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Emma Duggan 3W
Outstanding Junior
Student & Ms. Mary White
Principal



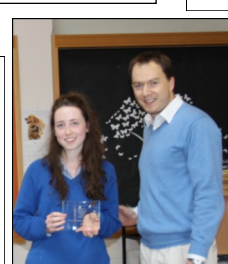
Sarah Lynam 5C Senior
Sports person of the Year
Fiona Deegan 5C Sr. Dolores
Memorial Award.



Aileen McGrath, Rebekah Butler,
Emma McSweeney & Emily
Kavanagh Enterprise Students at
GEC Turin Italy May 2013



Avid Reader Award
recipients Chloe
Langan & Hannah
McSweeney with
Librarian Ms. Dillon



Outstanding TY
Achievement Folder
Award presented to
Olwen Wymer by
TY Co-ordinator
Mr. Hartigan

Selection of Senior Awards Presented by Invited Guest

Speaker Author & Novelist Denise Deegan



Senior Linguist
Eleanor McSweeney



Sr. Evangelist Science
Award Emma Lennon



Senior Music Award
Orla Gormley

From the Principal's Desk: June 2013



Principal
Ms. Mary White.

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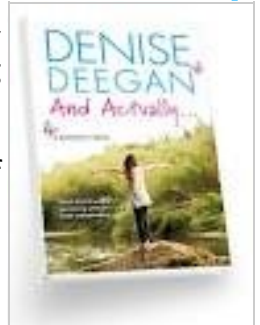
Welcome to our final newsletter of 2012-2013. I'd like to wish all our students, parents and school staff a happy and enjoyable summer break. The end of the school term came upon us very quickly with its share of school events, both indoor and outdoor. Of course with it came the onset of beautiful sunshine. And what a wonderful change it is to be enjoying June in wonderful sunshine also! We have the added bonus of the Astro-turf getting underway at present with plenty of dry weather and sunshine to keep the forklifts busy and active! Our exam students, both the Third and Sixth Years, finished in good spirits. We wish the girls a very enjoyable summer after the toil and preparation of the exam year behind them.

The first couple of days of the State Exams have gone well by all accounts. The Sixth Years graduated with great style on 22 May last and in fine voice having presented us with a wonderful Graduation Mass. The Class of 2013 were a very positive, reliable and hard working group of Sixth Years, great role models and great buddies to the First Years! We wish Sixth Years great happiness and success in the future. As has often been said to the girls

'There are no shortcuts to anyplace worth going' We hope all our graduates enjoy all the challenging educational opportunities that await them in the months and years ahead.

Final Ceremonies

Our guest presenter for Senior Prizegiving on 16 May was Denise Deegan a popular local novelist and author of the highly rated Butterfly series of novels. Denise has addressed different year groups in the school over the last couple of years and has always been very well received. Her local book signings attract crowds of young people. On the evening Denise told the Fifth and Sixth Year audience she was abandoning her set speech in favour of encouraging the girls to follow their dreams and to believe in themselves!



Congratulations to all our medal and prizewinning students from all our ceremonies. In total we had three Prizegiving ceremonies i.e. Senior, Junior and Sports Prizegiving. Some of the main awards this year included Outstanding Junior Student i.e. Emma Duggan 3W: Emma Lennon 6L was the Sr Evangelist Science Award winner: the Senior Linguist winner was Eleanor McSweeney 6L and Junior Linguist was Hannah McSweeney 3W (a first for the school to have both sisters hold the Junior and Senior award!). The Sr. Dolores Memorial Award recipient this year was Fiona Deegan 5C and the Senior Music Award went to Orla Gormley 6N and the Library Award went to Claire Lambert 6C. The Outstanding Senior Student for Sixth Year 2013 was Eleanor McSweeney who was a very popular choice for this award and was given this award much to the delight of her year. Heather Rainey received a special award for her work in the school over many years for Green school. This was particularly timely in view of our recent awarding of the



Annual
Sixth Year
Balloon &
Dreams
Release.

From the Principal's Desk: June 2013 continued



schools Fifth Green Flag at the annual schools ceremony in Croke Park in May. Heartiest congratulations to Heather, the Green Schools Committee and Mrs D. Smyth for all their work on biodiversity. Finally our Senior Sports-person of the Year was Sarah Lynam 5C and the Junior Sports-person Award went to Ailise Allen 3X. Well done girls on showing great commitment to you chosen sports and to the pursuit of excellence in sport in the school this year.

The music at senior Prizegiving was a splendid and eclectic collection organised by Mr. J. O'Farrell and conducted by Mrs P. Higgins inclusive of choir, orchestra and Sixth year soloists and instrumentalists. Stars of the evening included Niamh O'Sullivan, Abby Molloy and Orla Gormley and Megan Ross who played a flute Sonata. The Choir included the divine Kodaly 'Ave Maria' which they had performed the week previously at the Wesley Choral Festival and finished with Coldplay 'Viva La Vida'. The whole ceremony was a splendid musical occasion.

