

The Malachian

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Year 8 Newsletter

BOYS GO QUACKERS FOR ZOOLOGY CLUB!



by Dr Roberts

Zoology Club started this year in the autumn term, and it takes place every Friday at lunch time. The aim of the club is to give Year 8 pupils the opportunity to learn about animals that they would not normally come into contact with. So far the boys have been looking after giant hissing cockroaches, giant African land snails (currently in hibernation), and locusts. The club also allows boys who don't have pets at home to learn about the responsibility of feeding and cleaning the animals, possibly preparing them for keeping their own pets in the future.

Next year we will hopefully get some gerbils and rats to breed. We have also had ducklings visiting Science Club, and in the coming weeks we hope to have a young lamb joining us!



Above: Boys enjoying Friday lunch time Zoology Club

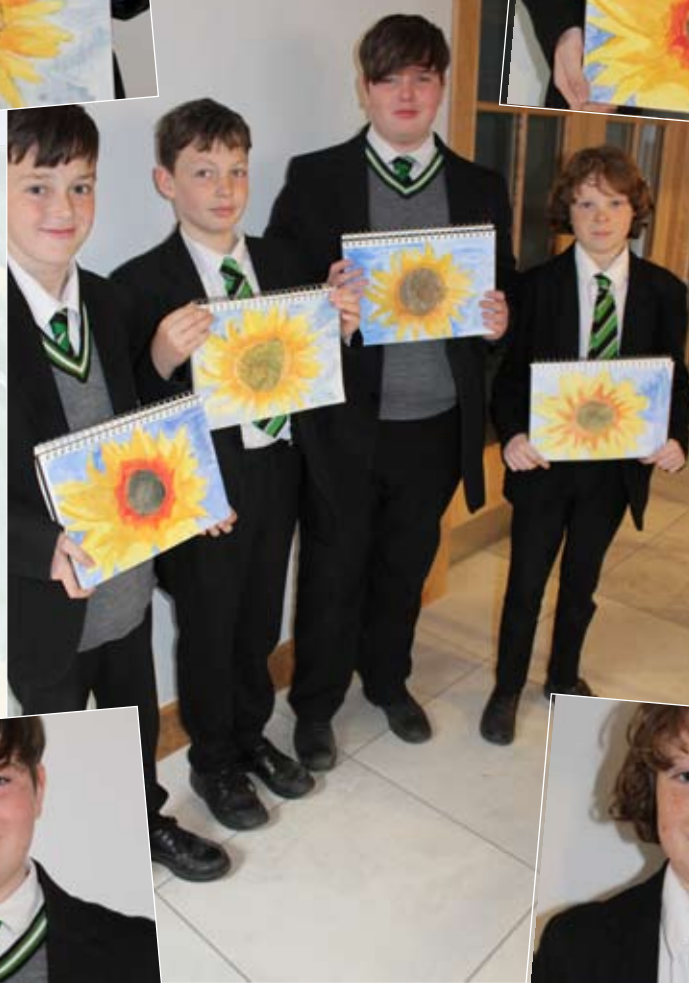


Right: Ducklings visited the Zoology Club

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YEAR 8s SENSATIONALLY SUNNY ARTWORKS



TEACHER PROFILE



Name: Mr O'Neill

Role: Class Tutor 8B

Subject: Irish and Computing

Likes: Irish, travel, and computers

What the pupils say...

'He is sound and easy to talk to'.

Daniel Duffin

'He's a really fun and helpful teacher. He always helps if you're struggling.'

Odhran Kavanagh

'Mr O'Neill has a sweet beard!'

Daniel Mchugh



YEAR 8 MAN OF THE MONTH

8A: Niall Robinson

Niall's fantastic attitude is reflected in the smile he has at the ready for classmates and teachers every morning. In addition, he shows maturity in class as he knows when to ask for further clarification from the teacher (for example, when homework is being set) in order to complete his work to the best of his ability.

8B: Adam Ravel

Adam is an excellent student in every way. He always tries his best and has fully immersed himself in the extra-curricular life of the College. Adam is an excellent friend to his peers. He is polite, mannerly, and always has a smile on his face.

8C: Toby Higgins

Toby works well in all his classes and gives his best at all times. He is a friendly and polite young man who has all the traits of an exceptional Malachian.

8D: Conor Markey

Conor is a very dedicated student who is committed to improving his own learning. He is always friendly and wearing a smile. He is a very pleasant and well-mannered young man.

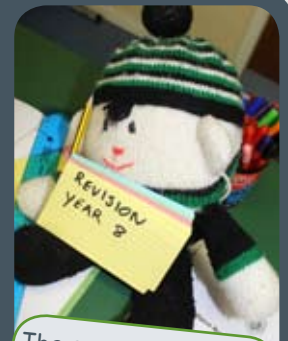


8E: Fintan McLaughlin

Fintan is a lovely boy who has worked well from the beginning of the year to improve his organisational skills. He has proved to be very helpful to teachers and his peers in recent weeks, and is becoming a fantastic young man.



Wee Mal likes to start each day well by eating some tasty food at the Breakfast Club.



The summer exams start soon so it's time for revision...



Mal and his friends help each other revise by testing one another while in the PLC...



...but there is still time for fun at the lunchtime Anime Club!



Then it's back to working hard in the afternoon because Mal wants to do his best in his exams. Good luck Wee Mal!



SPORTS

SOCCER Year 8 Season Review

STARS OF THE FUTURE

by David Burke

2017/18 has been a hugely successful season for the Year 8 soccer team. Brilliantly captained by Sean Óg McMahon, St Malachy's reached the final of the Northern Ireland Cup after wins over Rathmore, Our Lady and St. Patrick's Knock, and Holy Cross Strabane. The final was played at the Ballymena Showgrounds against Lurgan Junior High School and St. Malachy's were very unfortunate to lose out on penalty kicks after a 2-2 draw. Two heroes of this cup run were Padraig Malone, who saved two penalties in the semi-final shootout, and Francis Turley, who scored a brilliant last-minute equaliser in the final.



The Year 8 team have enjoyed great success this year.

The Belfast Cup has also been a success and our boys are excited to face Rathmore in the final on 13th June, 6pm, at Laurel Hill. Thus far, St Malachy's have defeated Our Lady and St. Patrick's Knock,

Coláiste Feirste and Lagan College on their way to this stage. Congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard at training on Wednesdays and to our coach Mr. McStravick!

BASKETBALL

MEET THE CALOS

by Conor Mullan 8D

We decided to find out about two of our Year 8 boys - meet Jake and Ryan Calo.

Jake and Ryan are non-identical twins from 8A and although they are both 12 years old, Ryan is slightly older. They were born in Ireland and moved to Cleveland, Ohio when they were six months old. While the boys were growing up in Ohio, they became interested in basketball when they were only three years old! By the time they were seven, they were playing every day! Their favourite basketball team is The Cleveland Cavaliers.

It is no surprise that the boys have already joined St Malachy's basketball team. Could they be the rising stars of the future?...



The Captains ready for the Final



Pat Jennings attended the Belfast Cup Semi-Final