

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Cluny Sports Season Update
- Hiroshima Survivor visits our 5th Years
- Juvenes Translator receives Special Mention
- Business Department Successes

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# St. Joseph of Cluny S.S.

## Spring 2014 Newsletter

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### From the Principal's Desk

Welcome everyone to our Spring edition of the school Newsletter. It is great to be at the 'turn of the year time' when the dark winter evenings are coming to an end and the sports played over the winter are in their final phases or have already turned over into the season of athletics or tennis or running. We are dedicating this Spring edition of the Newsletter to the sports that were played this winter and inside all our teams in all school sports are represented by their team Captains who have given us updates on how their team fared in the schools leagues.

Needless to say it was great to have the addition of the **new Astroturf** to showcase our hockey teams with their home games and not to have to bus the girls to use other school facilities this year. We hope all our hockey players enjoyed this new sports facility throughout the winter.

There have been lots of other school activities to report on also of course and lots of student success stories. We hope that the **school website** has been a useful resource for everyone in giving updates on school events and on sports events also.

If you are a past pupil we hope you have taken the time to log-on your details and that it has enabled you to renew contacts from the past. We were delighted to host a **ten year reunion** for the **class of 2003** last term and our very helpful **TY students** were delighted to act as hostesses for the event. We are always very pleased to welcome our past pupils back to the school for occasions such as that.

#### Recent success in Sport

Our success in sport will be outlined in this edition by the students involved. Of notable mention in **Hockey** was the **Junior A team** and their passage to the final of the Leinster School's League Plate competition by beating Wesley College in the semi-final and getting to the final which was played on the 14 March in Three Rock against Kings Hospital. A





Ms. Mary White,  
Principal

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rogue goal scored in the first five minutes, more of a ricochet goal really, proved to be the only score of the match in the end despite the best efforts of our girls to get our own score tally going. It was a great school occasion nonetheless with all members of the Junior team playing their hearts out and with our school supporters rallying them from the side lines. Congrats to Ms. Somers their coach and all the players on succeeding to that stage of the League.

The **Basketball Minor** teams did very well this year to get to the South Dublin League finals with a very close home final played this week against Sion Hill with a narrow margin win of 3 points only to the visiting team. The winning trophy was not to be ours on the day but Mr Randolph is pleased that this team has good talent that will be showcased in the future. The Cluny Minor A team had a great win against Teresians this week which has earned them a place in the finals over Easter. They will also be playing in an All- Ireland tournament in April. Well done all round.

The **Badminton** teams are used to success and this year was no exception with the U14 team who played last month against Mt Sackville and won a place in the semi- finals of the Dublin League. The U16's of course had a great win in the finals of the Dublin League in February. The new Cluny Badminton top

worn in the Leagues for the first time this year might well have inspired such success. Well done to all the badminton teams who got to semi- finals and finals in their leagues, some of whom were v narrowly beaten.

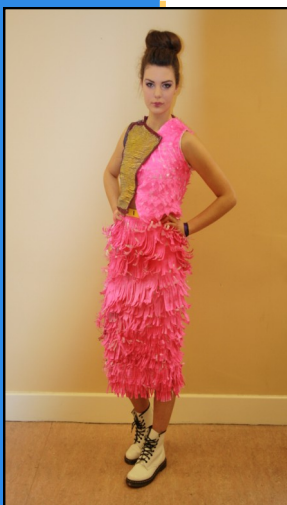
Good luck this year to Ms. Somers and the girls who have been involved in **Swimming** training in Castle Park over the winter and the newly formed swimming team as they compete in Cluny swimming events. It's great to see the girls representing the school in the upcoming Swim A Mile Challenge in the Aquatic Centre on 19 April in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital. Good luck to the girls there.

We have also had further individual sporting success again this term i.e. congratulations to Rachel Doyle who represented Ireland on the girls U19 soccer team in Spain this month.

### Transition Year Success

The T.Y students have been busy in a number of subject areas adding to the schools tally of success since the turn of the year. The **Art and Craft students** had several entries into the Junk Kouture preliminary round of this very popular national schools competition and we are delighted with the success of three of the girls – Rebecca Maher, 4L Megan O'Toole 4N and Ella Browne 4L – with their beautiful dress made from pieces of old film reel and titled 'Picture Perfect' and which is presently on display in the

Junk Kouture entry  
2014



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school foyer. Congrats to their teachers Ms Devaney and Ms Archibald on the girls success and we wish them all the best of luck in the Junk Kouture National Final in the Bord Gais Theatre next May.

Congrats also to Ms O Riordan and the recent successes of the **Business Enterprise** students. We had trophy winners among the Enterprise students in the Mini Companies Competition and at a recent DIRCC Enterprise Trade Competition. The enterprise teams have created very attractive and good value items in their 'Pooch Pack' and their 'Fitness Packs'. They were singled out to sell their items in Dun Laoghaire weekend market also which has brought them a grand total of success. Following on from success last year the girls have continued a successful trade import from China to make up their trade items. From such humble beginnings great things emerge!

We had five special student guests in school for the last 4 weeks and two of them in Transition year from **Argentina**, specifically from a couple of girls schools in **Buenos Aires**. It was amazing to play host to students who travelled to us from such a distance away but they were very friendly and polite students with a very good level of English. They were hard working students and several of them very keen on sports, including sailing and equestrian team sports. They travel to London now for a week and make the long journey back home and

all want to return.

The T.Y students have had another very busy series of placements with their **Work Experience** programme this term and it has tested them in many different work environments and situations. Many thanks if you were a parent who assisted in arranging a placement in your place of work for the girls or if you assisted Ms Byrne in the organisation of the placement. The programme is a very significant learning experience for the girls. This year the T.Y students have had new modules in Architecture, the Stephen Covey inspired 'Seven Habits for Highly Effective Teenagers' and recently the addition of a Yoga Module which they seem to be enjoying.

The T.Y students also enjoyed a presentation this month from **John O' Shea** journalist and formerly Chairman of Goal on **Social Entrepreneurship**. John is visiting schools at present exploring the idea with young people of committing their energy and assistance to the poorer regions of the Third World through becoming campaigners and social entrepreneurs. His starting point for the girls is to visit one of the project locations of well-known fundraising agencies for example in India or Africa, apply to get on to a voluntary programme there for a few weeks and understand how life is for the poor. John's long term quest still remains to focus governments on committing to the eradication of poverty in the Third World and he feels that young people hold the key to this. John's presentation to the girls was of course fascinating

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in terms of his many stories about his own encounters with poverty in third world areas over the last 30 years and the many places he has visited as part of his life's work for Goal. He remains a very eloquent speaker on behalf of the poor of the Third World.

### Success in Public Speaking and Debating

Congratulations firstly to Ayo Arogundade who progressed to the National Final of the Soroptomist Public Speaking Competition which took place in Thurles in March. Ayo was also placed in the top 4 in the country in an EU Translation Competition for her entry as Gaeilge. Well done to the team of Second/Third Years i.e. Emily Rafferty Doyle, Eilidh Murphy and Amber Barry who participated in the Irish Women's Graduate Association debate in Trinity College in February. More recently a team of Fifth and Sixth Years represented the school in the European parliament in Dublin Castle i.e. Sarah Lynam, Ellen Ashe and Jessica O' Sullivan. Congrats to Sixth Year Megan Ross who qualified through

to the semi-finals of the Leinster Schools debating competition and to Amber Barry and Laura Lynam who reached the quarter finals of the Leinsters in UCD recently. A team of TY students are participating in the Mental Health Public Speaking Competition i.e. Sarah Jane Ronan, Aisling Scully, Niamh Brennan and Ellen Fortune. Cluny has a

great tradition of participation in all of these major public speaking events and it's great to see that this year was no exception. Thanks to Ms McEvoy, Mr Byrne and Ms A O Connor for their work with the students this year in these competitions.

Another event which the school is very happy to participate in is the schools Wesley College **Choral Festival Competition** this month. This time our choir entry came from the junior end of the school with a very moving presentation of L. Cohen's 'Hallelujah'. The girls represented the school very well with this performance.

The **Library** has been a busy place this term and last week was no exception with Ms Dillon running a '**Numeracy Week**' there. Of particular note was the giant chess set which was a very popular item during lunchtimes last week and for definite has got a number of new student followers! A chess final was held last Friday with TY participants with one of our Argentinian students being the outright winner, in about 3 moves! The specially organised Lotto with its own prize money and that prize will be announced before Easter.

### New Junior Cycle

Our new entrants for September 2014 will be the first group to undertake the new Junior Cycle though in terms of subject changes to the present school curriculum the only difference at present will





# From the Principal's Desk continued

be a new English syllabus. However all other teachers will be adapting and changing their teaching methodologies which will now be based on '**24 Statements of Learning**' as the fundamentals now upon which the teaching of the new programme is based. Added to this are '**6 Key Skills**' which all subject teachers will be incorporating into the teaching of their subjects, with Literacy and Numeracy skills being significant players in learning strategies from 2014.

The new **English** syllabus has a wonderful line up of new texts, films and documentaries for analysis by students in the new programme as well as a strong emphasis on verbal presentation skills and oral work. Communication with social media sites will be explored and an interesting focus on the differing use of language in different social milieu.

