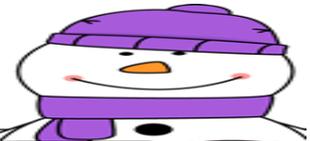


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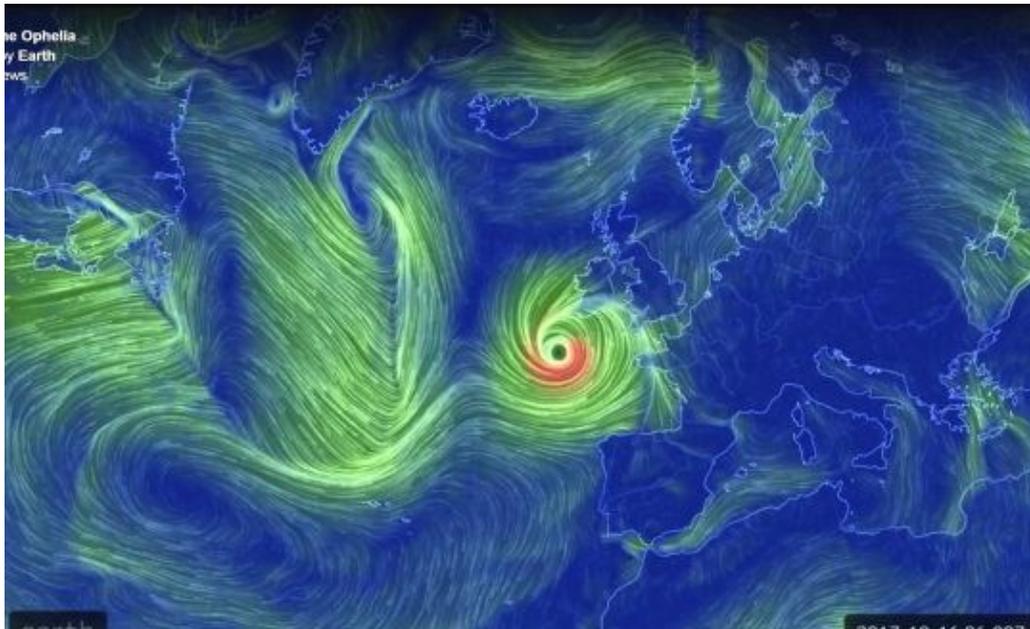
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Storm Ophelia - Get thee to a safe place

by Tom Gaskin



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This term, Hurricane Ophelia closed schools around Ireland from Monday the 16th of October to Tuesday the 17th of October. Our school was no exception, and students were notified at short notice of unexpected days at home as the storm grew closer.

There had been a red storm warning throughout Ireland in the days before Ophelia hit. It was decided on Saturday the 15th of October by the Minister of Education,

Richard Bruton, that all primary and secondary schools be closed due to unsafe conditions with wind speeds of over 180 km/h on the 16th. This was then extended to the 17th to allow schools time to check for any damage that might have been done to the schools by the storm in the "interest of safety" in order to insure that nobody else is injured or killed. A Department of Education spokesperson said that while it was recognised (contd. On page 2)



Storm Ophelia closes school *contd.*

... that some schools may not be as badly impacted as others, severe winds were continuing to cause damage, and safety of students and staff was paramount.

Hurricane Ophelia was one of the worst storms Ireland has experienced in 50 years. Almost 300,000 properties were left without power and three people died as a result of Hurricane Ophelia. The thoughts of our class go to the people who suffered due to the storm.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

The Big Brother programme has returned for the third year, and the number of students applying for a place was greater than ever before. As a result, the interview process conducted in September was very thorough, and the pairs selected report that it is going very well to date and that they look forward to their Friday meetings every week.

The programme pairs a sixth year 'Big' with a first year 'Little' who are in contact with each other

throughout the school year. Many of us remember the difficulties of first year, and this goes a long way toward assisting students to 'settle in'.

Pictured below is a recent 'pizza party' the lads had in class, and in January they will be planning their end-of-year trip, with the current favourite destinations being Jumpzone and the cinema. A note of thanks to Ms. Dowling and Mr. Stack who oversee the programme.



