# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents

**19th April 2018**

## List of leadership and Management needs and priorities

Circular 0003/2018 requires the school to identify leadership and management needs and priorities of the school. The Principal, Deputy Principal and staff are required to consult having regard to school Mission Statement, aims, objectives, student and curricular profile of the school, requirements of DES and ETB and roles being carried out by current post holders.

The following needs and priorities have been identified.

1. Build an equality-based school community.
2. Deliver high quality learning experiences for all students and staff.
3. Create and maintain a climate of order and security.
4. Lead the school’s engagement in a continuous process of self -evaluation.
5. Develop a positive school climate with emphasis on health and well-being for all.
6. Foster a commitment to inclusion enabling all members of the school community to participate effectively and appropriately.
7. Promote a culture of improvement, collaboration, innovation and creativity in learning, teaching and assessment.
8. Build a democratically-run school where the voices of students and parents are encouraged and facilitated.
9. Build links and promote the school within the wider community
10. Look after the health and safety of all who use the school building and facilities.

## List of Roles and Responsibilities

Staff and management have also identified the following list of roles that will contribute to the school’s ability to meet the leadership and management needs and priorities:

* Year Head
* Co-ordinator of Ethical Education
* Co-ordinator of School Self-Evaluation
* Co-ordinator of School Awards
* Liaison with Parents’ Council
* Students’ Council Facilitator
* Literacy co-ordinator
* Numeracy co-ordinator
* Co-ordinator of school trips
* PRO
* Co-ordinator of internal exams
* Co-ordinator of external exams
* Co-ordinator of Policy Development & Review
* Co-ordinator of Sport
* Co-ordinator of Music
* Health & Safety Representative
* TY Co-ordinator (from 2017-18)
* LCA Co-ordinator (from 2018-19
* EAL Co-ordinator
* New Junior Cycle (incl CBA) Co-rdinator
* Wellbeing Co-ordinator

## Foreign trips

First trip – to Barcelona was a huge success. 39 TY students and 5 teachers.

Excellent behaviour and co-operation from all students.

## Senior cycle options

Leaving Cert options decisions were due on April 13th.

Outcomes available next week.

## Business dept

42 TY students attended the County Final of The Student Enterprise Awards on the 9th ofMarch. Students presented their business plans and displayed their products.

A group of five students (Mahnoor Atif, Ellen Grey, Lauren McMahon, Kyle OLeary and Kacper Ledzinski) won the award for most innovative product. They had designed a dog fetch toy, which helps dog owners to teach their dog how to play fetch. The judges were very impressed with the groups business plan and marketing strategy. Students won a cash prize and a plaque to display in the school. The business department would like to thank the woodwork department for all their help with the projects.

## cansat 2018

CanSat is the European Space Agency’s (ESA) educational vehicle for the promotion of science and technology in European 2nd level school.

Teams of between 4-6 students compete by designing and manufacturing a mini satellite which is capable of recording air pressure and temperatures at altitudes of up to 1 kilometer high. (The satellite is normally launched by a powered rocket.)

Five Kishoge students (2nd years - Eryn Prudente and Oscar Gomez Keenan along Isabel Azu, Jordan Ahern and Liyana Muhammad Zafri of 3rd year) competed against seven other school teams – two of whom had previously won the All – Ireland finals.

Our Kishoge team was singularly highlighted by the three ESA judges for the quality of their satellite, parachute design and electronics. Despite their obvious age disadvantage when compared with their peers from the other schools (ESA recommends this event as being more suitable to senior cycle students) our team performed remarkably well and to the highest standards expected. The advantages presented to our students by our involvement with CanSat are many.

* Briefly: A meaningful STEM based competitive platform to challenge students
* An insight into STEM based education within European 2nd level schools
* The opportunity to interact on a science based project with their peers
* A knowledgeable support base from a 3rd level organisation
* Access to technical ‘capital’ relating to computing and electronic science at 3rd level
* An invaluable insight for our students into prospects available within DIT

Our team was kindly supported by Mr Damian Bourke of the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) who provided mentoring support and practical workshops for our team in both Kevin Street, Dublin and our engineering classroom.

## Literacy policy:

Literacy Leaders are currently editing a promotional video on reading. They also started planning a literacy day, which will possibly take the form of a Shakespeare Fest. We missed Wold Book Day due to school closure caused by the snow.