As a **Network school for the new junior cycle** we are well in tune with the requirements of the new programme and it has made us scrutinise all aspects of our present programme, including end of term tests and reports. We feel the **First Year Medal and Mission Report** from last November was an excellent example of the type of goal setting and self-directed learning which will be demanded of the new learner centred approach. We believe this new Junior Cert programme will increase students engagement in their own learning. The effective teaching practices that the new Junior Cycle is advocating will establish clear outcomes for the learners and establish what the standard of expectation will be for students what will be called 'the success criteria' to increase a student's understanding of how to improve and make progress. We are looking forward to the commencement of

the new programme next year.

## Feedback from Sixth Years and new Prize Giving ceremonies 2014

Each year the school undertakes an 'Exit Survey' with the outgoing Sixth Year group as part of our school self-evaluation programme. Last years' survey revealed that a good cross section of students would like a change in the end of year **Graduation and Prize giving ceremonies** which they wanted to be less formal, involve student decision making a little more and streamline the awards a little more too on graduation night. The Prize giving Committee of Staff have decided to work with this for May of this year and have changed the format that involves having just one Graduation night which will also have some element of prize giving in it. This will take place in the school Concert Hall on May 21<sup>st</sup> next.

The changes we made here led us to explore using the same criteria for some of the other ceremonies and we have made adjustments this year in fact to all of the ceremonies. The changes are included in the diagram over. The students requested that the year group would hold the prize giving ceremony in the Library in a number of cases so for parents you will be invited to all ceremonies except **Fifth and Second Year** and just to note we are moving the **Third Year ceremony to next September** following the Junior Cert results. There will be a new format of ceremony for **First Year** which will involve the girls doing presentations of their work: the **TY presentation** evening will consist of work displays and some distribution of prizes, inclusive of course of



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'Best TY Presentation Folder' among other : and the Second and Fifth Year ceremonies will be during the day. **Third and Sixth Year prize giving will retain the more formal ceremonies.** Please see the outline of the ceremonies and the dates concerned. We will be sending parents more details of the ceremonies after Easter. We hope the girls will enjoy the changes we have made which are above all student centred.

### Next Term

All those of you who might not have taken part in our **5K run** last year will have an opportunity to get fit and join us on **Friday 16 May** next in aid of our Student Council Charity for the year the **Make-a-Wish Foundation**. The route will be a local one again this year and we will be distributing the sponsorship cards next month.

We would love to have parents especially join us in the event this year, either by joining us in the run or to help in marshalling the route. We will be very grateful for all assistance on the day. Past pupils most welcome also!

Hope you enjoy our Library Newsletter with this edition which will keep you up to speed on all this terms events and on what's to come. Plenty of Easter Raffles coming up in the school and plenty of prizes on offer!

Enjoy the bright weather and the lengthening evenings in the meantime.

M. White



## Cluny School Charity 2013/14



# Summary of Prize Giving for each Year 2014

Year	Format
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b> <b>12 May</b> <b>2014</b>	Parents will be invited to a special <b>Presentation Evening</b> on the 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 from 4.15-5.30pm where students will be given the opportunity to present the work they have done over the year.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b> <b>27 May</b> <b>2014</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year students will attend a special <b>Breakfast Presentation</b> where they will be awarded Merits and other awards relating to their year. This ceremony is a school celebration and will take place on Tuesday 27 May @ 9.25am
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b> <b>17 Sep-</b> <b>tember</b> <b>2014</b>	Parents will be invited to a special <b>Prize Giving ceremony</b> that will take place on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 after Junior Certificate results have been received. Key awards will be presented at this ceremony.
<b>TY</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>2014</b>	Parents will be invited to attend a special <b>Presentation Evening</b> on Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May from 4.30-5.30pm. Transition Year students will be given the opportunity to present the work they have done throughout the Year.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Year</b> <b>15 May</b> <b>2014</b>	5th year students will present their "Leadership in Action" theme where students in various leadership roles will give a presentation on the work they have done throughout the year. All awards relating to 5 <sup>th</sup> years will be presented at this <b>Library ceremony and presentation</b> . This ceremony is a school celebration and will be held on 15 May 2014 during the school day.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Years</b> <b>21 May</b> <b>2014</b>	Parents will be invited to a special <b>Graduation Evening</b> that will include a Graduation Mass followed by a special Graduation Ceremony where all students will be presented with their Graduation Medal and also a select number of the most prestigious awards will be presented to students. This ceremony will also be attended by Ms White, Ms Lambert, Inion Ni Aodhagain Year Head and staff.

## Setsuko Thurlow, Hiroshima Survivor visits the 5th Years



Dr. Kathleen Sullivan, Aoife Richardson 5th Yr, Ms. Setsuko Thurlow & Ms. Mary White

*"Setsuko Thurlow experienced the atomic bombing of Hiroshima as a 13 year old schoolgirl."*

The Fifth Year students in St. Joseph of Cluny in Killiney were privileged to attend a presentation on Nuclear Disarmament on Monday in the school. Setsuko Thurlow experienced the

atomic bombing of Hiroshima as a 13 year old schoolgirl. She shared her experiences with the Irish Students. It was the first time a survivor from Hiroshima spoke directly to an Irish School. A survivor of one of the most pivotal events in modern history, she displayed great courage and leadership, sharing her experiences in order to sensitise people to the consequences of armed conflict on civilian populations and to promote lasting peace. She later moved to Toronto, where she was active for decades as a social worker, including the Toronto Board of Education. She is dedicated to transmitting her experience of the nuclear bombing, and has contributed to breaking the silence of people around the world concerning nuclear issues.

Setsuko was accompanied by Dr. Kathleen Sullivan who has been engaged in the nuclear issue for over 25 years. Formerly an education consultant to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, she developed the U.N.'s Cyberschoolbus website. In 2005 she produced her first film a feature docu-

mentary about survivors from Nagasaki entitled "The Last Atomic Bomb". Her current film "The Ultimate Wish: Ending the Nuclear Age" highlights the twin technologies of

nuclear weapons and nuclear power. In the film Nagasaki survivors and Fukushima evacuees share their stories with young people, bringing the continued relevance of nuclear dangers to current and future generations.

The Cluny students are looking forward to engaging with this emotive subject in the near future. Nuclear injuries are not readily apparent. As Setuko Thurlow said: "My favourite uncle and aunt were in the suburbs and had no external injuries, but a couple of weeks later they began feeling sick, with purple spots on their bodies, nausea and loss of hair. We did not know then that the sickness was due to radiation." P. Larkin



Setsuko received a warm welcome from Sr. Evangelist





## Congratulations Ayo!

In November of last year five 6<sup>th</sup> year students from St. Joseph of Cluny took part in the Juvenes Translatores (Young Translators) competition. This is a competition organised by the European Union whereby students translate a given text from one EU language to another. The competition was open to all second level students in the EU who were born in 1996.

Ayodele Arogundade chose to translate an Irish text to English and received a special mention from the EU for her entry. Ayo's entry was one of only 3 in the country to receive this honour, and was listed as one of the top four Irish entries received.

The organisers of the competition said they were particularly impressed by the quality of Ayo's translation, her under-

standing of meaning and context in the source language, and her ability to interpret this to the target language in a way that was creative yet true to meaning.

Ayo's achievement came as no surprise, as she has demonstrated her excellent bilingual skills while participating in the Gael Linn debates over the last two years. Everyone in St. Joseph of Cluny is extremely proud of Ayo and her momentous achievement. There is no doubt that there is a bright future ahead for this young translator.

A. O'Connor



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## Weil ich schöner bin

On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, the 5L German class travelled into The Irish Film Institute in town to see the German film "Weil ich schöner bin".

"Weil ich schöner bin", which translates as "because I have the looks", is set in present day Germany in the city of Berlin. Directed by Frieder Schlaich, this film follows the life of a young Colombian girl named Charo. Charo is not like the other girls at her school. Although she grew up in Berlin, Charo and her mother are illegal immigrants.

Despite the risk of the family's deportation, Charo feels completely at home in Berlin and hopes to attend the Frida Kahlo High School with her best friend Laura. This film gives the viewer a clear insight into the life of a young illegal

immigrant in present day Berlin. It shows the highs and many lows she faces, including meeting up with her father whom she has not seen in years and the police finding where they live, resulting in her mother being given the order to leave the country. Ultimately, Charo must make a very difficult decision.

As a class I think everyone really enjoyed the film. It was our first German trip as a class to see a movie and everything went very well. I enjoyed the film and would recommend it to anyone, regardless of whether you learn German or not.

Sarah Howard 5L





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## Team Uisce

Our Fifth Year Geography class has taken part in One Good Idea competition. One Good Idea is an organisation that helps spread the awareness of the environment and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Our group, Team Uisce with our idea of reusable water bottles was listed in the Irish Top 50.

