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# JUNE NEWSLETTER

## UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES IN GCS

## Sports Day for 1st and 2nd years

Approximately 510 first and second year students participated on Friday 7th May. Despite an overcast start and a forecast of lighting and thunder, the sun shone on the well organised and enjoyable event. A team of teachers, parents and students joined forces in order to ensure that the event in Gorey Rugby Club proceeded with precision.

Soccer pitches and running tracks were marked out the night before by **Mr. Forrest** and **Mr. Kidd.**

The Parents Association provided food, while TY students organised a tuck

shop, which was managed by **Ms. O' Neill.**

Relay races, 100,300 and 800 metres, tug-o-war, welly throwing, sack race, egg and spoon, 3-legged race were managed by a team of teachers.

The Special Needs Assistants took charge of activities such as hula hoops-- and board games.

Results were collated throughout the day by **Ms. McCormack**

Overall coordination of the occasion was performed by year heads **Ms U. Bolger, Ms C Kinsella** and Assistant Year heads.



## Sports Awards 2nd year.

The names for each sports category are listed for player of the year followed by most improved player.

### Soccer:

**Kevin Kennedy**

**Kevin Molloy**

### Rugby

**Harry Woods : JJ Earle**

### Hurling

**Conor Mc Donald**

**Michael O'Brien**

### Gaelic football

**Kevin Molloy**

**Michael Dwyer**

**Stephen Morley** -a past pupil of GCS was on hand to administer First Aid but thankfully his expertise was not called on during the event

## Generous Donation to Sports Department of GCS

**Mr. Michael Wall**, Head of Sports in the school, gratefully accepted a cheque of 900 euro from **Dr Don Ryan** and **Dr Johnny Butler** orthodontists based in Gorey and Wexford.

### Camogie

**Anna Whitty**

**Megan Morrissey**

### Ski Club

**Laura Whitty: Niall Whitty Jonathon Halton Simon Dowling**

### Athletics

**Frederich Bohm**

### Basketball

**Megan Morrissey**

**Niamh Condren**

**Winners were announced on 2nd Year Awards Day**

## SPORTS AWARDS

### 1ST YEAR



## PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1ST YEAR FOLLOWED BY RUNNER UP IN EACH CATEGORY :

**Basketball:** Niamh Ennis  
Rose Lynch

**Badminton:** Olivia Porter  
Aileen Kinsella John Redmond

**Athletics:** Nadine Kenny  
Josh O'Neill

**Camogie:** Marie Kennedy  
Catriona O'Brien

### Gaelic Football:

Cathal Dunbar

**Under 14 Football:** Ben Egan  
Brendan Brophy

**Soccer:** Cathal Dunbar  
Lekan Ademu

**Rugby:** Christopher Martin  
Roy Forrest Niamh Pierce

**Ski-ing:** Luke Middleton

**FUNDRAISING .....STUDENT COUNCIL**

The Student Council raised **681 euro** from the *Jeans Day* recently held in the school. Members of the Council decided to divide the amount equally between three charities

227 euro was earmarked for Chernobyl. The cheque was presented by **Patrick Poole** and **Greg Klassen** to **Kay Kavanagh**

227 for Special Olympics was presented by **Brian Darcy** to **Ann Wadding** and **Bridget Purcell**.

227 Euro was forwarded by **Michael Dwyer** to The Irish Cancer Society  
The Student Council do great work in the school and in the community and are renowned for their donations to charitable causes, nationally and internationally. Along with **Ms Nola Farrell**, their guide and mentor, they are demonstrating altruism and responsible citizenship. The school is very proud of their charitable and their community work. They embody the philosophy that we can all make the world a better place.

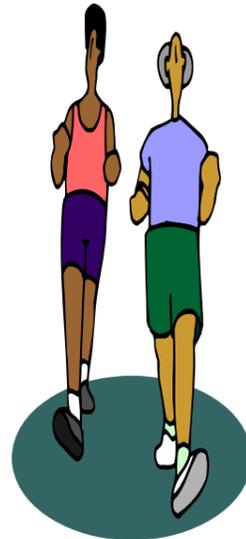
*'Be the change you want to see in the world' - Gandhi*

DURING HAPPY HEART WEEKEND TY STUDENTS :- SEAN CARTY JORDAN AHERN AND SAM KEHOE WERE AMONG THE VOLUNTEERS COLLECTING FOR THE IRISH HEART FOUNDATION.

