



GLASTRY GAZETTE

June 2015

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the final edition of the Newsletter for the current school year. With just over four weeks to go, the summer holidays will soon be upon us. It's a busy time in Glastery with the end of year exams coming up, but also special events which mark the end of the school year, such as the Primary School Tournament, Sports Day, the Arts and Technology Evening and the Year 11 History Trip to Poland, on the horizon. Whatever you're doing over the summer, enjoy!

GLASTRY HITS THE ICT MARK – FOR A SECOND TIME!



Children at Glastery are at the forefront of using technology to enhance their work, and that's official! Following an extensive external assessment Glastery has been awarded the prestigious ICT Mark – for the second time. The award recognises the school's success in developing the strategic use of technology in both administration and across the curriculum. Parents will have proof that their children are attending a school at the forefront of modern technology. Mike Nesbitt, MLA, and leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, presented the award to staff and pupils.

Mr Hutchinson commented, "On behalf of Glastery College, I am delighted to be awarded the ICT Mark. It recognises our positive approach to the use of technology and the benefits it is bringing to our children. We believe that technology can be used in every aspect of learning and that it is essential our children are equipped for the modern world. We are very proud to include the mark on our website."

The lead member of staff, Mr Bailie (ICT Subject Leader), who was involved in ensuring the school was ready for ICT Mark assessment, commented:

"I am really pleased that the presentation of this award shows recognition of the excellent work that is taking place at Glastery. Applying for the award really brought into focus the ICT work that we are doing each and every day. All the children and staff deserve credit for this achievement."



The app produced by Tyler and Kristian will appear on the CCEA website as exemplar material for Key Stage Three ICT Accreditation for 'Exploring Programming.'



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WHAT IS RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS (RRSA)?



In September 2015 Glastry College hopes to start its journey towards gaining the Rights Respecting School Award. UNICEF began working on this award in 2002 and has designed it for use in schools in the UK to help them adhere to the values and principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC 1989).

So what does this mean for Glastry College? It means that a Rights Respecting School will put the UNCRC at the heart of its policies, planning, practice and ethos. This will mean that parents, staff, children and young people will play an active role in their school becoming 'rights respecting.' So what benefits will this bring to the college?



In those schools which have already achieved the award, observable outcomes have included better pupil relationships and behaviour, more respect for others' rights, improved attitudes to diversity and the reduction of prejudice, greater participation in decision making and improved learning and academic standards. So, if you are interested in becoming actively involved in our new venture, please contact the School Office.

ENVIRONMENT CLUB

The environment club have taken part in a variety of fun activities this year. We started off with monitoring pollution levels in the clay pits using some cool scientific techniques. We have tidied the school garden and planted tulips early in the year which resulted in a gorgeous display of colour. We have currently planted potatoes, which are growing splendidly, and have planted cabbage, lettuce, carrot and beetroot seeds along with strawberry plants. We look forward to seeing them grow and getting to eat them! Last week we did a beach clean-up on Ballyhalbert beach where we gathered a full bag of rubbish. Well done, team!





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I'M A MILLIONAIRE!

Robbie Adair 9C

I became Glastry's first 'Word Millionaire' with the Accelerated Reading Scheme, probably because the Hunger Games Books are quite long and I love them. I really enjoy adventure stories of any type – whether they're set in the future or not. I normally read in bed most nights for about half an hour. I enjoy the escape element of reading and sometimes believe that I'm actually part of the story. My heart even speeds up sometimes! That shows that I'm mega excited by the plot.

Being told that I was Glastry's first 'Word Millionaire' made me really happy. I got a £35 Amazon voucher and bought myself a lovely new Ipad case.

I'd really recommend Diary of a Wimpy Kid and all of the Hunger Games books to everyone my age – actually to any age at all. With a good book, I'm never bored.



