



Norway Ski Trip Jan 09

Mr. Kelly and I travelled to Norway with 20 students at the beginning of January. We had a fantastic time with perfect skiing conditions. The temperature was as low as -17 degrees but with clear blue skies. We were delighted with the students progress, they really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and managed to master the red slopes and some of the jumps. A huge factor contributing to the success of the trip was the excellent behaviour of the students, they were a pleasure to take away. Check out more photos on the notice board in the hall. Ms. L. Finnegan P.E.

Holocaust Memorial Day

As part of their Holocaust Studies module, a group of TY students attended the Holocaust Memorial Service which took place on 25th January. They were accompanied by Ms. Kenny, Mr. Barry, Ms. Gordon and Ms. Turner.

Our school community was very saddened to hear of the untimely death of Mr Raphael Siev, curator of the Irish Jewish Museum. His enthusiasm and passion for his work was obvious to all visitors and our students and teachers enjoyed the many visits we made to the museum for workshops and in-service. Indeed, some of our students shared the podium with him last weekend at the National Holocaust Memorial Day service where, in spite of ill health, he spoke so movingly about the pleas from a previous Chief Rabbi of Ireland, subsequently Chief Rabbi of Palestine, Rabbi Herzog to the then Taoiseach Eamon de Valera for refuge for fleeing Jews, pleas which fell on deaf ears. These students and members of the teaching staff were in attendance at his funeral service yesterday.

The collection in the museum represents many aspects of Jewish life in Dublin and includes artefacts relating to Mrs Ettie Gluck (nee Steinberg) who was Ireland's only known victim of the Holocaust when she, her son and husband died in Auschwitz Concentration Camp in 1942.

Ms. P. Gordon Principal

Sport and other Activities

Student Activities

- Yoga classes began for TY on Thurs. 8th Jan.
- 1st, 2nd 3rd and TY attended the Young Scientist Exhibition at the RDS on Fri. Jan 9th.
- 6th Year Biology students went to Maynooth College on Jan. 21st where they carried out experiments and revised topics for their mocks.
- TY students attended a film workshop Monday - Friday 19th- 23rd Jan.
- Auditions have taken place for Strictly Ballroom and there will be rehearsals on Fridays 1.30-3pm.
- Creative writing classes will take place on Wednesdays 1.30-1.45pm .
- Golf will begin in early Feb. Lessons available €75 for 5. Sign up with Ms. Finnegan.

Dates for your diary

- House exams 26th Jan-30th
- 6th Year mock craft exam 26th Jan
- CAO deadline 1st Feb.
- CSPE workshop 2nd Year 9-12pm 2nd Feb
- Mocks begin for 3rd and 6th Years on 5th Feb.
- Study Skills for 5th Year Feb. 16th, no school for 1st, 2nd or TY students.
- Study Skills refresher for 6th Years 23rd Feb. 9.30-12.15pm.
- Classical Studies Rome Trip 18th-22nd Feb.
- Mid term break 19th & 20th February.

Supervised Study Mon.-Thurs. 4-6 pm Friday 1.30-3.00 (exam classes only)

Congratulations to

- Ms. Dormand-Kade who was married last December.
- Ms. Reynolds on her recent engagement.
- Mr. Kelly on his recent engagement.
- Lucy Murphy 3rd Year who has reached the quarter final of the L&H debating competition. She successfully opposed the motion 'That this house would ban boxing' .

House Keeping

Items left behind in a classroom will be brought to lost property. They can be reclaimed on Wednesdays from 1.20-1.40pm. Please make sure to have each item clearly marked with your name.

Student Council

The Senior Prefects are organising elections to find suitable candidates to take up the challenge of becoming active members for the new term. Interested 5th Year students should write a letter of application to the Principal before Fri. 23rd Jan.

French Table Quiz.

Well done to Ms. O Reilly's TY team; David, Sorcha, Gary & Killian who achieved 7th place in the TY South Dublin Schools French Table Quiz on the 21st January in Castleknock College.

Past Pupils

Congratulations to David Berber who has qualified as a chartered Accountant with Ernest & Young.

Reminder

House exams 26-30th Jan.

Mocks 5th-18th Feb.

Be wise

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