

School Newsletter 9 – 2012/13



Teachers from the English Department with Eamon Owens and Orlaith Rafter of Boil in the Bag productions.

5th and 6th Year students were treated to a performance of Macbeth by Boil in the Bag productions on Fri 16th. The company are new and offer an innovative and fresh approach to the play. The company was founded by Orlaith Rafter(Fair City) and Eamonn Owens(The Butcher Boy). It was a great success to have a fresh, engaging and highly entertaining production of a Shakespearean Drama in Good Counsel.They really brought students' understanding to a new level. A combination of using traditional and modern takes on the text combined with innovative film projected background ensured that the boys were well entertained. The modern rap section of the production had the lads rolling in the aisles of the church. It is great that in current times students can get to see a production of such quality in their own campus. Many thanks to the English department for organising and supervising the event.



The Liam McCarthy Cup came to the school on Friday last as past pupils Kieran Joyce, Walter Walsh and Joe Lyng, members of the All Ireland winning Kilkenny side, paid a visit to their Alma Mater much to everyone's delight at the school. The 3 got a very warm reception with the 'Cats' among our student cohort appearing particularly pleased with themselves but the magnanimity of the Model county boys was especially noteworthy. We are very grateful to the men for taking time out to drop in and we wish them the very best for the future. (more in 'Featured News Stories' below)

It's been a busy week with a number of other events taking place:

- a group of 3rd years visited Cork Jail while another group invited Mr John Paul Phelan, T.D., in to speak to their class, both as C.S.P.E. initiatives.

- Transition Years and L.C.A.s visited St Michael's theatre to see a play by the Blue Teapot Theatre company which by all

accounts they thoroughly enjoyed. The play, performed by a cast with intellectual disabilities, highlighted issues relevant to their experience through a great script heavily laced with humour.

– a careers morning featuring 4 guest speakers- a veterinary surgeon, a physiotherapist, a pharmacist and a solicitor – took place for Transition Years on Monday last. It was most informative and we are very grateful to the four professionals, two of them past pupils, who took the time to come in and speak to the boys.

– 3rd and 6th year Christmas tests are taking place this week

And, of course, on Sunday next the Parents' Council Annual Christmas Craft takes place in the college Sports Hall. Come along for a most enjoyable afternoon. There is no entry charge and teas and coffees will be available free to all.