Special congratulations to outgoing Head Girl Katie O'Byrne 6L and Deputy Head Girl Laura Spain 6C for their great organisational and leadership skills and for a year full of wonderful speeches, most particularly at Senior Prize giving. Both girls were great role models this year. Present on stage at the ceremony was Mrs. Susan Deegan representing the Parents Association and standing in for Mrs. Janet O'Doherty, Chairperson. Many thanks to all of the parents on

the Association for their work this year and for the donation of a Hockey goal post which will be put to good use on the new AstroTurf this autumn.

Sixth Year Graduation

The Parents Association made a great contribution to the Graduation day with Sixth Years on 22 May last. They again organised the annual Student/Teacher lunch and laid a veritable feast in front of staff and students. We all enjoyed this very special annual occasion and this special Cluny tradition. It is always a day of very mixed emotions as we hear the girls articulate their memories of school days, wish the younger students well and remind the rest of the school of the memories that were special to them. So many Sixth Years made so many contributions to school life over the years with many of this group staring most particularly in public speaking and debating. The graduation Mass presided over by Fr Eric Powell and organised by Mr Pat Larkin was a great and positive celebration of the girl's final day in school.

Sports Day and 5K Run

Sports Day was finally pinned down despite the weather on Monday 13 May. It was sunny enough to boost the ice cream sales for Down Syndrom Ireland and very colourful costumes from the Sixth Years. The guest for Sports Prizegiving was Aoife Byrne who qualified for Ireland as a middle distance runner. It was appropriate to have a female runner for Sport Prizegiving this year, given the great success of our first school 5k run for the Student Council charity the Marie Keating Foundation. Over 5,500 euro in sponsorship money was collected on the day but the real bonus was the enthusiasm of the students who all came out with their year groups and either walked or ran or jogged the course, some

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5K Charity Run



**Caoimhe Basquille
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both past pupils &
fitness trainers join
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Event

From the Principal's Desk: June 2013 continued

completing it in very fast times and others just enjoying the fitness boost! We were delighted to have Grace O'Rourke past pupil and fitness trainer join us in the weeks before the event to give the girls some practice runs. Ms M. Darmody has a weekly running group during the year so hopefully more students will be encouraged to take up or continue running and/or participate in after school athletics with Mr. Randolph and Ms. Somers on a more regular basis.

Additional Student Achievements:

Heartiest congratulations to all the Fifth Years who were selected as Senior Prefect and to Sarah Lynam 5C selected as Head Girl for next year and Fiona Deegan 5C as Deputy Head girl. Congrats to both girls both of whom have a great history of participation in so many areas of school life both in Junior and in Senior cycle.

Of special note this term was the success of Ms. Ciara O Riordan and her TY Junior Achievement group who were selected by Smurfit Kappa as the mini company to represent Ireland in the European finals in Turin in May. The mini company established by the girls imported phone accessories from China and were sold as an iphone accessory pack. The item proved to be a popular purchase in the school for the Christmas market here. The girls had a fantastic couple of days in Italy working in project teams to demanding deadlines. Well done to Emma McSweeney, Rebekah Butler, Aileen McGrath and Emily Kavanagh and Ms O Riordan on their great success.

Congrats to Olwen Wymer 4L, Carla Irwin 2X and Alison Barnes 2X who had some of their poems as Gaeilge

published in the Irish Language Literary Journal 'Comhar Og' last month and to Sadhbh Frison Roche 6L who won best speaker at the CBC Great Debate last month also.

Special mention goes to the TY Art and Craft students for their entries in the Fashion Design competition known as Junk Couture. Hope you got a chance to see the displays of costumes in the foyer during May. They were really a sight to behold and well done to Zoe Caceres-Chandler 4C and Alanna Lucas 4N for their success in getting through to the final of the competition. The TY Presentation Evening on the 09 May had some remarkable displays of work from the TY students in so many different areas including extraordinary work displayed in their TY Achievement folders. Congrats to Mr Hartigan on another successful year as TY Co-ordinator.

Final Farewells

The Board of Management sends their congratulation to Mrs Astrid Coleman who is retiring this summer. Mrs Coleman is our senior History and Spanish teacher who has inspired many students over the years to continue both subjects onto Third Level and has shown extraordinary commitment to both the subjects and the students she taught over a twenty year period in the school. She encouraged in her History students a great love of the living manifestation of history in the present in particular in her history trips and most recently to Derry. She has been equally attached to her love of language and in particular to Spanish which has been a phenomenally successful language in the school over many years. We wish Astrid and her husband and family a wonderful retirement.

**Retiring Teacher
Mrs Astrid Coleman
with Ms. White**



From the Principal's Desk: June 2013 continued



Mrs Bernie Power with Ms. Lambert

The Board would also like to thank Mrs Bernie Power who is retiring 'Bernie's Kitchen' this summer. For over ten years now Bernie has been looking after student lunches in the school canteen but also did catering for the school on many significant occasions. She also served on the school Parents Association for many years and very much mothered the students! We would like to thank Bernie on behalf of the school for her many years of service here and wish her and her family well in the future.

