

# TY Christmas Food Appeal

The Transition years launched their Christmas Food Appeal on behalf of those in need this week and the response from students and their families has been one of overwhelming generosity. Non perishable food items and hygiene products are collected in the school each day by TY students and these will be distributed to those in the local community most in need by South East Simon Community and Focus.

They have also raised over 900 euro to purchase care packs for homeless families which they will present to the charities on December 17th.

Special thanks to Wexford County Council for their generous donation to the fund.

Great credit is due to the Transition Year students and the course co – ordinators, Ms Cushen and Ms. Kinsella for this wonderful initiative.



*Transition Year students at the launch of the Food Appeal.*

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# Technology Awards

On Saturday two Good Counsel College students, Padraic McGrath and Daniel Wall were presented with awards for achieving the highest place in Ireland in Junior Cert. and Leaving Cert. Higher Level Technology respectively. Congratulations to them, their families and teachers. An outstanding double.



*Billy McGrath, Teacher, Daniel Wall, Padraic McGrath and Aidan O'Brien, Deputy Principal.*



Daniel Wall with his parents and Grandfather

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## Transition Year collection for Autism

TY1 and TY2 chose 6 people from each class to sell teddy bears for €3 each and roses for €2 each. Each pair collected from three different places which were Centra, AIB and South Main

Street and North Main Street.

I was one of those who were chosen from TY1. I was selling at Centra from 9 until half past 12. The weather was awful as it was very cold, windy and wet. This seemed to no effect to the people of New Ross who were incredibly generous and friendly. We sold in pairs and even though it was a wet day we didn't let it affect our spirits.

We stood by the door until the weather took a turn for the worst. We then moved to either side of the automatic door but we didn't block the doorway. As people walked by we gave a simple "hello" and if they wished to donate they would stop and if not we let them go about their business. We didn't hassle people and even then they stopped to give to the cause.

We collected a total of €1500 between the group, which shows how generous the people of New Ross are. It is an amazing achievement and the donation was greatly appreciated by Autism Ireland.

Thomas Murphy TY1

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## **TY 'bare necessities' charity drive**

Transition year students are asking parents to give a helping hand in their Y.S.I project that focus' on helping the homeless in the south east of Ireland which they have named the 'Bare Necessities'. The TY1 group have already raised over 460 euro in a very successful cake sale which resulted in their picture being seen in the New Ross Standard.

Linked with the south east agencies of Focus Ireland and The Simon Community the group are now looking non-perishable goods such as clothes, food cans, cleaning products etc. to give to the shelters which cater for the less fortunate and people who are trying very hard to keep their current accommodations or moving to a less than satisfying new home.

We are asking parents to help the group by giving clothes of good quality and/or food cans to help the homeless in the south east. Any and all donations will be very much appreciated.

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## **TY1 Cakesale in Good Counsel**



Good Counsel College Transition Years held a cake sale in the school last Friday the 16th of October to raise money for the South East Simon Community and Focus Ireland as part of their Young Social Innovators project.

Young Social Innovators' mission is to raise social awareness among 15-18 year olds in Ireland by providing social awareness education through action and platforms for young people and those guiding them, which will result in an enhancement of their personal sense of justice, responsibility and capacity innate to all.

Students in TY1 have chosen to help the homeless community in Ireland by raising awareness and fundraising for care packs including "Bare Necessities" (the innovative name of their project group!) such as soaps, deodorants and socks that they donate to homeless shelters in the South East.

The first of these fundraisers was the "Homebake Extravaganza" held last Friday in which TY1 students baked a number of home made goods such as brownies, fairy cakes, and chocolate-biscuit cakes to sell to teachers and students throughout the school. Needless to say, the recession was not an issue for the lads in Good Counsel College when it came to the goods on display!

The whole class participated in the event, by baking the food the night before and selling them on the day itself. All students put in a great effort and the event was a great success.

TY1 are also organising a Food Drive during the year that will involve the collection of canned, non-perishable food and cleaning products within the school in order to donate to the South Eastern homeless shelters.

Peadar Cody

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# TY Drive Awareness Day

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October TY1 & TY2 went to the Wexford Youths complex outside Wexford Town. We got there around 9:30 and went up to the bar. There were other schools there like The Holy Faith and Ramsgrange.

Throughout the day there were a lot off people talking to us. Firstly there was a Bean Garda, who was showing us films from Garda cars. There was also a man from Sheridan Insurances. He was talking to us about different types of insurances. He said that Y.M.D (young, male, drivers) were more of a risk than female drivers because they are attracted to speed. Then we went outside and we got into Garda cars.

In the afternoon there was a Doctor there from Wexford General Hospital. His name was Paul Kelly. He said that in 5 to 6 years two of us would be dead. He showed us medical devices that are used in casualty to keep people alive when they have an accident. Then we did an activity. We were given a sheet with a question and had to write down answers. I went up from our group. We were asked what you would do if you were walking home at night to protect yourself. We said carry a torch; don't take shortcuts and ring ahead to let someone know what time you will be home.

Overall thought the day was good and informative.

Eoin Murphy.