We plan on raising awareness about the dangers of using a plastic water bottle. Did you know that plastic bottles are in fact carcinogenic? A carcinogen is a substance or radiation that is directly involved in causing cancer. By using plastic water bottles you could be putting yourself in danger of being sick, we wish to produce a reusable safe water bottle for all of the students in St. Josephs Of Cluny and the further community, to help raise awareness about CO<sub>2</sub>

emissions and to lower our Carbon Foot print. In the future we hope to ban the plastic water bottles from our school to reduce the plastic bottles around our school. 80% of plastic bottles end up in Ireland's landfill.

We want to produce and sell reusable water bottles for all the students in our school. The money that we raise from these reusable water bottles will go towards our mission houses which are charities for the 3 world countries.

To represent these mission houses there will be 6 different coloured lids available for the bottle; these will be in the colours of the houses. **Red for St. Lucia**, **pink for Gambia**, **blue for Tahiti**, **green for sierra Leone**, **yellow for Ghana** and finally **purple for Fiji**.

By Lucy Carvill and Amber Torpey  
5N



## Trócaire

Last Christmas we decided to try and give back by buying gifts from Trócaire as part of their Christmas appeal on behalf of the school. We set about by making announcements at assemblies and putting jars in each classroom for donations. We asked everybody to donate anything they could however small; we knew that every cent counted. So we pushed for all the coppers possible and it paid off! After only two week of fund-raising we collected the jars overflowing with donations and spent a long Sunday counting and sorting. Our aim was to buy a house which

cost €200 at the beginning. But our ambition was far exceeded. We raised a grand total of **€329!** With this astonishing amount we were not only able to buy a home for a family in India; we also bought four school kits for children in Guatemala and Honduras. The school kits will cover school fees, books and pencils, lunches and even medical support. We gave the gift of chicks to a family in Kenya which will provide the family with food and an income. We were elated by the outpouring of generosity from all the pupils and truly touched by everybody's tremendous effort to give back.

# Physics trip to Maynooth



On Monday the 13th of January, the 5th and 6th Years went to NUI Maynooth for a Leaving Cert Physics experiment course. I didn't know what to expect but my imagination pictured old Einstein styled people in white lab coats with tufts of grey hair, I was so wrong! We were met by a very quirky Astrophysicist named Eoin who took us through some of the experiments on our course. Including the verification of Newton's second law of motion using a linear air track, followed by a the dark room to

use a spectrometer. He told us in the sheets of glass we were looking through there were 300 lasered lines per millimeter. While freaking out about how that was even possible, he broke the news that there were more stars in our galaxy than grains of sand on the earth! After explaining all the different courses and job opportunities you can get with physics, my head was full of ideas of what I wanted to do. It was an enjoyable day and I really think I will head towards physics in college when I finish school.  
By Isabel Pert-Curto

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## Crumlin's Children Hospital

As we are now Fifth Years, we have the opportunity of running the school charities in Cluny. Rebekah Butler, Aileen McGrath and I are fortunate enough to be in charge of the Society for Our Ladies Children's Hospital in Crumlin. It has been, and hopefully will continue to be, extremely rewarding being involved in such a worthy cause.

Before Christmas we decided to do a collection of second hand DVD's, XBOX games, CDs and Wii games. Everyone was so generous and enthusiastic that we ended up with around 250 DVDs, 50 CDs and a heap of games to bring in for the children who had to spend their Christmas holidays in the wards. The nurses were so lovely and grateful for the generosity that the Cluny students

had shown and were baffled by the amount that we had to offer. We also got a tour of the brand new Cardiac unit which our collection was donated to. We hope to do some more fundraising in the future for the hospital as it is a fantastic charity to be involved in and we want to do as much as we possibly can this year.





## Geography Trip to Butlers



As a part of our study of secondary economic activities, our 5<sup>th</sup> Year Geography class went to visit Butlers chocolate factory, to observe a manufacturing industry as it works.

When we arrived we could already smell the chocolates and greeted by our enthusiastic tour guide. To begin our tour, we were shown a video on the history of Butlers. We then filled out a worksheet where the answers were to be found in the factory. We then got to see the chocolate making in action. We saw the production staff from a viewing area, making and packaging the products. It was fascinating to see how a factory worked.

Throughout each step of the tour, we were given a selection of

chocolates to taste. It made the tour even more enjoyable and the waves we received from the friendly workers in the factory added to our excitement.

At the end of our tour, we got to decorate our very own Butlers chocolate Santa. Every one of us thoroughly enjoyed painting, dipping and sprinkling our Santa in as much chocolate as possible. When the tour was finished we each went home with our Santa and a certificate to state we had been on the Butler's factory tour.

The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by each member of our class and everyone went home with a tummy full of chocolate. By Aoife Nolan 5N and Caoimhe Ní Bhroin 5C



## Enterprise: Rising Money—The Cake Raffle

We needed to raise finance to be able to buy our products for our mini company and set up the business. As a class, we decided to hold a cake sale and a raffle. Since it was so close to Valentine's day we raffled off a heart shaped, Valentine's day themed cake which one of the girls had volunteered to make. The cake was red and decorated in small and big fondant flowers and had the word 'Valentine' printed across the front in fondant letters. Inside there was chocolate biscuit

(YUM!) which everyone was eager to get their hands on. The raffle was a huge success and we were so happy with all the support we received. Iníon Ní Aodhagáin won the raffle.

Sophie Forsyth 4<sup>th</sup> Yr





## Business Dept: Milk It National Dairy Council Advertising Awards

### The Morning Milkettes:

My friends Emily Kane, Fiona Moriarty and I entered the Milk It National Dairy Council advertising awards in November

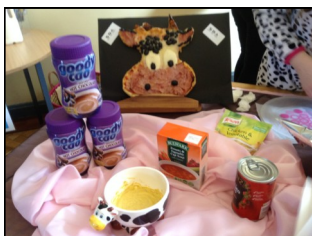


through our business class. The idea of the competition is to find a new and innovative way to advertise and promote dairy to your target audience of teenagers.

We were called The Morning Milkettes. Our idea was to make a delicious smoothie full of lots of dairy products. We filmed an advertisement showing how easy it was to get up in the morning and make your smoothie and then you already have your dairy intake for the day.

In January we qualified for the semi finals and then we had to go ahead with our campaign and promote our idea in school to our target market. We did this by making a facebook page, twitter and instagram accounts. We also made posters and put them up around the school. We had a dairy day in school on February 24<sup>th</sup> and gave everybody a sample of our smoothie and the recipe to encourage them to make the smoothies themselves. We sent off our portfolio showing how we came up with new ways to advertise and encourage teenagers to get more dairy in their diet. We are awaiting the result. We really enjoyed taking part in the competition.

Anna Byrne 2x



### The SDA – Secret Dairy Agency

The SDA stands for Secret dairy Agency. This is our business project for the Milk It National Dairy Council 2014 awards. The aim of our project is to come up with a new and innovative way to get teenagers



to consume dairy. There are four members in our group. We are all in second year and are doing the project as part of our business class. Our concept is that we get teenagers to consume more dairy in a secret way by disguising it in their diets, i.e. promoting teenager popular foods that have dairy e.g. pizza, hot chocolate, pancakes, smoothies and many more.

We made a power point presentation and a video pitch for the first stage of the competition. We all waited patiently for the results and we were thrilled when the results came through we had got through to the semi final.

For the second stage we had a dairy day in school. We set up a stall in the foyer and gave out food which teenagers love but which they can also get the dairy in. We gave out pancakes, pizza and hot chocolate all of which contain dairy. We are promoting dairy in the diets of teenagers without them even knowing it. All in all the day was a great success for everyone. We then had to make another PowerPoint with everything we did for the semi final entry. This included information on our dairy day and all our social media pages and statistics on the survey we handed out at Dairy Day. We haven't got the results yet but we have our fingers crossed that we get to the finals in the Mansion house in May. Rebecca Clarke 2W, Grace Lehane 2W, Emma Maye 2Y, Victoria Williams-Gaine 2W.

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# TY—4th Year Enterprise



Trade Show

There were 26  
companies  
competing in  
total

## PoochPack

(Helena McAlinden, Ellen Fortune, Niamh Brennan, Emma Muldowney)

## Making Dog Walking A Safer, Easier and More Environmentally Friendly Experience!

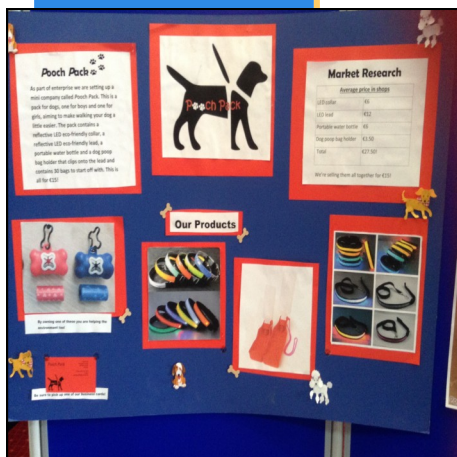
That is a sentence which my Enterprise Group and I have been repeating a lot over the past month or so as we promote our Mini-Company "Pooch Pack". Our product is a pack for dogs and the aim of this product as previously mentioned is to make walking your dog a safer, easier and more environmentally-friendly experience.

