

MOVING ON UP

The Transfer Programme once again proved a great success running from December to April. This programme is in place many years and assists students and their parents to prepare for second level.

Jobstown Community College and St Thomas's Senior School, once again, joined forces to create a unique transfer programme to assist students in preparing for secondary school. The transfer programme involved students attending sample classes in various subjects: English, Home economics, Woodwork, Art, History, Sewing and Irish. Students also attended the College Library each week as part of this programme. Parents also got the opportunity to participate



in information sessions organised through Home School Liaison in both Schools. The Transfer Programme culminated in a Fun Day organised by Sandra Collins and Dermot Conroy which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all involved and to Eithne O Shea from St Thomas' Senior School.
Co-ordinator Marian Fennell

JOBSTOWN ON BROADWAY

This year the College had their 3rd school show at the Civic Theatre in Tallaght. "Jobstown on Broadway" performed excerpts from Mama Mia to Mowtown and far beyond.



The show was a great success with more students and staff than ever involved. In addition to our school choir and dance club we were joined on stage by our tap dancing, percussion and guitar club. We would like to



thank everyone who participated and supported this activity. With Performing Arts at J.C.C going from strength to strength we have already begun preparation for next year, and look forward to even more students and staff joining us on stage. Director Ms Ryan Members of our school choir who have participated in our annual school show, the local Saturday Mass, St. Thomas' National school, Multicultural week the opening of the Library and many more events throughout the year.



Aideen Cassidy JCSF co-ordinator Mr. P.J Doyle and Mr. Ferguson Deputy Principal.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Eric Finnegan in 3rd year, who was crowned All Ireland champion in the Irish Amateur Boxing Championships in March. He competed in the 48 Kg youth one category where he was representing his local club Golden Cobra.



Our College would also like to extend our congratulations to two past pupils in particular. Rania Haydar who recently qualified as a medical doctor. She will graduate from Trinity College, Dublin this summer, also to Joe Leech who along with his band "Bipolar Empire" hit the download charts recently with their single "Feel that you own it". Congratulations to all.



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JCC'S ROUTE TO ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS



Second round V Colaiste Lorcaín, Castle-dermot, this was our first cup game this year as we had a bye in the 1st round. Jobstown dominated the first half hour and deservedly led through a Niall Forrester goal. After an hour we found ourselves 2-1 down despite having most of the possession. Two Morgan Burke penalties saw JCC lead 3-2 with 5 minutes left before a defensive error forced this game into extra time. Lee Dillion scored with 6 min of extra time left. Man of the match: **Gary Byrne.**

Quarter Final V Ard Scoil Eanna, Crumlin. Improvement was needed in order to advance in the cup Players were finally getting used to each other. The 8-0 scoreline reflected this in our dominance of the game. Michael Doyle and Lee Dillion scored hatricks but our defensive display was impressive. Man of the match: **Michael Doyle.**

Semi-final V Greenhills we had to play away from home. Greenhills had the better of the 1st 20 min. Morgan Burke and

Darren Doyle were very strong in the centre of the defence. We went a goal behind with 14 minutes left, A deserved equalizer by Bobinel led to extra time. Lee Dillion scored in the 1st period and JCC ensured a superb victory and the school's 1st ever cup final. Man of the match: **Darren Doyle.**

Leinster Final V St Kevins CC, Dunlavin (VEC Terenue)

Training grew to 3 times a week and our confidence was growing. Lee Dillon and James Nolan goals gave us 2 up in the 1st 25 minutes. A defensive mix up allowed them back into the game five min before half time. A goal from Lee Dillon and another from Michael Doyle with 20 minutes remaining gave Jobstown our 1st trophy in 16 years. Man of the Match: **Morgan Burke.**

All Ireland series: Semi Final V Nagle CC, An All Ireland series, 1st time for JCC. Nagle were better in the 1st half and only strong defending kept our arrears to 1-0 at half time. Morgan Burke equalized mid way through the 2nd half but a lapse in concen-



tration saw us 2-1 down in the final minutes. JCC attacked and threw players forward at any opportunity. In injury time Michael Doyle equalized from a corner to bring another epic semi final into extra time. In the first period of extra time James Nolan scored a superb goal which turned out to be the winner. Man of the match: **Michael Doyle.**

All Ireland Final V Colaiste Muire, Ballymote, Sligo: a National final- we now had to face Connacht champions. Training

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intensified – including training in the snow and on the astro surface. Having played all our matches on grass we had to adapt to playing on a different surface and in front of an anticipated large crowd. We got off to a dream start with a goal from Morgan Burke from a corner after 3 minutes. The 1st half was going nicely, we were playing well, creating a few chances and looking solid. A Ballymote counter attack in the last minute of the half led to a penalty which led to an equalizer after Peter Ward saved the initial shot. The 2nd half was keenly contested by both teams with very little separating them. Lee Dillion had a ball cleared off the line with 15 minutes remaining. Extra time was now necessary to decide a game which was becoming another epic. The teams could not be separated in extra time, so the champi-

onship would be decided on penalties. Morgan Burke, Darren Doyle, Niall Forrester and Stephen Mc Gregor scored to ensure the penalty shot-out went to sudden death. Gary Byrne, Michael Doyle and Bobinel Mozono scored before Peter Ward saved Ballymote's 8th penalty to make JCC All Ireland champions (7-6). Since winning the boys have been invited with the cup to St Thomas' primary school, introduced at half time at the recent Shamrock Rovers and St. Pat's game in the new Shamrock Rovers Stadium in Tallaght. They were awarded the team of the month from the Tallaght Echo in February.

