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THE HALLOWE'EN ISSUE



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Editorial

Heya everyone!

So this is my last issue of the college press but I'm handing it over to Ciara Maher and Sorcha Lavelle Walsh. I've no doubt that they will do an amazing job. If anyone has any articles or polls they want to contribute this year, email it to collegepress@gmail.com. Anything is greatly appreciated! Hope ye all have a brill Halloween!!

Aileen :)

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Chelsea	

Jane Gavin and Aofie Keane



Revenge is a Good Sweet
by Muireann Little

Halloween is the night of trick or treating and pranks. For some people good things happen on Halloween and for some bad things happen. Did you know that 1,000 teenagers go missing every year on Halloween? No one knows what happens, no one knows if they are still alive somewhere.

Let me tell you about old lady Jenny. Every Halloween she gives teenage trick or treaters her famous mystery sweets. No one knows what's in them they just know they are really sweet. But I know how she makes her mystery sweet. Missing teens that tried to pull a prank on the old lady during the year or on the night, hear an unknown sound then all of a sudden they are gone. The secret of old lady Jenny is that she is a ghost who has not left her house once in her whole life even after her horrible death. When someone tries to mess with her they suddenly vanish and little sweets appear. Then she takes the sweets and she gives them to the trick or treaters. What they don't know is that the sweets are made with the missing teens' blood and their souls. People say revenge is so sweet well this time revenge is a good sweet.





Origins of Halloween

Halloween was a Celtic holiday known as Samhain celebrating the end of summer and the beginning of winter. It was the time when the veil between the living and the world of the dead grew thin. That meant that ghost and ghouls were able to walk among the ordinary people, both harmless and harmful.

Families welcomed home ancestors while harmful spirits were warded off. People dressed up as ghost, so that they wouldn't be bothered by the ghouls.

Trick or Treat comes from children demanding money or sweet, or else a 'trick' or a 'threat' would be played on their property.

In the early 1900's, dressing up became popular in America and clothes shops began to produce costumes. Ever since then there has been a select number of costumes that seem to never go out of style.

10. Angel 9. Ghost 8. Political Figures (57% of Amazon masks sales have been of Obama) 7. Superheroes 6. Nurse 5. Fairy 4. Cat 3. Vampire (chemists report a spike of sales at Halloween of body glitter and hair gel, Edward beware!) 2. Pirate 1. Black Bin Liner, er, Witch

A lot of ghost stories originate around Halloween, including one of the scariest ghost stories know. The story of Bloody Mary. Supposedly if you stand in a darkened room with a mirror with only a candle for light, and chanted her name three times she would come and scratch your eyes out! Other variations insist that she would either murder you there and then or eventually drive you to insanity.

While you think you might be safe from Bloody Mary, think again. Legend says that if you're standing in a darkened room with a mirror, she might come regardless whether you called her or not...

By Rebecca Glenny

The Changing Face Of The College

Chloe O'Reilly

Take a look around you. You see the magnificent grey walls, and luscious green pitches?

Think about all the memories that have been made here. The thousands of people who've walked through these halls, feeling the way you do right now. The hundred or so who've sat in your seat before you. Think about what has remained the same in the school, but think about what's changed . . .

First of all, we have the monumental difference of the student Population which happened in 1984 – Hello Girls! Half of the student body wouldn't be here but for that tiny change. Newbridge College is no longer a boarding school. Imagine how fun that would be! Or would it be horrible, with homesickness and loneliness compared to the Enid Blighton fantasy I'm imagining?

We have a new extension! Cleaner, prettier and much more spacious! I think we've all found a use for Freynes.

In 1998, there was the first female captain...Yay for Tara Flanagan!

It doesn't seem to matter what's thrown in the face of Newbridge College, because based on the history, some things haven't changed. The manner in which we hold ourselves, the respect in which we give to everybody, and the decency of the people in this school. While the face of the school may be changing, when you walk through the doors to this school, you can expect
eight hundred smiles!



NEWBRIDGE COLLEGE MUSICAL



Is the Word

By Elizabeth MacBride

*“Hopefully, this year’s show will be the most enjoyable and successful
Grease we’ve ever put on,” - Ms. O’Brien*

In order to gain more insight into the intricate world that is preparing and organising the show, I spoke to music teacher Ms. O’Brien. This will be her 14th musical production at Newbridge College.

“Deciding who to cast is always a difficult part of the show,” admits Ms. O’Brien. She is aided by Ms. Lenehan and Ms. Graham and they put a lot of thought into who to cast for the lead roles. “We are delighted to say they are a great group of students to work with and are doing very well. We were looking for enthusiastic, talented people who were willing to make this year’s show a huge success,” said Ms. O’Brien.

Over 200 students auditioned for only 100 places. “We try to ensure that everyone who auditions gets to take part in at least one musical during their time in Newbridge College,” Ms. O’Brien told me.

Unfortunately, this isn’t always possible due to the large amounts of interest among students.

