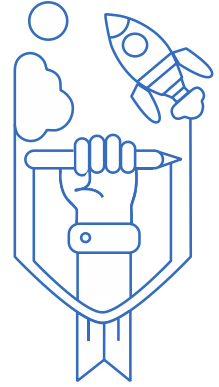


# 'The Franner Examiner'

## May 2019 Edition



### Erasmus

There was a great buzz around Francis St. with the Erasmus programme running last week. We welcomed 45 students from Portugal, Poland, England and Turkey. They took part in Gaeilge lessons, yoga classes, Irish dancing and watched our hurling team play a match in Dolphin's Barn. The boys gave the students a huge Franner welcome and have enjoyed an outing with the Erasmus students to Glendalough and a walking tour of Dublin City.



### Interview with two Francis St. pupils who have taken part in Erasmus.

#### **What made you want to take part in the Erasmus programme?**

**Seán:** I wanted to know what a new experience felt like.

**Alex:** To have a holiday with my friends, to interact with new people and I wanted to make new friends.

#### **What has been your favourite part so far?**

**Seán:** To see what the environment of another school is like and to see everyone get on with one another.

**Alex:** Going to Portugal, getting to see another school and to see how different another school is to ours.

#### **What has been the most challenging part?**

**Seán:** Talking to people who didn't speak our language took some getting used to.

**Alex:** First day leaving my family was tough. Sometimes it was hard to communicate with people who didn't speak the same language as us.

#### **What have you gained from the experience?**

**Seán:** It helped me to be more hard working and showed me that hard work always pays off.

**Alex:** It made me more independent and taught me to work on my own and not ask for help as much.

#### **What would you say to your friends who want to take part in the next Erasmus trips?**


**Seán:** Do your work, if there's a tough challenge keep trying and never give up.

**Alex:** Always try your best no matter what, take on challenges and be confident. It will be a great trip to Turkey and England.

### A word from Ella and Luiza, the Erasmus coordinators from Portugal and Poland.

"Sponsored by Erasmus+, students from Poland, Portugal, Turkey and England had the excellent opportunity of learning outside their countries, while developing the Project "SCIENCE- Soft skills - Tutoring". During this phase of the project, they came to Dublin to train in Mindfulness. While here, they made new friends, met old ones, learnt more about the culture of the country, developed several activities and, of course, practiced Yoga and experienced Francis Street School's holistic approach to learning while they polished their English speaking skills. They also sang and danced to Irish songs and got to know Dublin, which is a very beautiful city. To sum it up, they LOVED the experience because they have learnt a lot. Next October they will visit Turkey to experience another different approach based on Robotics and coding. Next Spring it will be London! They just can't wait to go!"

The best Irish speakers of the term went to Cafe

Noto for a "seacláid te" (hot chocolate!) 



Quote of the month...

**"When you know better you do better."**

– Maya Angelou

In May, we had a visit from an ex-Franner boy, Tom O'Brien who was born in 1929.

He attended the school circa 1937-1942 and he had no excuse to be late for school as he grew up in the house next door to the school!

During his visit, he searched the old roll books from that time to bring back a few memories.

**A Franner boy forever!**



## Principal's reflections:

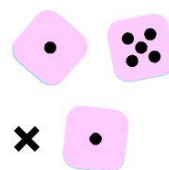
We have had a wonderful busy term and are coming up to the most exciting month of all, June. With Sports Day coming up, Franner's Fittest Family, Franner Fun day, school tours and of course the Minister for Education coming to our End of Year Ceremony we are in for a very busy and exciting time. Of course we must at all times keep up our strong work ethic and I would encourage you all as always to ensure the boys are in bed on time, especially on fine evenings.

Thank you all for your support as always and your wonderful attitude towards your son's education.



Congrats to Jack in fifth class who played for Crumlin United against Liverpool in the Robbie Keane cup!!!!

5th class participated in the maths dice competition in Kevin's College  
We had lots of fun, learned loads and ate some pizza!!!





#### Dates for the diary:

**30<sup>th</sup> May** – Franner's fittest family

**31<sup>st</sup> May** – Annual School Sports Day (10am Dolphin's Park, Crumlin Road)

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June** – School closed (June Bank Holiday)

**14<sup>th</sup> June** – Franner Fun Day

**25<sup>th</sup> June** – End of Year Ceremony

**28<sup>th</sup> June** – Summer Holidays (school finishes at 12pm)

4th class have been very generous this year during Lent with the class Trocaire box collecting €34.45 and a boy in the class, Alex Ray collecting €13.75 in his own box which he took home. We are super proud of Alex.



#### Showcase in THE HELIX – 29<sup>th</sup> May

Tracey's 4th class and Cathy, Anne and Julies's 3rd class will be show casing the *Plastic snake project* that showed the amount of plastic wasted on the packing of our school lunches at an event.

This is an Irish Aid funded project on Development Education and the Sustainable Development Goals. Six schools are also involved from Donabate, Portmarnock and Swords. Tracey and the other teachers have participated in workshops around the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and taken this learning back to 4th class and shared her knowledge with the other teachers. Having learned about the Goals and the power of being active citizens the children have come up with performances to share their learning. They will be performing on May 29<sup>th</sup> in the Helix at 12.30PM and tickets are available on the Helix box office. The song we are learning to sing together with the other schools is Ubungo kids - We are so strong and you can find it on YouTube.

Many of the boys in second class made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 12th May. The boys worked very hard in their preparation for it over the last couple of months. The boys all looked very smart in their suits and had a really enjoyable day with their families. **Sarah and Maeve were very proud of them.**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> class boys took part in the Solas Project's version of Dragon's Den. Our class finalists took part in the community final last week in St Catherine's where they presented their company 'The Rolling Cheerios' in conjunction with the company Byrne Wallace. They were AMAZING!



With very best wishes,  
Fiona Collins,  
Principal - Francis St CBS