Big/Littles

- Niall Sheehy/Josh Keogh
- Seán Cummins/Stephen Greene
- Jack Scurry/Mark Brazil
- Eoin McNeill/Lennon Kelly
- Paul McNeill/ Andrew Goh
- Daire O'Reilly/Brandon Cokely
- Dean Meehan/Thomas Bulger
- Jake Wilson/Luke Rinomhota
- Seán Moore/Eoghan Boland
- Ryan McGrath/Tadgh Radford
- Aaron Nolan/Adam McGrath

Green Schools—Biodiversity by Brandon Hanney



Having been successful in our application for Green flag renewal last year (See picture left), our school now starts a new two-years cycle in order to maintain 'green' status. Whereas the last application focused on travel, this cycle focuses on biodiversity.

Biodiversity looks at steps which can be taken to increase awareness of the importance of native plants, animals and habitats, and to increase species-richness in a locality. The current group of LCA students, along with Mr. Hennessey and Mr. Stack are currently working on the project.

The Green School programme promotes long-term, whole-school action for the environment, and is primarily student led. Stay tuned for updates in upcoming editions.

Are you well read? School Literacy Projects

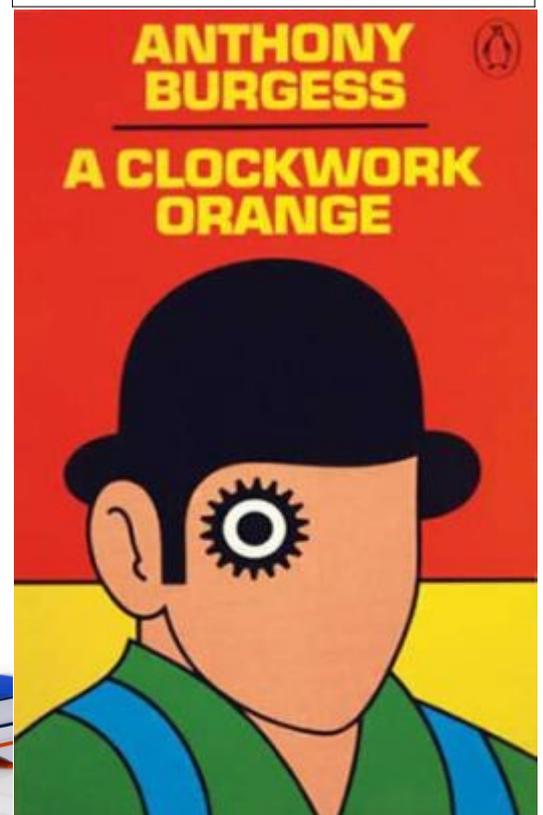
You may (or may not yet!) have noticed that there are some posters on doors with book covers. At the top of these, the poster explains that a teacher is reading that book as part of 'The Well Read' programme. It then asks 'What are you reading?' If you haven't seen these yet, consider that question now.

The school has made a number of efforts in recent years to improve student reading and literacy. Initiatives such as a first year reading programme, a 'book-in-the-bag' policy, the construction of a new library space and significant investment in reading material beyond that which is needed for curricular subjects, all reflect the importance of these reading skills.

Students are encouraged to avail of these resources from any of the English teachers. Books range from fantasy to biography to classics, and everything in between! Any student who wishes to loan out a book need only ask.

Other events will hopefully begin soon, such as 'Word Millionaire' - a game where students attempt to collectively read 1,000,000 words - and book review competitions. For all students, the importance of reading cannot be stressed enough, not only for academic progress, but also for enjoyment!

Ms. Flynn is currently reading Anthony Burgess' *A Clockwork Orange*, as part of the Well Read Programme



Zeminar 2017

by David Conroy

On Tuesday 10th of October, our TY class went to the RDS and attended an event called Zeminar. We got a bus from our school early so as to get in before the anticipated crowds.