Some acknowledgements from Senior Prizegiving

I would like to include some acknowledgements and updates that I made at Senior Prizegiving:

"In November last we enjoyed a very special occasion and a historical moment in the school which marked our new association with the Le Cheile Catholic Schools Trust with our special Mass of Celebration. Our guests were Archbishop Charles Brown Papal Nuncio accompanied by our own Fr. Eric Powell. Sr Claire Houreau, Superior General of the Cluny Order joined us from Paris for the special occasion. In her address she spoke about the sound, value based Catholic education as a beacon in our society in the tumultuous times in which we live in Ireland now. Archbishop Browne called on our young people to show a leadership of faith' allied to the need for young people to develop a deep understanding of the needs of others and how young person's life can make a difference in directing their focus to reaching out to positively affect the lives of other people. It was good career advice for the young audience he

was addressing here in November. Sr. Claire equally spoke about developing the values of fairness and of fundamental respect for others as part of a young persons' life's purpose. Little did we or Archbishop Browne know at the time that he would shortly be summoned to Rome to enter into conclave to elect a new Pope. Unsurprisingly perhaps, given the theme and emphasis of his words here last November Archbishop Browne was part of a church authority that elected a pope of extraordinary humility in Pope Francis I a man who appears to have a deep respect for humanity and a deep determination to reach out to others, in his new role. I like to think we heard it first in Killiney and we had a head start on that election from Archbishop Browne's homily last November.

This year marked the moment when we finally got the planning permission for the Astroturf over the finish line, following the various permutations of getting it through Dun Laoghaire and An Bord Pleanala. It's very exciting to be at this point after such a long delay and after so many years of preparation. Sports Labs UK are the consultants for the pitch and civil works and a local Co Meath company S.A.C Construction were awarded the tender this week, along with various subcontracting companies one of whom was involved in the construction of Thomond Park a number of years ago. The consultant has expressed a wish for this

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construction to be a showcase pitch for his company and in the local area. The site of the hockey pitch has indeed a very fine aspect, as it fronts the school building and is very visible from the road. In many cases in schools all the sports pitches are at the back of the school often hidden from view. Sixth Years although you won't get the opportunity to play on the new pitch on a school team we hope this will quickly lead on to the formation of past pupil club hockey and we can put your skills to use there. We will of course be inviting you back for the grand opening in the autumn. I would like to thank the many parents who have been so encouraging of this project over the last number of years and have offered assistance and advice and made the phone calls to the Council when they were needed. I would also like to acknowledge the parents who are very supportive of the development of hockey in the school and turn up regularly on Saturdays and at away games for the league fixtures to support the girls from the side lines rain or shine. We can't change the weather for our players but hopefully the new pitch gives all our hockey teams the best facility possible to bring on their skills and increase their love and support for the game while they are in school.

edge the wonderful decades of work undertaken by the lay and religious staff there over the years. I'm delighted to welcome the present Principal Sr. Monica here this evening and acknowledge her work in this extraordinary school, which has been unique in the Killiney area in terms of the sense of family and closeness and loyalty engendered in those who attended it. I never had any difficulty over the years when I would ask a student to go on a message to the Junior School. They were gone like bullets out of the secondary school on any excuse to go across for a visit, where they knew they were always welcome! Over the years the Junior school engendered extraordinary affection among its past pupils who have very happy memories of childhoods spent there and musical performances, debates and discos in the school hall that marked the calendar of events regularly. The work of a school is never really final. The Junior School and its dynamic has been incorporated so positively into the lives of its past pupils that it remains very much alive and a living legacy for those of you who enjoyed your school days there. Sr. Monica and Sr. Clare may you both continue to enjoy the satisfaction of a job very well done and on behalf of the secondary school who benefitted so much over the years from the wonderful students who came across to us, we extend our thanks and good wishes for your continued mission in the future." Ms. Mary White, June 2013.

Excited
Junior
School
Children
arriving at
the Senior
School to
meet the
President
in October
2006



I would also like to express our sadness this year at the imminent final closure of the Junior School in June and to acknowl-



Sports Day & Sports Prizegiving



After a couple of false starts, Sports Day took place on Monday 13th May. It began in bright sunshine but unfortunately the rain clouds were not too far away. Nevertheless, everyone was in good spirits and after a couple of small rain interruptions we managed to complete our programme for the day.

Preparations had started before Easter with House Captains taking entries for the various events, which included running, throwing and jumping events as well as the novelty activities like potato and spoon, obstacle races and sack races. Other events which proved very popular included Volleyball, Outdoor Badminton and the Penalty Shootout with Mr Twomey.

Students wear their house t-shirts, which creates lots of colour on the day but also helps to identify the Houses that are doing well. The girls are allowed to compete in up to three events and a relay, thereby encouraging as many students as possible to take part and win points for their Mission House. Events are very keenly contested, with teachers and other staff members acting as adjudicators.

