



DE LA SALLE COLLEGE

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Message from the Principal

Welcome to the Student Council De La Salle College Christmas Newsletter. There has been many successes to celebrate, both academic and in the area of extra-curricular activities in the school so far this year. As we come to the end of this school term, I would like to thank the De La Salle Brothers in the College Community, staff members, Board of Management, Parents Association, students and parents for their continued support this term. I hope you and your family have a lovely Christmas and every good wish for 2020.

Margaret Betts



De La Salle College Remembers Karl Kirby RIP



We remember our dear friend Karl Kirby.....

"The first time I met Karl was in 6th class, Summer 2014. We got up to a lot of mischief and that was about it. From then on myself and Karl did a lot of growing up together. Now I struggle to find a memory of doing anything new without him."

Vincent Fleming

"I remember one night in his house when we ordered far too much pizza and yet still ate every slice. It is one of my most treasured memories and we still talk about the 'pizza night' today."

Cormac Doolan

"Karl has to be one of the funniest and most outgoing people I ever met. He was one of my closest friends since day one of First Year and I can safely say all my memories of time spent with Karl are happy ones. We were in the same primary school but in different classes. Karl will always be in my and all the lads

hearts and memories as one of our dearest friends. He made us laugh and feel good, leaving each of us many precious memories."

Aaron Stenson

"I will never forget my friend Karl. He always lit up every single room he stepped into.

When I sat beside him in primary school, he used to make me laugh by whispering jokes into my ear. He also took great delight in pushing me off the diving board in the Guilaumenes when he knew I was afraid of the cold water. Karl's amazing humour and ability to make me laugh are the first things that come to mind when I think of him."

Chris Malone

"Karl was a wonderful young man with a heart of gold. But it was our laughs together that I will never forget. We both shared a certain crazy humour. This incredibly musically talented friend was always full of life and fun to be around."

Josh Hogan

"I will never forget sitting at the back of a certain Irish teacher's class, laughing and messing the entire time. Not only did we annoy the teacher, we annoyed Jack and Aaron in front of us. This is just one of the many wonderful memories which I will always treasure."

Jack O' Neill

"I will always remember Karl at the Christmas Concert 2017, when he was in

TY. Without having to be asked he took on the role of stage manager and head of sound. All the performers were looked after with mics, chairs, stands. Whatever they requested they got. He was running mad the whole night organising everything and everyone. But at the same time he played solo pieces on the piano, and double bass and managed to play and sing in a few bands as well!! What a man."

Br. Ben

"I remember playing Chopin's Revolutionary Study with Karl in the chapel. Karl played the fiendish left hand and I played the right. He was determined to play – even with one hand – and he was totally brilliant!! I missed him all night during this year's Christmas Concert and know that he is always with us."

Margaret McCann

"Karl was one of a kind. Whatever he did he did with skill and excellence and a smile. We all miss him. I'll remember him playing a piano concerto written for left hand only when he had lost the use of his right hand. Nothing was going to stop him playing music."

Pamela Harrison



50 years as a De La Salle Brother - Br. Ben Interview



To mark Br. Ben's celebration of 50 years since joining the De La Salle brothers, Student Council Members carried out an interview to showcase his experiences and the journey he has followed since becoming a brother and we were all intrigued to hear his story.

You have celebrated 50 years since becoming a De La Salle Brother. Could you tell us what that means to you?

I didn't really give it a lot of thought to be honest! You just go on with day to day life. I feel that it has afforded me a very meaningful and fulfilled life. I have always taught and love doing that, and I hope the people I have met throughout the years have enjoyed it too! Being here in Waterford with this community has allowed me to become a bigger person.

How did you celebrate?

I met the brothers who joined with me, and we visited St. John's Church, Kilkenny and held an impromptu prayer service. Teachers in school surprised me when I thought I was attending a meeting and there was actually a gathering. A few of the lads from the senior choir came in and sang for us which made it very special. We also had a celebratory mass and meal in Castletown with the other brothers.

What were the influences that inspired you to become a brother?

When I left to become a brother, I was in primary school. There were brothers coming around and getting names of those interested. The following year I left for the school and at the tender age of 17, I took my first vows. When I look back now, I was very young and not how I would encourage anybody nowadays who might be thinking of vocation. I would encourage them to go out and see some of the world and continue their studies. Having said that, I really enjoy my life and wouldn't change it.

You have celebrated many achievements throughout your time here in De La Salle College. Would you tell us about some moments that were special to you?