Zeminar is a social enterprise created to bring all those invested in the development and well-being of young people in Ireland to one place. Zeminar is an event for Generation Z, particularly those aged between 15 and 20, and their parents, teachers, mentors and coaches. Zeminar aims to facilitate the introduction of young people to some of the best and most innovative organisations on this island. Throughout the event there was workshops, influential speakers, essential resources and fun activities

There was a number of motivational speakers on the day, including the O'Donovan brothers and The Rubberbandits. Transition Year students, along with Ms Leech and Ms Flynn attended the event.



School Twitter Page



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As well as the usual opportunities to stay in touch with the school, such as the recently developed website, the PPU, and our Gazette e-mail (transition.year.joeys@gmail.com by the way!), the school has recently started an official Twitter account.

Updated regularly, it provides news to subscribers about all that is going on in the school, be it academic, extra-curricular, historical, or otherwise.

While social media platforms are not available on the school premises, we would recommend the page to all so that they can stay in contact with us. News about how past-pupils are doing, questions about events and likes/retweets of any posts are welcomed!

Please note, the twitter page is monitored and supervised by members of staff. Any breaches of school policy will be dealt with as per codes of behaviour. It is your page, inappropriate posts will not be approved, and will be deleted.

Mental Health

A TY enterprise class has taken on the role of designing a book about promoting positive mental health in young people. The book is called 'Mind Matters' and features articles about mental health, support contacts, benefits of food and sport to our mental health, interviews with numerous well known names and much more. Our group is working to get the Cycle Against Suicide Ambassador school status this year and this is one of the projects we are undertaking. In January, we will be running a dodgeball tournament for TY and 1st year students to promote the Cycle Against Suicide ethos: 'its okay not to feel okay and it is absolutely okay to ask for help'. We are also running a spin-athon where students will cycle 247km to pass on the message that we must look after our mental health 24/7! Please contact Ms. Leetch if you are interested in getting involved or finding out more!



**The book will be on sale in school in January!
Get your orders in!**



Nursing Home 6th Year Visit



Wednesday the 25th of October was a momentous day for the Little Sisters and the students of St. Joseph's CBS, Fairview, Dublin 3. Sister Jeann Jugan's 225th anniversary was celebrated by staging a production of her life story. A group of eight students, accompanied by their teachers Ms. Allison Leetch and Ms. Colleen Byrne joined the Sisters for their first stage debut. The sacred story of Sister Jeann Jugan was told by our actors, narrators and extras of the play. The show was a great success! All residents thoroughly enjoyed the event and we most definitely learned a wealth of knowledge about the foundress of this order. After the event, tea and cakes were prepared for all who took part. This day most definitely warmed the hearts of all involved. To see young people working with the elderly was a moment we will all hold close to our heart. A huge thank you to Sister Catherine for organising this fantastic event and recruiting all of the fantastic volunteers who made the event possible!

U.N. Debating

On the weekend of the 17th November, four sixth year students travelled to U.C.C. to attend the National Model U.N. This is the fifth year in which Joey's students have participated in this event.

Our students were allocated countries such as Cuba, Canada, Israel and South Africa. They took part in debates on different topics. For example, Eoin McNeill, representing Cuba, discussed the impact of the Global warming and the Paris Agreement with other countries. Jake Wilson took part in a lively debate about Korea and nuclear weapons, while having the unenviable role of representing Israel. Karl Haren represented the peaceful Canadians on the issue of female rights. It must be noted that Karl failed to maintain the Canadian reputation, attempting to remove Nicaragua from the debates and the U.N.! Aaron Nolan represented South Africa on the topic of universal health care, and was far less controversial in his attempts to better the world.

The students left Dublin at lunchtime on Friday and were in session immediately upon landing in Cork that evening. The debates themselves started early the next morning in the University, and ran late in to the evening. Such an arduous day shows the interest and commitment of the lads to these events, and is something that requires enormous effort and preparation on their part.