“No matter how many times you do a particular show, when you have a different cast, it’s going to be different. Students bring their own characteristics into their roles.” Grease has been performed twice before, in 1998 and in 2003. Both times the show was a sell-out success.

As you can imagine, a huge amount of preparation goes into making sure the musical runs smoothly and according to plan. The cast rehearse three nights each week, starting in September. Then, as the show dates approach in November, many more staff and students become involved with stage painting, costumes, props, make-up and lighting.

I briefly talked with *Emma-Jane Grant* about her role in the upcoming musical.

“I’m really excited because I’ve got a lot of lines and the rest of the cast are lovely,” she said. Emma-Jane performed “There Are Worse Things I Could Do” for her audition and landed the role of Jan – one of the Pink Ladies – in Grease. Stephen Byrne and Emilie McCarthy are cast as Danny and Sandy.

Everyone loves to sing along and the cast is hoping it will be a big hit – and, more than anything else, a whole lot of fun for everyone.

Mark you calendar for Thursday 18th November to Saturday 20th November.





The Past Pupil Interview

Roseanne Galligan, interviewed by Ciara Maher and Sorcha Lavelle Walsh

Hi Roseanne, what were your favourite subjects in school?

Geography was definitely my favourite subject. I found it really interesting and enjoyed it. I decided that I wanted to continue it in some form in college, and as I went on to do Primary School teaching in college, I specialised in geography... and PE of course!

What got you interested in athletics?

My Dad used to run when he was in school and was quite good at it. Unfortunately, he stopped running when he left secondary school as he went straight into working. So it was my dad who was always keen to get me into the sport and I'm very grateful for that because if not for him I may never have chosen to do athletics.

Did Newbridge College get you interested in athletics or did had you already been doing it?

I started running when I was about 8. I was in a running club in Dublin as I used to live there. After primary school, I remember starting secondary school and not wanting to run anymore! I didn't come to Newbridge College until the start of third year so I started secondary school in Dublin where I lived and gave up running for about half a year. I hadn't done much training by the time of the first race when I joined the school and I remember coming near to last in the East Leinster cross country championships. I didn't like it one bit as I had gotten used to being near the front of races so I decided to get back into training and try and improve! So by the time I



How did you make the transition from doing athletics as a hobby to doing it as a profession?

I really only started doing it professionally the year after my leaving cert when I decided to take a year out to fully focus on training before going to college. I started competing for Ireland when I was in 3rd year and by the time, I was in 5th and 6th year I was pretty professional about the whole thing. I would run around the rugby fields before school, then after school either run again or my dad would come pick me up to go do a training session down at Newbridge athletic track and then I would come back for night study and then go home. So the days were quite long but I had really got to love athletics.

Congrats on getting to the European championships. What was that experience like?

Thank you very much! I think I enjoyed these championships more than the World Indoors. I remember coming out into the stadium and the noise and buzz coming from the crowd was amazing. We all stood in our lanes and they called out our names individually, we waved to the crowd and TV camera and then the gun went, the race was on! I had so much adrenaline and I enjoyed it so much I just wanted to do it all over again when I had finished! I ran a personal best out there for the 800m - 2:01.76 which is the 4th fastest ever run by an Irish woman. My next aim is to break Sonia O'Sullivan's 25 year old national record of 2:00.68 and then hopefully, become the first Irish woman to break the 2 minute barrier. I am also targeting the European Indoor Championships next March in Paris and then the World Outdoor Championships in August in Korea.

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

Definitely running my 2:01 PB at the European champs this summer in the semi-final of the 800m. I was also really proud when I was in Newbridge College of gaining the accolade of never been beaten in a track race in Ireland whilst wearing the black vest over the three years I was there. I definitely here have to thank Miss O'Callaghan for all her support over the years.

Who do you admire/look up to in athletics?

Sonia O'Sullivan was always my idol and is a friend of mine now. When I was in college in London she lived near me, we did a few runs together. I think Usain Bolt is amazing and has so much talent, he makes running fast look so easy. He is bringing the fun factor back into athletics which is brilliant. I am really looking forward to being at the same championships as him if I make it to World Champs next summer.

If you weren't an athlete, what would be your dream job?

Well I have just graduated from college this year after studying primary school teaching. I always wanted to be a primary school teacher and will eventually go into the profession full time after my athletics career. Right now, I am teaching part time to support my athletics career and myself.

Do you have any advice for someone wishing to pursue an athletic career?

Athletics can be such a lonely sport sometimes so try and get into it with some friends and have some fun whilst doing it. When I started running, first, I used to love going down to my running club to see all my friends and training became fun! Try and join a running club, I run for Newbridge AC and train at the track in town when I am home.



1st Year Interviews: Interviewed by Emer O'Connor

Laura Hannon

got to Newbridge College I had been back running nearly two years. I remember one of the girls in my year taking me to meet Miss O'Callaghan to tell her she had a new recruit!