I'm a Scientist Get me out of here

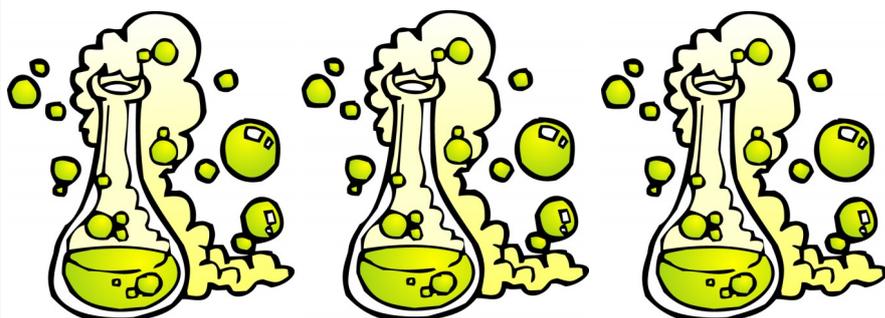
Two classes of Year 8 pupils at Glastry College recently experienced the National STEM challenge 'I'm a scientist - get me out of here!' The scientists worked in the area of Green Chemistry, with some looking at renewable fuels and sustainable resources. In total nine schools and over 400 pupils were involved in this project.

Using live web chat sessions over several lessons, the pupils quizzed the scientists on a wide range of topics ranging from 'Why did you become a scientist?' 'How much do you get paid?' 'Describe your typical working day' and "What is so important about your job?"

The students had a great time and hope to take part in a similar activity in the future.



During the second week of the challenge Glastry Year Eight pupils, along with over 5000 other school pupils, voted for the scientist whom they thought deserved to win a £500 research prize - the winner was Dr Jo Sadler.





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GLASTRY'S GENEROUS HEART

Ms Raife

Over the last year the teachers, pupils and parents of Glastry have once again shown their generosity to those less fortunate than themselves and a variety of charities have benefited from various events throughout the year.

£641 was raised for FASA through a 'Mad Hair Day' when everyone, especially the staff, made a big effort to look 'mad!'

£426.50 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis with a 'non-uniform day.'

A big effort has been made to support Tiny Life through the Year Eight Carol Service, a non-uniform day and the efforts of staff and pupils who took part in the Belfast Marathon. Together over £2,300 was raised. We are still waiting for the final amount raised by our runners.

The dreadful effects of the Nepal Earthquake touched the hearts of our pupils as they raised £800, in the hope that this would make a small difference to those suffering.

Money has also been raised for other charities such as The Wings Appeal, The Poppy Appeal and Macmillan Cancer Support.

During our Extended Schools Fun Day we hope to raise money for 'Love Russia' by having a Wellie Throwing Competition. If you feel like having a go, please come along and see how strong your throw is!

Our final charity event will be in the last week of term, when we will hold a non-uniform day on behalf of the Intensive Care Unit at the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald.

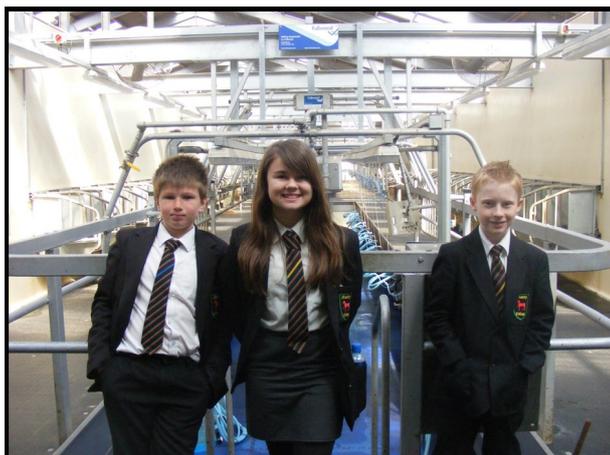
Thank you to everyone who has helped in some small way to show the generous heart of Glastry to those in need. It is much appreciated.



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SCIENCE CLUB TAKE PART IN 'ULTIMATE FARMING'

Glastry College Science Club has taken part in a programme called 'Ultimate Farming' through W5. The programme, supported by the Royal Academy of Engineering, looked at the role of engineering in agriculture, which is an important industry within Northern Ireland and the Ards Peninsula. The Year Eight pupils from Science Club took part in a series of challenges, events and activities which included a visit from an agricultural engineer to school and a visit to Greenmount Agricultural College in Antrim.



All the pupils taking part enjoyed the activities and visit. Mr McCord said that "STEM is an important area with many pupils from Glastry College progressing into agriculture, engineering or the biotechnology industry. The chance to look at engineering and in particular the agricultural industry was highly beneficial for the students. They had a chance to learn about farm buildings, machinery and livestock and examine the importance of STEM in the career areas of agriculture and engineering."

The Science Club participants are now looking forward to visiting W5 in June!