Some of them have been musical, with the number of shows and concerts we have put on over the years, which I have really enjoyed. Also, with the choir, in particular having won a couple of competitions, and even if you don't win, they are wonderful events and I would always be very competitive. Another great moment was when I retired and was honoured with a great concert. It was as if my whole life was flashing before me and the whole element of surprise that came with that was great.

I have been on a Camino walk with people, students,

teachers, brothers, parents or friends, a long walk and we have been talking and sharing and I will always have these experiences and memories to cherish.

Music has played a major role in your life. Did you always love music, and do you come from a musical family?

I did come from a musical family. I always remembered on a Sunday night our father would line us all up to sing songs. It was a big deal for him, he loved it and my mother would join in with the accordion too. My mother sang in church every Sunday. They loved to sing to us in the car and we had our songs to sing too. They really liked it which transferred to us and now I am open to all types of music. I love choral as I have spent lots of time working with choirs, but I like all genres, classical, Beethoven, contemporary and many more.

Would you feel that music helped you to fulfil your role as a brother and a teacher?

I have no doubt that it did. One of the great things in teaching music was that students came voluntarily so there was always a layer of excitement as they chose it. I have done further studies in music composition and without the choir I would have never considered it. I have also travelled to various functions and met lots of people and shared music and I still love simple things like playing in mass and the atmosphere of everybody joining in. It's very much part of my life and who I am today.

What brings you happiness?

All sorts of things. Being a brother and I think being a team person. My father always told us to work in harmony and I think that's why I enjoy the choir as it's not a solo run, but everybody in unison and that's what I love about school too, where we are all working together, whether it's a concert or classes. I enjoy team things where we are all contributing, and something happens as a result. 'Cooperation makes the nation' to use the old phrase. I know I have got that through music and my friends and family. My relationship with God is also important as it underpins what I do.



What advice would you give to students here in De La Salle about life as they go forward? Any words of wisdom?

To be themselves, I never cease to be amazed at how talented and kind they are. I would advise them to trust in themselves to value their gifts and talents, and put those to the services of others to help others.

By Bill Branigan and Conor Twomey.

'Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' **14th-18th October 2019**



This year's school musical 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' took place in October and it is fair to say that the photos do not do it justice. Based on the biblical story of Joseph from the book of Genesis, we follow the story of Joseph and his 11 brothers. He is given a coat of many colours by his father, which is symbolic of his favour and an object of his brothers' jealousy. The talented cast brought us all on a wonderful and breath-taking journey as the plot unfolds.

This year saw an abundance of talent not only from our own school but also from other neighbouring schools such as the Ursuline, Mercy, Waterpark, Presentation and Gaelscholáiste.

Isaac Casey (5th year) took on the lead role of Joseph and had strong support in the form of the 11 brothers (Jack Kavanagh, Conor O Mahony, Cian Cunningham, Cormac Walsh, Liam Frampton, Jack De Courcey, Oisin Cooke, Robbie Grogan, Brian Cahill, Charlie Joe Nevin, Callum Mc Geary). All the chorus along with Potiphar (Ruairi Fleming), Pharaoh (Peter Rafter) and Jacob (Ben Tynan Dunphy) really made this musical come alive.

It was a massive success and was hugely supported by the Waterford community. This great performance would not have been possible without the help of teachers, parents, De La Salle College students, in particular students of TY and of course the talented cast, not forgetting the amazing director,

choreographer and musical director (Vicki Graham, Jenny White and Fearghal O' Connor).



A huge congratulations to all involved, we are already trying to guess what next year's show will be. Just a heads-up, auditions for next year's show will take place during the Easter holidays so start stretching those vocal chords!

By Michael Phelan and Thomas Phelan.



Swimming Success

Congratulations to the following students: Tamas Karmazin, Noah Cowman, Darragh Hayes, Max Dushyk and Rohit Das who distinguished themselves individually and as a team in the Munster Schools Swimming competition in University of Limerick.

They achieved 2nd place in the medley relay team event and also Tamas Karmazin came 1st in the butterfly event and has qualified for the Irish Swimming competition in March.

Well done to all 5 students for representing the school and all the commitment and dedication they show to their local swim clubs and a big thank you to Ms. Ryan for all her help.



Gaisce Awards

Congratulations to all students from last year's TY group who received their bronze Gaisce Awards in September. They took part in various activities throughout the year and have now been recognised in light of their achievement. Gaisce or 'great achievement' is a self-development programme for young people between the ages of 15-25 and has been in existence since 1985. The Awards initially flourished under the patronage of former President Patrick. J. Hillery and to date have been carried by incoming President's. To date over 300,000 young people have participated in the Gaisce programme. The students used a wide range of skills in areas of community involvement, personal skill and physical activity.

