

# **School Newsletter : Jan 28, 2011**

TY1 YSI 2010-2011



The Transition year groups are currently working on their projects for Young Social Innovators. TY1 are working on a road safety campaign with 'Don't Learn about Safety by

Accident' as their slogan. They have produced the above poster to raise awareness and are currently carrying out surveys and other activities.

TY2 meanwhile are busy working to collect scarves, hats and gloves for Focus Ireland and the Simon Community who work with the homeless and any such items can be dropped into the school office. Any unwanted Christmas presents will also be gratefully accepted.

The third TY group are engaged in raising awareness of an initiative called TIME – Telephone in Medical Emergency. This encourages people to put emergency contact details into their phones under the contact name, TIME another very worthwhile initiative.

Best of luck to the 8 sixth year students competing in the Wexford schools Maths Quiz on Friday night in Enniscorthy. Forming two teams, (4 x 2=8!!), the boys will be hoping to defend the title won by the school last year. Many thanks to their teachers, Ms Dempsey and Mr. Fanning who organise the event and look after the school teams respectively.

The U-14 Footballers qualified for the South leinster Final by beating a fancied Newbridge side on Tuesday last. The boys gave a sound performance as they bid to put back to back Leinster U-14 titles together, a feat previously achieved in 95-96 by a group many of whom went on to bring the Hogan Cup to Wexford for the only time in 1999. The boys now play St. Peters on Friday next in St. Patrick's Park, Enniscorthy. Good luck to them and their mentors, Mr Bates and Mr Kehoe.

The Senior football team take on 2008 leinster champions, St. Mary's , Edenderry in the Leinster quarter final on Saturday next. The venue is yet to be confirmed but is likely to be in the Carlow area.

While the Senior and Junior rugby teams bowed out of Leinster competition, losing to Kilkenny CBS and St Columbas respectively, they put up very respectable performances in both grades. Thanks to them and to Mr McGinley for all his

work with the teams.

**Entry forms for the 2011 All Ireland Inter Schools Hunter Trials can now be downloaded from this site. Just click on the homepage image to navigate to the relevant page.**

### Badminton Success ( *by Colm Doherty – TY* )

This years Wexford schools u16 badminton competition was held at Ramsgrange Community School. Good Counsel had 3 teams represented, an A, B and a C team. Good Counsel competed in both division 2 and 3, the winners of each going into the Leinster finals. In the qualifiers for division 2 Leinster finals were GCC A team (Declan Carrol, Darren Carty, MJ Dunne and Eanna Burke) and GCC B team (James Carrol, Daniel Walsh, Colm Doherty and Conor O' Callaghan). Also in the division 2 qualifiers , were St. Peters A and B team. Every team was scheduled to play each other, and GCC A team dominated the competition, gaining a place in the final later that day. It then came down to a battle between GCC B team and St.Peters A team for the remaining place in the final, and a battle it was, only score difference separating the teams. The GCC B team were victorious, knocking the defending champions out of the competition, and making it an all Good Counsel final, but only one to win top prize. The GCC A team won the final, winning gold and qualification for the Leinster finals, and left the B team with silver medal. The GCC C team (Alex McKenzie, Patrick Murphy, Eoghan Foran, Michael Doyle and sub Patrick Roche) competed with teams from Ramsgrange, Enniscorthy and St. Peters in division 3 qualifiers. The strong GCC C team won their division with ease and with gold medals in their pockets, looking forward to Leinster finals, hoping for the 1st prize. Overall, it was a successful day for Good Counsel teams, all players leaving with medals, and 2 teams looking forward to representing the school in the Leinster finals in Baldoyle, Dublin on the 3rd of February. Congratulations to the boys and to all who participated. A special thanks to both Mrs. Byrne for coaching the boys, and

also to Ramsgrange for providing a great venue.