Results are compiled and points very carefully totted up before the winner of the Sports Shield can be announced. After a close contest, Fiji led by Ayo

Arogundade retained the Shield they won last year.

Our Sports Prizegiving was held on Friday 17th, after the very successful 5km run. In what was an appropriate coincidence, our guest speaker was Aoife Byrne who is an international middle distance runner. She was very interested in our fundraising event and spoke very well to the girls, praising their efforts and encouraging them for the future.

This ceremony gives us the opportunity to celebrate the successes and achievements of the major school sports during the year and we had representatives from Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Hockey, Swimming and Tennis all receiving awards from Aoife. Boxing, GAA, Sailing and Soccer were other Sports to receive a mention. Well done also to IW, who were awarded the title of fit-test class in the Aviva Schools Fitness Challenge, a national competition open to all 1st and 2nd Year students.

Two other major awards had been presented earlier at School Prizegiving. Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Sports Person of the Year – Ailise Allen and Sarah Lynam.

Well done to all who participated in Sport this year. Hopefully our numbers will continue to grow next year.

Ms M Seymour

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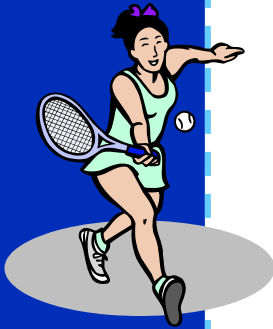
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Tennis

The schools league tennis season is very short - only a matter of weeks, starting as soon as the hockey season has finished. Therefore those players who play all through the year with their clubs have a distinct advantage.

Trials began in Cluny Park on returning to school after the Easter holidays, with league games beginning shortly after that. This year we had three teams – a Senior team and two Minor teams. The teams practiced twice a week in Cluny Park and we played our home league matches in Sandycove Tennis Club.

The Senior team - captained by Zoe Harvey-Graham, while playing well found the opposition from Loreto Dalkey and Loreto Beaufort a little too strong and didn't progress from their group.

The Minors showed lots of potential. Captained by Sarah Hamill and Sophie McSweeney, large numbers turned up for trials and practice.

With space very limited on two courts, their continued enthusiasm bodes well for the future. While neither team qualified from their group, they did give some very good displays against St Andrews and Loreto Beaufort.

Even though the season is very short, improvement among the players was evident and Lauren McGovern was awarded the Most Improved Player award. Hopefully our players will continue to play and improve with their clubs during the summer.

Ms. M. Seymour



Rachel Doyle U17 Squad Selection

Fifth Year student Rachel Doyle was recently selected on the Republic of Ireland U17 squad, who travelled to Vienna, Austria to compete in the UEFA U17 Women's European Championship Elite Phase group.

Rachel started her football career with Cabinteely FC playing for both boys and girls teams. Rachel joined Peamount United in 2010 and as team captain won both the league and All Ireland in 2012. She was also won player of the match in the All Ireland final. (Highlights of last years final can be seen on You Tube @ Celtic V Peamount I).

She is team captain of Peamount United U18 girls who play in the Metropolitan Girls League. The season

2012/2013 has proved very successful with Peamount winning the league, league cup and Leinster cup to date.

Rachel has competed in Gaynor Cup competitions representing Dublin and Leinster and has also represented her country at Irish U15 schools international.

Rachel is an extremely versatile player and can play at any position on the back line as well as left or right side of midfield. She is also infamous for scoring from free kicks and has even scored a few goals from corner kicks.

Rachel is a most talented yet unassuming player and she hopes to play WNL football in the coming years and for the Women's Senior International Team.

Rachel enjoys all sports and is considering a sports related career.

Cluny Girls win Schools Fitness Challenge



IW Win Fitness Challenge

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The Schools Fitness Challenge is a national fitness initiative designed to assess fitness levels among Irish students with the aim of improving overall health and fitness in 2013. Its purpose is to highlight the importance of cardiovascular fitness, and establish the habit of being regularly active from a young age.

The challenge was open to all First and Second Year students, and in total over 227 schools signed up. All our First Year and Second Year classes were registered to take part in the challenge which involved the Bleep Test. This test requires students to run continuously between two lines that are 20 metres apart in time to recorded bleeps. The running speed increases at approximately one minute intervals, while the students attempt to complete as many runs (shuttles) as possible, keeping in time to the bleeps. The challenge was conducted in three phases. Firstly, there was an initial bleep test to establish the girls fitness levels at the beginning of the challenge. Then followed a

six week training programme - in the form of circuit training, where the girls sought to improve their fitness. A second bleep test was then conducted to measure and record fitness levels again, and to see if any improvements had been made.

While all First and Second Year students contributed to a great school effort, the award of fittest girls class of all the girls schools competing went to IW. They showed great commitment and class spirit in trying to improve their scores. A fantastic achievement. Their reward was a plaque from the sponsor Aviva Health Insurance and a 500 euro voucher for sports equipment for the school from the other sponsor Elverys Sports. Well done to all our participants.