STUDENT COUNCIL ATTENDS EVENT AT STORMONT HOTEL

Members of the Student Council recently participated in a survey on their work for a study being undertaken by the Northern Ireland Youth Forum and Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People. Members of the council recently attended a 'Have Your Say' event at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast, to discuss their work with other students and adult professionals. Pictured with the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Young People, Koulla Yiasouma, is one of Year Nine representatives, Adam McMaster, together with some participants from other schools.





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YEAR EIGHT ATTEND THE CARDY BIBLE EXHIBITION

At the end of April pupils from Year Eight visited the Cardy Bible Exhibition. The pupils were taken around a visual display of the origin and story of the Bible. The illustrations, maps and Bible references, along with the displays of the crown of thorns, nails and many more items, brought the story of the Bible to life. Pupils took part in a question and answer session at the end of the display and also enjoyed some light refreshments.



GLOHEALTH SCHOOL MILE CHALLENGE



Students from Glastry participated recently in the GloHealth School Mile Challenge. Students were awarded different coloured wristbands according to the time taken to run a mile. Each week the students repeat the run attempting to better their previous time.

Students participating:

- ◆ Dylan Neill
- ◆ Taylor Rogan
- ◆ Josh Anderson
- ◆ Sam Pilcher
- ◆ Chloe McAvera
- ◆ Joel Bunting





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GLASTRY TEACHERS COMPLETE BELFAST MARATHON

Mrs Montgomery

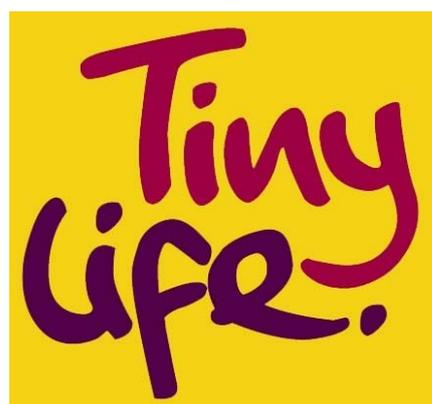


May Bank Holiday Monday dawned and fifteen brave, nervous and possibly mad members of Glastry staff made their way to Belfast to participate in the annual Belfast City Marathon Relay race. Glastry entered three teams of five runners and each team ran 26 miles between them, with distances varying from 3 to 7.1 miles. The atmosphere was electric and any sign of nerves soon disappeared.

The object of running the relay was not to get a good time (unless you were Mr Breen!) but to take part and raise money for charity while doing so. The charity that we were running for is called Tynylife. This is a local charity that supports the families of premature babies, babies with a disability and helps support families if their baby has died. Tynylife has played an important part in my family's life as they have supported us since having our son.

I approached Mr Hutchinson to see if Glastry could fundraise for this great charity as a thank you for all the help the school has given me and my family. It was a great honour to run in the relay race alongside friends and know that we were doing so for a great cause, as many babies would benefit from the money we raised.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hutchinson for allowing Glastry to support Tynylife, Mrs Patton for organising the Relay entries and the fourteen other members of staff who gave up their day off to participate. I would also like to thank all those that generously sponsored us and helped raise the fantastic total of £1529.





COLLEGE NEWS

MOURNES, MOUNTAINS AND MAUDS

Year 14 Geography Field Trip

Mr Viner

Recently the A2 Geography class embarked upon a gentle dander into the Mountains of Mourne to investigate the impacts and management of tourism in this stunning area of outstanding natural beauty. The A2 course requires students to conduct a simple geographical investigation into a local or global issue on which they are then directly questioned in the A2 exam paper. Aside from measuring footpath erosion, counting litter, conducting questionnaires and environmental impact assessments, pupils were taken on some unnecessary diversions across upper course river landforms, excursions into the edge of Tollymore forest in search of the Gruffalo and of course the real reason for the fieldtrip, a wee ice-cream in Mauds!



YEAR EIGHT BLAST OFF – WITH AMAZING BRAINS

Year Eight pupils have been involved in getting their brains into gear, by learning how to revise and study better. 'Amazing Brains' delivered an interactive workshop where pupils were shown a series of techniques to help them to revise. The pupils discussed memory techniques, time management and revision strategies. The games they played demonstrated how they could quickly remember complex images and words. The pupils were also shown some breathing exercises to help them during the exams.

All the pupils enjoyed the course and it was delivered in good time for the students who had to plan their revision and start the important work of revising!





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YEAR 12 NETBALL CHAMPIONS – AGAIN!

