monument for WW2 . Our last two stops were Athea and Glin where we focused more on social history. Overall it was a great trip as we learnt more on local history and bonded as a class outside of school

First Aid
by Philip Kearney

In November we had a first aid training day. John Duignan came into the school and taught us the basics of CPR and other things such as what to do if someone is choking. During the day we did CPR training and also learned how to use a defibrillator. Overall it was very beneficial and we had fun learning as well. Now we all have certs in basic first aid.

Subject Sampling by Katie Finucane

During the year, we sample all of the option subjects for 5th year. We sample part of the fifth year course as well and this can make choosing our subjects for next year a lot easier. Sampling can make you question what you initially thought about picking and make other subjects seem like a better option. I hadn't even considered DCG for 5th year but now I think it will be one of my options.

BT Young Scientist by Cáit Carmody

BT Young Scientist was still able to continue this year but virtually. The whole of this years TYs and a first-year group entered the competition. Then in late October, 3 groups discovered that they were selected to go through to the finals. The 3 groups included "How participation in extracurricular activities affects grades" that was done by myself and Megan Lynch, the second group was "Do the chemicals in hand sanitizer affect your skin" done by Paul Murphy, Dara Heaphy and Isabelle Fitzsimons and the last group was "Decomposing Rushes, the answer to heating homes" done by first years Paula & Jim Culhane. Our science teachers gave us a lot of help and guidance . The final rounds took place over 2 days with 3 online interviews with the judges. This was an incredible experience for all of us and it was amazing to get as far as we all got .

Purity Body Scrubs *by Lauren Duffy*

For our enterprise we decided to make homemade natural body scrubs. We came up with this idea because sometimes store bought scrubs contain harsh chemicals and additives. Our solution was to make scrubs out of natural ingredients such as sugar, honey and oil. After trial and error we discovered the perfect combinations .As a group we learnt alot from this experience such as working as a team, making decisions and sorting finances. Our product was very successful and we sold 84 scrubs. Overall this was a great experience and we really enjoyed it . Other enterprises included bath salts and bath bombs, candle holders, horse shoe Christmas decorations, sweet treats, hand sanitizer/face mask packs and doggy treat packs

French pen pal Letters by Alice McMahon

Our teacher Ms Lane contacted a school in France for the TY's to send pen pal letters to. In class we got the French students letters and picked who we would write back to. We then sent them back a letter and a video in English and French. It made learning French more real and useful.

Care Packages for the Nursing Homes *by Katelyn Corridan*

We as a TY class thought it would be a great idea to make care packages for the nursing homes for Christmas. In these care packages there was 1 book donated by a teacher, 2 bars of chocolate and socks for the men and perfume for the women. We were very enthusiastic about this idea as it was a nice gesture for us to do something kind for others. We organised a fundraiser at school to make money to buy the items, then we wrapped and packaged everything in Religion class and made cards in Art class.

Cycling and Paintballing by TJ Mulvihill

Even though 2020/2021 was strongly affected by Covid 19, our teachers made sure we would not look back at our time in TY with a feeling of "little accomplishment". Teachers organised activities and "outings" in line with government guidelines that allowed us to bond better as a group. Many Friday evenings involved cycles with Mr Trench and Mr O Connor. We cycled the "Greenway"from Abbeyfeale to Newcastle which I really enjoyed, and on another day from the Comp to Ballylongford and back. We went for beach and cliff walks in Ballybunion and some of us were brave enough to go swimming .

There was paintballing in Tralee, where we got our chance to gang up on Mr. Trench and Mr. O'Connor! We had a great day out. On rainy days that were too bad to go anywhere, we played soccer in the hall and the girls blasted out the tunes!

