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Newsletter

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Learning and understanding the cultural heritage
of one's own world and partners', and developing
respect for it by means of presenting the social and
school life of students

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School Ball 2009

Every second year there's a ball at our school. Every student who is at least in year 8 can attend this ball. This year's ball was on April, 25th. The motto was „Dance into Spring“. There were several performances, e.g. a local dance group and the school band of year 12. Between these acts there was the possibility of dancing for everyone. In addition the dancers could take a break at the buffet or the cocktail bar. The highlight of the evening was the performance of a professional dancing couple, which also participates in dancing competitions. All in all it was a cheerful evening for everyone and the whole school is looking forward to the next ball in 2011.



“Bundesjugendspiele”

On July 26th, the “Bundesjugendspiele” took place at our school. This is a nation-wide sports event where students from class 5 to 9 compete in three disciplines out of four. These are shot put, sprint, 1000-meter run, and long jump. In the end four girls and four boys of each class competed in relay race.



Writing competition

Since last year, a writing competition takes place at our school. Every student is free to hand in a piece of writing, for example a short story, a poem, or a fairy tale. The teachers who organized the competition chose the best ones. The winners are awarded prizes such as coupons for a bookshop in Waldkirch, called Augustiniok. The book with the winning-stories is for sale now.

Special Olympics

This year, seven students of the Geschwister-Scholl-Gymnasium and six students of the Bregtalschule in Furtwangen entered the Special Olympics in Inzell. This is a sports event where handicapped and non-handicapped people compete together in ski races.

Bordeaux exchange

From May 7th to 19th, 2009, 20 students went to France with their two teachers, Ms Wita-Klippstein and Mr Schneider. They lived in French host families in Pessac, a suburb of Bordeaux. They visited interesting places like „La grotte préhistorique“, a prehistoric cave where you can see some of the first cave paintings in the world. They also attended some classes at the „Lycée Pape Clément“. And, of course, they learned a lot about the famous wine of Bordeaux, the country, the people, and the culture. All in all they gained a lot of new and impressive experiences in France.



Exchange with Tenerife

On May 3rd, some students from Tenerife (Spain) came to Germany for ten days. The Spanish students attend a German school in Tenerife since kindergarten. So they can speak German very well. The 25 students from Tenerife made a lot of trips during their stay. And sometimes the Spanish students took part in our normal school day. On Wednesday May 6th, all German and Spanish students in the exchange program visited ‘Colmar’, a city in France. Colmar is an old city with lots of museums, monuments and old buildings. On May 13th, the Spanish students left Germany. The time they spend in Germany was wonderful and very exciting for both parties, the Spanish and German.



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St. Aidan's Trip to Germany

On the 20th of January last seven pupils and two teachers, Mr Buckley & Ms Healy, from St. Aidan's Community College travelled to Germany to take part in a project to raise awareness about climate change and global warming. This Comenius Project involved four schools from Ireland, Germany, Spain, and Romania, one school from each nation. The project is being funded by the EU. It was the first of four meetings that will take place over the next two years. The students and teachers arrived in Waldkirch Tuesday evening and were greeted by their host families, with whom they were staying, for the duration of the trip. On Wednesday morning the participants from the four countries set off bright and early to visit Strasbourg in France for the day. Here they were taken on a boat trip through the main river of Strasbourg and on a guided tour of the world famous Strasbourg Cathedral. They also saw the headquarters of the European Union and enjoyed some free time to shop.

St. Aidans Launch Green Schools Initiative.

In November the Green Schools Initiative was officially launched in St. Aidans by Senator Dan Boyle of the Green Party and Ms. Rachel Boyle of An Taisce. Both guests addressed the student body at the main morning assembly. Ms Boyle outlined the initiative as being a long term international environmental education programme, an environmental management system and an award scheme that promotes and acknowledges long-term, whole school action for the environment. She explained that the aim of Green-Schools Initiative is to increase participant awareness of environmental issues through classroom studies and to transfer this knowledge into positive environmental action in the school and also in the wider community. Schools that have successfully completed all the elements of the programme are awarded the 'Green-Flag' and the award

Right: Gary, Richard, Edel, Claire and Andrew preparing for Romania. Their presentations included a survey on energy conservation and research into wind farms in Ireland.



