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"Knowing what is right"

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Principal's Address

The year is as always moving quickly to conclusion. Mocks and Leaving Certificate orals are complete, Practical exams are upon us, and we are going on our Easter break.

The rugby season is drawing to a close with the three memorial matches. Commiserations to our Junior and Senior teams but heartfelt congratulations to the first years who complete their first season in Salle undefeated. Congratulations to all involved in rugby in the College. There has been, as always, a huge commitment on behalf of players and of course their coaches and supporters over the past year. It is not winning that matters but to have taken part and truly contributed that really matters not just in sport but in all endeavours. Well done!

Badminton has had a very successful season finishing with a win in the U19 South Dublin Doubles Competition won this year by St Rafaela's and De La Salle. Our squash players also represented our college with distinction in the Schools Invitational match in Sutton emerging in third place. Basketball has returned to the College and while in the early stages has experienced some success and were victorious against St Killians in a recent match. A heartfelt buladh bus to all. We are a health promoting school and it is wonderful to see the engagement of staff and students alike. Keep this up everybody.

The annual school trip for fourth and fifth year students is about to take place. They leave at the crack of dawn on Saturday for Barcelona. I wish them and their five teachers a safe and enjoyable trip and thank all involved for their commitment and organisation in preparing to bring over 50 of our students away. Thank you to all the parents who support this initiative which gives the students such a wonderful opportunity.

The real exams are approaching for all students, whether it is the house exams which mark the end of first, second and fifth year or the state exams for third and sixth year students. I wish them well in the completion of their studies and remind third and sixth years that a great deal can be accomplished in the last term with focused and committed study. I encourage our first, second and fifth year students to complete their respective years with diligent study to provide a good solid platform for next year.

On the 31st March we celebrated 60 years of rugby in the College with a wonderful evening in which we marked some significant milestones and honoured some stalwarts of rugby over the last sixty years. Unfortunately it is not always possible to have everybody present on a night like this but we do thank all involved over the past years for their commitment and dedication. It is not just the heights of the 83 and 85 teams or even the team's who fought valiant finals in the Senior and Junior cups, but all who were involved in making rugby the inclusive, fascinating, frustrating and wonderful sport it has been and continues to be at the heart of what it means to be Salle. Thanks to all involved in the organisation and preparation of this hugely successful evening.

Thank you so much to the McCoy family for donating the captains notice board which has pride of place in the College. It was a truly poignant moment as Damien's mother unveiled the plaque in memory of Damien who died at such a young age. Are dhéis De go raibh a anam dilis. Thank you to Derek Priestly for sharing your memories of Damien.

I would like to thank our Parents Associations who are so much part of all that we do in the college. Without their support we would not be able to maintain all the positive initiatives which our students enjoy so much. Their most recent accomplishment was the

purchase of the kiln for the art department. Their new initiative is renewing the library in conjunction with our librarian, Loraine and the English and Learning Support Department. I would like to acknowledge the huge contribution and support given by Loraine to the boys over the years from organising and purchasing books, organising the chess to having such a calm and welcoming atmosphere.

This brings me to the newest initiative which involves renewing our library; which the Parents Association and the College as a whole are currently fundraising. This is a wonderful plan which supports all of our students as we promote a love of reading which will prove to be a lifelong support to all of our students. We are also working to engage with and provide an accelerated reading programme which will enhance the reading skills and literacy of all our students. Fundraising for this exciting and worthy project will be through a limited draw which will take place on De La Salle Day. I encourage all parents to support this initiative. We have asked that every student sell at least one ticket at a cost of €20. This draw is limited to a thousand tickets with first prize being 1,000 Euro and further prizes of 500 Euro, a shopping voucher to the value of €500 kindly donated by SuperValu, a €250 voucher supplied by the Glenside and finally a voucher supplied by Howards Way for a meal for two with wine. I would like to thank these local businesses for their continued support of the College. I would like to acknowledge the work of our staff who do their work in such a positive, encouraging and professional manner supporting our students every day in so many ways.

To the students themselves the College is all about you. It is a great pleasure to see you engage positively with your education. It is important to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of every student. On behalf of the staff of De La Salle College I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, pleasant and happy Easter.

