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Joeys make 'Ice'-landing

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The school tour to Iceland took place last February with a sizable group of students and teachers going for five days to see the stunning countryside and try and find the Northern Lights.

Meeting on an early Sunday morning at the school, the group made their way from the gates of Joey's to the city of Reykjavik, capital of Iceland. There was little chance to stop however, as the first activity was to go for a swim in the world renowned Blue Lagoon, unique wonder of nature; a lagoon with pleasantly warm mineral-rich geothermal water in a middle of a black lava field. The

high natural levels of silica and minerals give the Lagoon its rich blue colour.

Such other-worldly sights were of amazement to the group, but they found that these wonders are the norm in Iceland. More sightseeing trips to Gullfoss, the Golden Waterfall (pictured above), Hellisheiði plateau and Eyjafjallajökull volcano only added to the great memories. As Ms. Glennon said, 'It was an eye-opening experience, it felt like we had landed on Mars!'

These trips are a chance for Joey's students not only to see more of the world and learn about different countries and cultures, but also to develop the bonds of (Cont. P. 2)

Important Dates for 2017:

- May 26th—Leaving Certificate Graduation
- May 26th—House Exams begin
- June 2nd—End of Term/
Summer Break begins
- June 7th—Start of State Examinations
- Week of August 28th—
School Re-opens for '17/'18
academic year

Joeys make 'Ice'-landing *contd.*

... our school community. Special thanks are due to the teachers who went with the group, and especially Mr. O'Callaghan for his work in organising.

The picture on right is taken by our own Corey Scully, and was featured in a national Science magazine alongside an article on Aurora Borealis, or The Northern Lights. The geology and scientific interest was highlighted by Mr. Sheahan who said, 'To go with a group of students makes it so memorable, and the scale of the country as we transitioned between such different landscapes was stunning.'



Big Brothers Big Sisters

The Big Brother programme wrapped up for another year on Friday May 19th. Following on from rave reviews from last year's participants, the group decided to go again to Jumpzone in Santry.

The programme is run in conjunction with Foroige, and following the trip, the group were presented with certificates by Mr. Stack. For the 'Bigs', the time they invested this year will serve as a feature point on their CV as they move on to college and the world of work. However, they all noted how enjoyable the year was and how much they looked forward to spending time with the 1st years each Tuesday.

Mr. Stack and Ms. O'Regan would like to congratulate all of the students who finished the programme, and hope to see this years 'Littles' transition into 'Bigs' in few years time. Also, thank you to the school for facilitating the year-end trip!

Green Schools—Flag Travelling our Way

Following on from last winter's edition, *The Joeys Gazette* is proud to announce that the school has been awarded the 'Green Flag for Travel'.

The Transition Years worked toward this flag over the past two years as a part of their coursework, and as well as the flag and national recognition, the school has attained the facility of the bike-shed (located behind the building) as a result.

Conservation of energy and awareness of our carbon footprint is something we need to be aware of, and make efforts to

always improve. Particularly as a school in an urban setting, any action that improves the environment directly improves our quality of life.

The flag will be collected by Mr. Quinlan at a ceremony in The Helix on May 23rd, along with some of the Green School Committee. It will then be raised outside of the school to be displayed to the community.

Special thanks to Caterina McNamara from Green Schools for assistance and time over the two years. Mile Buiochas!



**Rothaíocht
= Difríocht!
Green School**



Sixth Year Graduation

The sixth year graduation took place on Friday 26th May in Fairview Church at 3pm. For our graduating class, this event signifies the final official act in the Joey's career, and is often an emotional and memorable event.

The event is organised by the graduating sixth years, along with the assistance of various teachers. During the ceremony, a traditional mass precedes the conferring of certificates, plaques and alumni ties. There was singing, different readings, and a moving speech from head prefect Ryan White.

The theme of this year's mass was 'Hopes and Dreams', and it is easy to see how this relates to not only the future of the graduating class, but also the future of all the student body, present and past.

Following the ceremony, the Parents' Council hosted a beautiful luncheon in the school where all students, staff and parents could relax and enjoy a slideshow prepared by Robert McCann of images from the class' time in Joey's.