My top 3 highlights so far were paintballing, cycling on the greenway and the trip to Kilfinane for outdoor activities

My highlights so far were BT Young Scientist , swimming in Ballybunion and the local history trip

I'm getting on better with classmates and teachers this year

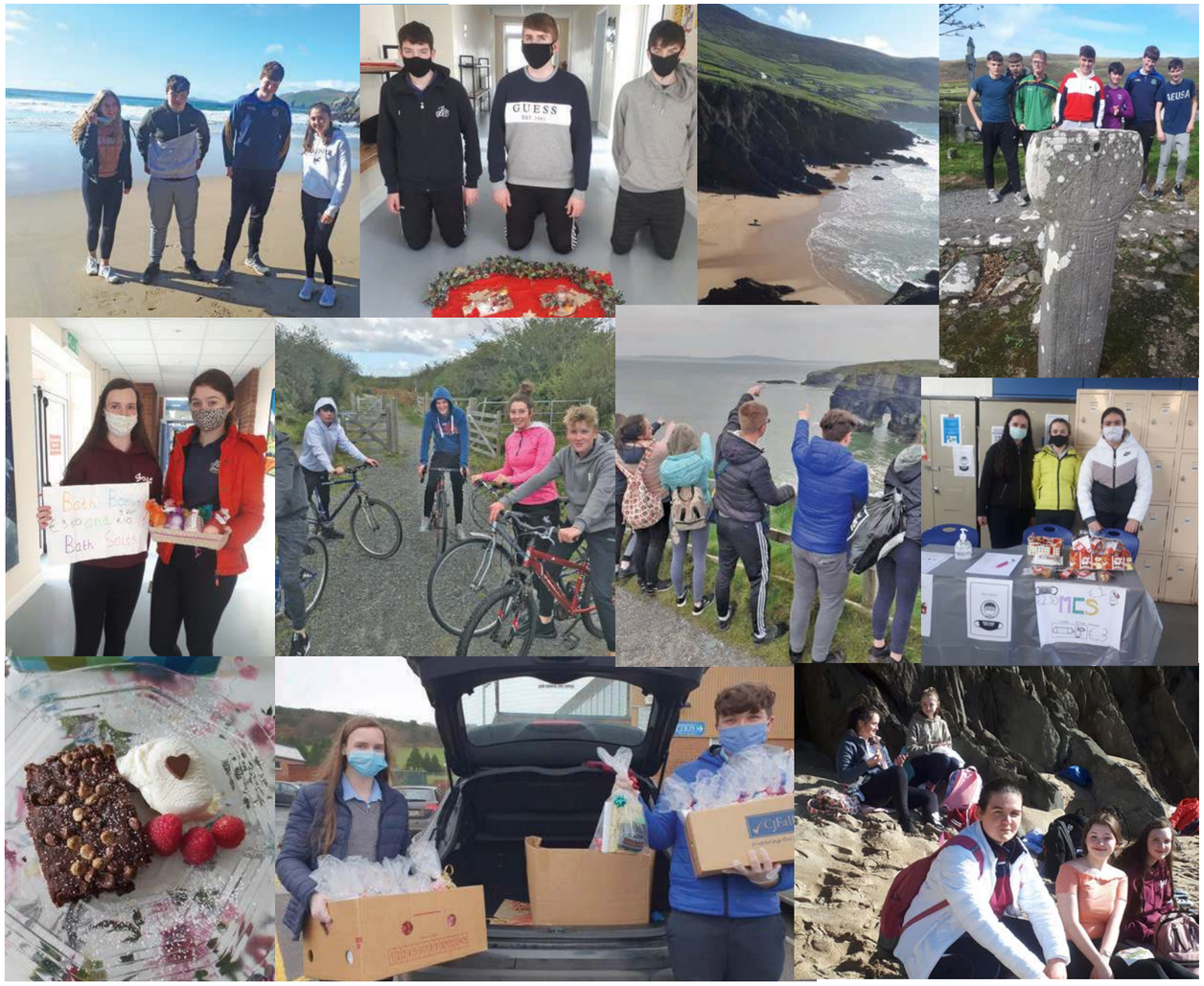
I'm more confident and independent

I feel more ready for 5th year because we have done some of the course work

I loved the trip to Dingle, paintballing and Enterprise

I'm participating more in class and I've learned how to work as part of a group

I've learned leadership, organisation and communication skills

TY has definitely influenced my subject choices for 5th year

I've made a bigger friend group