# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Board of Management

**2nd December 2020**

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Three newly-appointed Assistant Principals (AP1): Lisa Nolan, Brónagh Murphy, Michael Forrestal (acting position)

## covid-19 response plan

No cases of transmission of Covid-19 within the school to date.

## Building work

Five additional classrooms to be ready by next week.

Acoustic work on F09 and S07 completed.

Other works postponed at our request

## staff appreciation

First term has been very difficult for all in the school, staff and students. We would like to recognise the work of staff over the last three months.

## Uniform campaign

Compliance with wearing of PE uniform has been mixed.

Campaign currently under way to improve the situation

## Online Parent-student-teacher meeting

Sixth year PTMS to be held on Tues 8 Dec via Teams

## stand up week

KCC's first StandUp Pride Week took place 16th -20th November with the school decorated with the pride colours, including the installation of a pride waterfall on the first floor and a permanent pride flag art piece installed outside F26. All year groups received a whole school general lesson on LGBT+ issues and each year group also got a lesson specific to them - 1st years - Coming Out, 2nd years - Allies, 3rd years - Transgender, 4th years - Gender Neutral Spaces, 5th years - Names and Pronouns and 6th years - LGBT+ History and Politics.. The week was a success, and our progressive and inclusive culture at KCC is shown to the wider community by flying our progress pride flag outside.

## literacy policy

1 Junior and senior reading groups continue to support literacy and grow a reading culture in the school

2 Planning is underway for the Literacy in history time capsule project. This will be rolled out to all subjects as a whole-school project at a later date.

## TY update

**Newsletter:** TY Sept/Oct Newsletter for parents and guardians has been published. Available for download from school website & included in TY reports being sent home.

**Cork Film Festival:** All transition year students took part in the Cork Film Festival on Wednesday the 18th of Nov. They had an opportunity to watch "I Used To Live Here". Afterwards they engaged with a Q&A with the film director and participated in a workshop. Topics covered included mental health and mental well-being, connecting with family and friends, bullying, suicide & building resilience.

## Ethical ed

Ethical Ed Movement and Migration Campaign – has completed month three. In Nov the second years completed a project which explores migration through movement and drama. Tami and Alex delivered to all second-year students and there was an update at assembly. An Ethical Education wall is being worked on in school - we are purchasing a beautiful wooden world map to highlight the home countries of all of our students and framed Ethical Education posters by our students will hang there also. Ciara has spoken to a network of teachers at the Worldwise Global Schools management symposium and plans are underway for next year's whole school campaign "Debating Democracy" - which may link us with other schools in the Educate Together network.

## art dept

The Art department are currently working with the creative captains to create an Art installation for the Gratitude Campaign.

Work is also underway in creating another Art installation for the Wellread committee - senior students are working on creating a large-scale reading tree.

Art students plus TYs were working on two PRIDE installations:

1. 1) A permanent piece
2. 2) An interactive piece that has been added to throughout PRIDE week

Creative Leaders -

Have been working on a gratitude piece that can be displayed every November in Kishoge.

## movember committee

This year the Movember Committee started selling 'Mo Badges' to students to raise money for the Movember association. To raise awareness for the vast variety of charities they support we created an SPHE lesson which was delivered to all year groups. The Movember team also be created a 'movie' about mental health and promoting the message that 'it's okay not to be okay'. We used student artwork to create an art installation with a positive message for people struggling with mental health. We also organised a surprise treat for the staff last week for staff wellbeing.

## computer science dept

Well done to Aqlan Ardy and Japnitt Singh who have qualified for the national finals of the BY Young Scientist competition. Their project is attempting to improve the sustainability of greenhouses and make a "Greener Greenhouse"

The national finals will take place virtually in January

## Music dept

Virtual talent show taking place during assembly on 11th December. All entries must be emailed to [laurahalligan@kishogecc.ie](mailto:laurahalligan@kishogecc.ie) by 4th December. Students can record a 1-3 minute video clip for entry on their iPad .

## healthy eating

November's "Food as Fuel" Healthy Eating campaign underway with emphasis on three areas 1. Water for Wellbeing - switch to 500ml of water every day in school (Student Council working on this) 2. Know how to treat yourself - poster campaign on healthy treats and portion sizes 3. Food as Fuel for Sports Success (PE Department rolling out lessons).

## wellbeing

Our December whole school wellbeing campaign will focus on Gratitude - with all students and staff writing a gratitude journal to document the little things they are grateful for. Some of these journal entries will be included in our "Bee Grateful" art installation - currently being prepared by the Kishoge Creativity Captains along with Aoife D and Michael F.

## careers day

Virtual Careers Day will take place during the first two classes of December - big thanks to Parents Council and teachers who sent the Senior Mentors written and video accounts of a range of careers, which will be shown to students over two classes to mark the opening of the CAO form. Careers include - doctor, trader, drama teacher, journalist, engineer, singing teacher, data analyst and many more.