Ms M Seymour



Transition Year Dell Talk



On 17th April, Fourth Years had a talk on I.T. and career opportunities in this sector.

The speaker's names were Eleanor Roy and Carol Walsh, a former Cluny girl, who both work in Dell. They first told us the different services that Dell provides to the global market-laptops, tablets and we watched video clips about how Dell is helping people in countries such as India and Africa for example providing tablets for some schools in Africa.

We were then split into groups to discuss things that we liked and what profession we aspired to be. I.T. wasn't mentioned once amongst our year group however when we were asked the same question after the talk eighteen hands shot up.

What struck us both was the flexibility that the industry provided. One of the speakers told us that she worked from home twice a week! Another advantage

we found with working in Dell is that there are many offices scattered across the globe. Carol told us about an employee who had talked to his manager about leaving Dell for a year to travel to Australia. How whilst talking to his manager he was offered a transfer to Australia with Dell meaning that he could keep his job with Dell and travel around Australia at the same time with all costs covered. We found this made working in Dell very attractive as many people our age would love to travel in the future and have financial support.

In conclusion we found the talk very beneficial, because for many of us this is a career path we never would have considered for different reasons. Personally we are not very technological people, however we learned that there are many different departments and aspects in the company and Dell has something for you!

By: Catherine Moore and Gráinne Fay.



Fifth & Sixth Year Senior Physics Group at Practical Physics Day in Maynooth January 11th 2013.



My Second Year Action Project

This year for our C.S.P.E. action project, my friend Dearbhla Hanney and I held a cake sale and had guest speakers all for Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.

Sea Shepherd is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation and preservation of the Earth's marine life. We chose Sea Shepherd because it is a really worthy cause and we are huge supporters.

We organised the cake sale in the foyer and after a lot of hard work baking and recruiting people to help we managed to raise one hundred and twenty-five euro of vital funds. We then organised the guest speakers and on the 14th of May we had two people in to talk to 2X and 2Y, our classes. We all learned loads from the talk and

they were delighted to receive the cheque.

Now we are going to use a bed sheet and paint to make a big flag of hand prints to show that we support Sea Shepherd campaigns. I really enjoyed doing this action project and I hope to do lots more for Sea Shepherd in the future.

Laura Loughlin 2Y



3rd Year History Quiz

On Monday 29th April, four Third Years attended the History Association of Ireland Junior Cert History Quiz. Niamh McCarthy (3X), Emma Duggan and Chloe Langan (3W) and Amy Ashe (3Y) attended the quiz which took place in Talaght Community School. Teams from schools throughout Ireland were represented. The quiz was based on the Junior Certificate curriculum and some difficult questions appeared! Nevertheless, the girls came fifth overall in the competition. Well done girls!





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CSPE Action Project for Blackrock Hospice

This year as part of our Second Year C.S.P.E. action project, we decided to raise awareness and fundraise for the Blackrock Hospice.

On Wednesday the 15th of May we held a cake sale in the foyer. To do this cake sale we teamed up with Orla Daly, 2Y, and Shauna Regan, 2Y, who were fundraising for Dogs Trust Ireland. We sold many chocolate themed cakes along with many flavours of ice-cream. There were sprinkles, cones and sweet sauces available too. We got a lot of support, help and donations from students and teachers. We were very grateful for their kind support.

On that same day we were very privileged to have a guest speaker Mairead Dillon from the Blackrock hospice in to talk to our class. She told us all about the work and lives of people in the hospice. She told us many interesting facts about the wonderful organisation. We were very happy having her in school to talk to us.

That week we were given TWO HEINIKIN CUP FINAL TICKETS to raffle off and contribute to the cause! The raffle tickets raised a lot of interest among students and teachers. They

were €2 per ticket. We are delighted to say the very lucky person who won the ticket was Emily McHugo, in fourth year!

We would like to thank all the people involved in these events for the contribution and effort they put in. Special thanks to our teacher Ms. Rooney who helped and encouraged us along the way. We would also like to thank everyone who helped us raise the amount we did, €190.80. Thank you very much for your contribution and have a good summer!

Amber Barry, Alison Barnes,
Caitriona Grant & Marta Serrano
2X



National Dairy Council Advertising Awards

Congratulations to Kirsten Morris (5L) and Therese Hussey (5C) on being Highly Commended in the National Dairy Council Advertising Awards for their project Moothie Madness. Therese and Kirsten wrote about their project Moothie Madness in the last newsletter.



5th Year Geography Trip to Kippure Estate



On Wednesday the 17th of April the Fifth Year Geography classes took a day trip to Kippure Estate for our Leaving Cert field study. We came to school kitted out in our school tracksuits and wellies with spare socks galore. We hopped on the bus eagerly awaiting the day ahead.