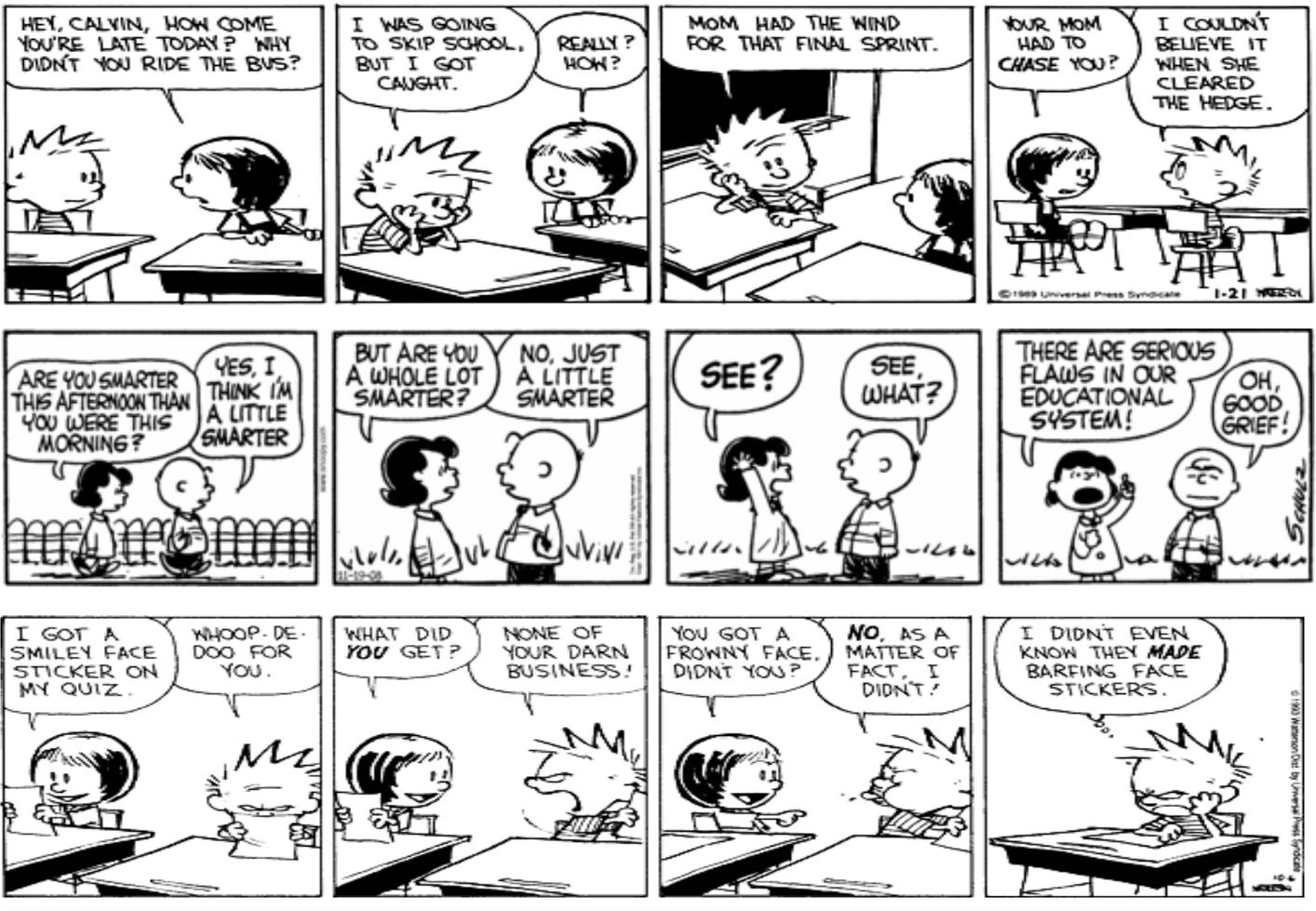
Saturday evening provided an opportunity for the students to unwind and have social time together. Our students however had bitten the political bug, and set about trying to entice other to vote for them in Sunday's voting procedures. We struggle to imagine this is what the organisers of the event intended. However, it is what the lads felt was reflective of reality. Indeed, Eoin succeeded in getting the legislation passed and named after his country, so maybe they have a better perspective on it than others!

Sincere thanks to Ms. Ryan for organising and accompanying the lads over the weekend, and also to Mr. O' Hanrahan who travelled on the weekend.



Comic Affairs!