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Senior Cup Match vs Gormanston College

S.C.T. Match Report

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DE LA SALLE CHURCHTOWN

De La Salle College vs Gormanston College kicked off at 2pm on January 12th. The fixture was played on a crisp afternoon in Donnybrook. At the start of the match, this looked like anyone's game. Salle's left winger Fergus Balfe rewarded the hard work of his forwards, led by excellent captain Ryan McLoughlin-Heaphy, with two penalties to hold the scoreboard at 6-5 in favour of De La Salle in the 16th minute.

Gormanston College scrum-half Matthew Flanagan proved himself a danger and his first try came after a mistake at the De La Salle lineout, allowing the ball to fall to Gormanston second row Olamide Okusaga who broke away down the right wing and was tackled close to the try line by De La Salle's centre Daniel Slattery. De La Salle returned strong and got into a good position on the pitch but unfortunately for De La Salle the ball was recycled quickly and the next phase led to Daly's try. Lack of concentration from Salle led to centre Tom Downes finishing the scoring in the first half with a swerving run through the centre of De La Salle's backline to give his

side a 17-6 lead at the interval..

In the second half Centre Jack Mitchell showed a clean pair of heels accelerating over the try line to confirm Gormanston's dominance in the second half. His try was converted by in the 45th minute to give Gormanston a 24-6 lead.

Despite the attempts of Eoghan Hennessy and Adam Nealon to string backline moves together De La Salle could not get close to the try line. Although the introduction of Oussama Bouattoura, David Clarke and Carlos Carabias Bacenilla gave De La Salle a different dimension in the last 15 minutes. At long last Oussama Bouattoura finally scored De La Salle's first try. His low body angle and superior strength drove him over the line with Adam Nealon drop-kicking over the conversion in the 68th minute but despite their efforts it was too late for Salle to come back.

De La Salle; 15:Jake Finlay, 14:Sibusiso Buthelezi, 13:Daniel Slattery, 12:Nathan O'Donovan, 11:Fergus Balfe, 10:Adam Nealon, 9:Alejandro Laforga, 1:Patrick Riordan, 2:Ryan Fitzgerald, 3:Cameron Stewart, 4:Samuel Byrne, 5:Eoin McDaid, 6:Conor O'Donovan, 7:Daniel Byrne,

8:Ryan McLoughlin-Heaphy (capt).

Replacements: Eoghan Hennessy for Laforga 9 mins; Carlos Carabias Bacenilla for O'Donovan ht; Oussama Bouattoura for Riordan 41 mins; David Clarke for Finlay 55 mins; Cian Moody for McLoughlin-Heaphy, Gerard McTague for McDaid, Mark Donnelly for Stewart, Conor Lynch for Buthelezi all 68 mins.

Gormanston: 15:Jamie Canning, 14:Josh McNamee, 13:Jack Mitchell, 12:Tom Downes, 11:Aaron Rock, 10:Daniel Morgan, 9:Matthew Flanagan, 1:Cormac Murphy, 2:Gavin Daly, 3:Sean Power, 4:Jamie Morrissey, 5:Olamide Okusaga, 6:Jonathan Niall, 7:Germain Mogilevski, 8:Andrew Pryor (capt).

Replacements: John Callan for Rock, Matthew Christie for Murphy both 66 mins; Andrew Brown for Niall 67 mins.

It was too little too late for De La Salle and Gormanston ended the game as deserved winners.

At Donnybrook – Gormanston College 24 (M Flanagan try, 2 cons; G Daly, T Downes, J Mitchell try each); De La Salle Churchtown 13 (O Bouattoura try; F Balfe 2 pens, Adam Nealon con);

Lughaidh Lynch

Junior Cup Match vs Good Counsel

The conditions were perfect for the match on Churchtown's fine pitches. There was a good buzz and tension around the school in the run up to the game. Salle warmed up well with complete concentration. The two captains Blanco and O'Neill went in for the coin toss with the referee Jamie Webster.