A big thank you to teachers Ms. McDonagh and Ms. Butler Kelly for working with the students throughout the year and for co-ordinating the Gaisce Programme in De La Salle College.



2DMG Kilkenny History Trip



In early October, Ms. Duggan and Ms. Conway brought the class 2DMG to Kilkenny for a history trip. At 9am they left De La Salle College, filled with excitement for a day out of school. The journey lasted about an hour on the bus and upon arrival, the first place of interest on their itinerary was Kilkenny Castle.

There, they experienced an informative and interactive tour of this fascinating building. Following lunch, they walked over to the Medieval Mile Museum. They heard about not only the rich history of Kilkenny, but also of the history of the church where the museum itself is situated. Afterwards, they enjoyed a brief stroll around the city of Kilkenny before heading back to Waterford. A great day was had by all!

Thanks to both Ms. Duggan and Ms. Conway for giving their students the opportunity to see a sample of the fantastic history that Ireland has to offer!

By Killian Calvey

German Trip - October 2019

16 German students in 5th and 6th year travelled to Cologne with their German teachers Ms. Conway and Ms. Boyd for 5 days at the end of October. They visited Michael Schumacher's private memorabilia collection in Motorworld, the Lindt Chocolate Museum, the Sport and Olympics museum where they played football on the roof top pitch overlooking the river Rhein. A trip to the former Gestapo headquarters was a poignant reminder of the city's history. A particular highlight was a tour of the FC Köln football stadium with the rather unusual club mascot Hennes the goat who lives in the Cologne Zoo and attends all of the club's home fixtures! It was a fantastic opportunity to practice their language skills and experience German culture.



Computer Club

Students have been enjoying computer club every week where they have been practicing and improving their IT skills, which are vital in many aspects of life today. The club runs each week on Wednesdays afterschool from 3:30 until 5:00.

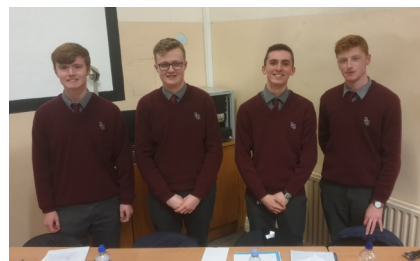
Many thanks to Br. William for setting up and running the club.

Senior Debating Team

Since October, members of the Senior Debating team Bill Branigan, Brian Cahill, Conor Twomey, Danny Dwyer, Fiachra Twohig, Oisín Henebery and Robert Frost have been taking part in the Concern Debating programme.

Concern debates afford students the opportunity to debate about topics affecting people in the developing world. It enables them to use skills such as critical thinking, research and public speaking. Motions have included topics such as armies, volunteering abroad and nuclear energy. Their hard work and dedication has secured 2 out of 3 successful wins thus far and we wish them the best of luck as they progress through the competition.

Many thanks to Ms. Dunne for her continuing support with the team.



1st Year Table Quiz

All 1st Year DLS students competed in a Table Quiz run throughout November by the Student Council.

The competition was intense on Monday and Tuesday (18-19 Nov) as all first-year students presented to participate in a general table quiz in the school hall. It was a lively event and obvious that the students enjoyed both the fun and the competition. The six highest achieving teams qualified for the final which took place on Tuesday 26th November.

The competition reached a whole new level among the 6 teams participating in the final! Hard luck to the runners up who were “pipped at the post” by just one point; Bradley Sadey, Ben Walsh, Jack Kirwan, Seán Devereux and Ewan Tynan. Heartiest congratulations to the deserving winners, Cillian Harrington, Gavin Doran, Avuzwa Sampo, and Sebastian Obico. Conor Twomey, Chairperson of the Student Council presented the winning team with cinema vouchers.



The Student Council would like to thank all who helped in this event, especially the subject teachers who contributed questions, the teachers of first year science who facilitated the event, and all Transition Year Students who assisted throughout.

Cillian Harrington, Gavin Doran, Avuzwa Sampo and Sebastian Obico, pictured below, front row, Conor Twomey, John Devereux, PJ Hennessy from the Student Council, back row.

On the 13th of November, the Student Council along with other members of the community met with Joe Gilson and Br. Chris Patino, a La Sallian brother from California, USA.