Left: David O' Riordan and Christopher McCormack working on their Comenius presentations for the Romanian trip.



Their topic was Sustainable Energy.

RE-FURBISHED LIBRARY RECEIVES STAMP OF APPROVAL AT OFFICIAL OPENING BY DR. F.J. STEELE

A signal event of the school year 2008-09 has been the renaissance of culture and learning with the re-opening of the school library at St Aidan's. The huge task of re-developing the library commenced in November 2008 when the long-awaited re-furbishment grant finally arrived and many hours were invested by the willing and enthusiastic Library staff from classes Cian and Agaistin. Apart from the basic cleaning and re-stocking of the Library, major structural work was also done when we decided to extend the library into an internal patio area and develop a garden which would be an additional reading space and oasis of calm. The inside area required re-flooring, new shelving, lighting and furniture. The Library staff are currently cataloguing and organizing the library systems to enable a full service to students in September.

The End
 As the pens run out of ink,
 And our copies draw to an end,
 Our minds drift off and think,
 About each and every friend.
 We think of our six years,
 Oh how the time has gone so fast,
 Through the laughter and the tears,
 We always thought it would last.
 Now we are getting ready,
 To leave each other go,
 Our nerves are holding steady,
 Yet our hearts are saying no.
 So in the final line,
 I'd like to say my dear friends,
 Please, "let your light shine",



Left: Entertainers at the SOLAS AWARDS night include Claire, Edel, Shauna and Aine.
 Above left: Poem written by Stephanie Fogarty (leaving cert student) for their graduation night.

JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH 2009

40 Christian Martyrs - 24th of February

The 40 martyrs were Christian soldiers serving under the pagan Roman emperor Licinius. Learning about their faith, Agricola, governor of Armenia, forced them to worship idols. Refusing, they were imprisoned for eight days and beaten with stones. By divine signs they were empowered with right faith.

Eventually, the governor condemned them to death by a lake. In that night a great miracle happened: the lake water was warmed, ice melted and at dawn, they were removed alive from the lake. They had their bones broken and gave their souls, becoming martyrs.

This is a very important day in the Romanian tradition, to celebrate your dead relatives. It is the day when old women are going to the graveyards to clean the graves and remember the dead. It represents, in the same time, a celebration of the spring day and the rebirth of the nature.



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School News

January - *Little Ecologists*: eco-Project managed by the primary school students;
February - *Goose & gander*: school Party for the fresh students in our school;
March - *Lumina Math*: a popular Math contest with great prizes every smart math student sympathize a test with great prizes!



Tulcea in news

15 January - *Miha* national and universal poet: poetry contest and art exhibition;

25 February - *National Festival: Caragiale - ou* contemporary

14 March-*Volleyball-Jui National Quartefinals in Sport Hall*



8th of March - Women's Day

In Romania, as everywhere in the world 8th of March is celebrated as the International Women's Day.

Before December '89 the celebration was replaced with Mother's Day, an occasion to organize shows to devoted mothers. After the Revolution of 1989 the Women's Day was celebrated again.

Every woman is looking forward to celebrate the Women's Day, a day when she wants to be spoiled, to be beloved by her husband and children, relatives and even colleagues. It is the day that the woman is or should be raised on the pedestal of a queen, to receive flowers as a token of respect and gratitude.

Babele (*The old women*)

1st - 9th of March

The first days of March, because they are very whimsy, had been linked to some old women.

Every year you have the possibility to choose on day, between 1-9 March, and the days choosed will reпреzent you all the year!

It is said that if it will be a beautiful and sunny day we will have luck throughout the year, and if the day will be cloudy and rainy, you should not expect a very good year.

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