

Heartbeat



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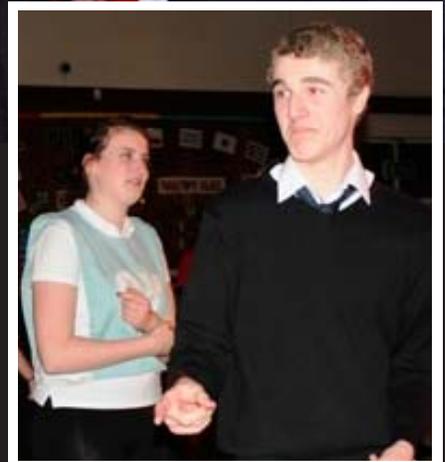
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Wii love to dance

Staff and students swapped the classroom for the dancefloor recently as they took part in a charity danceathon.

The energetic youngsters showed they had all the right moves as they followed prompts from an on screen Nintendo Wii dance instructor. The event was staged to raise money for this term's charity, Nugent Care. Or-

ganisers from 12D and 12R hope the event will be as successful as December's disco, which raised £700 for Jospice. Among those who helped organise the event was IT's Mrs Bennett, who said: "It was great fun and, hopefully, will raise lots of money for Nugent Care."





Poets see work published

Congratulations to eleven of our budding wordsmiths who have had poetry published in a national anthology.

Daniel Waterman (8A), Harrishina Raveenthirarajah (7D), Campbell Wallace (7D), Peter Richards (8A), Daniel St John Eve (8S), Helen Fraser (7C), Robyn Martin (7A), Ciara Moriarty (8A), Marcie Appleton (7A), Olivia Sansbury (8D) and Ciara Robinson-Murray (8R) all had work selected for inclusion in *The Poetry Games*, an anthology of work by young poets in the UK, which was released last month. The

young scribes all wrote about something they felt was important to them and, as Ciara Moriarty explains, they are all delighted to be able to call themselves published poets. Ciara said: "We were all excited to see our work published. Not many people at school can say they have had poetry published, we are all really pleased."

As well as having their work published, the students all received a certificate, a bookmark and have been entered into a national competition, where they could win an iPad.

News in brief

There is a theatre trip to Bolton to see *Of Mice and Men* today, coach leaves 5.30pm. The Year 7/8 Disco takes place from 7pm tomorrow at Lower Site. On Thursday, Valentine's Day, you are invited to sample *Love in the Library* by listening to readings of romantic poetry. Silver Surfers meet at 3.45pm in G8. On Friday, students will depart for the visit to Prague and the ski trip to Austria.

Students and parents learn about E-Safety

As the use of modern technology to communicate using mobile phones or social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter becomes more common, it is very important everyone in the College is made aware of the potential dangers of being online.

The lessons in PSE this week are designed to help pupils recognise that not everyone is who they claim to be online, that information or pictures they send can be seen by anyone and to understand the consequences of cyber bullying. Last week, parents of Year 7 and 8 students attended an E-Safety Awareness presentation evening. This presentation made parents aware of the possible risks of using modern technology and how to surf safely. This in-

cluded Facebook privacy settings, cyber bullying, how to use mobile phones safely and the dangers of inappropriate content. This week, E-Safety Awareness will be incorporated into PSE lessons and useful tips will be displayed on the flat screens throughout College. In lessons, we will focus on cyber bullying, Internet privacy and understanding the risks online and how to keep safe. It is hoped, using this information, all students will discover how they should look after themselves and their friends online. Useful tips on the College screens will give students handy hints on how to keep themselves safe and report abuse.

The most important piece of advice the students will receive is how to report

any E-Safety-related issue inside or outside of College. Firstly, students will be directed to the 'Click CEOP Report Abuse Button', which can be found at the bottom left hand corner of the College website. This button will take students to a website regulated by the Police. Here, pupils will be able to report anything they have come across online they are concerned about. Secondly, students will be reminded they can also speak in confidence to Mrs Doherty, Mrs Wallis, Mr Burke or Mr Griffiths, the College Child Protection Officers, form tutors or teachers. It is hoped the focus on E-Safety will remind students and parents of how to be safe online, to be aware of the dangers and how to deal with them.