Devitt of Salle kicks off the game. Salles defence from the start is solid and it looks as though nothing will get through them. Munor starts an exciting run up the wing beating many

defenders, but nothing comes of it and Good Counsel turn over the ball and they proceed to counter attack. They make good ground through the strong runners of their pack and get close to the line but Munor puts in a try saving tackle. The pressure got too much for Salle and the big runner of Adgebessan got over the line in the 12th minute. Wallace missed the conversion. Salle didn't give up and returned strongly with a swerving run down the pitch by Balfe which got the home crowd excited, but a harsh decision at the break-

down by the ref gave Good Counsel the ball back. This did not phase the mighty Salle and they returned with a flashy attack that Ferrera got on the end of and levelled up the match in the 18th minute. Captain Blanco slotted the conversion to put Salle in the lead. This try seemed to bring out the Good Counsel and they came back superbly with another barrelling run by Adgebessan who was untouched to the try line in the 25th minute. B. O'Neill took the kick this time and did not miss. Good Counsel went in at half time 12-7 up.

Salle started the second half strongly and were on the attack from the get go but could not penetrate the outstanding defence. Munor continued to put in brilliant tackles but wasn't enough and the half time substitute Wall walsed over the white line. The conversion was missed. Salle continue to work hard but can't take their opportunities. Good Counsels captain leads by example and hits a great line to get through Salles defence and under the posts. The conversion is successful. Salle go down fighting and don't give up but Blanco receives a yellow card due to his frustration. Good Counsel finish the game with a successful penalty and the game ends 27-7 to Good Counsel.

De La Salle will not advance to the Junior Cup!

Adam Nealon



Sing Street

On Thursday the 8th of December the students of TY went to the Irish Film Institute in the city centre to watch Sing Street. A film created by John Carney, a past pupil of De La Salle.

Before the movie started, we were given a brief description of what the movie was going to be about and a bit of information about the director John Carney.

The movie itself was set in Dublin in the 1980s and was full of unique and catchy music. The movie was humorous and made

you feel good after watching it. Overall it was a great film and I can easily say that we all enjoyed watching.

The director, John Carney was a past pupil of our school, De La Salle College. Before Sing Street he wrote and directed Begin Again and Once. His movie Once, won multiple awards and even won an Oscar for Best Achievement in Music Written for Motion Pictures, Original Song. Now his movie Sing Street is nominated for a Golden Globe and I hope he wins it as it was a brilliant movie.

Jack Barrett



Past pupil John Carney

Athletics

Ms Lowry is running the athletics club in the school. Training is on Thursdays after school and anyone is welcome to join. The team took part in the Leinster XC competitions on the 6th of December in Ballineter. The junior team did very well. Tadgh Finlay came first in the first year cross country. Abdulrahman and Ahmed Jelidi did well in the second year race with Ahmed coming 5th. The senior team were also very successful. Ger McTague came second and Jake Finlay and Conor Lynch came third in their races at the Dundrum Athletic pitches.



Badminton

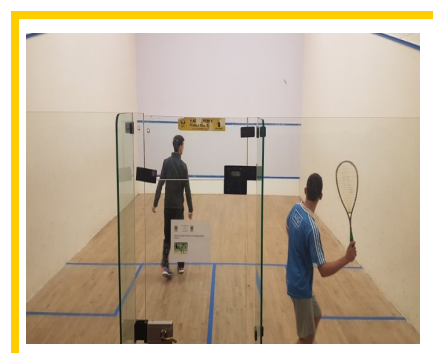
The DLSC badminton team are one of the most successful sports teams in the school. They are doing exceptionally this year and a lot of that is down to their coach, Lynn McCrave. Our U19 A team got to the Leinster finals where they were runners up which is a fantastic achievement. This is the third year in a row now for DLSC reaching the Leinster finals. Our U19s were also runners up in the Dublin finals in a tense match which they lost 4-2. Our U16 A team got to the Dublin semi finals. Our U14s also got to the Dublin semi finals, both our A team and our B team. This has been a fantastic season and shows the quality we have throughout our years



Squash

Every Tuesday and Friday after school there are great games of squash being played. Sometimes there might be the rare occasion when some of the enthusiastic players brave the court to play the teachers who decide that it might be a bit of fun. There are upcoming tournaments that the boys are training hard for. The lads will be playing boys from St. Fintan's High School, Blackrock College and a school from Carlow.