We arrived at Kippure estate at 10.30 on the dot, where we were welcomed by two girls that worked at Kippure, Niamh and Amy. They brought us to the briefing room and explained how we would conduct our experiments later that day. We already had a fair idea because we had practised and revised them in class the week beforehand.

We were given waders and rain jackets which we soon found out were absolutely 100% necessary as it was lashing! We headed down to the river and conducted our experiments, calculating the river gradient, cross sectional area, bed load analysis and velocity, it was in fact a lot more interesting than it may sound. Although it proved difficult to stand in the river with three of us falling in, one within the first 15 minutes of arriving at Kippure we still managed to have great

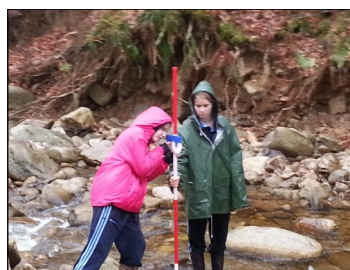
fun unfortunately at the three girls expense.

After we had completed our experiments and established that there were leaks in most, if not all the waders, we headed back to the classroom to record our results. We had a quick bite to eat and fought over every inch of the radiators.

We thanked the workers at Kippure for their help and sprinted from the classroom to the bus in an attempt to dodge the rain, it didn't work. Despite the weather it was a great day all round and we all really enjoyed ourselves, the three girls included!

We would like to thank our teachers, Mr. Twomey and Ms. Rooney on behalf of the class for our fantastic day out.

By Fiona Deegan and Megan Hussey



**Measuring
Angles,
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Recording.**

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GEP European Challenge 2013—Turin

Our enterprise class took part in Junior Achiever. Fortunately for our group we were picked to go to Smurfitt Kappa to present our mini-company competing against two other boys schools. It was done like a dragon style presentation. After what felt like 3 hours the judges came back and delivered the news, that St. Josephs of Cluny had won and are representing Ireland in Turin, Italy in May. We were all delighted.

24th of May arrived and we were all so excited. We got to leave school early in order to prepare for going to Italy. We drove to the airport and we met up with our teacher and the junior achiever representative Emma. Our flight was delayed but eventually departed from Dublin. We arrived in Milan airport at around half 10. Unfortunately because our flight was delayed we missed the bus which was meant to bring us to our hotel. So we waited and waited for almost two hours in Milan airport where surprisingly nothing was open. Finally the bus came and two hours later at around 2.30 we arrived in our hotel. I shared a room with Aileen and Emma and Emily shared theirs.

Saturday morning we were up at half 8 for breakfast and then work began. Everyone was given an envelope and inside was a picture of a certain sport. You then had to go around and find the people that had the same picture. Finally I found my group. It consisted of 3 girls (Including me) from Romania and Spain and 2 boys from Italy and Portugal. In the beginning we just had to do some brain storming exercises such as "Where do teenagers go? What are the problems in that particular place and what are the solutions" Finally the challenge was unveiled. It was about Education. In 10 years time you had set up a business which helped improve education and unemployed youth, how did you do this and what did you do? We brainstormed a lot and came up with different ideas but we knew they weren't good enough. After talking to the MBA students and different mentors my group finally came up with the idea of improving the education in Third World countries starting with Ethiopia. We had the idea of introducing 3D human projectors for use inside the classroom and tablets with built in holograms for use at home.

We worked on this project non stop for the whole day as we had to make a powerpoint and 3 pages of answering questions that they had set for everyone.

That night we went to dinner in a restaurant a few minutes from the hotel. We sat with the French boys which was very interesting to say the least. They were all really nice.... In every way. The dinner was interesting as they had many different courses from a set menu. After dinner we continued to work on our projects and Aileen and I had to stay until at least 12. The next day we worked really hard to finish everything because our deadline was 10 am. We were really sad to have to pack up. We had to bring our bags on the Metro and go to another conference place for our final presentations. We had lunch there and then during this time all of us got to go upstairs to where the shopping part was and have a quick look in Kiko the makeup shop. All of us were in heaven as everything was so reasonable. We only had around 10 minutes here but I think that was for the best since we actually would have bought the whole shop. After lunch we moved into this big room which looked very very professional. I was really nervous as I always get anxious while doing public speaking. When our turn came everything went well and I said my part. I was proud of my team.

Unfortunately we didn't win the competition but it was such a memorable experience as we got to meet a lot of different characters and people from all over Europe. I will never forget the things I learnt and the people I have met. Being one of the 68 people out of 6000 is just such an achievement. I hope I will still be able to tell people about our idea to help improve the education system along with smaller things like notes that I got from certain people and trying to speak Irish to sound cool to other people. I am so grateful and delighted to be apart of the Junior Achievement Young Enterprise Europe Programme.

