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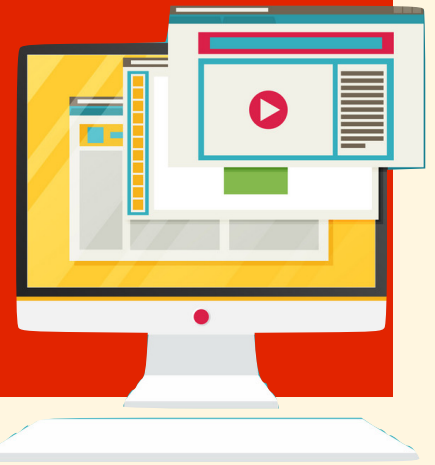


## WELCOME

Welcome to our weekly Newsletter. We have completed two weeks of remote learning already. Earlier this week, we issued a survey to all students to find out how Remote Learning And Teaching was going. The main findings revealed a very positive start.

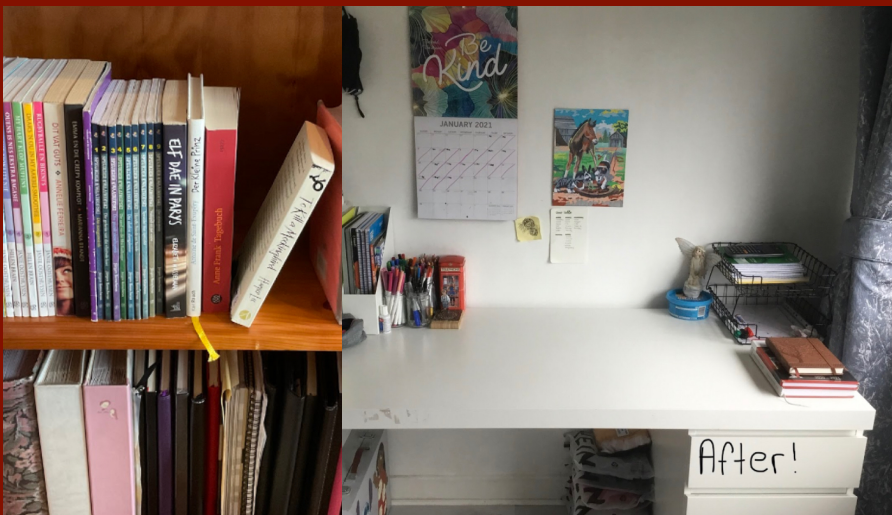
- 98% of students reported engagement with all their subjects last week.
- Students reported a high level of satisfaction with online teacher interaction through Google Meet while following their school timetable.
- 89% reported a very satisfactory experience with Google Meet.
- Overall very high level of satisfaction with online platforms.
- A small number of students reported difficulties with managing their workload but this should improve over time as teachers and students navigate their way through Online Learning.
- 96% of students from 2nd - 6th year reported that the experience of Online Learning had dramatically improved since the last lockdown in 2020.

Well done to all of our teachers, students and support staff on such a successful start to 2021.



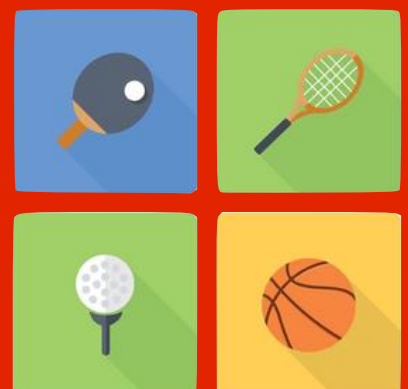
## TY UPDATE

This week's TY Challenge was to declutter and take a virtual tour. For decluttering students were tasked with tidying and decluttering their room, a room in their house, a cupboard or a shelf. Tidying is a very therapeutic activity and may have even help to find a lost treasure! For the virtual tour students were given scope to choose a museum or gallery of their choice. Tours that have been taken so far include the National Gallery in Dublin, the Vatican Museum in Rome and the Guggenheim in Bilbao.



## SPORTS

The sports committee recommends you get out for at least a half hour of exercise everyday. This can be anything from bringing your dog out for a walk, going on a run or doing a home workout.



