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TYs Take Over Paris

BY HANNAH PRENDERGAST & KATLYN NALLY

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Davitt College placed first in the National School of Improv Sketch of the Year thanks to the film-making team of Kacper Swiekowski, Owen Patten, Patryk Biela, Keelan Boyle, and Jack Roache. Their winning short film entry, entitled 'Balling in Love', is the moving story of two basketballs who fall in love, raise some tennis ball children and encounter a moment of adversity in their playful lives. The school has received €1500 worth of AV equipment for their efforts!





TY Trip to Disneyland

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Next, we visited Disneyland where we saw the famous Disney castle. When we entered the park, we were greeted by a parade which was moving down Main Street USA, which is the Main Street in Disneyland as it leads up to the castle. We saw a variety of characters, such as Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Donald and Daisy Duck, and of course, Goofy. After the parade we tried out the many

different rides like StarWars Hyperspace Mountain, Pirates of The Caribbean and Star Tours.

Between the two parks there were many different cafes, restaurants, and gift shops where you could buy souvenirs, food, and various deserts that were exclusive to Disneyland. At 5:30pm we met up outside Planet Hollywood, which is a famous restaurant in Disneyland. We then went for dinner as a group. After dinner, we had some free time to go back into the parks before we had to meet up outside the castle for the Disney illuminations show, which was a special show put together to celebrate their 30-year anniversary. The show started at 10:45pm and ended at 12am. It consisted of drones, fireworks, lights and projected a montage of various Disney films on to the castle. When the show ended, we walked back to the hotel together, after one of the most enjoyable days.

National Bike Week

On the 17th of May, our First Years and TYs cycled the lovely Greenway using our new Davitt College bicycles. This was all part of the National Bike Week. Bike Week is a celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling. This year, Bike Week took place from Saturday May 14th to Sunday May 22nd. A variety of events both on the ground and online were held throughout Ireland.



TY FUTURE LEADER AWARDS

The following Transition Year Davitt College students have achieved the overall Future Leaders Award for 2022:

4A

Hannah Burke
Amanda Connor
Skye King
Emma McHugh
Shauna McHugh
Liam Clarke
Roísín Duffy Chin
Ryan Garvey

4B

Michael Carney
Ian O'Riordan
Niamh Reilly
Kacper Swierkowski
Cian Togher
Saoirse Hauttman
Owen Patten

4C

Orla Graven
Aleksandra Kosik
Katlyn Nally
Hannah Prendergast
Nathan Walsh
Laura Graven

4D & 4E

Amr Basunaid
Thomas Maughan
Caoimhe Irwin
Renato Koren
Sadhbh O'Brien





Paris, Jour 2

BY DANIEL TIGUE & NATHAN WALSH

We had an early start on the Wednesday of our trip to Paris. Buses left the hotel at 8:30am and transferred us to Stade de France. The seating capacity of the Stade de France is 80,698, making it the 7th largest stadium in Europe. It is used by the French football and rugby team. It was built for the 1998 World Cup that France hosted. France won the final, beating Brazil, and it was reported that they spilled over 300 bottles of champagne in their locker room. During our guided tour we got to experience the changing rooms, the stadium's police station and a look at the pitch from the president's suite. We finished the tour off with a look at the museum and the stadium's shop.

After our tour of the Stade de France, we went on a guided bus tour of Paris. We got to see the city's iconic sights such as Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triumph. The views were breathtaking.

We also visited the Eiffel Tower and got to go up to the 2nd floor. It was definitely bigger than anticipated and you could see the whole of Paris from the Eiffel Tower. The Eiffel Tower was built in 1889 to commemorate the French Revolution, it was a monument meant to last only five years and is now one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It has to be renovated every seven years or so. However, when it first arrived in Paris, the Parisian people were less than impressed with it, and thought it looked out of place in their beautiful city.

We ended the day back in the hotel relaxing in the pool or in the games room. We were quite exhausted and looking forward to the next day of activities.

TY ON THE MOVE



TY participate in SERVE charity workshop



TY Golfers



TYS Surf in Enniscrone



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TY Walk the Greenway

DAVITT COLLEGE TRANSITION YEAR AWARDS 2022

Davitt College hosted its Annual Transition Year Awards Event on the 31st of May. Students were commended for their participation throughout the year in academics, sport and dedication to school life. The range of successes and awards achieved by the Davitt College students is encouraging for the future.



DAVITT COLLEGE TRANSITION YEAR SPORTING AWARDS

The following students have been recognised for their outstanding sporting achievements in 2022:



**Junior Boys Gaelic Player of the
Year**

Seán Coyle



**Senior Boys Gaelic Player of the
Year**

Lucas Kenny



U17 Girls Player of the Year

Hannah Prendergast



MURAL ON AUREVO WALL

The amazing mural on the Aurevo wall is the result of a collaborative project with TY students from Davitt College, their art teacher Ms. Síle Hughes and the Scoil Raifteirí school community. Last year, the pupils from Scoil Raifteirí explored the wonderful grounds and central location of the primary school, and this year pupils interviewed grandparents and neighbours to gather information about the Fairgreen. The Mural references the use of the 'Fairgreen' as a venue for fairs, carnivals, and circus' in years gone by to an educational place of learning and fun through the medium of Irish that it is today.