Our pack contains four products: An LED collar, an LED lead, a portable dog drinking bottle and a roll of pooper scooper bags which attach directly to the lead for your convenience. Our company believes that our product solves all the common problems that dog-owners face on a daily basis. Walking your dog in the winter or on dark evenings can be unsafe as often your dog is not clearly visible. Our LED collars and leads, available in a wide range of colours, solve this issue while also making it a bit more of a novelty for younger children as they help their parents walk the dog. Carrying water for your dog when bringing it for a walk can be a challenge as it is not practical to carry a dog bowl full of water around with you. Our portable dog

drinking bottle has a bottle in which you can store the water when you are on your walk and it also folds out into a dog bowl which you pour the water into when your dog wants to take a drink. This compact design makes it really easy to take with you on your walk.

Our final product is a roll of pooper scooper bags which come in a cute, bone-shaped container and attach directly to your dog's lead. The subject of dog poo being left on the streets is a very topical issue at the moment with new legislation being introduced. These pooper scooper bags are really easy and convenient to use. The attractive design will really encourage everyone, particularly the young generation, to pick up after their dog. We are selling the complete pack for 15 euro, which is very good value considering how expensive it would be if you were to buy all these products separately.

On the 11th of March our company, along with the other three mini-companies in our class, headed out to the Lucan Spa Hotel for the Transition Year Mini Company Competition. There were 26 companies competing in total and we all set up stands displaying our products along with details about the finance and marketing involved. Judges came around and spoke to us about our products and we also got to view stands from other schools, some of which



# TY Enterprise continued

had very interesting and diverse business ideas. A free lunch of burgers and chips halfway through the day was a major bonus!

Prizes were awarded at the end of the day and our company Pooch Pack got awarded second place for Quality and second place for Marketing. We also found out we had been picked to go forward to the final of the competition on the 8th May. We are really looking forward to this.

If you are interested in buying our product you can send us an email at [pooch-packltd@hotmail.com](mailto:pooch-packltd@hotmail.com). We will also continue to sell the product within the school.

Niamh Brennan 4<sup>th</sup> Yr

## **Flashback Mini Company:**

(Amber Hayes, Lucy Murray, Nianh Kavanagh, Michaela Wright)

On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March our enterprise class attended the Department of Education Transition year mini company competition. We left the school at 8:45am on a bus with all our products and posters for the trade show. Unfortunately we didn't have our yearbook with us as it is still being produced but we had a sample to show the judges.



There were 26 companies participating in the competition in the hotel in Lucan. There was a large variety of companies from wooden crafts to fitness products, sports socks to iPhone backs. We did talk to the judges and tried to explain how we were still in the process of making our yearbook. One of the judges didn't like this but we know it will turn out great when we're finished. All the girl's photos from our year (transition year) and all their class photos will be in it including some of their favourite memories from the year. We all took turns staying at our stand talking to the judges, walking around having a look at everyone else's stand and then going into a discussion group with people from other companies and schools, talking about how we started our business and what problems if any we encountered. At one o'clock we had lunch for an hour, taking turns staying at the stand while others ate. After that there was a lot of suspense round who was going to win. We did realise that we probably wouldn't get a prize as our advertising wasn't as big and colourful as everyone else's, we only had a sample of our layout of the yearbook and not many judges had come around to us during the competition. As we had predicted we didn't win any prizes but we were happy that Jaace, pooch pack and Kess got prizes to bring back to school. It was a learning experience for us though, we know for the next trade show that we have to make our stand colourful, big and informative. Overall it was a good day. The girls can order the yearbook from us

*There was a large variety of companies from wooden crafts to fitness products, sports socks to iPhone backs.*





# TY Enterprise continued

flashback ltd to have their transition year memories from years to come.

Amber Hayes 4<sup>th</sup> Yr

## Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Enterprise Competition

### Jaace Fitness

(Anna Jackson, Cara McConnell, Ella Browne, Aisling Scully, Jordan O'Farrell)

On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March our group, Jaace Fitness attended the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Student Enterprise Awards in The Royal Marine Hotel. As soon as we walked in we were blown away with everyone's ideas and the range of ideas but we still felt confident in our product. We were in the Senior category with 17 other groups so we had a lot of competition. We set up our stall just in time for the beginning of judging. The judges came around to our stall and asked us a series of questions about our product, our finances and our sales and marketing. The second round of judging was an interview which involved all five members of the group and the three judges. They were very impressed with our business plan

and also gave us advice. We were really happy with how it went.

Soon after the interview came the third and final round of judging, the Powerpoint presentation! We were all really nervous about this as we had to present in front of all the 4<sup>th</sup> years from St. Andrews College and two judges. We wanted to show our enthusiasm for our product and wanted to show everyone how much hard work went into the making of our product. The presentation was really successful and we were then asked to do it again in front of everybody at the prize giving in front of all of our competitors, judges, teachers, local councillors and even the Ceann Comhairle. After finishing the presentation for the second time the presenter of the awards described our Powerpoint as a 10 minute crash course on how to set up a business and was really impressed with our confidence and public speaking skills. We won an award for our presentation which we were delighted with because we were up against stiff competition and it meant we had another award along with an award we received for innovation at a competition two days prior to that. We

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Jaace Fitness Trade Show

*We wanted to show our enthusiasm for our product and wanted to show everyone how much hard work went into the making of our product*





## Deputy Principal's Diary—Ms. O. Lambert



With the Easter season fast approaching I am aware that for many of our students, significant milestones are looming!

Our Prefects are reflecting on the many duties they carried out this year, on the skills they used in this role and on the challenges and rewards the job has presented. It's clear from their reflections that they enjoyed Prefectship and that they excelled in the multitude of tasks they carried out. From selecting prayers and music for Assembly with their class, to organising Buddy board game sessions, lunches and breakfasts, cinema outings and doing *Lates* at the door and Principal's Assembly, these were one set of busy ladies!

Our First Years near the end of their *induction* into secondary school life. Soon they will no longer be the 'newbies' and will make way for all the fine students who Ms. White and myself met with their parents over the months of Jan, Feb and March 2012 and more recently at the Incoming First Year Parents and Students Evening. How lovely it has been to go down the corridors before morning Assembly listening to the peals of 'Happy Birthday To You' and to see First Yr. lockers festooned with balloons, greeting cards, chocolate bars and good wishes. I know that the camaraderie and friendly spirit will continue as the girls move up through the school.

Our Second Years have had an excellent two terms working steadily and consistently while at the same time involving themselves in lots of extra-curricular activities and societies!

What a great bunch of Third Yrs. we have too. They have all the excitement of Fourth Yr. to look forward to as they face into the final lap and head to the finishing line that is the Junior Cert.

Our Transition Years have had a ball! New experiences and success all round, sweeping the boards with wins and awards, shows, exhibitions, demonstrations, promotions and displays. As they begin to make their option choices, we know that they are entering a new chapter of school life as mature and well-rounded young adults.

Our Fifth Years are taking on the mantle of leadership in the school as the baton begins to be handed over by the 6th Yrs. We wish them well in their pursuit of Prefect ship and look forward to working with them in the near future.

Now we have to pray for fine weather as Sarah, Fiona and their able assistants lead the school to the 5Km run for **Make A Wish Foundation!** Fingers crossed and weather permitting we will be rewarded for our pains with delicious bun burgers topped with cheese and lots of mayo organised by the House Captains on sizzling BBQ's!!!

Speaking of the House Captains, they have been busy running their Easter Raffle with awesome gifts and prizes for us all. We wish them every success in their fundraising endeavours.

I'd like to welcome Ms. Stout, Mr. Lynn and Mr Ryan who have recently joined the staff and thank them for all their hard work and support. Our Parents Association have been busy too working with myself and Ms White on a wide range of school topics and events. They very kindly organised a workshop for 6th Years by Sheila O Malley. Sheila is an Independent newspaper correspondent, TV and radio presenter who specialises in life coaching and parenting skills. She had previously addressed the Parents Association at the AGM in October 2013 and was so well received that the Parents Association invited her to meet with and talk to the girls. She made an excellent and inspiring presentation to the Leaving Cert classes for an hour in March which went down a treat!

So as the bright evenings come to pass and we face into our final term I want to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Easter. I look forward to all our award and presentation events to celebrate the work and accomplishments of the students. In the meantime I am returning to the Library where I am told that a serious crime has been committed and for which Mr Browne, Mr Byrne, Mr Hartigan and Mr Twomey are chief suspects. I can't turn my back for a second!!!!

*I know that the camaraderie and friendly spirit will continue as the girls move up through the school.*



# Minister of State for Trade and Development writes to Ms. White



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Dear Ms. White,

On behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, I would like to convey our warmest thanks and appreciation for your recent facilitation of a visit and presentation on nuclear disarmament by Ms. Setsuko Thurlow and Dr. Kathleen Sullivan at your school.

We were honoured to welcome Ms Setsuko Thurlow to Ireland. Her voice, as a survivor of the Hiroshima atomic bomb, is a unique voice on the humanitarian consequences of the use of nuclear weapons.

Ireland has played a pioneering role in promoting the international disarmament agenda. Achieving a world free of nuclear weapons and promoting disarmament of conventional weapons and arms control are key foreign policy priorities for Ireland. Disarmament education and raising awareness among the youth of Ireland is a key element to achieving these goals. We were delighted to see the active participation of your students in this important initiative.

