



Midleton C.B.S

Newsletter Summer 2021

A Word from the Principal

2020/2021 was an unusual school year because of the pandemic that surrounds us.

Thank you to all our school community for helping to keep Covid-19 out of our school in any major way.

It has been difficult for everyone, but staff and students stuck to government guidelines as best they could and adhered to all the protocols put in place. Thank you to the parents for the continued support with regard to keeping Midleton CBS a safe place.

Hopefully in September we will have a school back to normal in relation to activities that the students have missed since last year. Sincere thanks to all those who contributed to this newsletter, with special thanks to Mr Adrian Desmond.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during what was an exceptional school year where teaching and learning also occurred virtually in Midleton CBS.

Enjoy the summer holidays and keep safe.

Niall Ahern

Principal

Transition Year Update:

TY this year experienced significant disruption from the restrictions surrounding Covid-19. Despite this however we were able to run almost all of our usual events. September and October saw our two day trips to the Ballyhass and Fota Island Adventure Centres. From January to Easter the learning moved online with Google Classroom and the team from IACT Computer Training provided an online computer skills training platform for our students.

Since returning after Easter we have worked within the restrictions to run our Positive Mental Health Workshops with Declan Browne. The team from Health and Fitness Ireland ran an Exercise and Nutrition workshop. We took part virtually in the IBEC Careers Online event and have just returned from the Oysterhaven Adventure Centre for our annual watersports day.

Garda Sheedy has met with all the classes as part of Midleton Garda community outreach programme, guitar classes with Johnny Powell continued and we have attended the Johnson and Johnson Virtual facility tour and career seminar. Hopefully next year will see less Covid related disruption and a full programme of events. Until then we wish each of our TY's the very best as they continue their studies with us.

B. Speight & F. Finn

Sponsored Walk/Run for House Build Project Lima:

On Friday March 26th our 5th Years participated in a sponsored 5km Run/Walk on our new CBS Wellbeing Walkway to help fund and build a family home in Lima, Peru.

Later that afternoon at 2.45pm, Br. Steve Casey a Christian Brother working with some of the poorest people on the planet, completed a "Live Zoom Link" with our 5th Years in their classrooms at Midleton CBS to view the house and meet the construction team as well as the family who received their new home as a Lenten gift from our school community. Then in May, following fundraising by our Junior School enough money was raised to build a second home in Lima for new parents Jhonny, Maria, their son Jarod and a new baby girl to come at the end of the month. Thanks to Mr Kelly for organising.



Midleton CBS has been awarded the eTwinning School Label 2021-2022:

eTwinning offers a platform for staff (teachers, year heads, SNAs, etc.), working in a school in one of the European countries involved, to communicate, collaborate, develop projects, share and, in short, feel and be part of the most exciting learning community in Europe. eTwinning is co-funded by the Erasmus+, the European programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport.



Erasmus+ meetings have also continued with 6 TY students meeting up with 40 other students online from Bulgaria, Greece, Germany and Finland in recent weeks. They assessed their findings over the past two years in various topics including the environment, gender issues, nationalism, economics and digital media.

On the last day students broke up into 6 different workshops and each group implemented a change to solve the aforementioned problems. We are happy the project did not stop because of Covid and with the power of technology was able to continue. Thanks to Ms Fynn and Ms Barrett for all their work.

It has been a busy Last Term in Midleton C.B.S



National Flag Raising Ceremony:

On the 16th of March in association with the Thomas Francis Meagher Foundation, Midleton CBS took part in the 2021 Irish Flag Day. The aim was to promote pride and respect for the Irish Flag and its symbolism of peace and unity between all the people of our island. In union with the Foundation our school flag was presented to Midleton CBS by President Michael D. Higgins at a ceremony in Waterford in 2016.

In a modern and diverse Ireland our school is at the forefront in embracing people of all backgrounds, ethnicities and creeds as we gather around the Irish Flag in a spirit of peace, respect, diversity and inclusion.

Our Flag Ceremony on the eve of our national holiday was a celebration of active citizenship and inclusion in Midleton CBS. Through it we recognised the flags and nationalities of everyone within our school community. The raising of the flag of the Irish People during this Covid-19 global pandemic was particularly poignant as it symbolised our school coming together to create a community of hope for Ireland's future.

The socially distanced gathering included the Principal, Deputy Principals, members of the Student Council, teaching staff, SNAs and a selection of students.



Earth Hour:

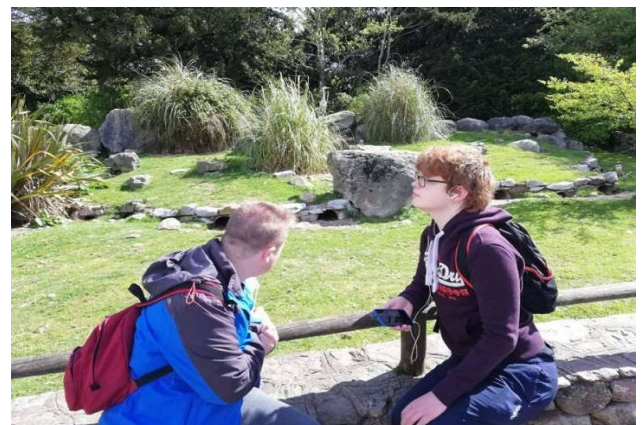
In an initiative to review our energy consumption and in unison with almost 300 Edmund Rice Schools globally, students and staff in Midleton CBS participated in Earth Hour. Everyone involved turned off all their lights on March 27th from 8:30pm – 9:30pm.



Homeroom Visit to Fota Wildlife Park:

Throughout the year our homeroom students have engaged in a number of biodiversity nature projects and trips as part of our School of Sanctuary preparations.

Our final trip of the year was to Fota Wildlife Park where our students enjoyed walking through the 100 acres of green land with over 100 different species.



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Sport:

Below are some pictures as a tribute to our 6th years who contributed so much to sport in Midleton CBS. They didn't get to play their final games for the school this year as all school sport was cancelled but we hope their friendships, skill and character that was developed while playing for Midleton CBS will last a lifetime.



Hurling



Soccer



Football



Basketball



Rugby



Orienteering



Some of the many trophies won