Also, the 'Most Likely' awards were given out at this time, and the students collected their year books

The sixth year class would like to thank all of the staff in Joey's for the day, but a special note of thanks was reserved for Ms O'Donnell, their Year Head throughout their Leaving Certificate.

We at *The Gazette* would like to wish the class the best of luck, and hope to stay in touch!



**'Isn't it funny how day to day
nothing changes, but when
you look back everything is
different?'**

**C.S. Lewis— Quote from
Ryan White's Speech**



Darkness into Light

The annual Darkness Into Light event took place on the 6th of May in Phoenix park. Organised by Ms. Leetch, Mr. Quinlan and Ms. Glennon, an excellent amount of €480 was raised by students from 4th, 5th and 6th year. The boys attended the event to raise awareness and to promote positive mental health as part of our Edmund Rice school ethos.

Each year this event attracts thousands of people. Our students represented us and our school in an excellent manner and we look forward to the event again next year!

Well done to all students, teachers and SNA's that took part!



Looking Back on our Transition Year

by Sam Chrystal

Years come and go.. we've had some laughs, we've had some cries. But like all movies, his fantastic school year 2016/2017 must sadly come to an end. This year has been the best year ever for us TYs, because of no homework, less stress and best of all, the trips to the IFI, The Casino, Newgrange, Botanic Gardens, Collins Barracks, and IMA.

We did Cooking, Kick-Boxing, Media Studies and Food Science. We also did Business Assignments and Biology Assignments which included us doing PowerPoint presentations in front of our class, I found this easy and it was great for my confidence. We also went on a school trip to Iceland. Awesome right? But the biggest highlight of them all was Film Studies with Miss Lonergan and Film Editing with Mr O'Callaghan. In Film Studies we studied *Saving Private Ryan*, *Sing Street*, *There Will Be Blood* and *The Orphanage*. And in Film Editing we edited the bench scene from Adam and Paul. These two teachers always brighten my school day ! We also watched some films in Music and French, which was brilliant !

On the other hand I had some laughs with Mr Murray. He's such an awesome teacher and I think the rest of the teachers are sound especially Ms O'Regan. All in all TY has been the best year ever for me. I did well in my Work Experience and am looking forward to 5th and 6th year which might be hard but it's also going to be awesome !!!!!!!

May the force be with us all.



Travels to Lilliput—Gaisce Trip by Daniel O'Connor

The Transition Year group that travelled to Lilliput in Westmeath for an overnight trip on May 16th/17th were not only finishing out their last two days of term on a high, they were also completing the final requirement in order to achieve their Gaisce medals that they had been working toward all year.

The Gaisce medal is 'The President's Award' and requires those working toward it to complete a set number of hours in the community, on personal and physical development, and on an 'adventure journey'. For our TYs, this journey found them undertaking a 10km hike, bog walking (hilariously pictured), canoeing, rock climbing, trampolining, night laser tag and orienteering.

Throughout the year, the students had worked with SVDDeP and Green Schools Ireland as part of their community contributions. The group that went to Lilliput found the Gaisce programme to be very worthwhile, not just in terms of the achievement of a medal and completion of the module, but also in terms of how they worked with one another. This spirit was very evident while on the overnight. Mr. Stack noted 'It was great to see lads really dive into the tasks, even if it meant being neck high in muck!'

A note of thanks to Mr. O'Callaghan, Mr. O'Meara and Mr. Stack for their work throughout the year on the programme. Looking forward to seeing the medals lads!



Edmund Rice Student Council Conference

~2017~



From L to R: Daniel Meagher, Karl Haren, Tony Bates CEO of *Jigsaw*, Jacob Wilson, Lee Font

On April 6th, just before the Easter break, 4 members of our student council attended the Edmund Rice Student Council Conference in the Red Cow hotel. The conference is attended each year by ERST schools around the country, and even included an ERST school from the UK this year.

At the conference, the pupils were seated at tables with other pupils from different schools and encouraged to mingle and share their experiences of being on their schools' student council. There were talks and presentations by councils from attending schools on various topics—mental health being the overall theme of the day.