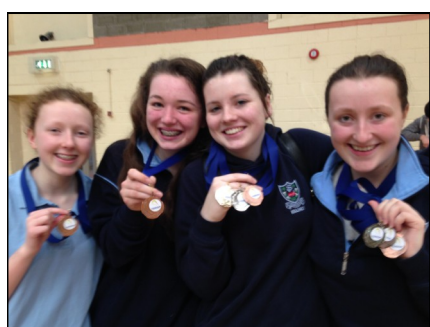
We thank you for your cooperation in this endeavour and hope to have the opportunity to work with you again on future disarmament education initiatives.

Yours Sincerely,

Joe Costello T.D.  
Minister of State



# Cluny Sports Season Update



2013-2014



**Cluny Hockey Past Pupils V's Senior Hockey Team at an Exhibition Match at Astroturf Official Opening**





## Hockey Update from Ms. Seymour



Hockey coaching team with Ms. White: L-R: Ms. Murphy, Ms. White, Ms. Somers & Ms. Seymour Teacher & Head of Hockey

*We fielded eleven teams this year in the Leinster Leagues and Cups*



As the hockey season comes to an end, it is time to reflect on what has been a significant year for Cluny Hockey with the opening of our own Astro turf Hockey pitch. The arrival of the

new Astro turf pitch was both long awaited and hugely welcomed. The official opening took place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December with Jenny Burke – a past pupil with over 160 International Hockey appearances cutting the ribbon, alongside ex rugby international Tony Ward.

It was fitting that Jenny could perform the Opening Ceremony, as she was a member of our 1991 Senior team who reached the final of the Senior Premier League, before going on to win the Leinster Senior Cup a few weeks later - in what was our most successful ever season. Hopefully with our wonderful new facilities we can aspire to returning to such lofty heights again.

The players are delighted with the new pitch and accompanying pavilion, and many visiting teams and coaches have also been very impressed with what they have seen.

We fielded eleven teams this year in the Leinster Leagues and Cups – our numbers have been growing steadily and the development of the Astro turf will no doubt add to that.

Our four Senior teams had mixed seasons. The A's, while capable of some good results against Holy Child Killiney, Notre Dame and St.

Raphaelas suffered a little from inconsistency and were beaten by Mt Temple, Our Lady's Terenure and Santa Sabina and didn't progress from their league group. The B's fared a little better beating Mt. Anville and St. Columbas in their section. A victory in their final league match against St. Mary's Naas would be enough to see them progress to the quarterfinal, but unfortunately the match went the way of the Kildare girls by a 2-0 score line.

Our Senior C's and D's also competed well with closely contested games against St. Andrews and Loreto Foxrock among their highlights. This year we had two Junior teams, both finding their league draws to be quite challenging. The B's, struggling with illness and injury found the opposition from Alexandra College, Mt. Sackville and Loreto Dalkey too strong, but nevertheless gave good performances against High School and Loreto Foxrock.

The A's definitely kept their best until last. A mixed league campaign saw them narrowly defeated by Newbridge College and Our Lady's Terenure, along with draws against Sutton Park and Jesus and Mary College. The Plate competition however, allowed them to show their potential. Beating Newpark comfortably in the quarterfinal, they were drawn to meet Wesley College in the semi final. With a place in the final at stake, Cluny played very positively and scored twice towards the end of the game – the goals scored by Ciara Kelly and Lauren Murray. It was great to be back in Marlay Park again on Finals Day. The opposi-



# Hockey Update from Ms. Seymour



Senior Team

tion in the final was Kings Hospital, who play in the league above us. One would expect therefore that we would be the underdogs, but our girls gave a very brave display despite conceding a goal early in the match. They competed very well but that early goal proved to be the difference. Nevertheless, they should be very proud of their achievement and having reached a semifinal last year, a final this year, it's looking good already for next year.

Both our Minor teams began the season in a very positive way. Playing with enthusiasm and displaying lots of potential, A's and B's began with victories. The A's defeated Santa Sabina, Loreto Beaufort and Loreto Bray, while the B's had positive results against St. Dominics Cabra and Loreto Bray. Three scoreless draws against John Scottus, Loreto Stephens Green and Loreto Dalkey however were not enough to see the B's progress any further in their league. The A's following their earlier wins, had to contest a playoff with Newpark to qualify from their section. In a very competitive game, Cluny just managed to gain the upper hand, scoring the only goal of the game. A quarterfinal match with Mt. Anville was their reward. Showing great endeavour, and with most of the possession, Cluny did everything but score. Extra-time still couldn't separate the teams and the penalty shootout loomed. Luck was not on

our side as Mt. Anville managed to convert more of their penalties than us. It was a horrible way to end a very promising season.

The Minor Cup also provided much excitement. Victories against Mt. Sackville and St. Killian's matched Cluny with St. Andrews in Round 3. Another very competitive, skillful game followed but St. Andrews got the upper hand, winning 2-1.

This year, the First Year league operated as an 8-aside league -the idea being to encourage more skill development in players by having smaller numbers per team. Matches were played on half the pitch so two games could take place simultaneously. We had three first year teams entered in competition, but unlike the other leagues only one team from each section could progress to the next stage of the competition. This was unfortunate as our A's progressed very well.

They began with a narrow 2-0 defeat to Holy Child Killiney, before making steady progress with a 0-0 draw against Loreto Dalkey and winning each of their remaining games against Mt. Sackville, Loreto Stephens Green and Kings Hospital. The B's competed very well against the same opposition and also had victories over St. Andrews, Newpark and King's Hospital.

The C's began with a great 4-1 victory over Alexandra College, they followed this with wins over St. Raphaelas and St. Dominics Cabra, but found the opposition from St. Mary's Naas and Dominican Wicklow too strong.

Well done to all our teams for the effort they put in this year. Success doesn't just happen, it requires hard work and dedication and a commitment to your team. Thanks to the coaches, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Somers for their hard work and dedication, and to the parents and supporters who came along to support at matches – you make a difference. Ms. M. Seymour

*...Minor teams began the season in a very positive way. Playing with enthusiasm and displaying lots of potential..*





Ayodele Arogundade Senior Hockey Captain with Head Girl Sarah Lynam

## Senior 1's Hockey Captain's Report

### Hockey 2013-2014

Ayodele Arogundade 6L

I have had the absolute honour of being the captain of the Senior 1s this year, and what a year it has been! From finally saying goodbye to the good old grit pitch to celebrating the opening of our new state of the art Astroturf, hockey in Cluny this year has been very memorable with a record number of girls deciding to play it!

We started off the season training at Railway Union Hockey Club while construction on the new pitch got underway. The grit pitch had officially gone and the Astroturf was finally on its way! Although we were all obviously excited for this new chapter in our hockey careers, we would all miss the grit pitch dearly. Yes, it managed to permanently scar most of us at some time or other and yes, I'm pretty sure most of us still have bits of grit floating around underneath our skin but that's what set us apart from other schools. That's what made us

Cluny hockey players. And frankly, the looks of sheer confusion (and frustration) on the faces of schools who came to play on *our* turf, never ceased to amuse us. While they all struggled to get to grips with the concept of 'the grit pitch', we were seasoned professionals.

The weeks at Railway flew by and the fact that we would finally be getting our very own Astroturf pitch suddenly became real. Then on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 when driving into school, we were all welcomed with the most beautiful sight. WE FINALLY HAD AN ASTROTURF PITCH! Or 'Tigerturf'pitch,

to be more accurate. At Cluny, we don't do things by halves. Not only did we get the only Tigerturf carpet surface in the country, we also now have a pitch-side pavilion complete with changing room facilities and chandelier! All of this was unveiled to the school and some very special guests at the official opening of the pitch in December. The highlight of that day was the first ever 'Past Vs Present pupils' match. What a way to christen the pitch! It was a roaring success and I think it needs to be made an annual Cluny tradition!

The new pitch aside, the hockey season this year was very eventful. I think the match that stands out the most for everyone on the team was our match against Holy Child Killiney. We were truly the underdogs. They were a premier league team so what chance did we have of winning? Turns out, just as much a chance as they did, because against all odds, we won! We beat a premier league team! From that day on, we used that as a kind of mantra before every other match. If anyone ever had any doubts, one of us would pipe up and say: "Come on, if we could beat Holy Child, we can definitely beat them!" Many more matches followed- some more difficult (Teresians) than others (Notre Dames) but each a great challenge nevertheless.

I must admit that it hasn't all been a bed of roses. It's been hard work. And I'd really like to thank all the girls on the team who cooperated with me and my countless number of Whatsapp messages about training times and whatnot. Running in Kil-

## Senior 1's Hockey Captain's Report continued

boggett Park during freezing conditions, sacrificing much sought after lie-ins at weekends and doing lap after lap during the Christmas holidays and mid-term break really showed just how dedicated everyone was to trying to make the season a great one. Everyone stepped up when they needed to- from the marathon sprinting by the midfielders and forwards to the eagle-eyes of the defenders. And then of course our fabulous goalkeeper, Hannah McAteer. Hannah played a blinder in every single game this year and made many unbelievable dives to save goals that no one else would be able to. You've been an amazing goalie for the past six years Hannah!