There are also two free memberships for Leinster Cricket Club up for grabs at the moment. This entails all the players playing each other for the spots. Best of luck!



Christmas Fair

On Saturday 3rd December, TY students volunteered to help and start our very own De La Salle Christmas Fair. The students arrived at Supervalu at 12.00pm and helped sell a variety of homemade Christmas cards, decorations, and treats.

To lift the spirits, the TY students were accompanied by the first years who sang Christmas songs and carols. The day was a huge success and really helped spread the word for the fair during the school week. Thanks to Ms Kelleher and her art students for making all of the Christmas decorations and cards. The TY mini company was also involved; they made Yule Logs and sold them at the fair.

During the following week extra TY students volunteered to go down to the stall outside Supervalu and help sell the Christmas Items. The items that were for sale were Christmas Cards, Yule Logs, Wreaths, Christmas Jars, Christmas Mason Jars, Christmas Bulbs, Reindeer Food and Kids Christmas Treats. All of these items were homemade from the art room and they sold really well. A raffle was also held at the stall with a chance to win a giant chocolate hamper.

Helping out at the fair was good fun and it surprisingly got a lot of us in a Christmas mood. The Christmas Cards, Yule Logs and the raffle were the best selling items.

Just under €1000 was made at the fair, which helped us raise the money to get Ms Kelleher a Kiln to put in her art room to help clay making easier. We look forward to seeing the creations that Ms Kelleher and her Junior and Leaving Cert art students produce.

Adam Dunne



Jersey Presentation

The senior rugby team and students of De La Salle College Churchtown celebrated a momentous occasion on the 11th of January 2016 that they will never forget.

In preparation for the senior team's tie against Gormanstown College, they received brand new jersey's courtesy of a very generous Ms. O'Connell and Joe Moroney Coach Hire, their sponsor. This sleek new design is a reward for all of their hard work and hours they have put in to achieving their goal of winning the cup, something that has not been done in a wine and gold jersey in over 30 years. Players, coaches and students alike hope this new gift will give their team the push they need to storm past Gormanstown College and into the next round of the cup.

There was also a very special guest handing out the jerseys to the senior team. A former De La Salle student and Irish international rugby player who

currently ply's his trade with Connacht: Niyi Adeolokun!

The former Lasallian was very warmly received by all of the students and staff present. A montage of Niyi's best moments for club and country were shown to the students. This was met with cheers, shouting and whistles in support of Adeolokun. Niyi presented everyone on the squad with their jerseys individually. He gave the squad some words of advice and encouragement for the game the next day. After the ceremony, he surprised the squad by going out and training with them and giving them some of his expert knowledge on the game!!

Adam Nealon



Croke Park

On March 2nd all of TY went on a great day out to our very own Croke Park. The TY classes spent the day getting a tour of the Croke Park museum, engaging in a variety of activities, a behind the scenes documentary, a tour of the dressing rooms, the lounge room, warm up room, tour of the pitch and sat in the VIPs area.

The tour of the stadium was really enjoyable and interesting to learn about the background of all the sports that are played today and how differently they are played now compared to hundreds of years ago. The hurling pitches back then could be up to 5km long and now they are only 90 meters long!

The activities on the second floor included a variety of sports simulators which was really good and everyone was lining up to have a go of

a game. The stadium itself was huge and sitting in the VIP area was great, one of TYs ended up sitting in The Presidents seat, next to him was another TY pupil sitting in the President's wife seat (Which gave the tour guide have a good laugh about). Over all the day, for my first time being in the stadium it was great and all of TY really enjoyed the day too. Dmitri Griffin



St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser

On the 13th of December a "Festive Fun Day" was held in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul charity. As part of the Festive Fun Day, a bake sale was held to raise funds. TYL made a range baked goods, including cakes, cup cakes and chocolate rice cakes. Other baked goods such as pastries and brownies were also donated from parents to help support the Bake Sale. They were sold at various prices during small break and helped raise a considerable amount for St. Vincent de Paul. As well as the Bake sale, students from all years were encouraged to wear a festive jumper.

