



Your monthly Joey's  
Newsletter!

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# A Student Council Publication

# The Blues News

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## A Miscellany of Recent Happenings

### Emmaus Retreat Centre:

The Student Council Recently headed off to Emmaus to go on a leadership course. Thanks to the director, Gearóid, who lead us through the course.

### Irish Quiz:

1st & 2nd Years held the

annual Irish Quiz in the Primary School Hall.

Thanks to everybody who organized it.

### The Original Rude Boys:

Took to the roof of the Primary School dressing rooms to play songs on the 27th of March.

Coverage at this link:

<http://bit.ly/L9i6oW>

### Sports Day:

Sports Day was held on Friday the 11th May in ALSA Sports Centre, as usual. There were Winners & Losers (You know who you are!)



## Transition Year Graduation

Transition Years Graduated on Wednesday the 16th of May with an awards ceremony.

**TY Computer Student of the Year**— Evan Carey

**TY Best Business Student**— Dane Daly

**TY Tennis Player of the Year**— Alex Ursu

**TY Footballer of the Year**— Dane Daly

**TY Chef of the Year**— David Carroll

**TY Best Work Experience**  
Two Students - Daniel Horrigan  
Gavin Connerton

**TY Boxers of the Year**—

Two Students— Oscar Walczak

Graham Harrison

**TY Kick boxer of the Year**— Dillon Ryan

**& Student of the Year**— Shane Conroy



## Notices

6th Year  
Graduation  
Friday May  
25th

Exams start  
the same  
Friday

School closes  
Friday 1st  
June for  
Summer hol-  
idays

We'll be back  
to school  
around the  
end of August

# An Unexpected Visitor

by Dillon McDonagh

There was someone knocking  
at the door, My Dad let out a  
big, loud roar.

I was going to the door, that's  
where I'll go.

It was my girlfriend, she said  
"Hello."

My Mum was wearing a gown.

Me & my girlfriend just sat  
down.

I said "How's your day goin',  
Michelle?"

And, she said "yeah, It's goin'  
quite well.

We chatted & had a cup of  
tea,

It's just easy how life could  
be.

Now it's late & we kissed  
tonight

We  
watched the  
sunset,

It was so  
bright.

In the  
nighttime,  
we waved  
goodbye,

I almost felt I would cry.

I went to bed & dreamed  
about my girlfriend,

I went to sleep and say  
" Good Night , The End "



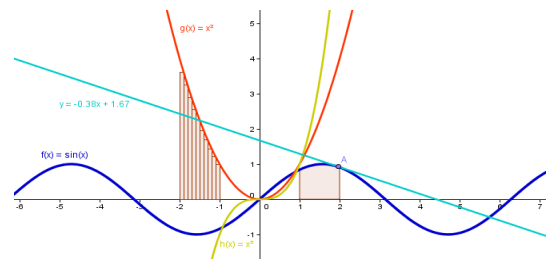
# Review of Geogebra™

Geogebra is, what's known in the trade, a F/OSS. That is, Free Open Source Software. It is an interactive Maths application that allows the user to "do" Maths. It covers algebra, calculus & geometry. It's fully interactive with your mouse, acting as the cursor on-screen. What this means is, you can plot points e.g. (1, 3) by moving the mouse over that coordinate on the plane. You can construct lines, circles, polygons, & arcs; Vectors, integrals & derivatives of functions, polynomials; you name it, it shows up in this software. You can even prove theorems & conjectures, all using Geo-

gebra. There is an input box for typing in functions, too. Let's take  $g(x) = x^2$  (Which appears in the image below) Input that & it will automatically show up on the plane. You can then tweak it with the Object tools to your desire. But that's not all! For the more confident among you, Geogebra allows you to export projects in various formats including: Asymptote, Inkscape & to the system clipboard. HTML5 options also exist. In order to fully understand what I've said you will need to try it out for yourself. A web browser edition exists so you don't have to download it if it isn't for you. You will

