# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents

**14th December 2017**

## open night

The school’s Open Night took place on Weds 15th November. All staff, most students and members of the Parents’ Council did a great job promoting the school. The Second, Third and Transition Years acted as student ambassadors showing groups of between 10-20 visitors around the school. The First Years acted as demonstrators in the 25 rooms that were open. The atmosphere on the night was very positive and parents and prospective students for 2019 were very impressed with the building and facilities, with the staff and with the students.

Last year Open Night 2016 promoted for two incoming years – 2017 & 2018.This year Open Night 2017 promoted only to incoming 2019. Approx. 450 people were counted through the door.

Open Night was followed on Monday 20th Nov. by a very well-attended information evening for parents.

## enrolment

Enrolment 2019 closed on Friday 24th Nov:

**Closing date 2019 257 Boys 126 Girls 131**

Closing date 2018 197 Boys 124 Girls 73

Closing date 2017 157

## Assessment

Reports for Sept and October were posted at beginning of November.

First and Second Year students have only received formative feedback on their work since they started i.e. they have received no grades or marks.

The students were given their report and were asked, with the assistance of their tutors, to complete a reflection task where they identified what was going well for them and what required improvement. They then completed a short plan of improvement for November/December.

The report, reflection doc and plan were presented via the journal to parents.

The end of term summative tests will commence on Friday 15th. All Years will get grades, marks, percentages.

## policy development

**Mission Statement**

A committee of staff, students and parents chaired by Gráinne McCormack have worked on the Mission Statement over the course more than a year. They have held detailed consultation with parents, staff, students and the Board of Management.

The Mission Statement has been adopted by the Board.

***The staff, students and parents in Kishoge Community College work together to promote a growth mindset in an active learning community. We value innovation and participate in an inclusive, creative, equality-based environment. Students collaborate and develop skills that contribute to their success and that reflect the high expectations of the school.***

## Anti-bullying report

All students have been made aware of the anti-bullying policy and what to do if they are being bullied or if they know of anyone being bullied.

There is good awareness among students of what steps the school will take when told that bullying is taking place.

All students have completed a brief survey on bullying in the school. (week ending 1st Dec)

## Year Heads

The following teachers have taken over the role of Year Head.

Rosie Cully 1a1, 1a2, 1a3

John Monaghan 1a4, 1a5, 1a6, 1a7

Kristina Troy 2a1, 2a2, 2a3

Louise Murray 2a4, 2a5, 2a6

## tl 21

The TL21 committee/mentors (Niall, Fiona K, Rachel H and Michael M) continued their work in relation to their homework initiative. Parents of students were invited to a homework support evening on the 23rd of Oct. The rationale, process and role of parents in homework were covered over the course of the evening. The mentors are now in regular contact with parents to follow up on progress.

## Student council

Eight representatives from the Student Council, attended the Educate Together Conference on 24th of November. They gave an excellent presentation about student voice in Kishoge. The conference was very informative and was enjoyed by all.

## choir

Well done to the choir who auditioned for their first DDLETB Festival of Music this month. The choir are now working on pieces for a concert after Christmas.

## Business dept

Seven TY students are currently working with Bank of Ireland on the School Bank Competition. Over fifty new accounts opened since September. The students work hard to promote the bank and are hoping to open more accounts in the coming weeks.

TY students have continued to run the school bank. They have had over 50 new members create a bank account within the school this year.

TY students had a hugely successful Craft Fair today.

## book to film club

Book to Film Club- Students have moved onto the second novel and the numbers have doubled

## Literacy policy

The Literacy Leaders are meeting on Monday to put together an action plan to help raise student awareness of the importance of literacy. This plan will be shared before the Christmas break. 'Word of the Week' will most likely be our first initiative to help embed literacy in teaching across the curriculum.

## coding dept

Results of Bebras computational thinking challenge 2017.

Kishoge performed higher than Dublin and the Country's average in the  Junior age category (14 - 16)

In the Cadet category (12 - 14) Kishoge performed better on average than the rest of the Country.

 The top 5 students in Kishoge were as follows;

5) Ishan Iqbal - 2nd year  
4) Joshua Sheridan - 3rd year  
3) Jordan Ahern - 3rd year  
2) Dylan Dolan - 3rd year  
1) Oscar Gomez Keenan - 2nd year

## Green schools

Shauna is looking after Green-Schools litter and waste.

Bronagh is progressing with energy efficiency in the school, looking at reducing energy use and raising awareness.

Actions will be implemented in January 2018 and campaigns to raise awareness will be also carried out during the school term, January to May.

## engineering dept

The CanSat collaboration between Kishoge CC and Kevin Street (DIT) continues. Students have undergone internal workshops under the supervision of DIT staff. The next stage of development is when 8 students and Philip Devereux attend Kevin Street on Thursday Dec. 7th for the formal commencement of the 2018 European Space Agency sponsored CanSat competition.

## pe dept

Girls soccer   
U17 Girls teams won their first league match 9-0. Great team performance. Goals from Larisa Miculas (2), Denisa Cirdei (4), Chloe O’Connor (2), Ava Murray (1).  
  
Also, two wins for the girls U15s team.   
  
Fitness club running every Monday. Approx. 14 students attending every week.   
  
Running club will start back after Christmas.

**Basketball**

Under 16's girls basketball lost against St. Tiernan's in the semi-final.