Our meeting took place in the parlour and centred around discussions based on what it was like to be a part of the De La Salle community. “Caring, charitable and supportive” were just some of the words put forward. We also reviewed areas of how to lead effectively and help others. We also looked at some topical issues for young people; Social media, Homelessness, Climate change, World hunger, Gender equality, Racism and all types of bullying and how as a school we can raise awareness and bring these issues to light so changes can be implemented. Br. Chris also met with groups including the schools La Sallian Leadership Team. As Br. Chris is involved in many La Sallian schools, we were very interested to hear about his experiences and insights with reference to above matters.

It was a pleasure meeting with Br. Chris and being able to welcome him to our school community.

By Darragh O' Dempsey

Br. Chris Patino Visit



Kevin Hyland OBE Presentations

On Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November, Kevin Hyland the former UK Anti-Slavery Commissioner and Head of New Scotland Yard Human Trafficking Unit, now Ireland's representative to the Council of Europe Trafficking Group of Experts, provided lectures to students at De La Salle College, Abbey Community College and many Secondary Schools in Waterford, to increase their awareness of human trafficking and importantly, exploring the role they can play in preventing this serious human rights abuse.

Areas covered included understanding the difference between smuggling and trafficking, the life of a victim, the Sustainable Development Goals, the role of communities and what is required of government, multilateral bodies such as the EU and UN and private business.

Press, local officials and politicians were also in attendance.

Particular reference was made to Frederick Douglas who came to Ireland in 1845 and spoke in Waterford having escaped slavery in Maryland, Virginia. He was later to be appointed the State Marshall of Washington DC.

The title of the presentations was 'Facta Non Verba' – 'Action not Words.'

We would like to sincerely thank Mr. Hyland for taking the time to come visit our school and impart knowledge on the ongoing crisis.

We would also like to give thanks to teachers Ms. Normoyle and Ms. McManus for their hard work and preparation to make the event possible.

Pictured: Mr. Kevin Hyland with Transition Year Students.



U14 Hurling



We have set up 4 U14 hurling teams this year. Over 60 players have participated in a first year blitz and a first year tournament in New Ross. Also we have played St. Peter's of Wexford, Middleton CBS, St. Kieran's College, Blackwater CC, Thurles CBS, St Colman's and Ard Scoil na Mara Tramore. They trained hard and are looking forward to the New Year, to the Br. Anselm Barrett Cup and also the local Waterford Championship.

A sincere word of thanks to all teachers involved; Ms. M Meagher, Mr. W Ormond, Mr. S O' Neill and Mr. D Dooley.

Film Club



The Student Council have recently established a film club in De La Salle College. Our most recent showings have been 'Pixels' and 'The Grinch' as Christmas season approaches. All students really enjoyed the evening with their friends after school and it was a great success. All students are very welcome and we will be continuing with the club in classroom D18 in the new year. Any suggestions or ideas for films to display are very welcome. Keep an eye on the posters around the school!

Student La Sallian Leadership Course

On September 26th & 27th, Student members of the La Sallian Leadership group in De La Salle travelled to Castletown to attend Leadership training. Here they met with other De La Salle schools and participated in two days of workshops based on effective leadership and communication, mindfulness and helping your school community, keeping in mind the 5 core La Sallian principles of Faith in the Presence of God, Respect for All Persons, Inclusive Community, Quality Education and Concern for the Poor and Social Justice. Upon completion the students received certificates. It is important that as a community, we recognise where we have come from and how to build up and communicate with all members of our school. Many thanks to all the teachers on the La Sallian Leadership team who facilitated the event. A special thanks to Ms. Butler Kelly and Br. Ben who delivered presentations on the day and to Ms. Kenneally who travelled with the students.



Pictured: PJ Hennesy, Jamie Chikwe, Patrick Ryan, Michael Cunningham, Tony Ryan, Connor Beegan, Conor Twomey.

Chess

Well done to all our chess players who participated in a challenge match versus St. Angela's School recently. 32 students from 1st to 5th year played in some very tight games and got great practice ahead of the Munster finals in March.

Thanks to Ms. McDonagh for her work and preparation with the team.



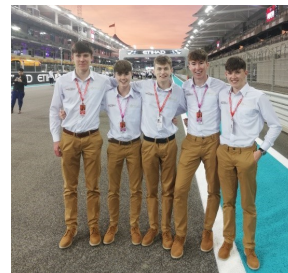
Formula 1 in Schools Competition

World Finals in Abu Dhabi, UAE

On the 19th of November, five DLS students, 'Team Tribulus', made the long journey to the United Arab Emirates. Jack Sharvin, Aaron Walsh, Sam Walsh, Robert Frost and James O'Shea (all 5th year students) represented Ireland at the Formula 1 in Schools World Finals which saw 55 teams from around the world battle for the coveted prize of world champions in the world's biggest youth STEM challenge.