TY 2022 TRIP TO PARIS



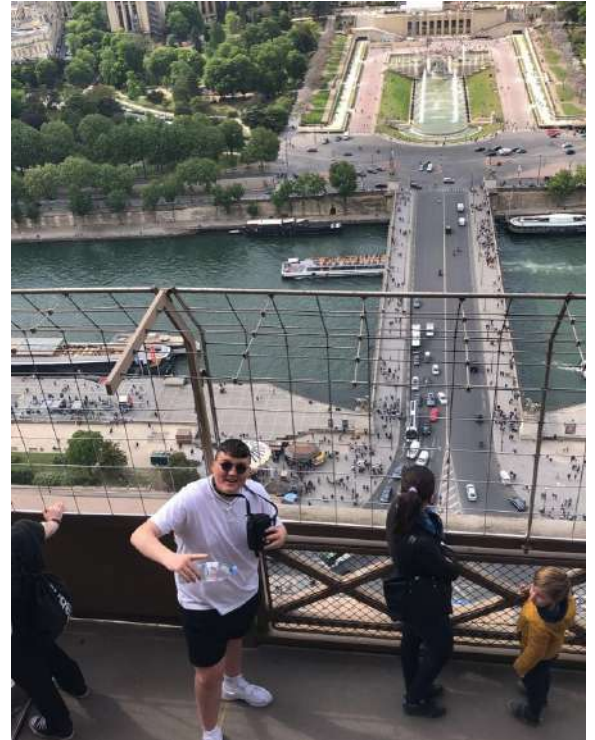
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ABBVIE WORK EXPERIENCE DIARY

BY JASDEEP KAUR

I was selected for this particular work experience through an application form that I had fill out about which career I was most interested in and why I wanted to complete my work experience at Abbvie.

During my week of work experience in Abbvie, I learned a lot of different things. On the first day I got to familiarise myself with my peers and we were given an exterior tour of the site. On the second day we were given a demonstration by two employees on how to put on a gown, face mask, gloves, and goggles properly for work in cleanrooms. We were also given a tour of the Micro/AtI Labs where we got to see where the testing for different products is carried out. We had to wear a lab coat, goggles and certain types of shoes before entering the labs.

On the third day we were given an engineering tour and we were able to see the step-by-step process of how a product is put together and the machines used to achieve this. The fourth day began with a one-on-one talk with different employees on their role in Abbvie, and any questions in general we wanted to ask them. We also had an 'Abbvie Olympics' where we were put into groups and played different Abbvie-related games, which was a lot of fun.

We were given several talks throughout the week by different employees about several topics, such as what a supply chain is, the purpose of botox, and how medicine has advanced throughout the years. At the end of the week we had to prepare a presentation in groups and talk about what we did in the week and what we liked to a group of employees in a conference room.

I really enjoyed this week; I got to meet and talk to different people around my age. It also gave me lots of insights into what to do in the future and I received plenty of career advice in general.



Hairdressing Workshop

BY HANNAH PRENDERGAST & SAOIRSE HAUTTMANN

On Monday the 16th of May, Davitt College Transition Year students took part in a hairdressing workshop. We were each given a mannequin head, which we practiced different plaits and hairstyles on. First, the expert hairdresser showed us how to do a Celtic braid, then we moved on to a slightly harder hairstyle called a fishtail braid. She also showed us two other hairstyles. She then showed us how to keep our hair healthy and what products we should and shouldn't use. She gave us information on different things that can damage your hair.

We had a fantastic time and learned a lot of new things and new ways to care for our hair. There could be some future hairdressers and barbers in our year group!

SERVE Charity Diary

BY LEON JAMBRESIC

My experience with SERVE has been very good so far. We completed a workshop with the SERVE Coordinator Rory where we played games, but these games were focused to help us learn the different connections between poverty and how it affects the third world countries.

After this workshop we were assigned to Pen Pals, which was a good experience for meeting new people.

Currently we are taking part in a fundraiser where we will raise money for Luyabalola Primary School where most of our Pen Pals are from. We also ran a fundraising Marathon where we each ran 5km around our school pitch.

It was a lot of fun to be a part of the SERVE group and I really enjoyed it. If I get the opportunity again to volunteer, I will surely sign up.



Mental Health Ireland

**CONGRATULATIONS TO TRANSITION YEAR STUDENT DANIEL
TICHE FOR PLACING 2ND IN MENTAL HEALTH IRELAND'S LET'S
GET CREATIVE NATIONAL COMPETITION WITH HIS ENTRY TO
THIS YEAR'S THEME: "NOBODY LIKE ME"**





SURF'S UP, SCHOOL'S OUT

By 4C

There was a cool summer's breeze as we arrived on the beach in Enniscrone, Co Sligo. The TYs emerged off the bus and were given some very tight wetsuits to put on but at least they kept us warm. Before we entered the sea, we had our second surf lesson of the year. This time we were more experienced. The waves pushed many of us off the boards but that didn't stop us from conquering the torrents, some students even managing to stand up on their boards.

Next, it was time to hit the golf course. We were split into groups of three. We were given two golf clubs and then went off golfing. We were warned not to disturb the grass, however, some students found this difficult. Golfing is not everyone's sport! Another successful day for the TYs. We left sad and tired, knowing that this was our last TY trip of the year.



10 Things We Love About TY

by 4C

- 1.The trips... especially Paris
- 2.School activities from kayaking and golfing to hairdressing and film making
- 3.More time to dedicate to your sports, such as committing to a school football team
- 4.Break between the exam years and less stress
- 5.Work experience: learn what it's like to be in the real world
- 6.Opportunity to earn money by getting part time/full time jobs
- 7.Get to experience all the choice subjects, such as Home EC, Art, Music, etc., and you are then more prepared to pick subjects for 5th Year
- 8.Get to know your classmates, you make friends for life or at least for the year
- 9.Fireworks in Paris
- 10.Paris



Happy Summer!

THANK YOU FOR READING

