

January - March 2021



TRANSITION YEAR 2020-21 MARCH NEWSLETTER LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL BALBRIGGAN



Work Experience & Alternative Schedule

The New Year brought a return to remote teaching and learning for all. Although Level 5 restrictions impacted many work experience placements some 50 students managed to experience working remotely or in the workplace. A Work Experience Alternative Schedule was provided online from 25th January - 12th February for all students who could not take up their placements. A variety of courses, skill development, fun activities, and personal challenges including 'Come Dine with Me', 'The Great Outdoors' and 'Galentines' were offered over the three weeks. We would like to commend the students for their level of engagement with these alternate work schedules. They developed strong skills of time management and self-directed learning on a large scale. Students also developed their own Google Sites to record and showcase their work and achievements over the course of the three weeks. You can see just some of the amazing work produced in the photos below.



WORK EXPERIENCE RELATED COURSES & WORKSHOP
PERSONAL ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

WEEK 1
(25TH - 29TH JAN. 2021)

SKILLS SUMMARY COURSES

Communication Skills

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Communication Skills
Communication is all about getting information across. This can be anything from messages to

Interpersonal Skills
They involve being open minded and respectful to other people's views and opinions, even if they are

Teamwork
people work same goal. It



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PERSONAL ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

WEEK 3
(8TH - 12TH FEB. 2021)



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WEEK 2
(1ST - 5TH FEB. 2021)

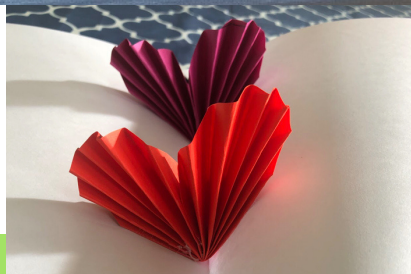
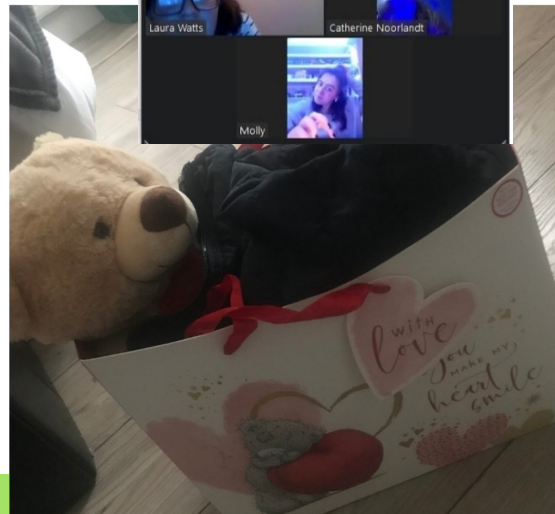




Leaf Me Alone



Happy galentine's





Tinpot Radio Training Course

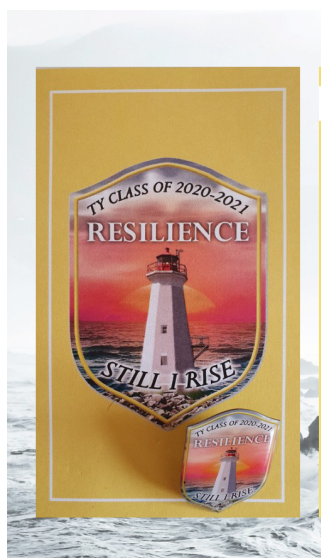


The Tinpot Radio Course is an online version of the TY Transmission Workshop and was facilitated by external media company Tinpot Productions. On this day-long course students got an insight into how the business of radio works and through the use of video content, interactive quizzes and user generated content students got the opportunity to express their creativity and develop their digital, communication and presentation skills. All students received a certificate upon completion of the course and both the TY Team and the course facilitators were very impressed by the students work,

TY Theme 2020-21

TY class prefects designed a beautiful badge for students to wear for their most apt theme of 'Resilience' this year. Every TY student received a badge, a special message card and a chocolate bar on Monday and Tuesday ahead of the TY Resilience Assembly held on Wednesday 10th March via Zoom. The TY class prefects gave an excellent presentation about the design process behind the badge and in an act of togetherness we all pinned on the badges together. Special guest speaker, Rachael Moore, spoke about the importance of resilience and gave practical techniques to support wellbeing and resilience. She also gave the students a lovely mantra to recite every day;

" I will rise, I believe in me and I will choose what way my day will be."