I genuinely couldn't have asked for better teammates. This is going to sound so cheesy and I already hate myself for it but I'll say it anyway. Our senior 1 team wasn't just a team- we were a family.

It will be quite a bittersweet moment at our last hockey training session this year, particularly for the 6<sup>th</sup> years. It will be bitter because it'll be the last time

we'll ever do the three man weave again, or the 10 minute run... But sweet because we can be grateful that we got the opportunity to spend our last year playing hockey on the brand new pitch. Six years ago, I picked up a hockey stick for the very first time and I will never put it down.

On behalf of all the hockey players, I'd like to thank the principal, the deputy principal and all of our coaches for all the support they've given to the hockey teams this year. And of course, all of our parents who have given up their time to ferry us around from match to match, cheer for us when goals were scored and comfort us after defeats. Hockey has played such an important role in our school lives and we're so grateful that we were able to be a part of the new era of Cluny hockey. Good luck to the Juniors in their upcoming final and to all of the teams next year!

The highlight of that day was the first ever 'Past Vs Present pupils' match. What a way to christen the pitch!

Senior Hockey Team



## Eve Carr—Boxing medal winner



Eve Carr, Transition Year student, recently won a Gold medal in the National Michael Andrews Memorial competition and an IABA Certificate.

Eve will compete in the Leinster Finals in a couple of weeks all going well. She won a silver medal in the Leinster Final last year. She represents Enniskerry Boxing Club and her Head Coach is Paul O'Toole. Congratulations Eve and best of luck in the future.

Eve in action (wearing Red)





# Minor A & B Hockey Report



Minor Hockey Players

## Minor A

This season was a brilliant season for the Minors A, not only did we have in-

tense matches and great goals but our team bonded so well! It is a lovely feeling playing alongside your team mates and working your way up the pitch towards the goal. I was so lucky and honoured to be chosen as captain and it has been a very pleasurable experience. It was also amazing having the new hockey pitch. None of it would have

possible without the passion and commitment of the players and our amazing coach Ms. Murphy, who has helped us to improve so much since 1st Year. This year we played through all kinds of weather including sun, rain, hail-stones and snow. We had wins and loses but most importantly we had fun. We had a great season making it to the quarter finals of the cup and league but lost to Andrews by one goal and Mt Anville on 1v1s. We worked so hard and it was a good season. I'm sad to

watch it go but already excited for the next!

Ally O'Neill 2X

## Minor B

As captain of the Minor B's it was a pleasure to play with such a dedicated team. We trained regularly on a Tuesday and Thursday with our coach Ms Murphy, practising skills, doing drills and playing matches.

We had a great season but were very unfortunate not to proceed into the quarter finals as we were just one point off. We were disappointed but kept a positive outlook on the whole process. Even though we didn't make it to the final all the extra training really bonded us as a team and improved our skills so hopefully 2014/15 will be our year. We really enjoyed the hockey season despite the early Saturday morning starts!

We are sad to say goodbye to this season but are looking forward to next year already!

Anna Byrne 2X

## Supporters brave the Northern Wind to Cheer on their School Team

Three  
Rock  
Rovers  
Pitch





## Senior 2's Hockey Update



**The Run On!**  
Senior players making History—first students onto pitch!

This year, I had the privilege of being the captain of the Senior 2's, and what a year it has been. For every match we have played, be it against Andrews, Columbus or St. Marys, we gave it our all and played our very best. I feel very lucky to have had such a determined and enthusiastic team during my last year in Cluny

We were very happy to make it through to the quarter final play off versus St. Marys recently. Although we didn't succeed in making it to the semi final, we walked off the pitch knowing we gave it 110%. We have had a fantastic season. First off the unveiling of the Cluny Astro-turf pitch really lifted our spirits. We'll

admit we were glad to say goodbye to the grit. We have had some great wins against St Columbus and a draw against St Andrews. We were so successful we decided we absolutely had to celebrate our success over a night out in Nando's, where we became closer as a team and as friends

On behalf of my team mates and myself, I would like to thank our ever supportive and brilliant coaches Ms Murphy and Ms Somers for coaching us and reminding us that hockey is not about the win or the lose, but it's about playing a great game and enjoying ourselves. We wish the best of luck to the Juniors in their matches and all Cluny hockey teams to follow.

Cristine Blennerhassett 6C

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## Senior 4's Hockey

Due to the musical, hockey training for the Senior Fours only really began in November. The Fourth Years of the Senior Fours, following the initial thought of training in the cold and rain and surprise fitness sessions, were eager to get back into the league for this year. Our team consisted of only Fourth Years, which really helped in the transition from junior to senior cycle hockey. We were often given chances to mingle with the other teams of the senior squad. For example, training matches, bonding over the much anticipated hockey pitch and pavilion, not to forget about the

suspicious 'fun day' of rounders, hot chocolate and biscuits, that –to this day- we all still question its existence.

We endured quite a tough season this year against teams such as Holy Child Killiney, Loreto Foxrock, St. Raphaela's and St Andrew's, with one of our competitor's reaching the Leinster finals. Through injuries, illness, multiple fourth year events and some very sceptical "dentist appointments", I believe that the entire team worked hard together to improve their skills and have fun. Hopefullt with the astro-turf, some hard work, and the usual encouragement of "coola boola's" from Ms. Murphy, I anticipate great things for next year. By Ailise Allen



## Junior A & B

### Junior A

The hockey year started last September. When we arrived back in September our new Astroturf pitch was still under construction so we travelled out to Sandymount each Tuesday evening, Thursday evening and Saturday mornings to train and play our matches.

In late Autumn our brand new pitch was finally finished. Everyone was extremely excited to be able to play on our fabulous new pitch. At the same time as the pitch opening we started our league and championship matches and one by one we progressed through the various matches and we have now managed to make it to the championship

final with a lot of hard work and dedication.

All the girls have made big effort during the year and we are really looking forward to representing Cluny at the final on Friday. Up Cluny! Sarah Hamill

### Junior B

Unfortunately the team was very short on numbers. We were very grateful for the help from the minors. It was a good way for the girls to get to know each other. Wins were hard to come by, but we still had an enjoyable year. The whole team would like to thank the coaches and all the support we had throughout the year.

Sinead  
Murphy  
3W



## 1st Year Hockey Captains Report

### First Year A Team



### First Year A Team

As we walked onto the Holy Child Killiney hockey pitch, you could feel the nerves off all the Cluny girls. It was our first League match and the whole of the A team was nervous. Unfortunately we lost that game 2-0. The next game was against Loreto

Dalkey. We had the home advantage which is always good. That game ended 0-0. Our next match was against our sister school, Mt Sackville. At half time we found ourselves 2-1 down. After some wise words from Ms Seymour and Ms Somers we dug deep and came off the pitch with a 3-2 victory. Our next match was against Loreto St Stephens Green. We knew we

# 1st Year Hockey Captain's Report continued

couldn't let our nerves get the better of us. We succeeded in that game, as we came off the pitch with a 3-1 win. Our last match was against Kings Hospital. We won that match 1-0. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> in our League Box which is a great achievement. In my opinion, the Cluny A team can be proud of our achievements. I'm sure all of the 1<sup>st</sup> years are looking forward to years of success playing hockey. By Caroline Moore

## First Year B Team

The First Year B team consists of Emily Mahon, Jodie Jameson, Triona Hinkson, Eilis Grant, Orla Kelly, Emily Rhattigan-Walsh, Abbey O Connor, Sarah Newport, Aoife Towlson, Emily Sheridan and Saoirse Fitzgibbon.

All of our team work so well together. We have played a number of schools such as Holy Child, Killiney, St Andrews, Loreto Dalkey and Loreto Stephens Green. In every match we went out fighting, whether we won or lost. Of course we are sad when we lose but our team spirit never brings us down. I was so happy to be Captain of the Bs this year and I think all the girls should be proud of their team. On behalf of the 1<sup>st</sup> yr Bs I want to say thanks to Ms Seymour, Ms Murphy and Ms Somers.

By Saoirse Fitzgibbon

**First Year B Team**



## First Year C Team

Hi, my name is Emma and I am the Captain of the First Year C hockey team. We train on Mondays and Fridays after school and we sometimes play matches on Saturday morning. I really enjoy hockey, it is very fun but tiring. Ms. Seymour is our hockey coach and encourages us all to do our best, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Somers sometimes helps us out as well. There are eleven people on my team, Isolde (goalkeeper), Orla, Sorch, Aoife, Clodagh, Emily, Sahar, Jordan, Megan, Roisin and me. My hockey team are so nice and are amazing at hockey! We have played many league matches, home and away like St Andrews, Cabra and many more. We have also played friendly matches as well against the A team, the B team, the second years etc. We play on a brand new Astroturf pitch and we are very lucky to have it. I really look forward to playing more hockey for the next six years in Cluny and I am sure everyone else will!