Months of preparation and fund raising culminated in our students competing at the highest of levels in areas such as engineering, design, marketing and media. It was a hugely enjoyable and educational experience giving the team invaluable exposure to the world of STEM as well as experiencing the culture of UAE.

Team Tribulus would like to thank all sponsors involved who helped make the trip possible. A special mention to Mr. A O' Brien for his work with the team.



Harty Cup

For the year 2019/20 the De La Salle Management team are Mr Moore, Mr Nevin and Mr Moran. Ms Ryan is the strength and conditioning coach. The panel have been preparing since the last week in July and have managed to qualify for the quarterfinals on January 8th where they will face reigning Harty champions Middleton CBS.

The panel qualified for the quarter final by defeating Blackwater CS and Gaelcholaiste Cork while also losing narrowly to St Flannans. The panel will continue their preparations over the Christmas holidays and no doubt come January 8th will produce a display they can be proud of.

The Harty Panel wish to thank Worklab for their continuing sponsorship this year.

Best of luck to all involved.



MIC Student Scholarships



On Tuesday 19 November, 2 of our students from last year were presented with Entrance Scholarship Awards at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Cian Wadding (Munster GAA Bursaries) and Ciarán Power (Bachelor of Arts) enjoyed a proud moment as they begin to pursue their chosen studies. Ms. Betts congratulated the students on their wonderful achievements on the evening. We wish to extend our congratulations and wish them every success as they move forward.

Pictured from the left: Cian Wadding, Ms. Betts and Ciarán Power.

DLS Advancement to 3rd Level Education

THE IRISH TIMES

There was fantastic news for De La Salle College in the recent Irish Times Feeder Schools Report 2019. 176 students sat the Leaving Certificate Exam in the College and, of these, 170 (97%) have progressed to third level. This is above the national average and our students are well represented in all the universities as well as the Institutes of Technology across the country. We wish the best of luck to all of last year's students and we would like also to acknowledge the commitment and hard work of their teachers and all staff members.

Technology Wood Success

Once again, De La Salle students shone at the Iverk Show. Students were awarded for their design and woodworking skills in a number of categories.

Congratulations to Patrick Freyne, 1st place and Colm Dolan, 3rd place. Both entered their Leaving Certificate projects into the Large Woodworking Piece section. Patrick won overall Best Senior Woodwork Piece at the show.

James Aylward won second place in the Junior Large Projects section for his Junior Certificate project.

Thanks to Mr. S Calnan for entering and displaying the projects for this competition.

Trinity Exhibition Award



Congratulations to Levente Paksy, 6th Year student last year who won an Exhibition Award in Trinity College Dublin based on his Leaving Certificate results. Ms. Doolan was present on the night to celebrate this achievement.

The Perpetual Frank O' Callaghan Cup

The Perpetual Frank O'Callaghan Cup was held in De La Salle College on Friday 4th October. The cup was in memory of the late Frank O' Callaghan who gave 42 years of his life to De La Salle College. Frank loved hurling and managed many of the De La Salle Harty and Dean Ryan Cup teams. A proud Cork and North Monastery man, he sadly passed away in January 2018. To honour his memory, we held a primary school blitz in the college grounds. Piltown N.S. won the cup and Ballyduff N.S. won the shield but the overall winner was hurling. Every child went home with plenty of game time and we know Frank watched every stroke and score today and he would have been very proud of all the boys. We were delighted that his wife Alma was there to present the trophies. A big thanks to Mr Dooley and all students who assisted and made this event a great success. Well done to everyone who participated, and we look forward to seeing you all next year.



U14 A Gaelic Football Final

There were scenes of jubilation in Carriganore on Thursday, 5th December, when De La Salle College captured the U14 A Gaelic Football title following a hard fought battle with Dungarvan CBS. De La Salle got off to a good start and were up 1-1 to 0-0 in the very early stages following a goal from Thomas Carey and a fantastic point from Callum McNulty following a dazzling solo run past three CBS men. Some wayward shooting from both teams meant a very low scoring second half until the last ten minutes when De La Salle finally found their form.