How are you finding Newbridge college?

Excellent

What's your favourite subject?

P.E.

Who is your favourite teacher?

Ms. Scully - English

Have you gotten lost yet?

Yes - 5 times!

Have you made many friends?

No :(

What's your favourite food from the ref?

Chicken roll!

How are you finding Newbridge College?

Good!

What's your favourite subject?

P.E. It is fun and you get no homework!

Who is your favourite teacher?

Ms. Scully, the Art teacher

Have you gotten lost yet?

Yes

Have you made many friends?

Yes

What's your favourite food from the ref?

Chicken rolls mmmmm.....

**Colm
Doyle 1Z**



Book Review

The Lovely Bones

The Lovely Bones is a gripping novel that takes a terrible tragedy and turns it into something hopeful and moving.

The book is set in 1970s America in a small suburban town. Susie Salmon is fourteen years old when she is attacked and murdered on her way home from school by one of her neighbours in the cornfield behind her house. The book tells us Susie's thoughts as she looks down on her family from heaven.

In heaven, whatever Susie wants appears before her eyes if she just thinks about it.

But what she wants most is to be back on earth with her family and friends. Susie can see the lives of the people she loves being torn apart because of her death.

Over the years she watches as her friends and siblings grow up, fall in love and do all the things that she never got the chance to do. She watches them struggle to come to terms with her death and the fact that she is no longer with them. But we discover near the end that life is not yet finished with Susie.

What I liked about this book is that it takes something terrible and turns it to hope. The author handles the delicate subject of death and grief and shows that life goes on afterward. It shows how each of the characters move on with their lives and gradually come to terms with the death of a loved one. It made me realise that death doesn't have to be all about being sad, but that it should just encourage people to enjoy life. The author gets this point across beautifully by showing how Susie's family and friends grow and move on.

Another thing I liked about this book was the fact that it was about Susie's thoughts as she looks down on her family. It adds a unique touch and makes the story more interesting. The author used this type of narration extremely well and it combines love and compassion with the terrible events of murder and grief. The book really strikes a chord as it is the person who has died talking about life after her death.

There was someone in the book for everyone to relate to. It makes the book easier to understand and read when you can relate to the characters.

If your considering reading this book then I highly recommend it. Just go for it because I can guarantee that you won't be able to put it down until you're finished. Don't be put off by the seemingly morbid theme, this book was brilliant and compelling and I thoroughly enjoyed reading it!!

By Ciara Conaty

 23rd June 2010 

The Blackhearts were getting set up. Tré' Cool ran behind the stage! The crowd gave him roars, yowls and screams of approval. He leaned back from behind the piano and gave us his infamous "I-know-where-you-live", look. The crowd roared again. It was then that I got a text from my friend, Dómnhaill Murphy, saying "wats wit all teh screaming?", I told him about Tré', and he rushed over to me. The music started. First it was the Blackhearts, with one recognisable song, "Bad Reputation". Then Paramore. Then: "Sing us the song of the century... louder then bombs and eternity..." the crowd went insane. Green

Day were here!! They played the first three tracks of their current album: "21st Century Breakdown", an album that didn't get on so well with the older fans, but after the introduction they played from their previous album, (they seemed to be going back in time) "American Idiot. They played songs from that album such as "St. Jimmy" and "Jesus of Suburbia". Two excellent songs.

Then they played other songs, older ones, that said 'Yes, we used to be the punkiest of punk, we grew up". Such songs were "Longview", "Basket Case" and "Minority". To give themselves a small break, Billie Joe shot t-shirts from a specially made cannon, drank a whole pint of Guinness in one go, Tré did a dance. Billie Joe started playing classic riffs, ("Iron Man", "Highway To Hell", "Crazy Train" etc.) and while all this was happening, Mike, the bassist, just sat on a chair.

The start included songs like "21 Guns", "Holiday" and "Boulevard of Broken Dreams". all classics, but they ended with a bang with "American Idiot". It was amazing, with fireworks going off everywhere. At the definite end, the crowd slowly, reluctantly dispersed and went home.

It was a great night, though.

By Ciaran Lalor



COLLEGE CORNER



Monday 4th October 10



RUGBY



The Seniors travelled to Kenilworth Road to play St. Mary's on Wednesday for their final friendly before the League Campaign. There was little to write home about in a disjointed performance in the first half, conceding two very soft tries and a penalty in front of the posts, St. Mary's led 17-0 at the break. However the second half was much improved with Newbridge dominating territory and possession. Mary's showed their clinical side by converting a try scoring opportunity with their only foray into Newbridge's 22. Newbridge spurned three very good chances before Ben O'Connor finally scored in the corner with ten to go and it was very well converted by Peter Osbourne. Best for the Bridge on the day were William O'Brien, James Connolly and Colin Grant in the pack and Peter Osbourne, Ben O'Connor and Cathal Murtagh in the Backs.