By Rebekah
Butler





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Report from Globalisation Enterprise Challenge

Turin, Italy, May 24-26th 2013

European Industrial Leaders Promote Entrepreneurial Attitudes and Job Skills for Youth

Four students from the Transition Year Enterprise class St Joseph of Cluny were part of the this event. The students were Rebekah Butler, Aileen McGrath, Emily Kavanagh, Emma McSweeney. They were the only four students from Ireland and were chosen on the basis of a "dragons den" style interview on their mini-company they set up during Enterprise class this year. Attached is the press release on the event they took part in in Italy.

Turin, Sunday 26 May 2013: "Education and businesses must forge new partnerships like the Global Enterprise Project to ensure that today's youth develop the necessary job skills. Entrepreneurial education is essential to helping students take a more enterprising attitude towards their choice of initial study, to their careers, to further education and training, and to their lives," stated Carlo Bozotti, President and CEO, STMicroelectronics and Chairman, ERT Societal Changes Working Group.

More than 60 of the best secondary school students from 12 European countries (Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia,

Spain and Sweden) came together in multi-national teams for a weekend competition. These students were chosen as the best 60 from 6,000 original participants. The Challenge invited them to develop innovative and viable education solutions, particularly for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, so that young people are better prepared for the jobs of today and the future.

"Coming to Turin to compete for the European Challenge of the Global Enterprise Project has been a stimulating and very inspiring experience. It was great to be around new people from all over Europe. Working as a team and with the coaching of some businesspeople I believe it was what made our idea successful," said Rui Costa from Portugal.

In a partnership involving 18 of Europe's leading industries, students were supported by business coaches and MBA mentors from the Collège des Ingénieurs (CDI) to prepare their business plans that they presented in front of a jury chaired by John Elkann, Chairman of Fiat during the Global Enterprise Project stage presentations.

John Elkann, Chairman, Fiat said, "European entrepreneurs, through their new projects and their innovative ideas, will give a crucial contribution to build the economic future of the continent. Each year 4 million new jobs are created by SMEs in Europe. By working with young people in the classroom and in events like today, we can help them develop skills needed to start new businesses and also bring entrepreneurial thinking into large companies and public institutions."



Report from Globalisation Enterprise Challenge Turin, Italy

May 24-26th 2013 continued



Group work

Inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs and enterprising attitudes

What CEOs at the Challenge Event Said

“Today’s event demonstrates that Europe’s youth, equipped with the right set of skills, have the capacity to innovate and the energy to confront challenges and find opportunities. Entrepreneurial attitudes and skills for working in an international environment are essential for economic growth and new jobs, 80% of which are created by SMEs.”

--Jim Snabe, Co-CEO, SAP

“ERT (European round table of Industrialists) Members are deeply convinced of the need to grow the next generation of entrepreneurs in Europe. Entrepreneurial skills and attitudes are essential to drive innovation and growth inside our companies, and they are also the basis for the creation of new enterprises which are key partners in the value chain. Through the Global Enterprise Project, Smurfit Kappa volunteers are helping to bridge the gap that currently exists between the classroom and working life.”

--Gary McGann, CEO, Smurfit Kappa Group

“The energy and ability to work hard demonstrated by the students today demonstrates that if properly channelled, they can develop the skills, including English, needed in the job market. Business needs to work with education to bring learning experiences that reflect the real world into the

classrooms so that young people can realise their potential – from being excellent employees to starting their own companies.”

-- Paulo Azevedo, CEO, SONAE

“This is a cost-effective, high impact project. Young people are among the hardest hit right now and efforts like GEP are designed to fast-track them to success with more exposure to industry before they finish their formal education.”

-- Caroline Jenner, CEO, Junior Achievement-Young Enterprise Europe

ERT Member Companies supporting the Global Enterprise Project:

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Enterprise Charity Donations

The enterprise class this year set up two mini companies Alaiinn who bought and sold second hand dresses online and EERA4 who sold an all you need pack for your iphone including : Headphones, Headphone Detangler, Screen Cleaner and Cover.

Alaiinn group contributed €100 of their profits to Rainbows charity. The presentation photo is attached called Alaiinn. In the photo are Cluny 4th year Enterprise students Olra kavanagh, Emily

McHugo and Ciara Cryan with a rep from Rainbows Ireland Ann Stantan.

The EERA4 group contributed €100 of their profits to Barnardos Dun Laoghaire. Included in the photo are Cluny 4th year Enterprise Students Aileen Mcgrath, Emily Kavanagh, Rebekah Butler and Emma McSweeney with the rep from Barnardos Dun Laoghaire Niamh Loughnane.

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Barnardos Charity Dun Laoghaire



Rainbows Charity Presentation



School Bank News

Many thanks to everybody who opened accounts and saved in the school bank this year. Bank of Ireland generously donated a mini ipad to raffle among all new school bank customers this year. The school bank had fifty new customers in the raffle. A draw took place and the winner of the mini Ipad was Ayesha Mates (1W). Well done Ayesha. We hope you enjoy it. Many thanks also to Imelda, Sinead and Mairead from Bank of Ireland, Dun Laoghaire who helped us with the School Bank every week. It was a great experience for us. We really enjoyed it.