By Alice Davidson and Hannah Emerson

On 27 March, the Year 12 netball team played in the final against Strangford College. Members of the Glastry team weren't too optimistic as Strangford had beaten them in a recent match. Soon things started to look up, with the first goal scored by Alice Davidson, quickly followed by another from Rachel McCormick. Disappointingly, at the end of the first quarter, the score was 3-2 to Strangford.

The Glastry girls were lucky to have a brilliant team of supporters at the side lines that kept willing them on to bring the score back. As it came to the third quarter, which we thought was the final one, the score was 12-8 to Glastry. Until that moment we were unaware that we had a final quarter to play. The Glastry team was tired, but with each other's support, we managed to bring the final score to an amazing 15-10, even with an injured player.

We have had an incredible five years playing for Glastry, winning four consecutive league titles and this win was the icing on the cake.



PAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

In late March Year 11 PAL (Preparation for Adult Life) students took part in an Intercultural Workshop and attended Ards Art Centre to watch four intercultural plays called 'Arrivals 2' by Terra Nova Productions. The course was designed for individual students to explore their own identity and that of others in the local, national and global community. Through active learning and drama, the group looked at the challenges faced by young people living in a culturally diverse society and how Northern Irish society is changing. A valuable and enjoyable learning experience was had by all. A special word of thanks to Terra Nova Productions, who organised the events.



RUGBY REPORT

JUNIOR HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITIONS

Mr Drury

With brand new state of the art sporting pitches back in use, the Rugby House 7's competition was back on this year after a two year absence. Dunleath, McCormick and Montgomery went head to head again for the Junior and Senior shields. The Junior Shield teams were made up of all of the Year Eight rugby players from this year and pupils that hadn't played at all before were also given the option to play for their House. The Senior Shield would be made up of those in Year Nine who play rugby as well as those in Year Ten who have been coming faithfully over the last season.



In Round One we saw McCormick, who seemed strong on paper, go up against the might of Dunleath. In a match that was close, one player made the dramatic difference with his dancing feet and power to score four tries for McCormick - this was Daren Graham, who joined rugby half way through the season and has flourished ever since! It's definitely the sport for you, Daren!

In the Senior section McCormick demolished an under-power Dunleath side. The boys that played for Dunleath however, have nothing to be down about. They put in tackle after tackle and attacked when they could, on several occasions, just short of scoring. Ewan Kelly did score for Dunleath and captained his side well, but it was McCormick's game, with tries from Matt Taylor, Daniel Donnan, two for Jack Stewart and three from 'Man of the

Match' Elliot McKee, who was impressive with his aggressive angles of running and passing, and of course, his tries.

Round Two saw McCormick take on their closest rivals on paper, Montgomery, in what would be a debut game for Corben Adair and Joel Bunting. McCormick were back to full strength, with plenty of large-in-stature players. Many from both teams impressed on the day, especially the McCormick boys who ran out impressive winners with nine tries to Montgomery's one. Special mention has to go to the two debutantes, Messrs Adair and Bunting, who impressed with their fearless tackling, natural passing and aggressive attacking runs! Well done, boys, it would appear that the House 7's has unearthed some real talent! Try scorers Oliver Spence, Ryan Waring, Harry McCarroll and captain, Christian Locke, with a superb performance of four tries. With four points from two wins, McCormick had the Shield sewn up before the last match. Dunleath and Montgomery now battle it out for 2nd and 3rd positions in the final game of the season.





RUGBY REPORT

SENIOR HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITIONS

Mr Drury

In the Senior Shield competitions, Montgomery took to the field as they looked to open their account, against a rejuvenated and full-strength Dunleath side. It was a close game and one that showed what quality the captains have in Year 10, with Joseph Nickell scoring four tries for Montgomery and Jay Thompson scoring four in reply for Dunleath. Matthew Burke scored to take the lead for Montgomery who, minutes from time, looked to have the win sewn up, but back came Dunleath through the ever present Kayne McCormick who levelled the match with five tries each and points shared. As a much improved Dunleath's competition drew to a close for this year, they can reflect on what might have been. Montgomery go into the final game with McCormick a point behind and knowing that only a win will do to secure the Shield.