By Emma Morgan

**First Year Hockey C Team**



*On behalf of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> yr Bs  
I want to  
say thanks  
to Ms  
Seymour,  
Ms Murphy  
and Ms  
Somers.*



# Swimming Update



IAN DALY'S SWIM A MILE WITH A SMILE CHALLENGE ON SATURDAY APRIL 19TH IN THE NATIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE

This year has seen a large number of students participating in the SJC Swim Club. Many swimmers attend to improve efficiency and fitness, as well as competitive swimmers looking to improve their speed, stroke techniques and personal best times. We also have a number of An Gaisce students participating as part of their Award too.

The students have been training particularly hard the last few months preparing for the Leinster Schools Confined Championships, in addition to the Ian Daly's Swim a Mile with a Smile Challenge which the students will be participating in on Saturday April 19th in the National Aquatic Centre.

This was the first year the club participated in the Leinster Schools Confined Championships which were held in Trinity Sports and Leisure Club, Donaghmede, on April 5th and 6th. Ten girls competed in three different relays and ten individual events. At the end of the weekend, a total of 17 medals came home as well as a large number of personal best times.

First years, Chloë Monaghan, Edie O'Connor, Chloë Byrne and Cíara Geoghegan won gold medals in both the Girls age 13-14 Medley Relay and the Freestyle Relay. Edie O'Connor also came home with a gold medal in the Girls age 12 Freestyle.

Looking at the Fifth Year students, Sarah Ayres won two gold medals in the Girls age 17-18 Freestyle and Breaststroke events, and Emily McHugo won two silver medals in the Girls age 17-18 Freestyle and Breaststroke events also.

A combined effort by the Fifth Years and Third Years, Sarah Ayres, Emily McHugo, Eilidh Murphy and Gráinne

McHugo resulted in a bronze medal in the Girls age 17-18 Freestyle Relay.

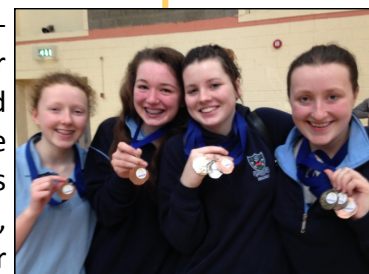
In addition to the medals, the following girls recorded personal best times (PBs) in their events, which is an extremely tough achievement in itself!!! First Years - Chloë Monaghan, Jodi Jameson, Sarah Chadwick, Chloë Byrne and Cíara Geoghegan; Third Years - Eilidh Murphy and Gráinne McHugo; and Fifth Years - Sarah Ayres and Emily McHugo.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Championships and also a big thank you to the parents who supported and volunteered to be timekeepers for Swim Ireland on the day.

We have two first years, Chloë Monaghan and Edie O'Connor, who deserve a special mention. These students are completing over 13 hours a week with their swim club and then coming down on their rest days to our sessions. Through their hard work and commitment, both girls have broken their PBs a number of times this season, and have also won gold, silver and bronze medals at Leinster Club Galas and Championships. If they can continue their success in their upcoming galas in Leinster and Ulster this month, they should be on track to qualify to represent Leinster in the summer.

I would like to wish everyone who is participating in the Ian Daly's Swim a Mile with a Smile Challenge the best of luck. If you are interested in finding out more about joining swimming, please contact me on [somers.ms@gmail.com](mailto:somers.ms@gmail.com). Please remember swimming is open to all students of any standard.

Ms. B. Somers



## Basketball Round-Up—Senior B Team



*Jenny Burke went on to make a Leinster team then the Irish Senior Women's Hockey team.*

Cluny's Senior B team had an eventful year by almost reaching semi-final of the South Dublin Basketball League. The team was coached by Ms Gillian Clarges and Mr. Randolph. The girls lost their last match at the hands of Mt. Anville. It left the girls with a feeling of not fulfilling their true potential this season. But hopefully loses like that will help the team bond and move closer as they move into 5<sup>th</sup> Year setting goals for next season. Thanks to Ms. Clarges for her tips on Shooting with team this year. Next year should a good year for everyone on the Senior B team! Thanks for all your Effort during the season!

Senior A team, can they make history? The entire Senior A team were 5<sup>th</sup> Years or 4<sup>th</sup> years this season. Can they win Cluny's 3<sup>rd</sup> All-Ireland title? Let me give you some history that some may not know. A U16 Team I believe or 2<sup>nd</sup> Year team coached by Mr. Casey won a B or C All-Ireland title during the late 80's the team was lead by two very talented Cluny students Allison McSweeney and Jenny Burke. Both at the time played hockey, basketball, and ran or jump in Athletics for Cluny. Jenny Burke went on to make a Leinster team then the Irish Senior Women's Hockey team. The Next All-Ireland title came when Mr. Randolph along with former Art teacher Maeve Hunter brought a group of very talented 1<sup>st</sup> years up to Abbey



Vocational CS in Donegal town for a regional All-Ireland tourney and ended up winning their pool and semi-final over a weekend up in Donegal. The team return to play the final in Dublin out in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. That day the entire school came out to support and cheer the team to victory over Abbey Vocational CS from Donegal who had won the other pool. Stand out players on that team were Captains Julie Devine, Aisling Deasy, Jessica Taylor, Amy Herbert, Prescilla Bennett and Maria Forysthe.

So there you have so back to the beginning. Could the group of players from this years Senior A team make all the way to a title? The Talent is there, let's hope for the best and watch this space. Coach Randolph would like to thank the Senior A squad for their commitment and especially Tuesday and Thursday morning early bird training 7:15-8:00a.m!

U/16 Cadette A team, Glory, Triumph and Victory! Dublin Finalists, South Dublin Basketball League Winners! At present they stand alone as the only team to bring home a Trophy. In Dublin Teresians had the better of the girls of Cluny but the navy & sky blue colours of Cluny were flying high after the two teams went up against each other in final. MVP on the day Lara Kelly did her thing under Cluny boards by rebounding well on the day. Julia Buckley was steady as usual scoring 4pts on fast-break chances for Cluny.

## Basketball Round-up continued



While Teresians International Irish duo started to look at the Referees for help but it was too late, cause Rebecca Maher, Eimear Boyle and Megan O'Toole had started to knock down shots from outside. Cluny stuck to the task of making Teresians work for every basket with good defensive pressure from Eve O'Driscoll - no relation to (Brian) ☺ and Allison Barnes help on the defensive boards by fighting for every rebound. It was a complete team effort from all the girls whether they played 30 minutes or 3minutes. So happy for you well done. Thanks for your hard work and great job from Megan O'Toole & Rebecca Maher two 4<sup>th</sup> Years also Captains of the team. Looking forward to next year.

Junior B Round Up....Semi-finals South Dublin Basketball League the team had some very close matches this season unfortunately there group a couple of Schools pulled out leaving the group with five teams Newpark, Mt.Anville, High School, Cluny & Holy Child. But the girls were in every match and even had to finish one game with four players due to injuries and a player had to leave early, it's just the way that game went! The Jr. B team met Sion Hill in the semi-final of the SDBL and lost by 8pts. It was a low scoring match both teams went

back and forth searching for a weakness in the others armour but they stayed basket for basket right up to half time. The start of the second half found our concentration drop, even a couple players going the wrong direction almost scoring for the other team. Slowly Sion Hill edged in front by 6pts. And kept that margin up to the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Cluny closed the gap to 4pts. But could not pull the deficit back! It was great to reach the semi-final let's try to go one better next year. Thanks for the effort this year girls!

Junior A - You are getting closer! Disappointment this season, our Jr. A were in semi-finals in both Dublin league & SDBL but were narrowly beaten by Loreto Dalkey & Teresians respectively. So the girls were upset in not making it to the finals. There are signs that the team is improving. First loss to Teresians was a one-sided affair! But it was a 4pt. loss to them in the semi-final of the SDBL. In coping or dealing with a loss post match chats are important. There is a desire in the team that they with win one of these leagues in the near future. So keep working on trying to improve! Thanks another good season girls and thanks for your dedication!

Ed Randolph

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## U16 Basketball Season Update

We began training pretty much as soon as we came back to school from the summer and not long after, the season began. We began the Dublin League first and played many matches against teams such as Portmarnock, Castleknock, Loreto on the Green and Terizians. Luckily we managed to get into a semi-final where we had to play against Terizians again. Unfortunately we lost by only 5 points.

Next we played in the South Dublin League where we met Terizians again in the semi-final. Fortunately we won this time by 15 points and got through to the final where we would have to play Loreto Dalkey. The final took place here in Cluny and we won! Everyone was really happy with the result and Cluny retain the title for another year! by Megan O'Toole 4N, Rebecca Maher 4L.





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**Junior A & B Teams**

## Senior Basketball

Our Senior Basketball team had a good season this year, participating in both the Dublin and South Dublin League. We started the season off with a win against Loreto on the Green, followed by Holy Family but unfortunately we couldn't keep up our winning streak. We put up good fight, playing many tough but close matches, including a loss to Teresians by 1 point, who continued on to win the League. Despite our losses, we still managed to make it to the semi-final against Castleknock in their home gym. We put our all into the game, just missing out on a place in the final.