In the hall, a Giving Tree was set up whereby students from every year could purchase a gift for a less fortunate child as part of the SVP Giving Tree initiative. TY students gave out giving tree tags to every class.

On the tag was a child's age and gender so that a present could be bought that was fitting for the child.

Seán Benson



Merit Awards

The merit awards take place every term as recognition of students who have earned a bronze, silver or gold award due to their hard work in the previous term. The Merit System works as a way to reward students for exceptional work, school spirit, showing leadership and improvement.

When a teacher deems that a student has accomplished something noteworthy, they give the student a Merit in the Merit section of their journal. The Merit System aims to encourage

students to focus and achieve their full potential.

Merit Award ceremonies take place four times a year. Before each ceremony, the class tutor counts each student's individual Merits. If a student has received the required amount of Merits, they will receive a Merit Award in the following Award ceremony based on their amount of Merits. When a student receives a Bronze Award they receive a Bronze badge, a certificate and a festive prize. Then the student can aim for the Silver

Award and if they achieve it then the Gold Award is attainable. The Merit System also awards the class with the highest number of Merits in each year group. This class receives a class prize such as a film with pizza.

Seán
Benson



Golf

Our DLSC golf team had a great year, playing on some of the most prestigious golf courses in Dublin. With a tough group in the Leinster Senior schools competition, our golf team really had to be on their game. In our group we had St. Michaels College, Belvedere College, CBC Monkstown, Terenure College and St. Marys. We hosted Terenure, Belvedere and St. Marys on our home course, Castle Golf Club but unfortunately in the

tough winter elements could not manufacture a win. Our golf team of Jake Finlay, Adam Nealon, Tadhg Finlay and Lughaidh Lynch travelled out to the tremendous courses of Royal County Dublin to battle against the renowned St. Michaels College. It was extremely tight right down to the final few holes but knowledge of the course and home advantage turned it in favour of St. Michaels. They also travelled out to Woodbrook Golf Club in Bray to face CBC Monk-

stown, an outstanding performance gave Salle a great win in the competition. That was not all for the golf team as three of the team, Jake, Adam and Tadhg entered an Irish Schools Stableford competition which was also in Woodbrook golf club. The lads performed superbly in that competition against some of Ireland's best young golfers and scored really well!

Adam Nealon



Le Cheile

'Le Chéile' is a principal conference of 64 schools which happens every year and this year it was held in the Hudson Bay Hotel Ahtlone Co. Roscommon. Sib and Daniel from 5th year represented De La Salle College. Sib read at the of the conference and Daniel played the guitar to represent the ethos of the school and its fonder. The school also had to make a short film before the conference. The film was about our founder, what he did and how our school lives this ethos hun-

dreds of years later. The film was a project for the Student Council, with members of all years taking part. With a little help from Mr Martin and Mr Cronin, the lads produced an excellent piece. There were two students from all 64 schools who broke off into pairs, discussed the ethos of the school and when they were finished they presented their findings.

Dmitri Griffin



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T.Y. Mini-Company

This year is one of De La Salle's most successful mini companies by far. From hot chocolate to Fifa 17 tournaments, to selling key rings, this year the lads have picked up plenty of spending money for the summer.

They have the opportunity to come up with ideas and pursue them through mini company. The students put in a small amount of money to cover the expenses of the ingredients, materials etc. Then they get chance to go sell their product to students and members of the public.

The first group started in November with "ChocoSalle" selling hot chocolate and tea to

students and teachers, they have been on and off all year but have made just over €100 so far. Coming up soon will be a Fifa 17 tournament. The last mini company group have been the most successful this school has ever had, with just a simple idea selling 'I love Churchtown' key rings for only €2 each and if you want a customised key ring, only €3 each. The lads have made over €900 which will be a lot of spending money for the 8 of them during the summer. Here's hoping the mini company will have a few more ideas coming up to the end of the year.

