

SPRING TY PCH

News from TYland

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Leading into Mid Term Break we had another Work experience. We went for one week to a business somewhere in Ireland to see what it was like working in the real world . We head out again on April 4th.

Bodhrán making On the 3rd of March we spent the day making bodhráns. We learned how to put them together and got to design them. It was really

New Year New Enterprises

We started back to school in January with a very disrupted two weeks when COVID was playing catch around the community and activities had to be rescheduled or cancelled as a result. Thankfully things settled down and we all got back into the swing of things in class and at workshops.

January saw us working on our Enterprise ideas in readiness for a workshop with a man from Enterprise Ireland. At this we talked about enterprise and in particular we focused on projects that some TYs have entered into The Student Enterprise Awards competition—Emoto colour, Irish Wild Wrapping and Dough Co, the very best of luck to them in the regional finals. They have worked so hard over the last couple of months designing, producing, marketing and selling their innovative products. It was a good workshop, it helped us understand how to run a business.

Newby Chinese

In February we took on a whole new challenge --Newby Chinese. In this activity thought we were just playing games on an iPad but really we were learning to understand the Chinese language- who knew it could be so much fun and so competitive!



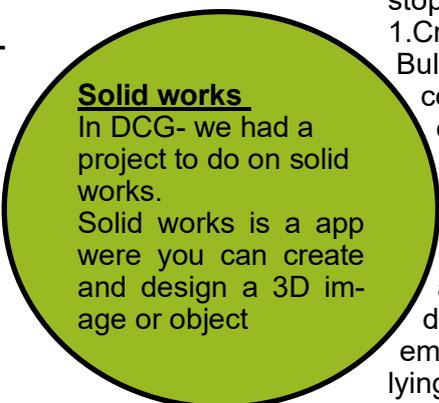
Our next activity was challenging in a whole different way-- Stilt walking!!! Reaching new heights- We went to the St Fursa's hall to try stilt walking. It was really difficult at the start but we got used to it after a few minutes. Everyone tried very their best and we all helped each other. It was really enjoyable-- we all learnt two important lessons--- how to fall gracefully and how to keep getting back up!



Bodhran making @PCH

**In coding class we did Scratch ! ;-)
We finished a foundation programme in the computer language QBasic. We learned how to program on a computer using Scratch. We learned how to make a game. We completed a project where we had to make our own game using the coding we'd learned.**

**Debating
In our English classes we debated about different topics like drug abuse, stereotypes and much more.**



**Solid works
In DCG- we had a project to do on solid works. Solid works is a app were you can create and design a 3D image or object**

Anti bullying campaign -
10 students from the Foroige Leadership for Life programmes came up with good ideas to stop bullying such as:
1. Creating a TY Anti Bulying Sound Wall account to explain the effects of bullying and a poster campaign around the school to encourage students to report any bullying to the dedicated anti-bullying email account. antibullying@presheadford.ie



St Brigid's Day Crosses

We were a hive of activity in late January making hundreds of traditional Irish St. Brigid's crosses. We learnt all about

this traditional and practised, practised and practised a little more. We are all sure to remember how to make these long into the future. These lovely crosses were distributed around our community

Important dates to remember:

April 4th-8th
Work experience block 3

April 27th
Dance Concepts Workshop

May 11th-13th
Achill trip

May 19th
Tayto Park trip



March also saw TYs making **Movie Magic**. Working on script writing, filming, editing and acting was great fun. The short clips that were produced on the

day showed the TYs skills and their scary side too.



Daffodil Day

TYs fundraised for the Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day. A rota was drawn up and students staff the stalls selling the familiar Daffodil badges, pens, cards and even tea-towels. Students were amazed at how generous all the community was to this very worthy cause.



Many Thanks to all who contributed

Walking for Water



Filling up the water containers.

They quickly got heavy when we started our walk.

Some of the TYs went on a walk for Water in Cong Woods where they met up with Students from Tuam And Gort and together with Representatives from Green Schools and Irish Water we walked 6km carrying 6 litres of water in solidarity with all the women and children in the world who have to walk that distance every-day just to get water for their families. The sun shone on us and it was a lovely day out in Nature



Tree hugging or measuring the tree. .. we aren't sure.

That's not all Folks... more to come in April and May.

In our Modern Foreign Language classes we have had Oral assessments. Some of these conversations were longer than others but we have all improved and that's what matters most.