**Congratulations to all on an excellent season.
Manager Mr. Halpin.**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The school year has been exceptionally good in many respects. The outgoing students gained 11 ACE Awards and 4 major scholarships. The College U-18 Soccer team first of all won the Leinster Championships and later they became All-Ireland Champions. A superb achievement; The annual concert in the Civic Theatre in January included 80 dancers, singers and musicians from the college and was better than ever. In February 'Radio J.C.C' was broadcast from the Institute of Technology by fifth year LCVP students. The Official Opening of the College library staffed by Librarian Ms. Touhey was carried out by County Mayor, Councillor Marie Corr in April. I wish all students doing State exams the best and thank all our staff for their dedication and generosity.

Ronan Connolly Principal.

JCSP PROGRESS REPORT.



American TV Crew with Pat Speight

This year we have had a number of initiatives in JCSP; the main reason for such a successful year was the appointment of Ms. Michelle Tuohy as school librarian plus the appointment of the JCSP core team Ms. Petrina Byrne, Ms Maire O'Hagan, Ms Avril Buttimer and Mr Tomas McDonnell. The tireless work of these people have greatly assisted me in the organisation of school events. Before Christmas we had the author Claire Hennessy in to talk to a number of students about writing and

her books. Class 1 Alder also started calligraphy in preparation for the Make a Book exhibition in the Civic Offices.

After Christmas there were a number of events:

The Irish Week: Ms. Buttimer organised this years Seachtain na Gaeilge. On the Monday we had a Ceili, on the Tuesday we had Pat Speight, the storyteller, this event was recorded by the American station CNBC for airing on American T.V., on Thursday Avril organised two musicians to come to teach the bodhran and the tin-whistle, on Friday the Irish teachers held a song contest where the first years had to sing the National Anthem



Michelle organised **Animal Magic** to come in and allow the pupils to hold a number of exotic animals including a tarantula and a skunk.

The library was **officially launched**. We had a number of dignitaries present including Councillor Marie Corr the Mayor of Tallaght, T.D. Brian Hayes and others. The noted author Niall de Burca also performed at the event, as did the school choir, who sang as the people entered.

Ms. Maire O'Hagan has also been working on making a film with class

1 Alder, this film will be ready for its official launch at the end of year celebrations.

The Junior Cert students have had their maths ability tested and will have their English ability tested as part of ongoing work for the DEIS programme and the JCSP.



SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The School Support Programme is funded by the Drugs Task Force and involves Jobstown Community College, the Psychological Support Service and County Dublin VEC Youth Services. It was proposed to combine the knowledge and expertise of these three VEC sectors to establish, develop and implement a pilot project to provide support structures and programmes for those young people manifesting disruptive behaviour in JCC. The School Support Programme is Co-ordinated

by Grainne Duffy (Senior Youth Officer) for County Dublin VEC and provides a mix of both academic and non-academic supports for students during and outside of school time. The School Support Programme identifies students at risk of repeated suspension. The programme also runs a number of very successful evening clubs, sexual health programmes and a three week camp for all JCC students during the summer months. These clubs/camps have proven very popular



and help combat anti-social behaviour within the area while building positive relationships between school and community.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME: (LCVP)

We are coming to the close of our first year of the LCVP with fifth years. I am delighted to



reveal that our students had a very productive year. They were involved in many activities over the past 12

months which proved very rewarding and successful. The 5th years completed a very detailed and professional 3 hour radio broadcast as one of their enterprise activities with the aid of the engineering and media departments of Tallaght IT. The programme reached the school and the surrounding locality of Jobstown. There was a variety of topics which included discussion, arts, comedy, sports music and chat. It was well organised and a sense of great achievement and enjoyment was accomplished through the completion of the programme. Other activities completed during the year were a very colourful programme of our production

of 'Jobstown on Broadway' our annual school show.

A lively week was recently held consisting of many different cultures. This multicultural week was organised by Jobstown local committee, where LCVP student's worked alongside parent from the community and representatives from St. Thomas' Junior and



Senior school. This week consisted of a variety of song, dance, music and a very exclusive day featuring different foods from different cultures around the world, reflecting the cultures of our

local community. I would also like to give a special thanks to a group of 5th year LCVP students for helping maintain the appearance of our school by assisting teachers in painting part of the school. During the first week of March our LCVP students engaged in a week of work experience. They got the opportunity to experience working life in the local



community. This week provided students with a rewarding opportunity achieving great reports from all employers. The students this year developed many skills such as teamwork, communication and are now better organized which will benefit them in the future. We look forward to the coming year and wish them luck in completing LCVP. On behalf of Ms. Ryan and myself I would like



to thank the teachers and parents for their co-operation throughout the year and especially the hard work of LCVP 5th year students.

Ms. Murphy Co-ordinator.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED (LCA)

Seasons 2/ 3 of LCA have been as busy as ever. Our 6th year students have completed their mock exams, attending college interviews and received session 3 results while preparing for their final exams and



keeping on top of their key assignments. Our 5th years have completed their 2nd task interviews and have also have received their 1st session results. The tasks recently completed by the 5th years included creative metalwork projects, providing refreshments and

hospitality at a recent event for parents of incoming 1st years. Also the mini company events ranged from football competitions, raffles, cake sales, to car washes, cinema events and lunches for sale. During the year one of our recent past pupils of the L.C.A. course; Darren Murray was featured in a magazine produced to promote L.C.A. this magazine is distributed nationally and includes profiles of



his studies to degree level. We all wish him the very best in his future studies. I would like to finally wish all the students of L.C.A both 5th and 6th years all the best for the exams in June and to thank all the hardworking staff both teachers and SNA's for their work and commitment to L.C.A on our college year.

recent graduates. Darren's profile was impressive describing his time at JCC and how he went onto Ballyfermot Institute of Further Education, where he has completed a 2 year Higher National Dip in Classical Animation. Darren plans to progress



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Ms. Timmons L.C.A. co-ordinator.