Adam Dunne

Internet Safety

On 18th January, All TY classes attended an Internet Safety Workshop presented in the study hall by Zeeko. Zeeko is a company that goes all around Ireland giving talks and speeches all about internet safety and the dangers of the internet. It was a good talk because it showed us the inside of talking the strangers and what can happen if you talk to strangers on the internet. The talk was an eye opener and we all learned a lot about the internet and the consequences of doing careless things.



T.Y. Belfast Trip

At the start of February, TY took an enlightening trip up to Belfast for the day. The day included a tour of the Titanic museum and a tour of the murals all around Shankill.

The Titanic museum was really good; it had lots of interactive games and activities. The museum included a cable car, a virtual reality room and lots of interactive activities to learn more information about the Titanic. In my opinion the best part about the museum was the virtual room, it gave you a virtual tour of the Titanic and it

made you feel as if you were actually on the ship itself.

The tour of murals around Shankill road was really interesting and the work and how much effort they put into their murals are truly amazing. There were murals everywhere you looked; on the side of houses, buildings etc. The best mural of them all was the Bobby Sands mural, everyone stopped outside the mural to get a picture with it. We drove by lots of memorial gardens and stopped at one of them, it had names of kids and adults around the area that died during the troubles.

The best bit of the whole thing was the peace wall; we all got to sign our names along the wall amongst thousands of names that are signed along the 5km wall. Overall the day was great and I doubt there isn't one person that could say they didn't learn something new on that day.



Alcohol Anonymous

On 19th January, all TY classes had a presentation on Alcohol as a part of the Thursday activities. Two people from Alcoholics Anonymous came in to talk to us all and tell us the dangers and the inside of alcoholism. They described alcoholism as a disease not a habit. They both talked about their experience with

alcohol and how they overcame their disease and how they are still battling with it and how they still consider themselves as alcoholics.

There was also a video that showed actors, describing real life situations and how they got through alcoholism. It was a good inside to us all as that may be one of us in the future and we know now

that there is always a place and people to help you get through it.

Adam Dunne



Sport Science

Sports Science is an optional module as part of the TY curriculum. It takes place every Tuesday from 2.25pm to 3.45pm. From September to November, the Sports Science students learned how to teach football to Primary school pupils. They also learned about the increasingly developing field of sports research into areas such as the importance of nutrition, how biomechanics work and why exercise physiology is necessary in today's world of sport.

Sports Science students were given tasks each week to come up with a drill for next week based on one skill such as passing or shooting. Then during the class, the students took turns showcasing their drill by coaching their classmates. This helped to build up confidence for coaching the national school kids.

When the students had all completed a set of training drills, it was time to apply it to real coaching. Every Tuesday for five

weeks, groups of three to five students went out to primary schools in the area and taught the pupils until they had mastered the basics of football.

Seán Benson



Glasnevin Cemetery Tour

On the 9th February 2017, the TY students visited the historic site of Glasnevin Cemetery. We were taken on a tour of the cemetery by two tour guides. We visited the graves of historical figures such as Eamonn de Valera, James Larkin and Michael Collins. We were also shown the gravestone of Charles Stuart Parnell, who had been buried in a mass-grave along with hundreds of TB victims.

The tower was under renovations so it was unfortunately closed on the day of the visit, however we did get to visit the chamber of Daniel O'Connell, who has the biggest memorial in the 1.5 million body cemetery. After the tour, we had something to eat and then returned back to the school.

Seán Benson



You are Invited



Please join us to celebrate some significant rugby milestones with old friends and coaches.

- Formal presentation in recognition of the retirement of rugby 'stalwarts'.
- The official opening of our SCT Captains board in memory of the late Damien McCoy (RIP).
- The switching on of our recently erected training lights.
- Presentation to the College of our 4th Capped Irish international (& current Connacht winger) Niyi Adeolokun's Irish jersey to the College.



Fri 31st March 2017 | 7:15pm
Venue: De La Salle College Churchtown



**The Theme for the 2016/2017
De la Salle writing competition is...**
POWER!!!

Students from all years can enter a short story, poem or
song lyrics!!!

Submit via email to:
writingcomp@delasallecollege.com

**Give handwritten work to English
Teachers.**

Deadline: Friday 31st

Prizes: Cinema tickets for winner of each year group

Kindle for overall winner!