Also anybody who has school bank accounts can continue saving and using their Bank Account in the Dun Laoghaire Bank of Ireland branch from now on.

Many Thanks

Fourth Year Enterprise Class School Bank Team: Rebekah Butler, Ciara Cryan, Maria Dowdall, Lauren Higgins, Orla Kavanagh, Emily Kavanagh, Aileen McGrath, Emily McHugo, Emma McSweeney

Green Schools Update



This year in School 2012-2013 proved to be a very successful year for the Green schools committee. The highlights of the last term were a very enjoyable 'Tree Day' and the presentation of our fifth green flag.

Tree Day, 24th April, organised by Ms. Regina Casey, Ms McEvoy and Mrs Smith, was run by a group of first and fourth years. Almost sixty third class girls and their teachers arrived from Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown and enjoyed a morning of games and puzzles, all relating to trees, before going out on the Cluny Tree Trail which was beautifully presented by our first years students. Another group of first

years gave a wonderful PowerPoint presentation on the uses of trees and the morning ended with the planting of a number of native Irish trees. The happy visitors returned to their own school with a goodie bag each of recycled products.

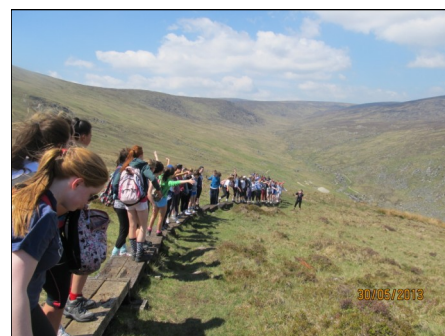
The anxious wait to know if we were to be awarded our new flag came to an end in April with good news that we were to receive our flag at an award ceremony in Croke Park on 21st May.

Four representatives were invited to attend. A happy quartet Heather Rainey (chairperson), Gemma Moynihan (secretary), Regina Casey (staff representative) and Deirdre Smith (coordinator) set off for the home of Gaelic games where, along with 41 other schools in the area, were presented with our fifth flag.

But as one chapter closes another one opens. Our last meeting involved the election of officers of the 2013-2014 committee. We will have to wait patiently until September to be told the area of interest for our SIXTH flag. No doubt next year's committee will be every bit as committed and hardworking as this years!

*..we Received
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Croke Park on
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Gaisce Adventure Hike Glenadalough May 2013



Deputy Principal's Diary—Ms. Orla Lambert



Best wishes to all our exam students! I want to extend a fond farewell to the Sixth Years and wish you all the best in the years ahead. You are a fantastic bunch of young ladies and it's been a pleasure working with you all. You have been committed to your studies, extracurricular activities and have balanced this with care and support for our younger students!

Thank you for all the help with first years especially, for minding them in the early days, looking out for them during the year and for the lunches and outings you organised for them. Green Schools had an amazing impact due to 6th Year's guidance and leadership. Innovative and full of energy, they managed the meetings and campaigns with ease. Well done on leading us in getting our 5th Green Flag.

It seems only like yesterday our Prefects were in the blue kitchen on that first August morning for new first years and parents as we sorted out the matching of first year classes! They were so welcoming to the first years & their parents. Time has gone by so quickly and now the Prefects are leaving us!

Thank you also to the Prefects for meeting with Ms White and myself every Tuesday morning at 8.30am in the library, for planning & organising campaigns, rotas & schedules for the academic year.

Sincere thanks too must go to our Head Girl Katie and Deputy Head Girl Laura for all their hard work & support during the year. They were very proactive in all aspects of school life and were so supportive of myself, Ms White and Ms Dillon. Their weekly positive quote went down a treat with Juniors and

Seniors as did the 5 Km run! I wish you all every success & happiness as you set out on the next part of your voyage.

Congratulations to Sarah Lynam and Fiona Deegan our newly appointed Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl. I look forward to working with Iníon Uí Aodhagáin and her team led by Sarah and Fiona. To Janet O Doherty, Chairperson of the Parent's Association and all the parent members a big 'thank you' for all your hard work and support this year. It is much appreciated. Thank you to all the parents in the school for your continued support.

We are all looking forward to the new hockey pitch. Work has commenced and all is looking good. I hope that the 3rd Years have a good summer after completing the Junior Certificate and I look forward to seeing you all in your new roles as Transition Year students in August.

To all students, have a wonderful summer. Keep active over the holiday and take the opportunity to relax, have fun and do some leisure time reading.

Slán go Fóill
Ms.Lambert

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St. Joseph of Cluny uniform items available online, using the above link from our website newsletter. Alternatively through Arnotts own website.

Free delivery on items purchased over €50.



Attention Parents: **Second-hand Book & Uniform Sale**

Friday 21st June 2013 @ 10a.m. Concert Hall

Format: The School provides the venue for the sale i.e. Concert Hall, Parent/Student can set up a stall to sell their old books and uniform items.

Remember to bring your Book Lists and

cash with you (in small denominations).