After a tasty lunch, there was a talk by keynote speaker Tony Bates about young people and mental health. Tony, a past pupil of Joey's himself, is the founder of mental health organisation *Jigsaw*. His talk was inspiring and encouraging and he was very happy to meet pupils from his old school and take a picture with them.

Other activities during the day included Tai Chi and Q&A sessions with other student councils.

The day was a great success, as always, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the student council and their teacher, Ms. Dowdall.

The members of the council who attended felt they were coming way refreshed with ideas for the next school year, and a meeting was held the following week to brief the other members of the council on the events of the day.



Tai Chi after a tough day!

Have a great summer!



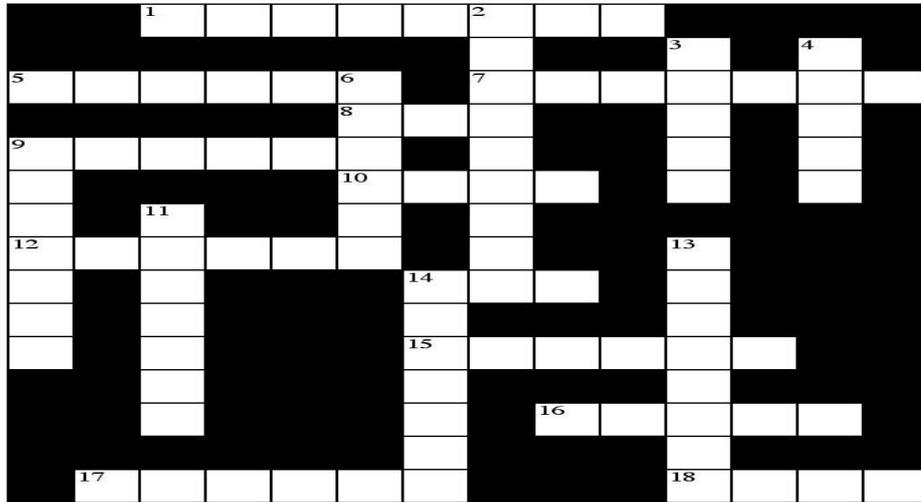
Student Council Campaigns

Have you a suggestion or a concern? Simply approach any member of council and have your voice heard.

Joey's Crossword

by Marc Castillo

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way
 17 make up your mind
 18 yellow part of egg

DOWN

2 Alexander Graham Bell's invention
 3 noise showing disappointment
 4 increase in height or size

ACROSS

1 place where injuries are repaired
 5 in one side and out the other
 7 many books, tapes, and magazines
 8 indebted
 9 everyday

10 repeated sound, sound, sound
 12 on the front of the neck
 14 needle and thread stuff
 15 land totally surrounded by water
 16 show the

6 truthful
 9 exercise authority over
 11 give ones word
 13 how much
 14 experiments and organized investigation

Game review - Undertale

by Angel Ignoto

Undertale is a role-playing video game created by American indie developer and composer Toby Fox. In the game, players control a human child who has fallen into the Underground, a large, secluded region underneath the surface of the Earth, separated by a magic barrier. The player meets various monsters during a quest to return to the surface, mainly through the combat system; the player navigates through mini-bullet hell attacks by the opponent, and can opt to spare monsters instead of attacking and killing them. These choices affect the game, with the dialogue, characters, and story changing based on outcomes.

One for fans of immersive gaming, recommend!