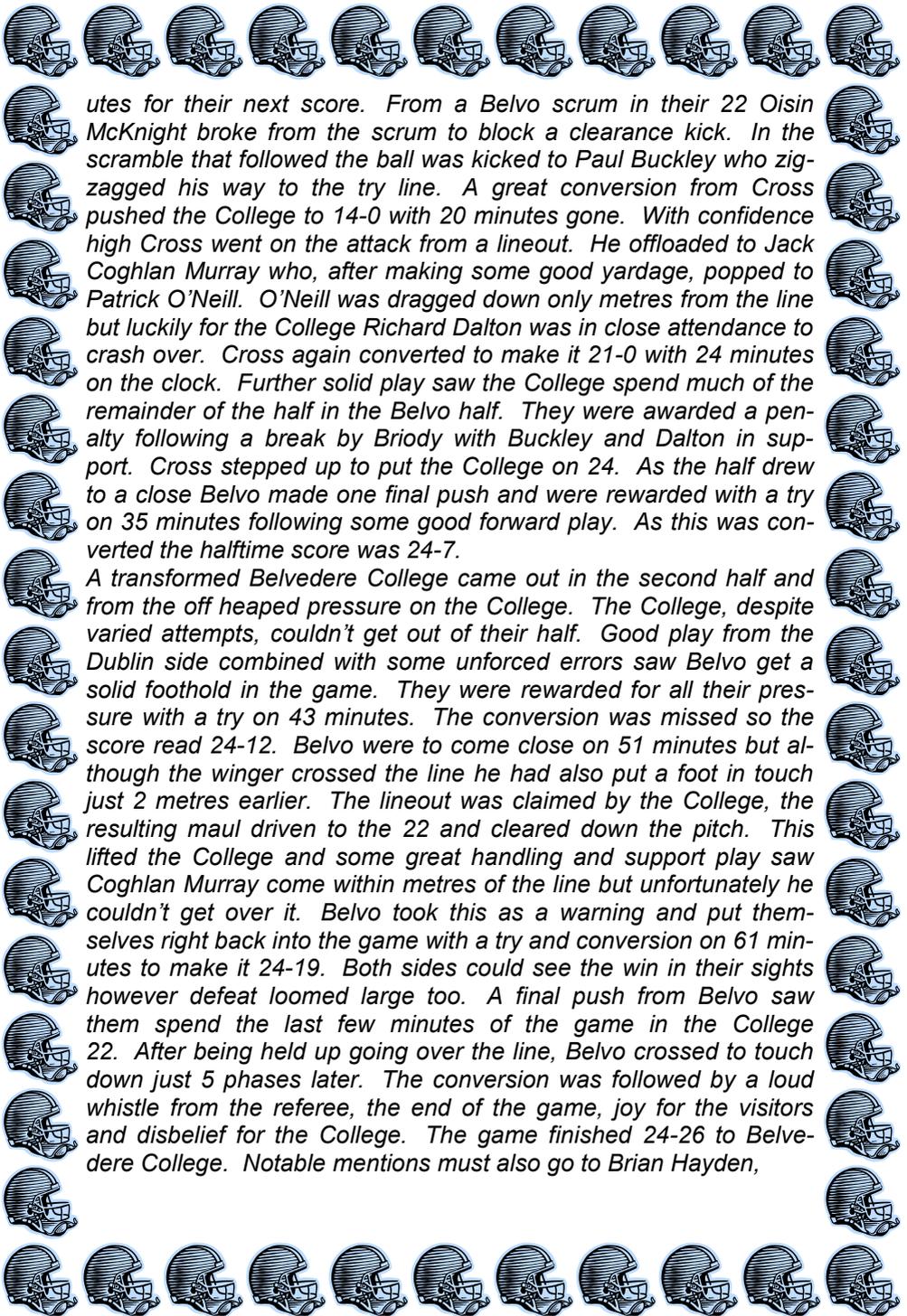


Senior seconds took on St. Mary's away from home last Wednesday. It was a very physical encounter with both sides very evenly matched. With a half time score of 13 – 15 to St. Mary's it was all to play for in the second half. However it was injuries that was the eventual deciding factor as Newbridge lost four key players, two to serious leg injuries. St. Mary's ended up running out 37 – 13 winners in a blitzing last 10 minutes. Players that really stood out of the pack were Conor Murphy, Conor Sheridan and Eoin Dempsey while Graham Burns, Ross Buckley and Ruairi Kehoe – Clarke were immense in the backs.