We have already started preparing for next season, stepping up our game by having Tuesday morning

training. Even though it can be tiring with intense drills and matches, after our freezing cold showers, we are all ready for a long school day ahead of us. Although it's hard to pull ourselves out of the bed in the morning, hopefully it will pay off in the long run.

Basketball has become a huge part of our lives in Cluny, from the many successful games to playing with a great group of girls. We intend to make the most of our basketball career in the school, and we hope for success next season in what will be most of the team's final year playing basketball for Cluny. Caoimhe Ni Bhroin 5C, Senior Captain

## Junior A's—U15's—2nd Years

Our Under 15's basketball A team have had a good season so far.

We've won four matches and lost three, playing schools all over Dublin. A lot of the matches that we won and lost were very close. We beat Castleknock by one point only. We were in a semi-final a few days ago against Teresians. We lost to them in a final last year, but although we were

very determined to beat them, we lost again in a extremely tight match. Luckily we are in a South Dublin League so hopefully we can beat Teresians this time around.

We train every Monday and some Saturdays with Ed and Gillian. It is a lot of fun and great for your fitness. We all really enjoy it.

Our team has worked so hard to get this far, have learnt countless plays to perfect our game. We've done basketball camps during the holidays and played lots of friendly matches as well. Wish us luck!

by Emily Kane 2X



## Cluny's Minor A (1st Yrs) Basketball Team Win South Dublin League Title

Opponents Loreto Dalkey, venue Cluny sports hall! The Cluny Minor A Basketball team won its 21<sup>st</sup> SDBL title on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> with an eight point margin over local neighbours Loreto Dalkey final score 26 to 18. Dalkey started off by opening up a 4 point lead before baskets from Louise Collins and Caoimhe McManus level the score. At half time Cluny lead by a basket. The start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half Cluny would take a commanding lead into the final quarter with a host of players heating up and scoring. Sophie McDonnell, Ciara Walsh, Eve Harvey-Graham and Amy Devitt, Caoimhe O'Donnell all proved that playing on their home court could be a key advantage.

Defending Loreto Dalkey's best attacking player was given to Molly Burke who throughout the match became a shadow following Dalkey's best scorer all over the place. Dalkey didn't go away they kept fighting to the final buzzer but the lead was enough to secure a deserve Victory for the Cluny Girls! Congratulations and Well Done!!

### Minor A Team

Captains: Caoimhe McManus & Sophie McDonnell  
Ciara Walsh, Katie White, Roisin O'Toole,  
Eve Harvey-Graham, Sarah Endersen, Molly Burke,  
Caoimhe O'Donnell, Doireann Ni Bhroin, Louise Collins & Amy Devitt

It's the teams 2<sup>nd</sup> final this season, now on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> April they head to Portarlington, Co. Loais for a Regional All-Ireland tournament being a Finalist on Dublin (East). The team will travel on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> April and play three matches in one day! Yes one day, first at 10:45, 12:30 & 3:30p.m.

Here is the format Schedule & Opponent:

10:45 Cluny vs. Mercy, Ballymahon

12:30 Cluny vs. Loreto, Kilkenny

15:30 Cluny vs. Cos Iosagain

We wish the Minor A team well in the Tournament. It's their first All-Ireland Regional; it won't be there last we will be hoping they can continue their good form. It will be an excellent chance to bond as a team, enjoy meeting and competing against other students from around Ireland. Once again, we are very proud and honoured that the team has reached two finals this year!

Thanks to all the support from the Parents & School.

Ed Randolph



## 1st Yrs— Good Luck in All-Ireland Regional's





## Badminton News 2013/14

Starting in September, St. Joseph of Cluny entered the Dublin Schools Badminton League. This is a competition where schools in the Dublin area compete against each other and the winners go forward to Leinster Schools Competition and All Ireland Badminton Competitions.

Starting with the youngest age group U14's. These girls had only started playing in September and had their first game in December. U14A's did really well and got to Semi-finals but were beaten by High School, Rathgar (who went on to win the Dublin League).

Well done, Mairead Martin, Roisin Foley, Emer Whelan and Maria Kelly.

U16A's did really well and got to Quarter-finals but were beaten by High School - by 3 points.

U16B's did really well and won their Division in the Dublin Finals beating Holy Faith, Clontarf.

Well done to Ana Deevy, Ruth Jameson, Amber Barry and Saoirse

Reade— who won medals and pendants.

U19B's got to quarter- finals and were beaten by St. McDaras – again very close games and beaten by only 2points. U19A's got through to the Dublin Finals . On the day they got a draw 3 – 3 but when points are added up St. Marys, Naas won by 3 points. So well done to the girls: Niamh Forster, Ciara Loy, Hannah McSweeney and Ciara Crotty. (A's) and Becky Hackett, Chloe Langan, Niamh McCarthy and Kate Doorly (B's).

The Cremegg Cup is being played at the moment in the lead up to Easter. This is a competition against schools in the surrounding area – Wesley College Ballinteer, St. Raphaelas Stillorgan, Loreto Bray and St.Laurances Loughlinstown. Its a fun competition to give girls an opportunity to play for their school with a prize of the Cup and lots of crème eggs!!

Ms. Kelly

## Badminton U16's B



**Captain:** Ana Deevy, Ruth Jameson, Saoirse Reade, Amber Barry.

This year our team competed in the South Dublin League. We played many different schools, ie. The High School, Rockford

Manor, St Raphela's. We won all our matches and got through to the finals. We played really well and won 6-0. We all received medals and get to move up a division.

Thank you to Mrs Kelly for all her hard work and encouragement for helping us to achieve such a great result.



# Badminton Day Out



*All in all it was a fun day with plenty of talent on show and we learned a lot about badminton.*

On the 5th December 2013 we were very lucky to have the opportunity to travel to Baldoyle Sports Centre to view the Irish Open Badminton Championships 2013. Two Irish Olympians Chloe Magee and Scott Evans who competed in London 2012 were playing which made us particularly excited as we hoped for the chance of a photo.

At around 9:00am after the usual panic involving permission slips and getting everyone together, myself and four other fourth years headed to the Dart station with Ms. Kelly. After a fairly uneventful train ride we arrived at Baldoyle Sports Centre. As soon as we walked into the hall you could feel the nerves and excitement in the air. The first part of our day was mostly spent trying to absorb as much of the skills shown by the professionals as possible while also eyeing up all the good looking for-

eign players! I never realised what a skillful game badminton was. It was a really valuable experience to see how high the standard was at the top-level. We learned a lot from watching the players and it inspired us to work harder on our own technique.

Matches had been going on since early that morning but while we were there Sam Magee and Johnny Dolan won two matches which gave us a great sense of Irish pride.

After "stalking" Chloe Magee we finally managed to get that photo we had been hoping for. She was really friendly and although a bit starstruck we managed to keep our composure before she was called away to do an interview.

All in all it was a fun day with plenty of talent on show and we learned a lot about badminton. Huge thanks to Ms. Kelly for taking us there!



# Cluny Gym Club

After a strong interest in the gym classes by students last spring/summer we decided to introduce gym session on a regular basis in September 2014. The classes are run every Wednesday (3.45-5.30) and Fridays (2.00 -4.00) after school for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Years. To date the fitness classes have been a huge success. Opening the gym up to the students under supervision allows our sporting students to improve overall fitness and condition for their chosen sport. For those students that are not involved in a school sport it allows them to participate in a fitness regime at their own pace and progress gradually under a supervised fitness programme. Many of the senior students have individualised fitness programmes which can be reviewed by me after 6 weeks.

Everyday a class is organised for the students, it usually consists of a 30 minute aerobic session followed by floor conditioning which focuses on building muscle endurance, flexibility and core stability. The classes are great fun with very large numbers attending on both days. There is always a great buzz in the gym on Wednesday and Friday eve-

nings. One of the highlights of the gym club is the group challenges set each semester. In the

past year we have completed a skipping challenge building up to 1000 skips a day, a lunge challenge, a plank challenge and we are currently working on our squat challenge aiming on reaching our target of 300 squats per day by the Easter break.

## Gym Challenges

Skipping	Squats
Lunges	Sit Up

The gym classes have been complimentary to other sports delivered by the school with Hockey, Basketball, Swimming, Athletics and Badminton students attending the gym sessions regularly. My background in Sports Science and Sports Therapy allows me to devise programmes to meet the needs of these players particularly in the off season, I am happy for any of the students to meet with me to devise a strength, fitness or flexibility programme for their sport. I look forward to continued success of the programme and meeting many more students interested in making exercise part of their daily routine. Gillian Clarges



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<b>Pullover</b>			Compulsory
Plain Royal Blue Pullover	34 - 44	€46.00	
<b>Skirt</b>			Compulsory
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<b>Twin Pack Blouses</b>			Compulsory
Gingham Revere Collar Blouse (2pk)	30 - 44	€25.00	
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O'Neill's Navy Crested Zip Top	XXS - XL	€45.00	Compulsory
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Navy / Sky Sports Socks	All sizes	€10.00	
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<b>Scarf</b>			Optional
Navy/Sky/white striped	One size	€17.50	

### **Please note:**

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- ▶ If you require a special outsize of those listed above, please let us know by end of May so we can order this in time for the new school year
- ▶ Special orders must be paid for in advance.
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