Conor Tobin soloed the length of the field and was rewarded with a fine point for his efforts. Immediately from the kick out, Jason Healy passed the ball to Sean Keane who coolly slotted the ball over the bar, allowing De La Salle some breathing room. Mark Hartley then earned himself a free which was converted by Conor Tobin. Sean Keane wrapped up the scoring for De La Salle from a free after a foul on Shane O Sullivan. The final score was 1-5 to 0-4.



DLS Team: Colm Hartley, Philip Power, Dylan Coady, Danial Doyle, Alan Grant, Cillian Dobbyn, Callum Carroll, Jason Healy, Conor Tobin, Charlie Power, Sean Keane, Callum McNulty, Shane O Sullivan, Ross Nolan, Thomas Carey, Cathal O Sullivan, Adam Queally, Ollie Buck, Conor Murphy, TJ Mackey, Michael Carroll, Daniel Goff, Mark Hartley, Ben Hennessy, Sam McLaughlin, Daniel Purcell.

This was a great team performance, but special mention has to go to the full back line of Daniel Doyle, Dylan Coady and Philip Power.

A sincere thank you to Ms. C Ahern and Ms. A Kenneally for their hard work and preparation with the team.

Art Department Updates

A Moment of Congratulations and Celebrations

Harry Cloney; a talented artist, who graduated in 2018 is attending The National College of Art & Design and is now an exhibiting artist in **IMMA**, Dublin (pictured below with Ms. O' Connor), which has caused great excitement in the Art Department. We wish him continued success in the future.



Our current students are busily involved in exploring new techniques and approaches, pushing

their creative side to the fore in the areas of Visual Art, and Design Skills. Our 2nd Year students had the amazing opportunity to study the design process for Etching with Anne McDonnell (a recognised print designer) through 3 workshops in her studio in GOMA, Waterford. Both 2nd Year VA classes are currently completing artefacts which are to be exhibited in **Garter Lane Arts Centre** from January 14th – 18th. This Waterford schools group exhibition has an Open Night Wednesday 15th January at 7.30pm where awards will be presented.

We have a 5th Year group who have committed to a Junk Kouture entry for 2020 while our TY classes have engaged in a number of competitions such as Euroscola Video Clip Competition and the DES, Wellbeing Logo Design Competition. They also helped in the creation of an Advent Art piece commissioned for Saint Benildus Church, Waterford, which was met with high praise. We are very proud of all our students and we wish the best of luck to our exam students in their endeavours.

Ms. E O' Connor & Ms. H Ryan

U16 Basketball

The U16's College Basketball squad have qualified for the All Ireland playoffs on the 12th of January. The very best of luck to the squad. The first and second years play after Christmas in the Midlands League. We look forward to them playing after Christmas. Well done to Br. Tommy and Ms. S O' Shea for all their work coaching the teams.



Overnight Soccer

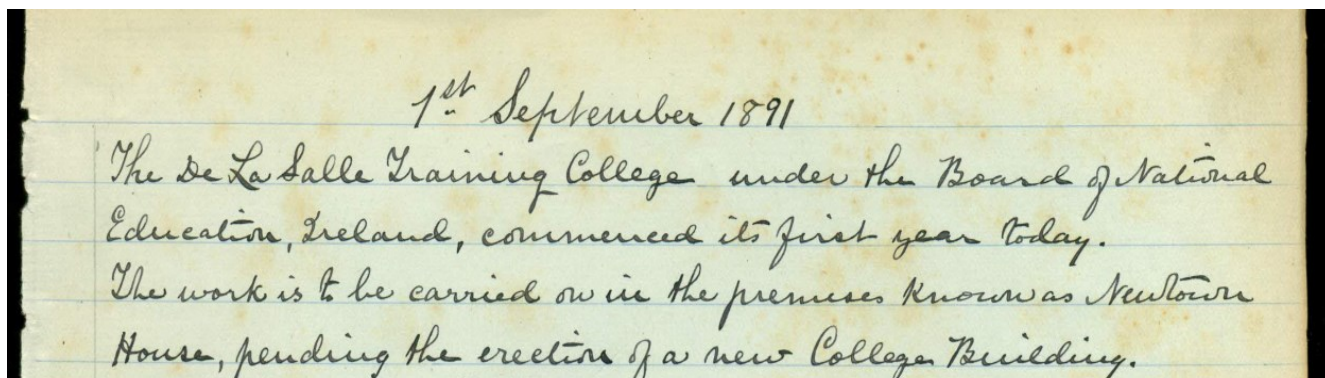
Recently 1st Year All Night Soccer has taken place to raise funds for the Summer Project in Ishiara in Kenya, where there are plans to build additional classrooms (picture below) for the school and plaster the whole school and provide furniture for the classroom. Many thanks to all for participating and to senior student volunteers for supporting a worthy cause and we hope that all students enjoyed the night of fun. Thanks to all the teachers involved in organising and helping with the overnight soccer.