Round Three saw Dunleath, winless so far, take on Montgomery. The debutants were back for the Blues and in a hard fought bruising encounter, Dunleath turned on the style! The dancing feet of Scott Cunningham, making surgical runs through the defence eventually paid off, with him running away to score. The more direct approach was taken by Lawson Porter with two tries, Cameron Barclay and Dylan Murphy, with one try each, using their sheer size and speed to crash through and score. Again, determined not to give in, the Montgomery players combined to put through "the impressive" (Mr Viner's words) Joel Bunting to score two tries. Joel, I look forward to seeing you out again next season!

The Senior Shield came down to the last game, with McCormick who were in the lead with 2 points going into the game, and Montgomery who were just behind with one point. Montgomery struck early and two tries from Matthew Burke, using his sheer pace, caught the McCormick team flat and napping! Robson Ogg rallied his team by scoring one back. After a series of punching pick and drives, Jack Stewart powered over and scored. I might also say that he now has a bruise to be proud of from that attack on his leg! It had to hurt! Montgomery got themselves back into the lead with further tries from Burke and Mark Patton who did a very good impression of Moses, as the sea of McCormick players did their best to not tackle the big rampaging lad, and simply parted to let him score! However McCormick wasn't to be denied their destiny! A well-worked passing move out to Cameron Gallogly saw him put on the afterburners and score in the corner, and Elliot McKee's arcing run got them back to level. On came Matthew Taylor, who ripped the ball out of the hands of the McCormick players and rampaged his way through to score. With minutes to go, Montgomery had one final attack left in them. Burke broke free, only to be tackled in a tangle of legs inches from the line, the ball was turned over and Taylor romped the full length of the pitch to score! Whistle went, Montgomery came so close, but in the end McCormick were just too strong, and held out to be this year's Senior House Shield Champions.

Well done to all of the players in all of the Houses. Well done to McCormick's Junior and Senior teams. Big thanks to all of the boys for a great season and thanks to Mr Viner and Mr O'Brien for all of their coaching. Same again next year, folks! If any pupils wish to try rugby next year, the door is always open and you would be very welcome!



All the boys would like to thank Mr Drury for all his enthusiasm and encouragement throughout the year.



RUGBY TEAM PHOTOS

Glastry College
U 12's
2014 - 15 SEASON



Back Row: Cameron Barclay, Dylan Murphy, Oliver Spence, James McDowell, Ryan Waring, David Patton, Louis Adamson
Middle Row: Robert McMaster, Mackenzie McCormick, Dean Bennett, Josh Strain, Scott Williams, Jacob Caughey, Josh O'Neill, Daren Graham
Front Row: Brian McMaster, Harry McCarroll, Scott Lewy, Joshua Moore, Scott Cunningham
Absent: Canon Angus, Christain Locke (Captain), Lawson Porter



Glastry College
U 13's
2014 - 15 SEASON



Back Row: Cameron Carbury, Cameron Gallygally, Curtis Chambers, Dylan Hamilton, Daniel Donnan, Jack Stewart, Matthew Lytle, Matthew Burke
Middle Row: Matthew Herron, Aaron Rainey, Aaron Kelly, Joe Ellesmere, Kayne McCormick, Ben Roseberry, Elliot McKee
Front Row: Andrew Ashwood, Hamza Maghal, Ewan Kelly (Captain), Isaac Kelly, Oliver Hunsdale

Glastry College
U 13's/14's
2014 - 15 SEASON



Back Row: Cameron Carbury, Cameron Gallygally, Curtis Chambers, Dylan Hamilton, Daniel Donnan, Jack Stewart, Matthew Lytle, Matthew Burke, Jay Thompson (Absent)
Middle Row: Mark Fallon, Matthew Herron, Aaron Rainey, Aaron Kelly, Joe Ellesmere, Kayne McCormick, Ben Roseberry, Elliot McKee, Matthew Deering, Robson Ogg
Front Row: Joseph Nickell, Andrew Ashwood, Hamza Maghal, Ewan Kelly (Captain), Isaac Kelly, Oliver Hunsdale, Matthew Taylor



Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT
26 August 2015	Year 13/14 Induction
27 August 2015	Year 8 Induction (to 1:00 pm)
28 August 2015	Staff Training
31 August 2015	Bank Holiday
1 September 2015	Whole college attends
22 October 2015	Prize Night
26 – 30 October 2015	Half-Term
21 December 2015 – 1 January 2016	Christmas/New Year Holiday
25 January 2016	Staff Training
15 – 19 February 2016	Half-Term
21 March – 1 April 2016	Easter Holidays
2 May 2016	May Day Holiday
30 May 2016	Staff Training
30 June 2016	Staff Training