By Sean Higgins and Antoni Isasi



Game Review—FIFA 18

by Aksel Helbeck and Ethan McMahon

The newest online game FIFA 18 is a football game available on PS4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, PS3, Xbox 360 and PC.

FIFA 18 is the best FIFA game EA has ever made. It's that simple. I cannot believe the huge leap the series has produced in one year. The game has many different possibilities for play.

You can play in one thing that is called THE WAY. It is about one player that has a normal life and one day one professional team calls him to play football. At this moment the player starts his football career. And you have to continue the history of the payer.

The ULTIMATE TEAM is another possibility to play in this one you have to create your own team, you always start with bad players and playing online matches you win money so you can buy players or open packs.

RECOMMENDATION:

I will recommend this game because it is a complete game; you can play in both teams and individually. I like it so much and I will always buy it. The only thing that is not so good is the price; it costs €70 for the standard edition and €100 for the premium pack.



Zambia—Letters from Kabwe

Former Principal of Joey's Primary, Pat Fanning, lives in Zambia and runs Sables Nua, a school for children. He regularly sends out emails describing life in Zambia. Below is an extract written by his wife Emer:

A girl's preoccupations are the same the world over – clothes, fashion, hair and make-up..... but what if you are a girl coming from a mud hut in Makalulu or Katondo or Kamushanga?

Make-up? – forget it!

Clothes? Your school uniform probably comprises the best item in your wardrobe.

Fashion? – only if you were lucky enough to get a particularly nice item in your clothes present from Sables or possibly if your sister has a nice piece you might be allowed borrow and wear once or twice.

So that leaves....hair and at least that can be attended to in what has become known as The Sables Hair Salon (or “saloon” as the girls say!).

The Sables Salon is located in the darkest corner of the hall in Sables, the corner with the all-important electric socket. As many as twenty girls appear every day after school and if, (because Zambian hairdressing is a very time consuming process), only say five girls get to have their hair done this is not a problem at all. The others are there to assist, advise, laugh, giggle and gossip safe in the knowledge that their time will come!

Before the styling starts, of course, the hair must be washed. A one litre, industrial style container of shampoo (called ‘hair soap’ by some of the girls) is produced. To the delight of all the girls who use it this shampoo has a strong scent of green apples; our girls have probably never eaten a green apple but they love the smell nonetheless.

A quick wash under the cold tap in the garden, (we don't have the luxury of hot water), and we're ready for action.

Firstly, the combing: Using a large ‘Afro’-style comb one of the older girls, (a hairdresser in training?), proceeds to comb, none too gently it must be said, until the short, tight hairstyle of before has been transformed into a much longer and smoother-looking configuration.

Next comes what the girls call “the blow” (the hair dryer). Results can be very dramatic using ‘the blow’ – hair looks longer and sleeker and this look is very much sought after by all and which, up to now, has been the look desired by all. However, we recently branched out and acquired a “toner”. This is a hair straightener / curler to you and me and what a gadget it is too and what results it has achieved! It has absolutely transformed many a girl in Sables giving them styles they could only have dreamed about up



to now.

Girls, who have no electricity in their homes and no experience of hair dryers or toners need only minutes to get to grips with the mechanics of styling and are only too delighted to transform their friends.

The current top-trending style is a head of large curls around the top and front with the hair at the back pulled into a tiny ‘bun’ tied with some black ‘cotton’ (thread).

So, when the girls appear at the office with their plaintiff appeals of “I am asking toner” or “I am asking blow” we know that an afternoon of fun and games and happiness lies ahead.

Next on the shopping list is hairspray so that the girls can get as long a life as possible out of their styles!

A group of students will be travelling to Sables this summer. Please watch out for news of fundraisers and ways in which you can assist them!



THE SIDELINE VIEW

Swishing on a Star by Reece Lowry

It seems like each year, the basketball teams in Joey's continue to impress us here at The Gazette. This time however, we anticipated great things. The below article was taken by our on-the-spot reporter Reece Lowry as he watched, photographed and reported on a recent game.