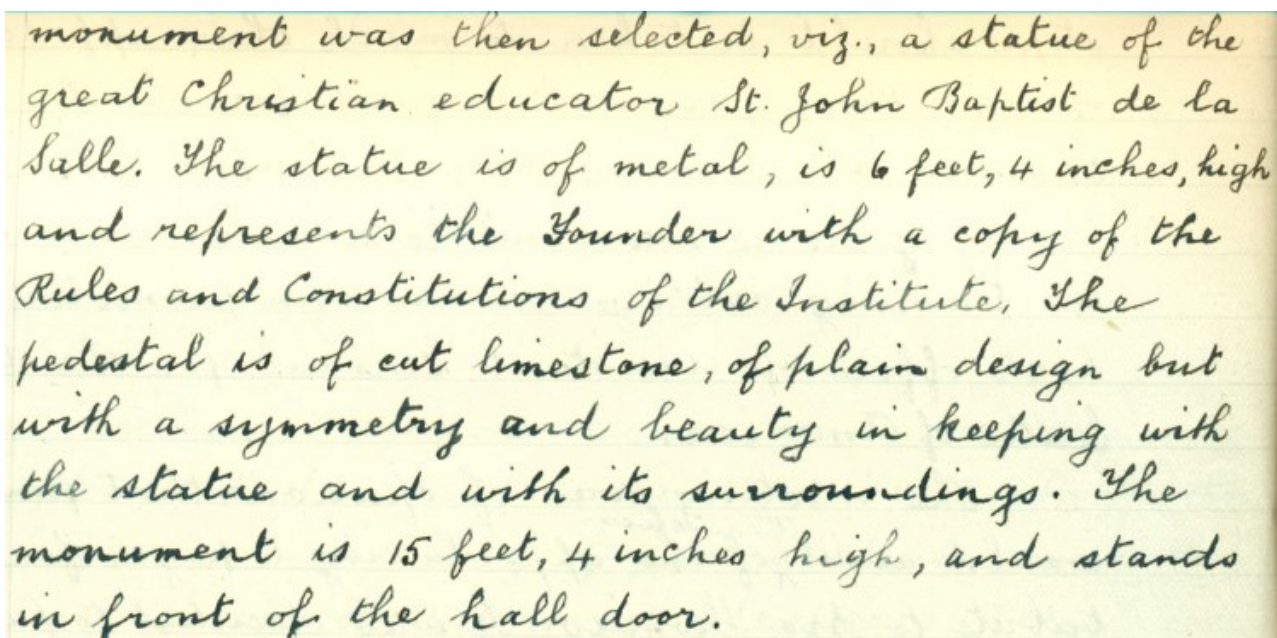
Journals - DLS Brothers

A display of interesting history of the school has been completed on the A floor recently. This includes pages from the De La Salle Brothers' journals, which were kept safely by Br. Tim O' Shea.

Picture 1 is from the 1st September 1891 and describes the opening of De La Salle Training College.



Picture 2 from 1912 describes how students at the time collected money to erect a monument in honour of the Director, Br Thomas Kane. The statue of St John Baptiste De La Salle at the front of the school is that monument.



The display also includes the original school plans and lots of pictures and bits of history of De La Salle for all to see!

Thanks to Ms. Stack and Ms. McDonagh for their hard work with this project.

Rugby



A great day of rugby took place with Waterford schools taking on a select South African schools side in Newtown school. Players from De La Salle, Water park and Newtown schools took part.

Fabulous experiences for all our players. South African school side won easily but the opportunity to play against such a skilled side was a one time opportunity for our boys. All played in good spirit of fun, jerseys and souvenirs being swapped at full time. A great display of good sportsmanship. Thanks to Mr. M Brady and Ms. E Walsh for all their work with the teams.

'Book vs Film' Competition

Congratulations to students Cillian Lynch and Jack O' Neill who won the Senior and Junior category respectively of the 'Book vs Film' Library competition in which students were asked to write a piece comparing a novel and book of their choice and deducing which was better. Cillian Lynch compared 'The Godfather' by Mario Puzo with the film of the same name directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Jack O Neill won the Junior section after writing about the differences between 'Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption' by Stephen King and 'The Shawshank Redemption' directed by Frank Darabont.