## seachtain na gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge was held before the Easter Holidays. There was a wide range of fun activities for students and staff alike! From Seanfhocal an Lae to Lá Glas to Comórtas Labhairt na Múinteoirí a great week was had by all. Thanks to all staff and students for their participation, Roinn na Gaeilge.

## Chess club

Our local chess league is up and running. We played Adamstown CC on Wednesday 20th March and drew with them winning one round each. The atmosphere was lovely and the Adamstown students gave our students a tour of their school. Adamstown students will visit Kishoge on Wednesday 21st April and will be using clocks for this event. We hope to involve other local schools at a later date.

## Digital week

Took place last week as delayed with snow. Digital Champions for Kishoge: Liyana Muhammad, Oscar Gomez, Marcin Witkowski. Focusing on digital learning for students by students.

Involved with showing students best way to use the iPad to enhance their learning.

Kara Ekeh also gave the school a talk on internet safety as she is the School Internet Safety ambassador and was trained in internet safety in Facebook Ireland, earlier in the

## Bebras Computational Thinking final.

Final takes place on 21st April: Oscar Gomez (2nd year) Jordan Ahern (3rd year) Dylan Dolan (3rd year) Joshua Sheridan (3rd year)taking part in the finals in Maynooth in this nationwide competition,

## PE dept

Athletics report: had a large number of students participating in the West Leinster Santry events on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th. Three medals – 2 gold and 1 silver – on Tuesday.

Healthy Living Week takes place Tues 8th May to Friday 11th May where we will have a range of activities and talks to promote healthy lifestyles among students. Friday 11th will be the school sports day.

The school have had a new set of GAA jerseys sponsored by New Beginning's financial service company and we hope to have them in the coming weeks.

## 1st Year Annual History Tour:

The 1st year history tour took place on the 14th of March. Students were bussed into Dublin's city centre where they got to visit Dublinia and the National History Museum.

## 2017/18 Ethical Education - Whole School Project :

TY students led a whole-school project on "Ethical Potholes". They prepared and facilitated lessons for a 4 week period. These lessons were then delivered to almost 500 students. As part of the lessons students were participating in walking debates, poster production and quizzes all designed and facilitated by the TY students. The project links to the UN Global Goal of Sustainable Communities and Cities.

## 2018-2020 World Wise Global Schools:

Kishoge CC have been successful with our WWGS passport application for 2018-2020. We've been awarded the Diplomatic passport which recognises an “Established Engagement with Global Citizenship Education”. Our students will get to collect it at the annual conference In Galway with Aoife on the 24th of April.

## TY Young Social Innovators:

All TY students got to travel to the Leinster round of the YSI Speakout event. Students from both classes had to present their social innovation to all of the other 20 schools that were present.

The transition year YSI team are currently planning and working towards various activities to run during wellbeing week at the start of May.  There will be different activities taking place each day during the week of wellbeing

## Educate Together School Visits:

Ciaran Dunne (Hansfield) and Mike Kiernan (Bremore) have both been welcomed here to Kishoge to visit and observe our ethical education lessons. Both teachers have met with Michael M and Ciara McM to facilitate the exchange of ideas and best practices from each others’ schools.

## TL21:

Kishoge CC hosted the 7th round of the current TL21 initiative. The topic covered on the night was the "Flipped Classroom".

## Green-Schools:

Eco week in planning for 23rd - 27th April.

Gary Tyrell booked for 24th April: raising Green Flag

Pedal power booked for 27th April

Community clean up planned for 25th April, linking in with local tidy towns.

## Numeracy

Analysing in April numeracy strand kicking off this week for the month.

Focus is on students graphing and analysing the graphs.

Numeracy placemats are being prepared for every maths class desk.

## Art Department

The art room had a visiting Architect as part of the Architects in Schools Project.  The visiting Architect ran a 3 day workshop with the TY students.  The workshop looked at Architecture in film and students actively captured spaces through imaginative film clips. The Transition year students presented their projects to and audience of first and second years.

## Chinese scholarship

Congrats to Alexander Connolly and Stephen Negru on a very successful scholarship visit to China.

Both students spoke very highly of the experience.