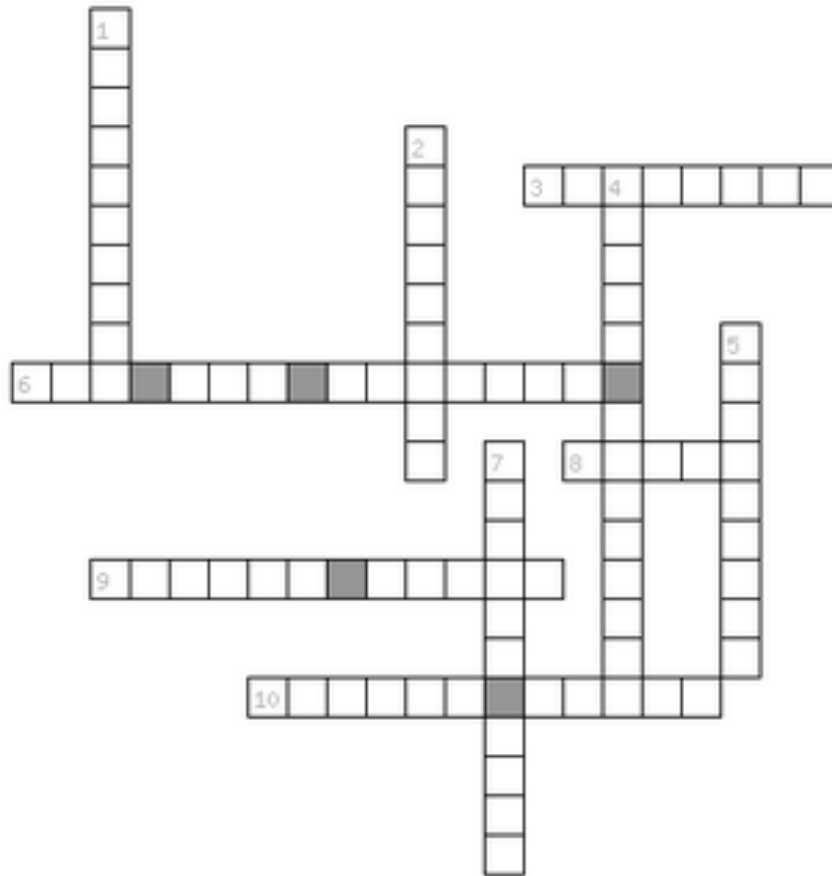
find it fiddly & awkward at first, & you will need to use the tutorials (Available here [http://wiki.geogebra.org/en/Tutorial%3AMain\\_Page](http://wiki.geogebra.org/en/Tutorial%3AMain_Page)),but it is extremely useful to teachers & students alike. I fully recommend it & urge you to try it out. <http://www.geogebra.org>  
Rating:

Clarity: \*\*\*\*  
Usefulness: \*\*\*\*  
Developer Help: \*\*\*\*\*  
Overall Rating: \*\*\*\*\*





# End of Year Crossword- To see if you have been paying attention!



Down

Across

- 1. Something being done to the school during the Summer
- 2. The name of a short film **In the Oscars**.
- 4. A Dublin writer, actor & director
- 5. Fill in the missing word: B.T Young ..... & Technology Exhibition (9 letters)
- 7. How much do 2 pens & 1 sum copy cost in the School Shop? (Bet you weren't expecting that one!)

- 3. Origami is a ..... hobby (8 letters)
- 6. Another name for Captain Bighead
- 8. Peter's surname (Our caretaker)
- 9. Chairperson of the Student's Council
- 10. A famous racer

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So what happened this year?

We had.....

.....An Oscar Attendee

..... A screenplay writer who gave talks

.....A new extension (Or soon will have)

..... A School Shop (Open Tuesday & Thursday!!)

.....A band play on a roof.

..... An Origami Guru. (See Across)

.....A Council Retreat.

.... A Scientist's Exhibition.

.... A Sports Day

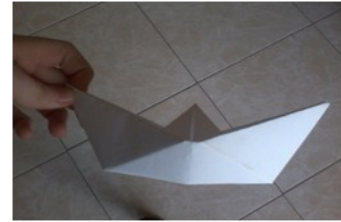
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....100 Substitute/ Student Teachers

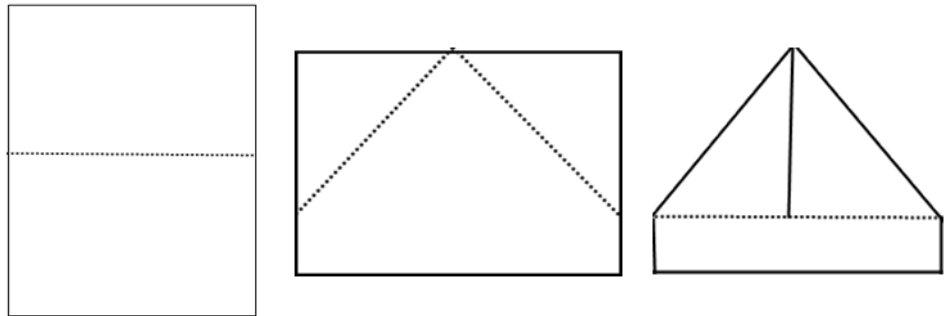
Busy, Isn't it?

## Origami Part 2 - How to make a Hat/Boat

Our anonymous donor is back with more origami techniques.