THEY RAISED FUNDS BY SELLING HEARTS AND TROLLEY KEY RINGS DURING THE WEEKEND FROM THURS 13TH— TO SAT. 16TH MAY

**Walking the Camino**

A group of 29 Transition Year students accompanied by **Ms. Kehoe Ms Martin, Mr Quinlan and Ms O'Reilly** completed a 118 km stretch of the Camino, a pilgrimage from **Sarria to Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Northern Spain**. This well trodden route, a popular pilgrimage walk, since the Middle Ages, has experienced a resurgence of interest in recent years. One of the walkers, who returned this week, described the trip as *'a unique experience-good for body and soul'*



Groups from GCS have been embarking on the Camino Walk for the past few years.

A group of fifth year students are walking another part of the Camino in mid-June, led by **Mr O'Brien, Ms O Loughlin, Ms Moran, Ms Keegan, Ms O Reilly** and **Mr O Toole**.

All await in eager anticipation for the delights, surprises and sense of achievement experienced from undertaking this time honoured journey.



WE REMEMBER THE JUNIOR AND LEAVING CERTIFICATE STUDENTS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WITH THE FOLLOWING PRAYER

**PRAYER OF A STUDENT**

GOD, HELP ME TO BE CALM AS I PREPARE. GIVE ME CONFIDENCE IN THE WORK THAT I HAVE DONE. GIVE ME COURAGE TO FACE THE TENSION OF THE COMING DAYS. HELP ME TO DO MY BEST AND TO LEAVE THE REST IN YOUR HANDS KNOWING THAT YOU WILL BE WITH ME NOW, DURING AND AFTER THE EXAMS.

**AMEN**



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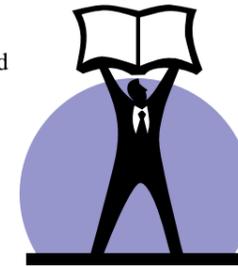
**End of Year Awards**

Award ceremonies were held in GCS last week, to celebrate effort, achievement and excellence throughout the student population . Students were commended by the school principal Mr Michael Finn and by their respective year heads, class tutors, teachers and guidance counsellors for their commitment to study and extra curricular activities both in and out of school. In first year the Student of the year accolade was shared by **Darrick Garz** and

**Owen McGuckin** while **Rebecca Gorman** was the recipient in second year. In third year this award is called the Frank Sweeney Award, in memory of the former teacher in Gorey CBS and GCS and was earned by **Molly McGuckin**. Student of the year for fifth year is **Rachel Murphy**. Sixth years were given a number of awards: The overall award is called the Aisling na hOige Award. This year the joint winners were **Emma Sinnott** and

**Amy McPartlan**. The Eibhlin Barrington Award

for contribution to Irish language and culture was awarded to **Patrick Cooper**. Another important award for 6<sup>th</sup> yr is The Parents Association Award which is awarded to students who contribute significantly to the community -an accolade which was well deserved by both winners- **Rose Cleary** and **Stephen Owens**. The spirit of Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) went to **Sean Lipsett**. In the case of each year group awards were bestowed for sport, drama, Student council, National Art competitions, , creative writing , practical projects and for attendance.



**Cinema Trip**

**LCA 6TH YEAR**

Accompanied by Ms Lisa Nangle, coordinator, LCA year 2 took a trip to the cinema in Arklow to mark their end of year and their forthcoming departure from GCS, Esmonde Street. they decided on Nightmare on Elm Street 2 and had a very enjoyable day.

**Talk for Parents**

**Protecting and supporting children through difficult transitions**

A talk for parents which took place on May 11th - - organised by the Guidance Dept. and hosted by GCS.. The guest speakers were Karen Loane, the Principal Psychologist HSE in the South East and Trish Tyrell,

Senior Psychologist with NEPS. A productive discussion was generated after the talk and the presentations.

The Guidance Department are planning further talks for the Autumn term.

**Graduation Mass**

Held in the school gym on Fri 28th May the annual Graduation Mass marked a farewell from our 6th year to the School community.

Fr Howell and Fr Doyle officiated at the important milestone in the lives of our 6th year students and their parents/ guardians.

**Commemoration of An Gorta**

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The History and Religion Departments collaborated to mark the National Day of Remembrance for the Victims of The Great Irish Famine and for the victims of famine throughout the world today.

Readings, prayers, and music was conducted in the school oratory and the whole school community partook in a min-

utes silence at midday.

**The Italian Exchange**

Students on the trip this year got a few extra days in beautiful Italy due to the volcanic ash plume from Iceland.





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