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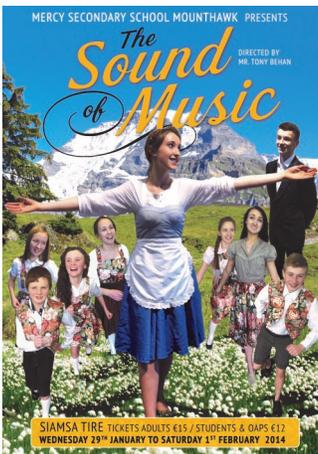
#Livelifewalk Success

The first week in February saw 20 Mounthawk students embark on a life-changing experience when they joined Donal Walsh's father, Finbar on a seven day walking trek from The Aviva stadium in Dublin to Thomond Park in Limerick. Jack Kelliher reports

On the first day of the #LiveLifeWalk 20 students from Mounthawk and 34 from the CBS The Green left Tralee at 6am on route to Wanderers rugby club in Dublin. They were extremely generous as were all the rugby clubs in which we stayed in. We soon went to The Aviva to begin our first collection in which we raised €6000. People really opened up when they saw Donal's name and were extremely generous. On the second day we headed for Naas and Finbar gave his first speech of the week. It was an extremely emotional and heart felt speech.

He opened up to the students in Naas and brought them through his own experiences over the last four years they were very grateful and applauded him every time he was overcome and had to catch a breath. Naas rugby club organized bowling for us and there under 17 team it was nice to meet people from outside of Kerry and they were very welcoming. There were very generous organizations such as Super Valu and Centra who both had food prepared for us as we entered certain towns. A

very memorable moment was when a student from The Green performed the Hakka as he had at Donal's funeral and Finbar explained the customs that went with the hakka.



The Sound of Music makes magic!

Sarah Hartnett, Clodagh Byrne and Edel Slattery describe the school production of The Sound of Music

After months of dedication and practice, The Sound of Music opened on Wednesday the 28th of January. A cast of over 50 students performed five shows all receiving a standing ovation and encore. Eva Lee took on the role of Maria and Kevin McCarthy portrayed the Captain. The Von Trapp children and the nuns chorus brought beautiful chorus singing with perfect harmony. The orchestra brought great life to the show. No wonder all of the shows played to full houses.

Bombastic Bags

Clodagh Byrne and Sarah Hartnett keep us up to date with the new bag trends in Penneys and River Island.

This week we are featuring Penneys pastel orange, royal blue and black handbags, which are a perfect match to dress up any outfit. We are also featuring a black satchel perfect for school tours coming up. This week we have also featured two river island bags and a river island purse. Our star buy is the navy bag from River Island. We feel it is good value at €25.



Thrilling TY Italian Tour

Emma Leahy Gives us a first-hand account of the TY Italian Tour.

"Highlight of the year" and



“sensational” are phrases that come to mind when T.Ys think of the tour to Italy. Departing at 3:30 am on that cool crisp Thursday morning, excitement reached fever-pitch. With a bus journey of seats toppling over and swollen eyes being forced open, Dublin airport seemed a lifetime away. The boys enjoyed their Burger King breakfast before departure and arrival in Milan, the shopping capital! The early hours of our trip were spent travelling to the beauty that is Florence, a romantic destination. Thanks to Museo Fer-

arri and The Academia (home of the statue of David), Mounthawk T.Ys no longer see museums as tedious. Seeing Galileo's finger is a bizarre memory I certainly won't ever forget!

Pizza, pasta and gelato were eaten morning, noon and night. With flavours such as Pistachio and melon, the rich creamy texture of the ice-cream appealed to everybody. Verona was a favourite amongst the girls, with Juliet's balcony and lots of amazing shops. Venice, the city on water, was incredible and almost like a maze especially when you get lost in it! We had the opportunity to see the traditional architecture, including the Basilica in Piazza San Marco. Its beauty really can't be put in words. Many Venetian masks were purchased, a symbol of The Carnival of Venice,

as well as "I Love Venezia" hoodies!

However, Mt Baldo located in the Italian Alps, wins highlight of the trip for most T.Ys. The shaky cable car experience dropped us into a blanket of snow on the top of the mountain! The fun and laughter we had messing around in the snow turned every single one of us into 5 year olds again and we loved every minute of it!