1. Fold along the dotted lines.



2. Flip over and fold along the dotted lines.

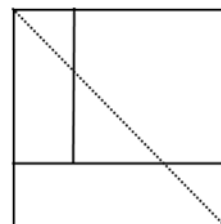


Now you have a hat

3. If you want a boat then pull out as shown.



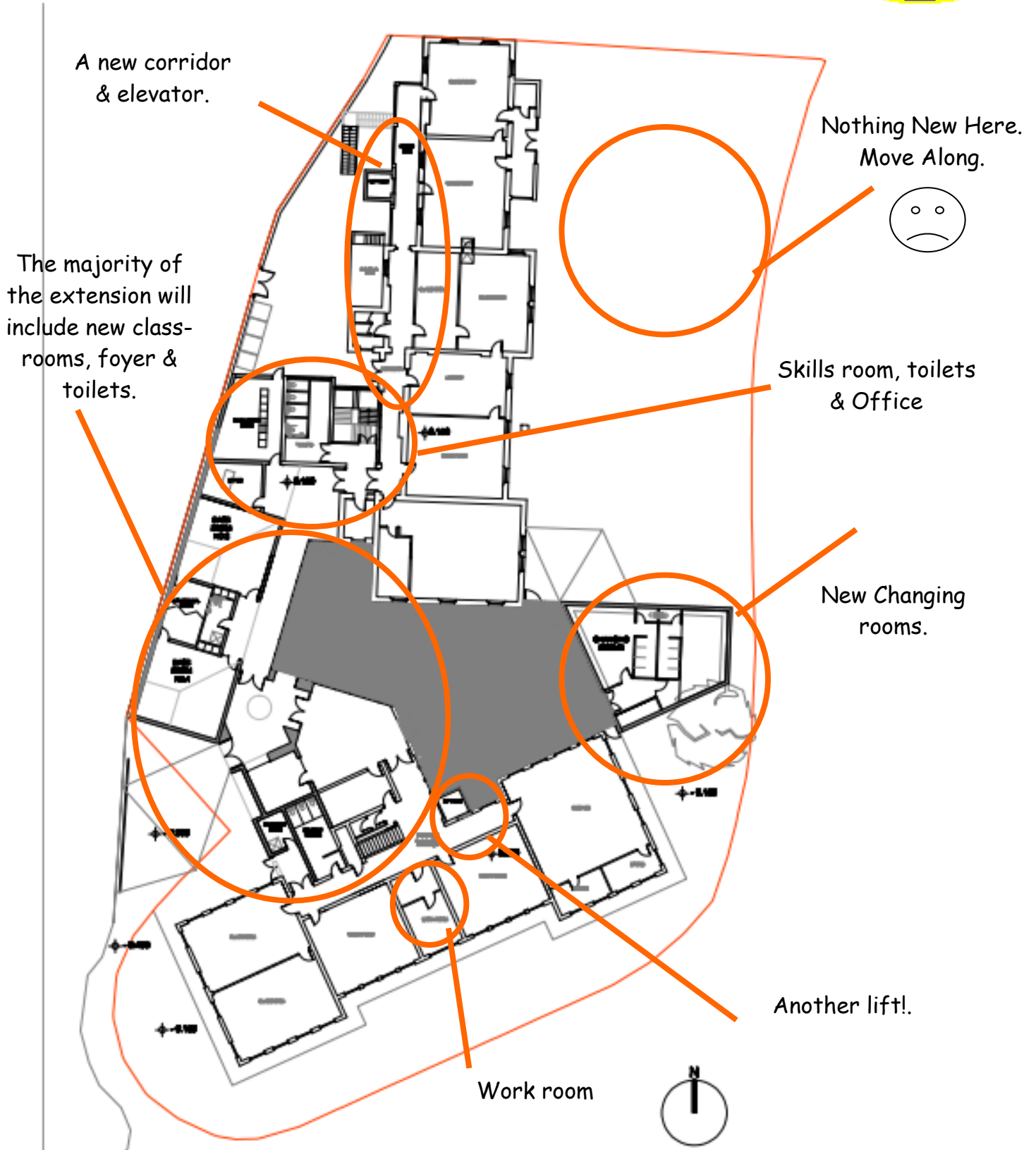
4. Fold along the dotted line on the top layer. Flip over and its the same on the other side



5. Pull out as shown then again.



# We examine the new school extension!



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Next Issue Out: Next September.  
(If we're not cancelled!)

### Apologies:

Apologies to Alex Ursu & James Burke, Transition Year, whose names we omitted last issue from the article about Peter the caretaker



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### Answers:

#### Down:

- 1) The Extension
- 2) Pentecost
- 4) Peter Sheridan
- 5) Scientist
- 7) Ninety Cent

#### Across:

- 3) Japanese
- 6) Don Von Violent
- 8) White
- 9) Gareth Wogen
- 10) Ayrton Senna