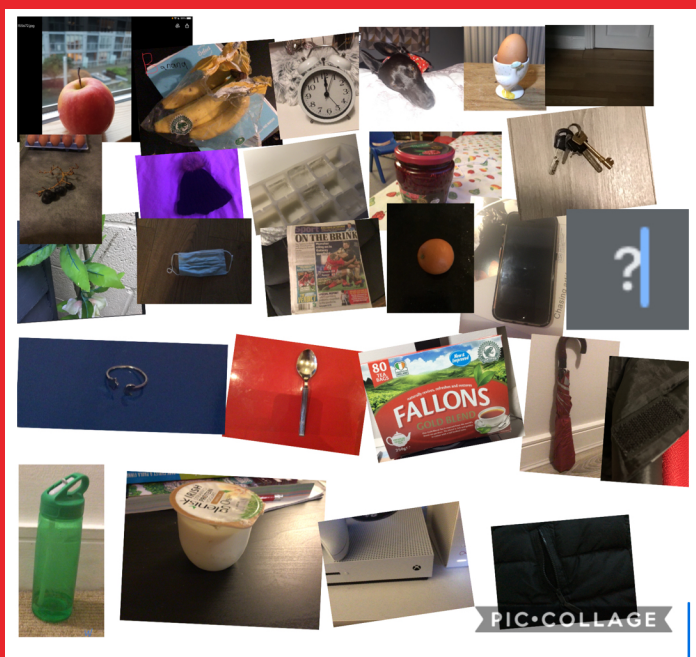
## SOCIAL AWARENESS

The social awareness committee acknowledges that this is a tough time for everyone and we would like to take this opportunity to share some good news to hopefully make you smile!

- 70,000 people in Ireland have received the covid vaccine
- Facebook have vowed a "social good" amongst all of their employees, ensuring a safer online space for us all
- A new berry flavoured HIV drug has been developed for infants, which will save 80,000 babies a year
- A lotto ticket worth €1 million has been sold in city west Dublin. The winner is yet to claim the money, could it be you?

## FIRST YEAR TUTOR CHALLENGE

The first years loved this week's tutor challenge which was a test of speed, teamwork and collaboration. They had to create a pic collage, one per class. In it they had to photograph objects from their homes/gardens, one object for each letter of the alphabet. Some letters were surprisingly tricky to find! The first class to complete the piccollage and email it back to us won. The winner of this week's challenge was 1 Diamond.



## SECOND YEAR POETRY

All we need is hope,  
But sometimes it's hard to find,  
Sometime all we can see is darkness,  
Or you can see a twinkle in someone's eye.

We have to keep believing,  
In case you didn't know ,  
But other times we just have to stop,  
And sit down to let the tears flow.

An aeroplane takes off against the wind,  
Never alongside,  
We have to have hope we'll get through  
But sometimes It is alright to cry.

Not everything in life is perfect,  
Not everything is a straight line,  
Our paths have bumps and twists and turns  
And that can upset us from time to time.

Some people are unhappy,  
But they are keeping it on the inside,  
We can't help people who don't want to be helped,  
But maybe just pass on a smile.

So what I'm saying is it's ok to be sad,  
It can feel like it never goes away,  
But I promise your life will get better,  
Because tomorrow's another day.

*Laoise Foy, 2 Sapphire*

## RIDDLES

I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?  
What can't talk but will reply when spoken to?  
The more of this there is, the less you see.  
What is it?

Solutions to last week's riddles

1. A sponge
2. 1, 2 and 3
3. The lid



## POSITIVE QUOTES

This year, base classes have been coming up with positive quotes to share with the school community. The most recent quotes are listed here:

To succeed in life you need three things; a wishbone, a backbone and a funnybone (5 Opal)

Struggle today for a better tomorrow (4 Amber)

Live life, breathe air, I know somehow we're gonna get there (4 Opal)



## POETRY TO INSPIRE

The inauguration of Joe Biden is one of the major news stories of this week. The youngest inaugural poet in US history, 22 year old Amanda Gorman, gave an inspiring performance. Her poem ended on an optimistic note for the future.

“When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.  
The new dawn blooms as we free it.  
For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.  
If only we're brave enough to be it.”

## TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS WEEK

- Tell someone what you appreciate about them
- Brush your teeth and comb your hair using your non-dominant hand
- Try a new fruit or vegetable
- Write a poem



## MOLTAÍ NETFLIX Ó TY



1) Mholfaimis an scannán 'After' daoibh. Is scannán é a eisíodh i 2019 faoi bheirt a thiteann i ngrá nuair a thosaíonn cailín ar an ollscoil. Tá plota soiléir agus simplí ann. Tabharfamaís 5 réalta don scannán seo!

2) Tá oraibh 'Bridgerton' a sheiceáil amach freisin. Is sraith teilifíse nua-eisithe é faoi chúrsaí cleamhnais sa tréimshe Victeoireach i Londain. Tá sé lán le carachtair iontacha. Tabharfamaís 4 réalta don tsraith seo!