On Wednesday the Transition Years finally got to take to the field for a game. After a disjointed return with only a few training sessions as a full squad and a number of friendly games cancelled the TYs started with a league fixture against Belvedere College. The first 10 minutes saw the College struggle to shake the summer break from their system. They absorbed some early pressure from Belvedere and defended their try line well. On 12 minutes Belvo were awarded a penalty some 40 metres out which they elected to kick for points. This fell short and was cleared well by the College. With this release of pressure came a more focused attack from the College. From a solid College scrum the ball came to Ivan Briody who broke a couple of tackles to open the scoring on 17 minutes. Patrick Cross converted to make it 7-0 to the College. Now putting some good phases together, the College only had to wait three more min-





utes for their next score. From a Belvo scrum in their 22 Oisín McKnight broke from the scrum to block a clearance kick. In the scramble that followed the ball was kicked to Paul Buckley who zig-zagged his way to the try line. A great conversion from Cross pushed the College to 14-0 with 20 minutes gone. With confidence high Cross went on the attack from a lineout. He offloaded to Jack Coghlan Murray who, after making some good yardage, popped to Patrick O'Neill. O'Neill was dragged down only metres from the line but luckily for the College Richard Dalton was in close attendance to crash over. Cross again converted to make it 21-0 with 24 minutes on the clock. Further solid play saw the College spend much of the remainder of the half in the Belvo half. They were awarded a penalty following a break by Briody with Buckley and Dalton in support. Cross stepped up to put the College on 24. As the half drew to a close Belvo made one final push and were rewarded with a try on 35 minutes following some good forward play. As this was converted the halftime score was 24-7.

A transformed Belvedere College came out in the second half and from the off heaped pressure on the College. The College, despite varied attempts, couldn't get out of their half. Good play from the Dublin side combined with some unforced errors saw Belvo get a solid foothold in the game. They were rewarded for all their pressure with a try on 43 minutes. The conversion was missed so the score read 24-12. Belvo were to come close on 51 minutes but although the winger crossed the line he had also put a foot in touch just 2 metres earlier. The lineout was claimed by the College, the resulting maul driven to the 22 and cleared down the pitch. This lifted the College and some great handling and support play saw Coghlan Murray come within metres of the line but unfortunately he couldn't get over it. Belvo took this as a warning and put themselves right back into the game with a try and conversion on 61 minutes to make it 24-19. Both sides could see the win in their sights however defeat loomed large too. A final push from Belvo saw them spend the last few minutes of the game in the College 22. After being held up going over the line, Belvo crossed to touch down just 5 phases later. The conversion was followed by a loud whistle from the referee, the end of the game, joy for the visitors and disbelief for the College. The game finished 24-26 to Belvedere College. Notable mentions must also go to Brian Hayden,

Danny O'Mahony and James Kearns.

The Inter As faced their trickiest assignment of the season to date as we entertained St Mary's on a beautiful afternoon last Wednesday. Mary's started very impressively and good work from their strong pack combined with some slick play at half back took them into a 12-0 lead. We came back into the game when Aubrey O'Mahoney intercepted a loose pass in midfield and raced 60 metres to score before adding the conversion himself. However Mary's reasserted their dominance with another try before half time to take a 19-7 lead into the break. The Newbridge performance improved greatly in the second half and a number of surging runs from Mike Doyle and Oisín Kelly gave us a great platform to attack from. Unfortunately we could not capitalise on the chances we created as the final try scoring pass failed to go to hand on a number of occasions. A close range try by Aubrey O'Mahoney in the dying minutes raised hopes slightly but ultimately it proved to be too little too late. Final score Newbridge 14 - St Mary's 19

The Inter B's played a physical and close encounter against St. Marys on Wednesday. In the first half, Newbridge had a lot of possession but couldn't cross the whitewash and just before half time, conceded a try under the posts. St. Mary's converted the try to leave the half time score at 7 nil to the visiting side. However, the heads didn't drop for the Newbridge players and after the break Eoin Leavy rallied the pack and got some good go forward ball. It didn't pay off fully until 10 mins before the end when Jamie Ferris got a try under the posts. With the try converted and the sides level the teams played out a tense final few minutes but at the end of the day, the coaches of both teams agreed that a draw was a fair result. Everyone contributed on the day but some players that stood out for Newbridge were Shane O' Brien, Luke Menton, Shea Ryan and Jack Murphy.

Well done to the Ellers on winning the Gonzaga Blitz. There were 24 matches played and the Ellers won 12, lost 9 and there were 3 draws.

Other results: Junior A 32 Gonzaga 5; Junior B 56 Gonzaga 5;



Hockey

Newbridge College Minor A hockey team kicked off their league campaign against St. Columbus on the show pitch in Three Rock Rovers in Rathfarnham. It was a slow and cautious start from both teams, however St Columbus settled the quickest. St Columbus showed plenty of skill and composure on the ball, were excellent at linking up with each other at pace and were duly rewarded for their efforts with a 2-0 lead at the interval. However a different Newbridge side emerged in the 2nd half. Sarah Henry moved into the centre of midfield, won a lot of 50/50 ball and started to cleverly distribute it about the pitch which change the shape and flow of the game. Nicola Dowling was a now a constant treat up front and finished off a good move from close range to narrow the deficit to one. Our defensive partnership of Sarah Kearin and Eleanor Younge which was beginning to look very solid, unfortunately couldn't do much about Columbus 3rd. A fine strike from the edge of the circle. Newbridge quickly responded with a superbly taken short corner hammered home by Nicola Dowling. In the next 5 minutes Nicola with a small bit of extra composure could have had another 2 goals after being brilliantly set up by some fine build up play from Claire Healion and Molly Murphy. Newbridge were unlucky not to get a draw, but their coach Mr. Falvey was delighted to take so many positives out of an engaging and exciting 2nd half performance. Onwards and upwards for this promising young side.