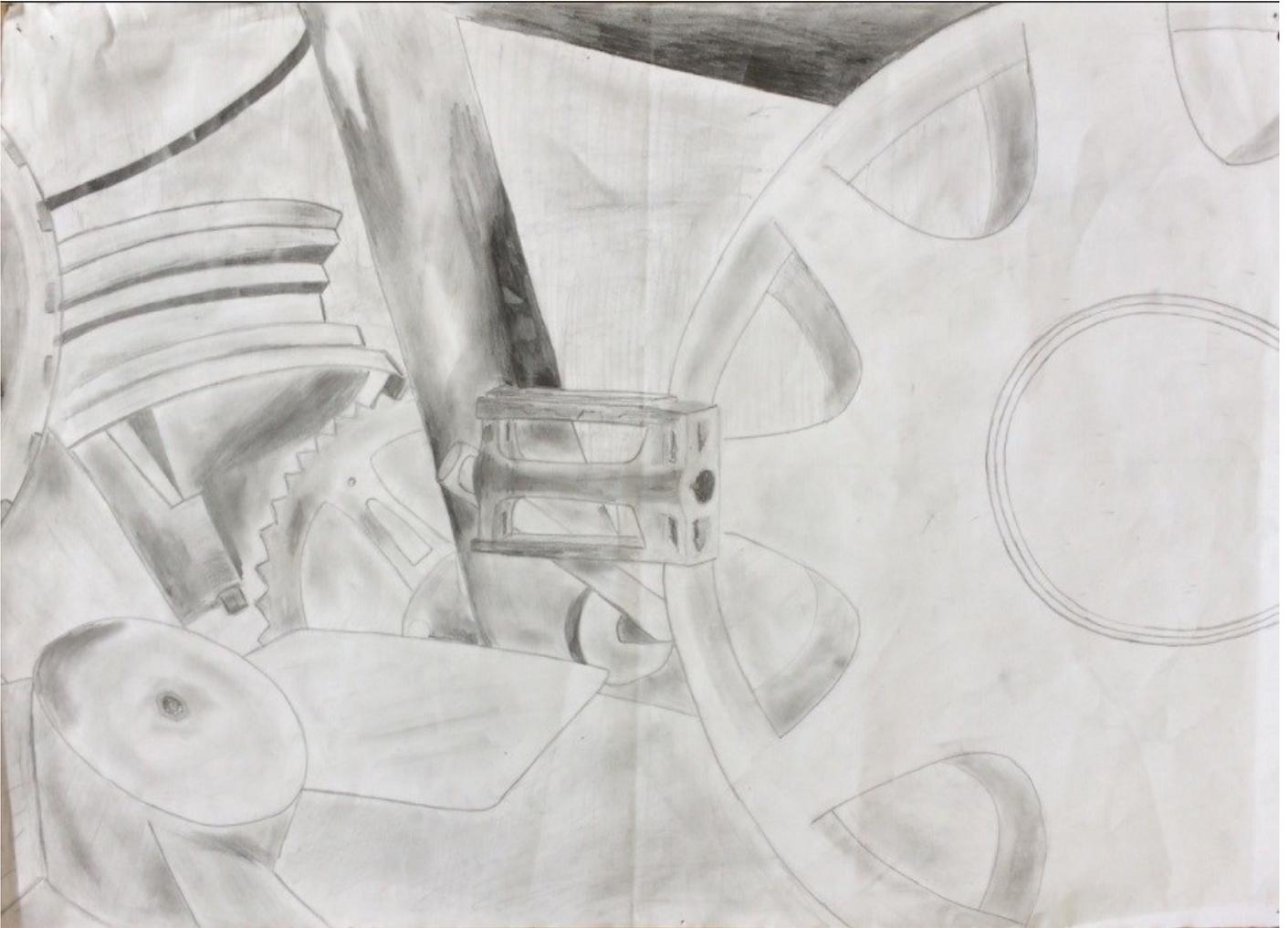
'This is your soul'



Student Artwork

by Stephen Kelly, 6th Year

(Special thanks to Ms. Lonergan for her assistance)



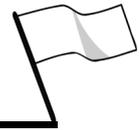
Sports Day

Another year, another While the weather just about overwhelmingly successful trip to co-operated on the day, the ALSAA. The school sports day competitive blood was in full flow, and always heralds the beginning of it both fun participation and the better weather and the looming state cut and thrust of competition was exams, but more clear to see. significantly, the soon to arrive summer break!

As with all years the range of activities is extensive: from track and field to bowling to table tennis to soccer, there is opportunity for success across the board. Not to forget the novelties such as wheelbarrow races and egg & spoon.

