

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We are coming up to the half way point of the school year and just wanted to update you on some of the work that Transition Year students have been doing.

Just today TY students had a dance workshop with Grainne, our lead choreographer for the **TY show**. Each class now knows what show they will be performing. All the parts have been cast following extensive auditions and students who got a speaking part all have their scripts and are busy learning lines!

All TY students are now registered for the President's **Gaisce Award**. They have had a talk from Ms Keenan on this award, how to achieve it and also its importance for their personal development and their CV!

Students have undertaken their first block of **work experience** in November and the employer evaluation sheets returned by the employers indicate a high level of participation from our students, which is to be expected. Plans should be very much underway for the next block of work experience in January.

TY students are taking a leading role in organising the **Christmas Fair** which will take place on Thursday the 4th of December and without their help it would not be possible to run events like this. This is also an excellent opportunity for students to market their **mini company** ideas and make some sales!

Next week in school will be a typically busy week for TY students with ice skating on Monday, a cinema trip for their English class on Tuesday and then another stem workshop on either Wednesday or Thursday. While all these activities are a core part of Transition Year it is important to note that students are constantly reflecting on each of their workshops, trips and initiatives in their weekly **Portfolio class** so they can track their progress over the year.

Have a look at some of the other trips and activities undertaken so far this year:

African Drumming Workshop ✓
Kayaking in the canal ✓
Climb the Sugarloaf ✓
Dance Workshops for TY Show ✓
National Ploughing Championships ✓
TY Show Auditions ✓
Poetry Workshop ✓
Self Defence workshop ✓
Jumpzone ✓
Mini Company workshops ✓
Mini Company Trip to Chocolate Factory ✓
Jive workshops ✓
Stem passport workshops ✓
Carlow and South Leinster Rape Crisis Centre Talk ✓
TY Christmas Tests ✓

Wishing you all the best over Christmas
Mr Rice
TY Coordinator