On Wednesday 29th Sept the Minor C girls played against a strong Mount Anville side. Newbridge were unlucky to miss goal chances in the first half and were 2-0 down at half time. The girls played well as a team and were unlucky not to have scored. Newbridge College 0 Mount Anville 4. Team: R Scully, O Higgins, M Gillespie, A Murphy, K Mc Donald, G Farrell, A Byrne, S Dunne, B Nugent, C O'Beirne, M O'Shaughnessy, N Scully, F Fahy and R Rowland

Other result: Junior A v Rathdown 1-1

Athletics

Seven College teams took part in the opening Cross Country event of the season - the Three Counties League - for schools from Kildare, Laois, and Carlow. Led home by Caoimhe Murphy in 6th place, and followed immediately by Roisin Crowe in 7th, the Minor Girls A team placed well with the pair backed up by Ciara Kiely in 10th and Sarah Bannahan 11th. The B squad played their part to perfection, pushing the front runners hard with Caoimhe O'Boyle 11th, Emma O'Neill 13th, Louise Scully 20th, and Emma Carey 29th, all to the front of the huge field.

Joint performance of the day for College came from Claire Healion (Junior Girls) finishing an excellent second, and leading in Hannah Quinn 9th, Katie Berney 13th, and Keri Dwyer 17th to position the A team well. The B team also scored well with Hayley Bannahan 21st, Hannah Sutton 25th, Brid Conlon 27th, and Ainee D'Alton 30th all in the top half of the large field - the team finishing in front of many other schools' A teams.

Time for the Boys to take the field then with Mark Galligan leading home the Junior Boys team in front of a rapidly improving Charlie Dardis (10th), Cian Crowe (16th), and Aidan Nolan (19th).

Emulating Clare the Intermediate Girls leader, Amy Downes, stormed home in second place closely supported by Aisling Wier (7th), Katelyn McDonnell (9th), and Victoria O'Brien (14th) - while the Intermediate Boys also had two in the top 10, Niall Delahunt (4th), and Barry Finan (7th). These two good athletes were ably supported by Peter Higgins (23rd) and Jack Hickey (30th).

Running alone in the Senior Boys, Eoin Murphy ran a good race to finish 6th. Eoin's main focus this season will be on the shorter track distances, and he will be particularly pleased with his finishing kick which relegated a number of the opposition in the run to the line.

The following are the team results from the League Race on Tuesday – Junior Boys (U.15) – 2nd, Inter Boys (U.17) – 4th, Minor girls A Team – 2nd and B team (U.14) – 2nd in Division Two, Junior Girls(U.15) – 1st and Inter Girls (U.17)– 2nd. Well done to all involved

Soccer

Hard luck to our Senior Boys Soccer team who lost their Leinster Cup match 4 1 to the P.B.S. boys.

TY: So far... so good!!

So on 1st of September 2010, the Newbridge College TY class of 2010/11 headed back to the familiar hallowed halls for what many hoped would be a year full of fun and new friends... and not too much school work. We and our grand total of 3 books each headed to class with a degree of relaxation felt only by other unfortunate secondary school students during school holidays, only to be hit by project after project quelling any notions anyone had of a “doss” year.

As the days went on more joined our original number of 106 from 5th year as exciting opportunities such as “mini companies”, “language exchanges” and “ski trip” started getting discussed, although the thought of a “25km hike in the Wicklow mountains”



didn't immediately appeal to everyone.....

The much hyped-up Junior Cert results were looming, as well as different sports starting back for a new season. Musical auditions were added to the mix as if our poor TY's hadn't enough to think about (although some current

LC and JC students might disagree, having the small matter of the state exams in June to think about!).



As we, the Junior Certs of 2010, gathered in the social area to collect those god-forsaken famous brown envelopes which held the results of a particular period of torture in June which most of us had suppressed over the summer, the amount of nervous energy was positively radiating from the four walls. Those with surnames closer to the end of the alphabet began wishing their surname began with “A” or “B” as names began to be called out in alphabetical order. Even the constant reminders of this being “only the Junior Cert” and the warning that “the Leaving Cert was still to come” couldn’t quash the nerves felt by one and all. Shrieks began to ring out as delighted students opened their envelopes and parents were called with the all important results. Nights out were planned, outfits were bought and we were all like animals released from a cage, all restraint shown earlier in the day completely vanished. The next morning the few who arrived in school looked a little worse for the wear but most in good spirits. I could safely say that a couple of days later most of us had completely forgotten about the Junior Cert

Throughout the following weeks the projects kept rolling in, we were (and still are) being kept busy with organising optional extra activities, our first ECDL test and different sports matches, to name but a few. So far, as generally agreed with by everyone, TY has been a lot of fun and hopefully it will continue to be for the rest of the year.:

By Roisin Flynn



**Interview with School Captain Ralph Hurley-
O'Dwyer**

Emma Jane Grant

Ralph, many people look at you in awe! They wonder how you do what you do and how you have achieved so much! How do you find the time to do everything?