Following the events, medals and trophies are given out, and it always seems like there is as many awards as participants! Much of this is down to the tireless work and organisation of Mr. Kelly, who makes the whole day appear seamless. Special thanks to him and all of the teachers who assisted on the day.





THE SIDELINE VIEW

Basketball Semi-Final



On 25th of April, the Junior basketball team competed in the All-Ireland semi-final in the National Arena in Tallaght. The day would end on a downbeat for the team, losing out 42-30, however it must be said that basketball in Joey's continues on an upward arc.

Playing a well fancied team from Skibbereen in Cork, this Joey's team was deep into uncharted territories. Missing key player Ross King, the team took time to find their feet, and found themselves trailing at the half-time break.

However, led by Adam Rowe from the guard position, the team

rallied and brought the game back to within a handful of baskets. His 15 points made him the hot hand on the floor for Joey's

With Gareth Lynch beginning to find a rhythm from the free throw line, Lewis Brophy scoring two fast break baskets and Vida Ewubare dominating the boards, it looked like the crowd would be in for a tense finish.

Alas, it was not to be. A good display is rarely a source of comfort, but hope should be taken from the year's progress. A note of gratitude to Ms. O'Donnell and Ms. Dowdall for the commitment and energy all year. Thanks for everything coaches!



Basketball Squad

Vida Ewubare	Adam Rowe	Karl Nguyen
Jake O'Reilly	Emanuel Istoc	Gareth Lynch
Darragh McCann	Aurele Brice	Aleks Kozirevs
Nikita Aleksandrovic	Luke Cahill	Lewis Skelly
		Lewis Brophy



Off to a Running Start

by Dylan Hyland, Christian O'Brien, Corey Scully and Max Oliver

On May 2nd and May 4th, the St. Joseph's Athletics Squad took off to Morton Stadium, Santry, for the East Leinster Athletics Championships.

In the first race of the day for Joey's, Nikita ran in the Minor Boys 80m heat & finished second to book his place in the Semi-Final in which he also finished 2nd and was very unlucky to lose out on a medal in the final. Clinton then stepped up to the Minor Boys 100m heat, finished 3rd to book his place in the 100m Semi-Final.

Christian O'Brien and Daniel Mullane then ran in the Intermediate 1500m race with Christian going into the last lap in 6th place and then unluckily falling back to finish 11th, both lads ran really well. Scott Byrne then finished in 2nd place in his Intermediate 100m heat

and was unlucky to lose out on a qualifying spot in the Semi-Final.

Alan Fitzpatrick and Aaron Nolan were both unlucky to lose out on a qualifying spot in the Senior 400m heat, both ran very well and finished in 4th place.

The highlight of the competition from a Joey's point of view came from Sekeriye Axmed in the 3000m event. Following on from his impressive outings in the All-Ireland Cross-Country before Christmas, in which he came 14th in Ireland, 'Zack' entered the track event hoping to provide the school with another memorable performance.

This was never in doubt. Seven and a half laps of the track is quite a distance, but Zack led it out from the

beginning. With 400m to go, Zack made a move and moved well clear of his partner at the top on the back straight. However, the brave gambit did not pay off, and on the final straight Zack was piped to the finish. We would have to settle for silver, but what an accomplishment that is and the future looks bright.

Congratulations to all competitors, and thank you to Ms. O'Donnell and Mr. Stack for bringing the team out.

Late note! In the following up Leinster Regionals, Sekeriye finished in 4th position! Well done!!

Athletics Squad

Ciaran Greene	Cameron Griffin	Jason Walsh
Travis Casey	Brandon Greene	Daniel McCabe
Thomas Hennessey	Evan Sherlock	Darragh Cambell
Nikita Aleksandrovic	Daniel Mullane	Aaron Nolan
Ross Egan	Christian O'Brian	Joe Johnson
Darragh Duff	Sean Higgins	Leon O'Toole
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Well done to the Transition Years on another successful publication.

Good luck to all students sitting the upcoming State Examinations. May your hard work pay off.

We hope you enjoy our publication.

See you next year!