On Tuesday 24th October, the U16 basketballers took on Ardscoil De La Salle. Before this, the lads had been doing very well in the group with 2 wins from 2 and were looking to top the group and make it 3 out of 3!

The game started off well for Joey's, winning the first quarter 11 - 4. Overall, Joey's looked the stronger of the two teams. Some great passing and movement from Ricky Liu and Daniel Meagher led to some excellent scores from Diego Fernandez. As the game progressed Joey's mixed the team around with exciting players coming on and scoring. De La Salle had won the 3rd quarter and they were fancying their chances of a comeback. But the stars players of the day stood up to the challenge and therefore deserve a special mention.

Ricky Liu, Daniel Meagher and Diego Fernandez were supreme. Joey's went on to win the 4th quarter 11-4, and the match finished Joey's 34 - 17 Ardscoil De La Salle. It was a fantastic win for the lads who have topped the group with 3 out of 3 wins and straight into the quarters.

The scorers were

- Diego Fernandez - 12
- Daniel Meagher - 7
- Raul - 5
- Ricky Liu - 4
- Daniel Delgado - 4
- Ross King - 1



MOTM - DANIEL MEAGHER



Gaelic Football Roundup

The senior football squad competed in a three school round-robin tournament held in the very impressive GAA Development Facility in Abbottstown. Also in the tournament were St. Paul's Brunswick St., O'Connell's and Coolmine C.S.

The first game against O'Connell's ended in a disappointment: a single point separated the teams in the

end and the Joey's lads had to respond in order to stay competitive. Two wins followed, with Paul McNeill, Gary Colton and Dylan Hyland representing themselves well, both on the pitch and off.

This led to a quarter-final place, that after the first game of the day seemed a slim prospect. St. Finian's of Sword were the opposition, and much like the fortunes of the hurlers, the game was up for grabs into the final ten minutes. Francis Brady and Sean Higgins performed admirably in the backs. Carl McKeever more than held his own between the sticks. Unfortunately, the day ended in defeat. Much of this can be attributed to some indiscipline and inexperience on our part in the final minutes, if truth be told.

Always lessons to be learned; and the only way to do so is to take note. Thanks to Mr. O'Callaghan / Ms. Byrne.



A puck of a ball away from final success

by Matthew Boland

Two years ago, this team of players reached the semi-final stage of the Junior competition, and lost out to a strong Rush team, depriving themselves of a place in the final. This term, the now senior squad booked their place in another semi final game after a commanding victory over Lusk C.C.

That win, a 4-9 to 1-4 scoreline, saw some powerful performances in the backs from Eoin McNeill, Reece Lowry, Lee Cadwell and Carl McKeever; as well as Cian O'Brien deputising from the goals. But the real talking point came from the goalscorers Dylan 'Bomber' Hyland, Matthew Boland and a brace from Ryan

McGrath. It's tough to argue which one was the best, some relying on luck more than skill, but they all came at crucial stages of the game.

This win progressed the team to the next round against Rathcoole CS, with the dream of a final place back within reach. And it almost seemed possible, with Ryan McGrath again proving goalscorer supreme. Indeed, the Joey's full back line were typically resilient, with any half chances of a goal quickly snuffed out. The game was in the melting pot right until the final ten minutes, a solitary goal separating the teams. But fitness may have proved the killer, with Rathcoole able to up the ante

and score some crucial points.

It's hard not to feel that this was a lost opportunity. But it must be said that, on the day, the stronger team won. Well done in particular to the outgoing 6th years who have contributed so well to Joey's hurling the past few years. Hopefully, that final place will be realised in the near future.

Starting team

Cian O'Brien

Daniel McCabe / Eoin McNeill / Reece Lowry
Carl McKeever / Adam Duff / Darragh Campbell
Alan Fitzpatrick / Aaron Nolan

Dean Meehan / Niall Sheehy / Matthew Boland
Dylan Hyland / Ryan McGrath / Patrick Ryan

Subs: D.O'Connor, D.Couch, N.Coleton, C.Maloney,
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Well done to the Transition Years on another successful publication.

We hope all the school community have a Happy Christmas, and best wishes to the students for the next edition!

We hope you enjoy our publication.

See you next year!