



Literacy Newsletter, December 2020

Awards Time!

We are delighted to announce that Kishoge CC has been recognised by the PDST as a Wellread School. This national award recognises our school community's dedication to growing a reading culture in our school. A portfolio of our work was assessed by the PDST (Professional Development Service for Teachers) and the results were announced this week. We are very proud of all the staff and students who have participated in the many literacy initiatives that have taken place in our school over recent years.



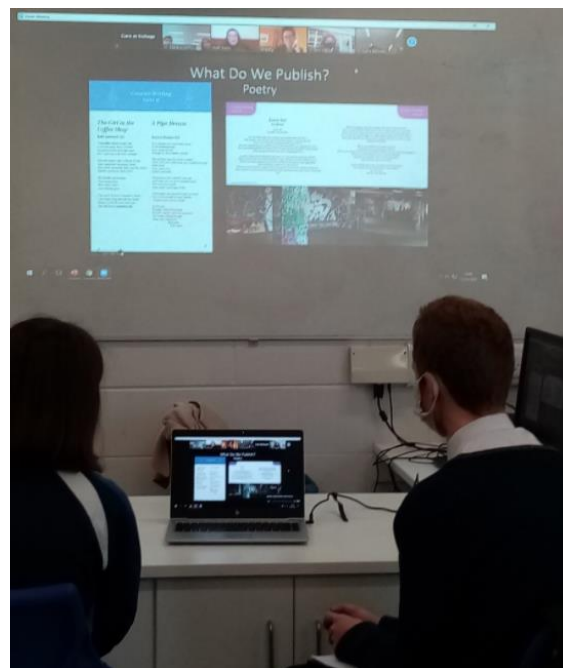
The Great Reads Awards, 2020



October saw the formation of our first junior and senior reading groups. Students from both these groups are reading their way through a selection of five great titles that have been shortlisted for the Great Read Awards, 2020. The titles are from emerging Irish authors and students will have their vote on which authors they feel deserve to win. In addition, we have set up our first virtual libraries, accessible to all students on OneNote. These libraries currently replace our Reading Room which we had to temporarily close due to Covid health and safety precautions.

Banned Books Month

November saw the continuation of our annual Banned Books Month. Students created an assembly to share their views on Banned Books and celebrate our freedom to read books that have been censored or banned in other countries. In addition, the Student Leadership Team launched the SLT Annual Writing Competition - the theme of which was "Taboo Topics". Entries were submitted on subjects that align with our SPHE and Ethical Ed curriculum but are often underrepresented in popular literature - mental health, LGBTQI+ issues, the environment among others. Competition was tough, with lots of exceptional entries. Winners and honourable mentions were as follows: Lili Feher, Jake Murray-McGuirk and Aishat Kassim. Highly commended work came from: Pakeeza Younas, Eva Zafar, Sarah O' Brien, Kacey Kennedy and Mahnoor Hassan. Well done to all involved!



Kishoge Writers!

Kishoge CC Senior Writing Workshop have completed an online workshop with Paper Lanterns Young Adult Literary Journal as part of the Redline Book Festival - and prepared pieces for submission this December. See photo below of Sean Mahon and Lili F at the workshop (which was also attended by Sarah O' Brien, Jake Murray McG, Aby A and Candis T) - and keep an eye out for published pieces to come!

Kishoge CC Online Writers Group

- Open to all year groups and all types of writers – poets, playwrights, song and story writers.
- Post your own work or take part in monthly challenges.
- Join in at a time that suits you – everything is on TEAMS!
- Contact emmaflanagan@kishogecc.ie to be added to the team.

The Magic of Reading!

And finally, we hope our students, staff and families find time over the holiday period to experience the joy of reading a good book. As December is the perfect time to give a book as a gift, please take a look at our recommended reading lists from our school website. We wish you all very peaceful and happy break!

