

2U & 2L Report on the Trip to the Dáil

On the 24th March 2017, classes 2U and 2L went on a trip to the Dáil to find out more information for our CSPE Junior Cert action project.

We had registration at 9.20 in the Foyer and then left for the bus. Once we had arrived at the Dáil we met an usher named David and he gave us a tour of the parliament. He then brought us to the Seanad Chamber and told us about the history of the Dáil. One of the facts he told us was that originally the Seanad Chamber was a ballroom owned by the Duke of Leinster.

Next he showed us portraits of some Taoisigh like John Bruton, Albert Reynolds, Bertie Ahern and many more. He showed us the Civil Flag for the Irish People and The Proclamation of the Irish Republic of the People of Ireland. He then brought us to the Dáil chamber. This was originally the lecture theatre of the Royal Dublin Society. The Dáil chamber is now used for Parliamentary purposes.

We then got an interview with the TD Eamon Ryan who is the leader of the Green Party since 2011. Firstly, he introduced himself and we also got time to ask him a few questions for example if he could change one law, what would it be? His answer was that he would want to ban fishing in the West Coast of Ireland so that sea life could be restored.

At one o'clock we began to walk towards the bus stop to head back to school. We had a very lovely day out and we would like to say a big thank you to Ms Duggan, Ms Derwin and Ms Brady for taking us out for such a lovely day.

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