Parents Association

The Parent's Association is a group of volunteering parents. We meet once a month with senior staff members of De la Salle. We discuss goals for the coming year, social events and fundraising ideas. Our Parents Association is a structure through which parents /guardians can work together for the best possible education for our boys. As a parent/guardian of a boy in the school you are automatically a member of the Parent's Association. Since our last newsletter entry....

Bags2School

Our annual Bags2school fundraiser is growing from strength to strength and the PA were delighted with the number of bags that were brought to De La Salle on the 9th of December 2016. A huge thank you to all our TY students (and teachers) for their support in making the fundraiser a success by extending the appeal to the greater community. TYs designed and delivered leaflets to houses in the Churchtown area, helped with the storage of donated bags and the packing of the van on collection day. Thank you too to all the parents who took the time to donate a bag and to the boys for bringing them to school on the day. The parent's association are pleased to announce that we raised €285.

PDST Well Read National Award

The "Well-Read National Award" is an initiative organised by the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). The aim of the initiative is to create a heightened awareness about the importance of creating a culture of reading in school communities. The initiative seeks to involve all stakeholders who impact on a student's learning including teachers, parents, BOM and the wider community.

The PA at present are working in partnership with the school to help get parents and students involved in reading and books in DLS. To help DLS with its portfolio the PA compiled a student survey. All students present at registration on Friday 3rd February completed a short survey. The objective of this survey was to gain an insight into the school library usage, time spent reading and what books are of interest to the boys. The results of this survey will give us valuable information that can then be used to enhance our school library and reading for all our students at DLS. Many thanks to DLS Librarian Loraine for all her help to date.

New Kiln for DLS

They PA were delighted to be able to help with the funding for the schools purchase of a Kiln for the Art room. The Parents Association made a contribution of 1000 euro in February 2017. We look forward to seeing the new clay work that Ms Kelleher and the boys will now be able to produce.

Tesco /DLS Bag Pack Fundraiser

The PA are pleased to announce that we have secured a DLS Bag Pack Fundraiser on Friday March 24th from 6pm-9pm and Saturday 25th March from 10am – 6pm in Tesco Nutgrove. At the moment, we are busy organising timetable for DLS boys to help on that week-end. We aim to use the money raised for the school library.

The PA are involved in social events for parents and boys and fundraising as well as other ways to support the school and its students. We welcome any parent who would be able to help out for specific projects or events at any stage throughout the year. If you can spare a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact us directly on e-mail at pa.dlscollege@gmail.com.



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send it to:

newsletter@delasallecollege.com

Upcoming Events

- **Bag Packing**, Tesco Nutgrove, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th
- **Parent-Teacher Meeting**, Monday 27th March
1st / 5th year parents
- **TY Subject Choice**, Thursday 30th March
An information evening will be held for TY students and
parents to discuss subject choice for Leaving cert.
- **French Orals**, Thursday 30th - Friday 31st
- **Irish Orals**, 3rd-5th April
- **Easter Break**, 10th - 24th April
- **Bank Holiday**, Monday 1st May
- **Sports Day**, Friday 5th May (subject to change)
- **De La Salle Day**, Friday 12th May
- **4th Year Graduation**, Tuesday 23rd May
- **6th Year Graduation**, Thursday 25th May
- **Summer Exams**, Friday 26th May - 2nd June
- **Leaving / Junior Cert exams**, Wednesday 7th June

Emmanuel 2017

On the 7th of March De La Salle took part in the Emmanuel Concert 2017. Emmanuel is a liturgical concert that takes place every year in the Helix Concert Hall, DCU. This year our fifth year students and Mr. Forde represented the college. Emmanuel included 59 schools, 21 songs and more than 2,300 students.

This spectacular concert was in the Helix for 4 days; March 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. De La Salle was a part of the Tuesday concert. The concert started at 7.30pm and ended around 10.00pm. Our students had been practising in school before the concert and their hard work paid off as the evening was a huge success. Congratulations to everyone involved. Who knew we had so many wonderful voices in our midst?
Dmitri Griffin