To be honest, like everyone, I don't have enough time at all to do everything I want to do!

If you could meet anyone in the world dead or alive, who would it be and why?

I don't know Jesus?

What has been your proudest moment to date?

Probably being part of the 4x100m relay team that won the all-Ireland in second year. Learning I could run meant so much to me as before then, I always thought I'd be useless at every sport that existed! It really boosted my self-confidence and made me realise that it's always good to give things a try - you'll never know what might happen. Thanks so much Ms. O'Callaghan! (Thanks Ms. Mahon too for encouraging me to try out!)

What's your favourite subject?

Probably French and German - thanks to Mr. O'Sullivan, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Kelly. I love music too and find science really interesting. Recently, I've started to really enjoy Irish too.

What do you hope to study after the Leaving Cert?

Either medicine or foreign languages.

Best of luck with both of them! Are you enjoying School Captain?

I'm delighted! It's fun working with Aileen Kyne, Mary-Jean Dore, Daniel Ryan as well as all other sixth years too - they're all incredible people.

Who's your Buddy?

Caomhan Dolan - I love him! He's one of the friendliest and most cheerful guys you could meet.

I'm sure your setting a great example. Do you feel you have any unfulfilled goals so far?

I'd love to be able to play football or rugby. I'm ridiculously atrocious at both of them. Unfortunately I can't catch nor kick a ball for my life.

What annoys you?

When people judge others without getting to know them.

What will you miss most about leaving school next year?

All the amazing people in Newbridge College.

What will you miss least?

Not having to look at my horrific smart card picture anymore - my face is so pale. I look like a vampire in it and I am also wearing massive Harry Potter - like round glasses that cover half my face.

Who is your hero?

I really admire people who are not afraid to be themselves and who are brave enough to go against the flow. I really respect the dedication of some of the sportspeople in Newbridge College, both male and female. Good luck everyone! There are some incredible artists in the school too - I often feel they don't get much recognition.

Do you remember your first day here?

Actually my first memory of Newbridge College is going on an open day when I was eleven. Clara Devlin guided me around and I remember being struck by how friendly everyone was, how big the school seemed to be as well as the exciting science experiments.

What are some of your favourite memories made here?

TY, taking part in the school musicals, French and German trips, hot summer days doing athletics, quizzes and debates, making ethnic acid with Mr. Gavin in chemistry class...

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

I know they are both clichéd though - "Practice makes perfect" and also to treat other's as you would like to be treated. I think it's important to be friendly and to talk to everyone. It's also always good to try out everything, no matter what others think - 1st year boys - you have to audition for the musical next year!

Well it sounds like you've had an amazing time here Ralph and we at the Press wish you the best of luck in whatever you do! However we couldn't let you leave without telling us which you prefer: Jelly beans or Tic Tacs?!

Jelly Beans of course!

There you have it in a nutshell, Ralph Hurley O'Dwyer: the man, the myth, the legend.



Ralph is thinking of setting up a small instrument ensemble to play at the carol service for Christmas and if possible to play something for the celebration of Music night later on in the year. If anyone is interested and plays and orchestral instrument (or saxophone etc. of course), just give him a shout any time! If anyone had any particular ideas or scores, that'd be brilliant a swell!



Astro-Turf Pitch

By Katie Scanlon and Eva Morrissey

An astro-turf pitch has been proposed for Newbridge College for the past eight years. The benefits of AstroTurf to hockey are amazing. It speeds the game up and allows skills to be used that are impossible on a grass pitch. It's very important that we get an AstroTurf pitch soon, as schools all over Ireland have them and our teams find it difficult to play well when we are used to grass. Grass pitches slow the game down and can be dangerous to play on, as the ball bounces off the stones and hits people. They also have bad drainage and become damaged by frost and snow. We have been fundraising for the pitch for some time and hope to have it soon. We have had one of the school's grass pitches for fifteen years and the other one for ten. We interviewed Mr. Falvey, the minors hockey coach, about the possibility of an AstroTurf pitch and how it could improve Newbridge College's hockey teams:

How much money have we raised?

Not enough yet, there's still a lot more to be raised.

When will we get the new pitch?

Hopefully in the next twelve to fifteen months.



What would the benefits of a new pitch be?

It would improve the level of hockey in the school as most other schools now have AstroTurf pitches.

How many pitches will we get?