TY theme of Resilience 2020-21 March 2021

Dear TY student,

We commend you on your positivity, enthusiasm and engagement with the TY programme this year. We appreciate the challenges you face at this time of remote learning and acknowledge how well you embody your chosen theme for this year. May we offer these words of encouragement and look forward to seeing you soon wearing your beautiful badges.

You are **RESILIENT!**

Yes, you can overcome the challenges you may be facing.

Learn from your setbacks and mistakes.

Keep a positive outlook, and know that sometimes obstacles are part of our successes!

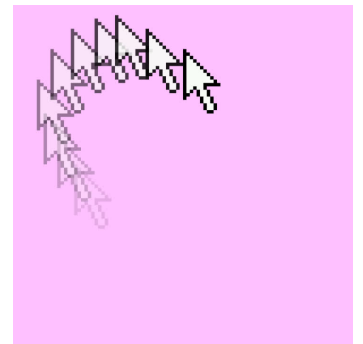
You are going to be O.K.

Best wishes, TY Team.
Loreto Secondary School Balbriggan



The Girls Squad

We are the largest girls school to sign up to this excellent 6 week programme which in collaboration with Athletics Ireland. P.E. teachers began to roll it out during P.E. class from Monday 8th March. The Fitness elements include core training, circuit training and various yoga classes. In addition, there is nutritional and healthcare content. It is a whole year-group initiative in which the students will earn lovely pink Girls Squad t-shirts.



Cyber Safety Day

On Tuesday 16th March the TY students attended an online Cyber Safety Day. The programme highlighted the pros and cons of the digital world and examined important topics including Online Usage and Etiquette, our Digital Footprint and Cyber Bullying.

E-Learning and Physical Skills Week

It is hard to believe that our TYs began their 10th week of remote learning on Monday 22nd March. This week our TY students were provided with an exciting opportunity to develop skills in areas such as Hospitality Training, Career Skills and Driving Skills and achieve industry recognized certificates from IACT. Students were given a new timetable for the week to accommodate their e-learning and physical activities.



Pizza Making Masterclass

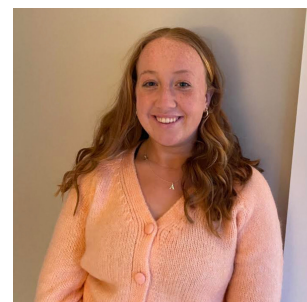
On Thursday 18th March the TYs had a Pizza Making Masterclass with Ms. Ryan. You can see some of their amazing culinary creations in the photos.



FM104 TY Takeover



One of our TY students Aisling Patterson was chosen as one of the top twenty from over 200 applicants in the FM104 TY Takeover Competition. After producing her own radio show called 'Traveling through Tunes' Aisling has made it to the top three Finalists. In the final Aisling presented her project to the Station Director, the Head of Marketing and a FM104 Presenter. Huge congratulations to Aisling and best of luck with the final round!



TY Activity	Date	Included in TY Fee	Additional cost
TY Alternative Work Experience courses and challenges	25 th Jan – 12 th Feb.	Yes	No
The Girls Squad	15 th March onwards	Yes	No
TY Cyber Safety Day	16/3/21	Yes	No
TY Pizza Master Class	18/3/21	No	Ingredients
IACT Bundle of online Courses – Career Skills / Hospitality Training / Driving Skills	22 nd – 26 th March	Yes €20 per student	No
NUI Galway Survey – Active Consent information talk for Parents	23/3/21	n/a	n/a

Still to come.....

- **Active Consent Workshops** for TY students
- **Guest Speakers:**
 - Skincare - Corinna Tolan
 - Gaisce - Niall Barrett
 - Nutritionist – Aveen Bannon and others..
- **Develop Me Workshops II**
- **Simon Community** Homeless fundraiser