Our boat trip on Lake Garda will never be forgotten, especially by those who ended up with saturated clothes afterwards! The spectacular views and crystal blue lake made us feel like we were dreaming. The friendships we built with each other in Italy and the memories we will take with us are priceless. If only repeating T.Y was an option!

Ireland Six-Nations

Rory Hill reviews the recent Six Nation's match



Ireland's first six nations game took place at the Aviva Stadium last Sunday week against Scotland. The team brought huge intensity to the game in the opening minutes. It was evident that they still hadn't gotten over the sickening loss to New Zealand. Inside the opening minutes Ireland took a 3 point lead, shortly followed by

Scottish penalty. Both teams were relentless in defense not giving each other an inch. Penalties were landed by Johnny Sexton and Greg Laidlaw midway through the first half. Ireland didn't let off on their pressure and were rewarded with an Andrew Trimble try on the half time mark. The second half began with no changes for either side. Ireland's intensity was still evident and and two further tries were scored by Jamie Heaslip and Rob Kearney both converted by Johnny Sexton . Ireland emptied the bench in the half giving everybody a run

out. The game ended 28 - 6. It was a very successful beginning to Ireland's Six Nations campaign.

Technology Review

Here Edel Slattery gives us an insight into the Educational Apps which are currently on the market.

Educational apps

Edmodo-

An educational app which is designed with a social learning platform for teachers, students and schools. It provides a safe and easy way for your class to connect and collaborate, share content and access homework, grades and teachers commands. Edmodo is helping teachers into the 21st century and with the students who have grown up in the technology boom and who are social media experts. Students will adapt quickly because of the social media layout and teachers will also learn from the students.

Price-Free Rating: 4/5stars



Kindle-

The Amazon Kindle app can be used for many things,

firstly in the classroom for books for students. Its helpful design provides easy way to download free books. All students can also use the app for their own books which they would like to read. You will need to make an Amazon account to get any books.

Price-Free Rating: 3/5 stars



iMovie

A lot Ty of students are making movies for English and this app is the one best app to record and edit your English movie. iMovie can also just be used to make some other awesome homemade movies with a professional look. You can add any music and different records to suit your movie.

Price-£4.49 Rating: 5/5stars

Mounthawk Basketball

Catriona Collins gives a detailed account of the school's basketball season so far.



On Saturday the 1st of February, our Senior Girls Basketball Team took on Castleblaney of Monaghan, Malahide of Dublin and Presentation Thurles to a d m i r a b l y secure a place

in the elite 8 of the All-Ireland Basketball League.

Mounthawk kicked off the day with an early game against Malahide of Dublin who were a very strong, physical team. Great skill and leadership were portrayed by Deirdre O Shea and Clare Brennan throughout the game. It was a tough encounter with Mounthawk emerging victorious on a score line of

At 11:00 am, Presentation Thurles faced Castleblaney with both sides giving huge performances. Castleblaney proved the stronger side on an impressive score line of

Presentation Thurles played back to back games taking on Malahide in the third encounter. This was a very fast, free flowing game with Malahide displaying more hunger and determination defeating the Tipperary opposition at the final whistle.

Mounthawk then met Castleblaney in the fourth game of the day. It was basket for basket from the outset with impressive scores from Aoife Crowley and Sarah Cooper and fantastic defensive work by Karina Quilter, leading the home side to victory on a score line of

The match between Castleblaney and Malahide is one to be remembered for quite a while. An extremely exciting game right up until the final whistle, when a Castleblaney post player shot from the half way line and was fouled in doing so. Following

Cross-Country Success

Courtney Ryan gives a detailed account of the school's basketball season so far.

On Thursday, 30th of January, Mercy Mounthawk travelled to Limerick to take part in the annual North Munster Cross Country Competition. Mounthawk entered boys and girls in almost every category, having a great turn out. Mounthawk sports team had been training in preparation for the competition for the last few months with help from their coaches, Ms Stokes and Ms Moriarty. Throughout the day the sports team were very successful

showing the huge benefits each student had from their training. Mounthawk had many qualifiers for the next round, including 13 individuals ranging from 1st year to 6th year, 6 teams qualified for the next round both boys and girls! In total Mounthawk had 34 students qualify for the next rounds. Among the senior girls was a TY, Edel Slattery, who qualified in the 3000 for the next round! Overall it was another fantastic year for Mounthawk athletic team proving

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