One probably, but two would be best.

Do you think buying the pitches might have to be delayed until after the recession?

Prices have been reduced recently, now is a good time to buy them.

How long have we been waiting for an AstroTurf pitch?

It's been in the pipeline for eight years now.

Why didn't we buy an AstroTurf pitch years ago?

Buying the hockey pitch wasn't a priority due to the extension, which was built four years ago, but hopefully it's the next thing.

Where will the new pitches be built?

We're hoping the pitches will go in the back field as it's ideal for parking, has chang-

ing facilities nearby and would look fantastic to passers by.

Hopefully the Astroturf pitch will be built in our school soon, as we have to drive to Naas for atro training and this takes up a lot of time and money. The sooner we get the pitch the better, as our level of hockey will begin to improve immediately. An Astroturf pitch is vital in a school with as much interest in hockey as Newbridge College.

Miscellany

Another school year has started and I would like to welcome all the first years to Newbridge College. I hope your stay will be a pleasant and fruitful one. I'll begin the year with a little reflection.

REMEMBER.....

...That your presence is a present to the world .

.... that you are a unique and unrepeatable crea-

...To take the days just one at a time.

.... to count your blessings, not your troubles.

...That you'll make it through whatever comes along. Everything passes.

....that most of the answers you need are within you if you search deep enough.

...That not getting what you want is sometimes an answered prayer.

....that the longer you hold a grudge, the heavier it

...Not to take things too seriously.

....that a little love goes a long way and a lot of love

...That happiness is more often found in giving

....that life's treasures are people, not things, and

I am only one,
But still I am one,
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything,

I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. **Edward**

POINTS TO PONDER

A cold is both positive and negative;
sometimes the Eyes have it and sometimes the Nose.
Those who think it is permissible to tell white lies soon become colour-blind.
There is only one rule for being a good talker - learn to listen.
Don't talk about yourself; it will be done when you leave.
A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use.
Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.
Talk slowly, think quickly; act rationally.

OFF THE BOOKSHELF

Feeding the Dog by *Norah Bone*
Solitude by *I. Malone*
End of Term by *C. Myra Port*
The End of the Week by *Gladys Friday*
Spoil The Child by *Molly Coddle*



The Buddy Test

Start

How often do you see your buddy?

Every couple of days.

Every couple of weeks

I HAVE A BUDDY!?

Would your buddy buy

No

You food?

Do you have your buddy's number?

Err... If you a 6th or 1st year

Yes

Yeah of course

yes but I don't use it

No

Yes you do maybe 2

Oh... that buddy

sorry no idea

Do you like your buddy?

Yes

Not really

Don't know them

Proceed to the end please

do you trust your
Buddy?

Yeah I guess so

Totally

Wow you're lucky,

You and your buddy seem to get on ok,

Well Err... sorry do you

You and your buddy

make sure you make a big effort

even know you have a buddy?

Seem to get on really well.

To keep this going.

Find out who they are please

Yay ©

By Edel Kelly

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>1 Tinie Tempah plays the academy at 8pm</p>	<p>2 <i>Special</i> World Vegan Day</p>	<p>3 1957: A dog was launched into orbit and became the first living animal in space!</p>	<p>4 P Diddy turns the big 4-0</p>	<p>5 Only 55 days till the end of the year</p>	<p>6 Paramore Live @ The O2</p>	<p>7 November is said to be the month with the best weather for football</p>
<p>8 1990: Ireland elects Mary Robinson as the first female president</p>	<p>9 <i>Random</i> blueberry juice helps your memory!</p>	<p>10 1969: Sesame Street makes it's debut</p>	<p>11 Happy Birthday to Leo DiCaprio who is 36 today</p>	<p>12 Anne Hathaway turns 28 today.</p>	<p>¹³ World Kindness Day! ☺</p>	<p>14 <i>Random</i> m Charlie Chaplin once won 3rd prize in a Charlie Chaplin Look-alike competition</p>
<p>15 <i>Random</i> m there are 86'400 seconds in a day! :O</p>	<p>16 Today is Have a Party with your Bear Day!</p>	<p>17 <i>Special</i> World Peace Day</p>	<p>18 <i>Grease</i> The first night show is on at 8pm!!!</p>	<p>19 2006: Nintendo released the Wii console!</p>	<p>20 The first part of the final HP films is out today!</p>	<p>21 <i>Special</i> World Hello Day</p>
<p>22 J.F.K Was assassinated on this day in 1963.</p>	<p>23 Miley Cyrus turns 18 today</p>	<p>24 If your born in November, Your birth stone is Topaz</p>	<p>25 Turkey Time! Today it's Thanksgiving</p>	<p>26 No school today! ☺</p>	<p>27 Up for a challenge? It's Spend Nothing Day!</p>	<p>28 <i>Random</i> m Ants never sleep!</p>
<p>29 John & Yoko release their 1st album together</p>	<p>30 1847: Winston Churchill</p>					