

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.

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

TY Drive Awareness Day

On the 8th 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.