# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents

**17th January 2019**

## Assistant principal appointments

Congratulations to all newly appointed APs: John Monaghan, Lisa Nolan, Fiona Kane, Michael Manners, Louise Murray, Ciara McMackin.

Management team of 13 now: P, DP, 5 AP1, 6 AP2.

## enrolment 2020

Lotteries held on Weds. Jan 9th. Thanks to Deirdre for assisting.

Offers to 168 students sent on Weds 16th.

Waiting list:  letters sent to 172 students on Thurs 17th

## Enrolment 2019

Assessment tests for incoming First Year students on Sat 2nd Feb.

Letters to issue on Monday 21st

## December exams

Reports finalised on Weds 16thJan. Available to parents on VSware from Thurs 17th.

In post over next few days.

## school closure

24 Jan: JCT training

## second Year PST meeting

Second year PST meeting takes place on Tuesday 22nd Jan 4.15-6.45.

## mock exams

Third Year Mock Exams run from Weds 6th Feb to Friday 15th Feb

## Ski trip

First ski trip departs Weds 13th Feb. To Italy.

## Review of school Canteen

A committee of parents, students and teachers met to review the operations of the canteen.

A large number of suggested improvements were compiled related to the food offering, sustainability and recycling. The issue of a token-type system of payment was raised.

Met with Glanmore Foods on Thursday 10th Jan.

A number of school requests agreed to in relation to the menu- variety and healthy eating and sustainability. These changes to be phased in over next few weeks.

## 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:

* Parents will be encouraged to deal directly with Wriggle in relation to missing books etc
* Wriggle to upgrade phone system

## Policy development

Two parents’ reps to sit on policy development committee in term two. Committee will have a number of meetings after school to consider draft policies: SEN Policy; Substance Abuse Policy; Critical Incident Policy, SPHE Policy

## Calendar

We need to look at return date for next year.

Latest possible date is Tuesday 27th August.

Date will be decided by BOM at Feb meeting.

Can we have view of parents tonight.

## BT Young scientist competition

Kishoge CC students led the way during this year’s BT Young Scientist competition with prestigious meetings and award recognition.  Kishoge had two teams entered this year. In the Junior Biological category, Sophianne Connolly, Japnitt Singh and Aqlan Ardy created a Bee App to track the diversity of bee species in Ireland. The project was selected with only a handful of others for a personal visit by Uachtarán na hÉireann - ‎Michael D. Higgins (attached image 2, left to right - Nicole Hyland, Sophianne Connolly, Aqlan Ardy, Michael D Higgins, Japnitt Singh and Sabina Higgins). The President praised the importance of the conservation of bees and was impressed with the level of complexity shown within the created app. Their project won a display award overall. Sophianne, Japnitt and Aqlan's teachers were Mary Gorman and Nicole Hyland

 In the Senior Technology category, Jordan Ahern and Liyana Muhammad Tariq Zafri created a "Smart Home for the Hearing Impaired". They created a project which would alert an individual who was hard of hearing of a ringing fire alarm or doorbell.Their project was singled out as "Highly Commended" as well as winning a display award. (attached image 3, left to right - Jordan Ahern and Liyana Muhammad Tariq Zafri). Their teacher was Micheal Griffin.

## SciTfest judges required

Two parents with a Science background required to act as judges in this year’s Scifest competition on Thursday 31st Jan.

## Science Dept

5 of our students were invited to the launch of the 14th edition of ‘Science and Technology in Action’ at the Department of Education building. This is a series of lesson plans designed to support the teaching and learning of science. The students had the pleasure of meeting the Minister for Education Joe McHugh. The students were Jordan Ahern, Shakira Adelakun, Oscar Gomez, Ivan Kovalkov and Khartoum Castelo.

## greenschools committee

A canteen review has been completed by Brónagh and two student members from the GreenSchools committee in conjunction with the parents council, student council and management. The students (Ben and Kyal) presented their findings to the director of the Glanmore Food account who agreed to remove water bottles and individually packaged fruit from the canteen, replace single use cutlery with metal cutlery and contribute to the purchase and maintenance of water filters in the canteen.

Shauna has worked with the committee members to design our action plan for 2019, including our plans for the coming year.

Shauna and Brónagh are currently completing the application form for the Energy Flag (site visit on February 26th)

Kishoge water bottles will be available for sale again when the water filters are fitted.

## 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.

## chess club

The Inter schools chess tournament has expanded to include four schools: Celbridge CS, Adamstown CC, Mullingar CBS & Kishoge CC. We are delighted to have our first female player join the Kishoge team. Kishoge won the first round of four planned meetings. We travel to Mullingar on Monday for the second.

## boys basketball

Friday 14th December saw great success for the U16 boys basketball team who won the East Dublin League finals, beating St. Joseph's CBS 55-26. The boys advanced onto the Leinster semi-finals. Kishoge hosted Tyndall College from Carlow on the 10th of January, seeing further success for the boys. The U16's have advanced into the Leinster Finals which will take place on the 1st of February in The National Basketball Arena Tallaght.

1st and 2nd Year boys basketball training has started and the league will commence next week the 21st of January.

Congrats to Áine and Úna