



Hot off the...

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WINNER TAKES IT ALL

- Kailen Garrett – winner of this year’s CUS Battle of the Bands. It was the only time a first year won in the twelve year history of the Battle of the Bands.

I auditioned for Junior Eurovision 2018 and was delighted to be selected as one of the thirty-eight finalists to appear on the televised series. I had to compose and write my own song written in Irish which took me out of my comfort zone. It was a great experience! I was delighted with the assistance Ms. Murphy gave me with all my Irish pronunciation. I finished third and was delighted to be involved. I gained so much experience during the process. I got great compliments on my composition.

During my time at RTÉ they asked if I had auditioned for the Toy Show. After an audition, I got the call and was one of thirty Dublin finalists to appear on the show. The show is a huge tradition in our family and when RTÉ called my mother to say I was selected I thought she had won the lotto! We were not allowed to tell anyone that RTÉ had reformed ABBA and that I was selected as Benny. I had to familiarise myself with music that was before my time. When I started to play *Dancing Queen* and *Waterloo* I felt very privileged to have been selected to be in the group. The highlight for me was meeting Ryan Tubridy. He is one of coolest gentlemen I have ever met.

I also got to perform at CARI Xmas alongside Mary Byrne and I was delighted to be able to perform my song in English as it's about how difficult it is to be a teenager. I performed to an audience of almost five-hundred people and was delighted to make it into *the Irish Independent* and *RSVP*. It's important to recognise charities and to support them. I was very fortunate to be chosen to sing and raise money for such a deserving cause.



Hamper FUNd



Christmas is Not the Same for Everyone!

Christmas is not the same for everyone.
Looking back on how it used to be,
Family time with nothing but glee,
Christmas presents spread around the tree,
Happy smiling faces for all to see!

A big crackling fire and a huge Christmas tree,
Exchanging gifts one for you and one for me,
Oh how my life has changed since then,
I'd give anything to be back there again.

Looking forward to how it is now,
Sleeping rough the nights are so long,
Feeling weak when I used to be so strong,
All I need now is somewhere to belong,
Christmas is not the same for everyone!

Calum Burke



The first year class of 1A1 have broken the record for the most hampers made in the school EVER! We made thirteen hampers in the space of three weeks, and we worked hard to earn the title of the class who made the most hampers. Ms. Considine went to a local supermarket to order four hampers for delivery. It started off with us splitting into our own smaller groups, planning who was going to buy what, and how much we were going to buy. There were four groups in the class altogether. There was a competition in the class based on which group collected the most boxes, which really motivated us to keep bringing in food. Ms. Considine went to a local supermarket to order four hampers for delivery. 1A1 exceeded expectations this year, putting in a lot of effort to make sure people in need would be able to have a nice meal on Christmas Day. We hope that thirteen more families will have a great Christmas.

- *Written by Max Kiernan, Ciaran Ryan and Sean Gaughan*



Do You Hear What I Hear?

Seven first years performed wonderfully in this year's carol service as instrumentalists and choir singers who were part of an ensemble of students from all years.

After much hard work under the careful eye of Ms. O'Sullivan, they provided a great sense of festive cheer to the students and their families.

They ‘Sleighed’ Them On The Pitch



I won a medal for winning Division S hurling with legendary club Na Fianna. We had to play St. Judes in the final. We won 6.12 to 2.5. It was a rough game with all the madness. When we received the medals, Eoin Murchan (the Dublin Gaelic player) presented them to us!

– Kyle Ellis (pictured left)



Cricket is a very social sport and the fact that it goes on for a few hours means you can catch up with your friends because you are not always in the thick of things. The game could go on for about four hours but it really depends on the age group you are in. I have been playing for Clontarf Cricket Club since I was ten and recently was picked by my coaches in Clontarf for the Leinster Winter training sessions at under eleven. By the time summer came around the cricket season really kicked off. I was chosen for the Leinster squad and played four games around Ireland. It was a great experience and hopefully I will be able to do it all again but in England this time around. To my delight I was recently chosen for the Irish squad for winter training. I am really excited to be training with the best in the country over the coming months.