Thank you to English teacher Ms. T Knox for holding this creative competition!

DLS Food Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's Food Appeal. Pictured is Eamonn Morrissey representing the charity called Helping Hand which takes care of homeless people in Waterford. Half of our hamper goes to Helping Hand and the other half to families associated with the college who are in need of a helping hand this Christmas. We really appreciate your generous donations.

Pictured: Karen Hennessy, Alex O' Connor, Senan Maher, Ms. E Walsh, Patrick Dowling & Eamonn Morrissey.



Irish Hospice Foundation Coffee Morning

De Le Salle College was pleased to host a very successful coffee morning in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation. The event was very successful, and we would like to thank our two special guest speakers, Mary Brady from Palliative Care and our very own Derek McGrath. The talks addressed the areas of remembrance, bereavement and student motivation and were very well received by students and staff alike. In total over €300 was raised for the Irish Hospice Foundation and Ms. M Power would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. A special thank you to Paula's Delicatessen, Park Lodge Café and Walsh's Bakehouse.



Christmas Festivities

Snow may not yet be falling.... but the Christmas spirit and festive cheer is alive and vibrant in De La Salle College.

The De La Salle Senior and First Year Choirs are preparing for a very busy Christmas. For the First Years, it is their first Christmas in De La Salle so it's all very new and exciting. One of their first performances was in the Annual Christmas Concert which took place in the College Chapel on Thursday December 12th. Their programme includes Yesterday by the Beatles and Amen, Gospel Song. The Christmas Concert concluded with Spaceman, Feed the World, and O Holy Night, sung by soloists, Jack O' Neill, Chris Harris, Ben Tynan Dunphy, Isaac Casey, Darragh Hogan and Conor McBrinn, and supported by the whole school choir. It was truly a magical moment, all voices singing in unison, accompanied by our talented musicians.

A presentation was made to Michael Quinlan who has retired after 20 years teaching brass in DLS. He has made a fantastic contribution to the music department here and has accompanied and supported all musical events. We wish him the very best of luck.



The carol service took place in the College Chapel on Mon, 16th Dec and all really enjoyed it, students and staff alike. It is always an inspiring and wonderful occasion. Everybody gets the opportunity to attend and participate in this beautiful event.

Christmas dinner was served in the Dining Hall on Thurs, 12th December. Both staff and students flooded into the Hall. The food was delicious and appreciated by all the diners. 'Scrumptious' 'fab' 'really tasty' 'really Christmassy' and 'home cookin' were expressions used to show appreciation. The atmosphere was lively and festive. It was certainly looking a lot like Christmas!

To ensure all are in Christmas mode, there is a Christmas Jumper Workshop at lunchtime on Dec 16th and 17th where students will have the opportunity to design and decorate their own Christmas jumper in classroom A9. All students are invited to participate in Christmas Jumper Day 2019 on Wed. 18th where prizes will be presented for the best jumpers. We can't wait to see the festive designs!



ISSU Training



Four Student Council members attended ISSU (Irish Second-Level Students Union) Training, November 5th in City Hall. The event brought together student councils from all over the Waterford and South Tipperary region, for a day of debates, workshops, presentations and elections.

Topics explored included effective student councils, climate action, direct provision and education reform. The boys really enjoyed the day and we know this will benefit them greatly for the year ahead.

Student Council 2019/2020

Pictured are some of the members of the Student Council this year.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the 1st Years who became members of the Council after elections held in September; Ben Quilty, Caoilin Walsh, Cian Lenehan, Darragh Hogan, Darragh O' Dempsey, Daven King, Jack Walsh and Martin Gjorgiev as they settle into De La Salle and the Student Council.

Since the beginning of the year, we have been working on a number of projects including; 1st Year Quiz, Film Club etc. and have also been communicating with staff and students to keep building on the community already in place here in the college and we will continue with these in the New Year.

We would like to thank everyone in De La Salle College for their continuing support as we strive to help improve quality of life for all of our students.



Student Council

A voice for students

Preparing for 1st Year Elections



Newsletter Summer 2020 will feature a vast array of activities which take place in De La Salle that we did not get to tell you about already!

As the Christmas Newsletter draws to a close, we would like to wish a Happy Christmas to the De La Salle Brothers, Staff, Students and Parents and best wishes for 2020.

*Nollaig Shona Agus Athbhliain Faoi
Mhaise Dhaoibh Go Léir!*

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