# Kishoge Community CollegePrincipal’s Report to Parents

 **28th February 2019**

## Senior Cycle options

The school is currently engaged in a series of meeting for students in Third and Transition years and their parents.

General meeting for parents on Monday 4th at 7.15 followed by programme specific meetings on Monday 11th for TY and LCA.

## Ski trip

First ski trip, to Italy, took place over the midterm break.

Very successful trip.

Teachers very pleased with the students’ behaviour.

## Review of arrangements for delivery of ipads, ebooks and physical books

School management met with Wriggle management Thurs 17th Jan.

A range of actions agreed to improve on this year’s poor service including:

* As endorsed by PC at Jan. meeting Ebooks for all three years to be purchased at beginning of First Year. (i.e. option of spreading cost over 3 years to be withdrawn as it is causing problems)
* All iPads and physical books to be delivered to students’ homes in July by An Post.

## Calendar 2019-20

Return date for next year has been set as Monday 26th Aug for incoming First Years and Tuesday 27th for all other years.

## internet safety day

Kishoge CC students visited local primary schools to deliver an internet safety presentation to 5th & 6th yr students.

**Divine Mercy National School**: Adebimpe Onikan Tana Ekeh

**Lucan East** Shakira Adelakun  Emma Isip  Esther Bassey

**Esker** Minara Bagam  Sabrina Boc Ryan Liu

## Scifest 2019

The Science Department held their 5th Scifest@school competition on Thursday 31st January. There were over 230 students from 1st year, TY and 5th year showcasing 85 projects. Ten external judges were recruited for our judging panel. We also hosted a primary school science competition for Esker ETNS, Divine Mercy SNS and Lucan East ETNS as well as facilitating class visits from each of these schools to approximately 80 primary school students.

We invited other departments to get involved in the events. The English Department put together a media team who interviewed various students about their projects, judges, teachers and primary school science projects. The Book to Film club recorded the event and interviews and are currently in the process of editing footage of the day to showcase on our school website. These students also met media reports from local papers who allowed themselves to be interviewed by our students! The Art Department created a photo booth for photo opportunities and a Kishoge display. The Photography Club took pictures of the event and uploaded them to our website.

The Liffey Champion and Dublin Gazette attended the event and will have an article and pictures of the event in this weeks' edition of their papers.

George Porter, CFO of Scifest presented the Scifest STEM schools award to Niall Hare and Kristina Troy for hosting our scifest@school competition for 5 consecutive years to a very high standard.

Our winners of our Junior and Senior Categories are listed below.

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|   | Students | Teacher |
| 1stplace | Japnitt, Aqlan, Sophianne | MaryNicole |
| 2ndplace | Katie, Emma       and Carla | Nicole |
| 3rdplace | Ciara, Taimee, Dima | Ronan |

Junior winners advancing onto Scifest@college:

Senior winners advancing ontoScifest@college:

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|   | Students | Teacher |
| 1stplace | Jordan (TY) and Liyanna (5th year) | Micheal G |
| 2ndplace | Giovanni, Achrafe, Nikkel and Troy (TY) | Kristina |
| 3rdplace | Joshua Ellul (TY) | John |

Highly commended projects:

Junior – Kambulat, Farsaad and Callum   (teacher Bronagh)

Senior – Ben and Matthew (teacher Bronagh)

Thanks to parent judge Samantha Connolly for all of her work on the day.

## leaving cert applied

LCA's completed their first session of LCA and have their first Leaving Certificate Task interview on Thursday 7th February. Students completed their General Education Task in the module Leisure and Recreation. The students researched and implemented a dodgeball tournament for first years.

## Business dept

Finance Week took place in the week of 25th of January. All business studies students took part in a variety of workshops over the week. The workshops focused on interview skills, CV tips, Cyber safety, and everyday banking and budgeting. Fifteen fifth year students also attending a Bond Trader event in the Maldron Hotel in Tallaght. This event was run by Bank of Ireland and gave students the opportunity to learn about economic scenarios through interactive challenges.  Kishoge came third place in the Bond Trader competition and all students had a very enjoyable day. The school bank was open every day at lunch time during Finance Week. A group of seven TY students ran the bank. They did an excellent job at assisting students to open bank accounts. The school will relieve a monetary reward from Bank of Ireland for running Finance Week. The business department hope to use this money to fund alternative learning experiences for all business studies students.

Well done to all students that were involved in the week.

## Car maintenance dept

All TYs attended the AXA Roadsafe Road Show in the Red Cow Moran Hotel on Wednesday 6th February. They found it to be informative and thought provoking

## pe dept rowing

Rowing Ireland have been in since the start of January working with all 1st year classes. They have been coached on how to use the indoor rowing machines and some of our students have been commended on their skills. There will be opportunity for our students to enter upcoming indoor and outdoor blitzes.

TY students also were involved in a half day workshop where they all received a certificate of participation.

## greenschools committee

A representative for Green Schools from An Taisce visited the school grounds on the 26th February for our Green Flag renewal visit. The representative met with our Green Schools Committee to give the students a chance to showcase all the hard work they have done throughout the last two years.

## choir

Congrats to choir and Ruth as the choir have made it through the auditions to the finals of the DDLETB Festival Music. They will perform in the National Concert Hall next month. If parents want tickets to the event on Monday 25th March let Aaron know

## basketball

Friday 1st February saw great success for the U16 boys basketball team who won the Leinster League final in The National Basketball Arena Tallaght., beating Mountmellick CS 55-26. The boys advanced from the Leinster semi-finals. Kishoge hosted Tyndall College from Carlow on 10th January.

Congrats to Áine and Úna.

Girls basketball has moved up to division C this year after their success last year, winning both finals.

1st and 2nd year girls’ basketball is proving to be very popular this year, with attendance on the 1st year basketball team, 17 and 22 on the 2nd year team. The girls have been experiencing success so far. The first years remain undefeated, winning all three games along with the second years winning two whilst narrowing losing against St. Joseph at a score 22-21.

## soccer

The first-year boys’ soccer team have qualified for the Dublin West final after winning three of their group games. The final is to be played later this month

## rugby

The first ever Kishoge rugby team competed in a Leinster sevens rugby tournament, 12 1st year students attended and not only saw success in 2 of their four games but found a new sport with three students in particular catching the eye of the Leinster development coaches.