– Niall Cox (pictured above left)

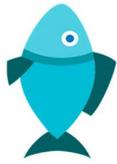


Dean “Rocks”!

Dean Rock, former CUS pupil, called into the school to give the boys a motivational talk. He spoke about the importance of good diet, self-belief and balancing sporting success with academic achievement.

He brought along his friend Sam Maguire, who Dean maintains will be staying in the capital for the foreseeable future.

An Phléascóg Nollag



Cén fáth ar ith an phiongain iasc?

Mar bhí ocras air

Why did the penguin eat a fish?
Because he was hungry!



Cad é an ceol nach dtaitníonn leis an mbalún?
Pop!

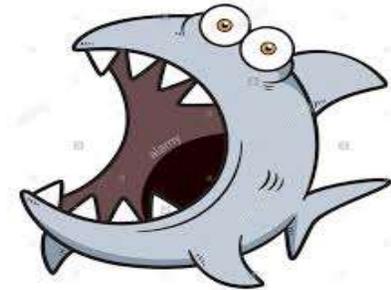
What is a balloon's least favourite music?
Pop

Cad é an bia is fearr le Jaws?
Duine... duine... duine...

What is Jaw's favourite food?
Duine.... Duine... Duine...

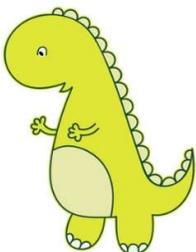
Cad a dúirt an fear sneachta leis an bhfear sneachta eile?
An bhfuil boladh cairéid ann!

What did the snowman say to the other snowman?
Do you smell carrots?



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- *Collected and submitted by Luca Mesolella, Sam Oregano and Ciaran Connolly*



If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

Why don't you give Elsa balloons? Because she'll LET IT GO.
Why can't dinosaurs clap? Because they're dead.

- *Collected and submitted by Alec Fennessy*

How do penguins get around? On a bi-icicle.

- *Submitted by Callan Phelan*

Cad a deireann OH OH OH?

Daidí na Nollag ag siúl ar gcúl.

What goes OH OH OH?
Santa Claus walking backwards.

Cad a itheann fear sneachta dá bhricfeasta?
Calóga sneachta!
What does the snowman eat for breakfast?
Snow flakes!



- *Le Cathal Lynch, James Ginnelly, and Andrew Brennan*

The A-Team



The Student Council is a group run by students who were elected by their classmates. This council have meetings frequently to notify the Principal or caretaker about issues their class have noticed about the school, or ways the school could improve, making it a very important part of CUS. So far, the Student Council have had two meetings with the Mr. Byrne (Principal) and Denis (the caretaker) about the ways the school can be improved. We are already making progress, where every student on the council has an opinion on how the school can go forward in a positive way. From ideas as small as getting new chairs in the study

hall, to ones as big as rebuilding the PE hall, every idea is welcome in our meetings. The members of the Student Council vary from first years to sixth years along with the teachers who run the council, giving us all kinds of perspectives on the school. I think the Student Council is a key part in improving school life in CUS and making the school have a brighter and better future.

- Ruben Maguire.

Dán Dán DÁÁÁÁÁN

An Dán Nollag

Tá mé ag tnúth go mór
le laethanta saoire na Nollag
Íosfaidh mé dinnéar agus
Líonfaidh sé mo bholg

Cheannaigh mé an crann
Bhí sneachta ag titeadh anuas
Bhí sé nimhneach fuar lasmuigh
Chuir mé na maisiúcháin suas

Féach ar mo chrann Nollag
Istigh sa seomra suí
Is maith liom na soilse
Glas, dearg, oráiste agus buí.



- Le Scott, Ruben, Ciaran agus Conor

Merry Christmas from everyone on the first year team!
Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir, ó ghach duine ar fhoireann na céad bliana!