

Fresh Film success for young Banagher College Filmmakers

The Banagher College S.T.E.A.M. Filmmaking team had big success at the Fresh Film Festival Leinster regional final on Wednesday March 13th, when their short film 'Seiceamair', an Irish Language film, was chosen as a regional winner; and will now compete at the Fresh Film All-Ireland Young Filmmaker of the Year final in Limerick in April. The film was directed by Jack Marshall and stars Cameron O' Sullivan and Daniel Reilly.

The film, having already been chosen as a Leinster finalist, got a rapturous reception when it was shown on the big screen at the Omniplex Rathmines. Described by Director Jack Marshall as a 'drama comedy, as Gaeilge', the film tells the story of hungry student (Cameron), who finds himself in an epic high-stakes duel with the infamous chess guru Magnus Fischer (Daniel) in the gladiatorial surrounds of the school sports hall. Despite the incredibly high standard of the competing films shown, the lads' stylishly shot comic tale won the hearts of both audience and judges alike.

The film will now take its place in the Fresh Film final on April 18th, in Limerick, when the team will have the chance to take home the coveted Young Irish Filmmaker of the Year award. The awards ceremony will be broadcast on RTE Television.

Microsoft Office:

Congratulations to Banagher College TY students who were presented recently with their Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint Associate 365 Certificates.

Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification is the world's most recognised computing qualification for proving your skills and abilities in Microsoft's Office applications.

A Microsoft Office Specialist has passed an exam in one of the component applications of Microsoft Office. Banagher College TY students are provided with the opportunity to study Microsoft Word 365, Excel 365, PowerPoint 365 and Outlook.

This Program provides industry-leading assessments of skills and knowledge through project-based testing, giving students real-world exercises to appraise their understanding of Microsoft Office. This certification boosts academic performance and prepares students for future academic or workforce opportunities.

We prepare students for the Microsoft Office Specialist certification with tailored learning materials, practice tests, and finally they sit a performance-based certification exam officially endorsed by Microsoft.

Minor Camogie: The Banagher College Minor Camogie Team picked up their second win of the Leinster Campaign when they overcame Mountrath C.S. in Banagher on Tuesday March 12th. Banagher dominated this game from the start and picked off some nice scores throughout the game to give them two wins from two. Their third and final group game sees them travel to Johnstown on Wednesday 20th to take on the also unbeaten Coláiste Mhuire side. The lineout v Mountrath C.S. was as follows:

Banagher College: Lili Claffey, Isa Duffy, Laura Foley, Caitlin Donnelly, Emma McDermott, Elodie Loonam, Béibhinn O Meara, Aoibhe Doyle, Leah Delaney, Annie Mulhare (0-3), Amy Kenny (0-3,0-1f), Louise Flannery (0-1), Emma Byrne (3-0), Holly Sexton (2-7), Laura Staunton (2-0). Subs Used: Saoirse Coughlan, Caitlin Cooney, Ruth Claffey, Isabelle Davis, Caoimhe Flynn, Amber Gohery, Lily Kilkenny, Saoirse Jane Egan, Lauren Fitzgerald, Grace O Connor, Leila Monahan & Rebecca Slevin.

Sky-Up Trip:

(Report by Jack Marshall)

Banagher College students were invited to an exclusive showing and in-depth tour of Sky studios in Dublin on Friday March 8th 2024. The tour involved Banagher College students working together to create a news story of their own. Thorough research and fact checking were required before producing our news story, a reminder of the ever-present threat of false information and fake news. Students were then given access to professional, high end camera equipment and editing software and presented with free reign to craft their story and produce it. All students were allocated different roles to play in the creation of this piece from reporter to director to scriptwriter everyone had a unique role and opportunity. Sky then showed students what a day at Sky might look like and all the possible career options that working in media can present to you. Students were engaging with guides and discussing the possible careers from the hectic by the minute notice of a scriptwriter or camera operator to the examining and detail heavy supervision that the job of producer would require. Students were then presented their own news story to watch and take in at the end of a long, informative yet highly productive day at Sky studios.

Students who attended included:

Jacek Boniakowski, Victoria Duchlinska, Jacob Donaldson, Isobel Marshall, Sarah Jane Butler, Jack Kennedy, Ella O' Rourke, Jack Marshall, Cameron O' Sullivan, Michael O'Dwyer, Rachel Kenny, Aoife Moylan, Áine Coldrick, Martin Kinsella, Adam Daly, Meghan Delaney, Ava Maher, Lucy Daly & Julia Naszko.

#schoolsgoorange:

On Thursday we celebrated Schools Go Orange Day in school. It is an initiative chosen by Cycle Against Suicide to drive mental health awareness, reduce stigma and to promote help seeking behaviour. The Headstrong Committee made up by Transition Year students worked hard over the last couple of weeks to organize a number of events and activities for the occasion. They made orange friendship bracelets, information boards, organised a spinathon which took place from 9am until the end of the school day, face painted, made promotional Tik Toks, ran fun games at break and lunchtime and offered orange drinks and treats to all. We also saw the return of our CAS elephant who posed for photos and engaged in the fun activities creating quite a stir wherever he went.

Thanks to the Headstrong Committee for running a very successful day, for spreading the message to “ **Be Brave, Reach Out and Speak Up**” to the entire school community and to all who supported and facilitated them over the last few busy weeks.

ETB Week

ETB week also took place this week across the country. In Banagher College we focused on the five core values of Excellence in Education, Equality, Respect, Care and Community, values which permeate our teaching and learning both in the classroom and during extra-curricular activities each and every day.

School 5 Km Run and 3.5 Km Walk:

Banagher College will host its first ever 5Km Run event on Friday 22nd of March at 1pm. There will also be a 3.5Km Walk taking place. It is a whole school event with all students and staff getting involved. Students are busy training for the event, both in their Physical Education classes and at home. The students have access to a weekly training plan provided by their P.E. Teachers. The tension is building as to whether it will be a teacher or a student who crosses the finish line first.