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From the Principal's Desk



**Ms. White, Principal with First Years for Charity 5K Run
in their Cluny House Colours**

Hello everyone! Now that we have reached the end of term my very best wishes to all of you – parents, students and staff – for a very enjoyable summer ahead. I hope the past academic year was a fulfilling and happy one for our students and teachers alike and that parents are looking forward to a break from the demands of the school routine. Here's hoping we get some of the beautiful weather back that we had last year to remind us again that all things are possible and endless days of sunshine don't have to be relegated to a distant memory!

How quickly exam time comes around and I would like to take the opportunity to wish our **Third and Sixth Year students** who will be try-

ing to manage all the last minute juggling of revision with speed writing and all the final checking to be done. The very best of luck to all of our exam students over the next few weeks. I hope you are all rewarded with dream exam papers! And after the long year of preparation I hope that you all enjoy a well-deserved rest after and plenty of fun over the summer! Also now that the house exams are completed - with practical components for the First and Second Years—and now that the lockers have been tidied I hope our non-exam students have organised plenty to do and places to go this summer to add to their bank of knowledge. Our city offers so many places of in-

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terest to visit without costing the earth. So get busy girls!

We were rewarded at the end of term with beautiful weather for our new style **Sports Day** on May 14 which was termed 'Spirit of Cluny Day'. The emphasis was on engagement rather than competition and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the new approach. Over €400 was raised from ice cream sales for **Down Syndrome Ireland**. We had a beautiful day also for our **5K run** on May 16 for the **Make-A-Wish Foundation**. With the proceeds of the run and also from the Junk Kouture school Fashion Show on 02 May raising over **€1,500** on the night we will raise close to **€6,000** for both events which is a great tribute to the girls and their efforts to bring in some money for this charity.

Sixth Year Graduation Day and Evening combined were very special occasions for all of us involved and hopefully memorable also for our Sixth Year graduates on 21 May. We had several ceremonies that day combined with great speeches and some memorable music. We spent a most enjoyable day with our Sixth years from early morning to evening. I hope the day has given the girls great memories of their final school day with us! Many

thanks to all the Staff involved in the organisation particularly Year Head Iníon Ní Aodhagain and the Mrs Susan Deegan and the Committee of the Parents Association for organising a great lunch for the girls and the staff and helping out with the reorganisation of the hall after. During a beautiful Graduation Mass **Head Girl Sarah Lynam** said "the growth to maturity is at times a demanding process which requires the support, guidance and wisdom of family, teachers and friends. The highs and lows, brought about by the demands and challenges which each of us must face and experience as we grow to maturity are what memories are made of. It is a skill and a gift in itself, to be able to recognise this Mass as an occasion for each of us to quietly reflect upon and celebrate our own individual identities and talents and to be forever grateful for them..." **Deputy Head Girl Fiona Deegan** in her Communion Reflection said "your life is



Ms. White, Principal, Ellen Ashe, Sarah Lynam, Ayo Arogundade, Grace Morgan, Jessica O'Sullivan, Megan Ross at the 6th Year afternoon Prizegiving Ceremony with Ms. Lambert Deputy Principal.

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your masterpiece and every day we paint a new stroke. We hold the brush to this masterpiece but the strokes may not always go our way. Don't fear the unknown though, embrace it. Graduation is a time of looking back and remembering all the brush strokes we have already painted, our academic accolades, our sporting achievements, our first confessions, our communions, our confirmations, our growth, but now we should look to the future and dream about what's to come..."

Congrats to both girls on a very successful year and also on their wonderful speeches throughout which were fun, extraordinary and uplifting in equal

measure. Many thanks to Mr Larkin, Ms Doyle Mrs Higgins and Fr Powell or their work on a wonderful Graduation Mass. Congratulations to Mr O'Farrell also on the beautiful music involved in the Mass. In all of the events Mr O'Farrell participated in with the students this year – whether with the choir, the orchestra, or with the school Musical – he brought very high standards to the girls, a wonderful challenging programme of material and an understanding of how the best musical performances are done.

End of term

We made some changes this year to our Prize giving ceremonies. My thanks to the Staff **Prize giving Committee** for their dedication this year to introducing some meaningful changes to these ceremonies and organising the voting procedures and organising the crystal, medal and certificate awards. The type of awards remained largely the same as other years but the format of the ceremonies changed. Many thanks also to the members of the Committee of the Parents Association who had representatives to attend our new ceremonies.

In the case of our **First Years** we opted for a display of project work including some beautiful Art work and model displays and some presentations from the students also. And the First years have become such confident presenters! Mr O'Farrell presented the girls with their Merit awards at a special Assembly the following week. **Second Years** had a special Breakfast time presen-



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Senior Art Award
Sophie Murray
with Ms. Devaney



Senior Music Award
Ciara Loy with
Mr O'Farrell



Library Award
Amy McRedmond
with Ms. Dillon



Senior Linguist Award
Grace Morgan with Ms.
Culliton



Green Schools Award
Zoe Byrne with
Mrs Smith



Merit Award Winners from 1W
Eve Harvey-Graham, Holly Hunt, Roisin Rafferty, Ciara Walsh and Molly Burke.

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Merit award winners from IX Sahar UI Haque, Sophie McDonnell, Emily Sheridan, Sarah Chadwick, Alana Borza, Aisling Leahy.

tation. We had a Prize giving ceremony in the Library organised by Year Head Ms Dullaghan firstly followed by hot chocolate and lovely cakes baked by the students. Congrats to the 15 Second year students who received Merit awards and to Ruby Wall 2Y and Lara Grehan 2Y who both received special attendance awards. The present **Third Years** will have their special award ceremony this coming September following their Junior Cert results.

The senior cycle award ceremonies began with our Transition year students summarising the highlights of their particularly busy year at the **TY Presentation** evening on 07 May last. The display of material coming from their subject classes and module classes was of an incredibly high standard. Of particular note was the appearance of architectural display models created by the students from their new TY module in architecture as organised this year by Ms Archibald. The **TY Co-ordinator Mr Hartigan** remarked on the very high standard of achievement folders presented by the students which were a joy to behold but the final decision was to award the crystal for Best Folder to Chloe Langan 4N.



Merit award winners from 1Y Louise Collins, Triona Hinkson, Katherine White, Roisin O'Toole, Dani Carr, Caoimhe McManus and Catherine Murphy. Absent from the photo is Una Nolan

Well done Chloe on a beautiful piece of work!

The new **Fifth Year** prize giving formula was in the form of a Library Presentation organised by the **Year Head Ms. Mc Evoy**. Congrats to the six Fifth Years who won the Academic Achievement awards ie Joint First Kate Doorly 5L and Ciara McKeown 5N: Joint Second Aileen McGrath 5C and Caoimhe Ni Bhroin 5C : Joint Third Grainne Fay 5C and Aisling Ruigrok 5N. Congrats also to **Kate Doorly 5L** who won the Sr Dolores Memorial Award and was also voted by her peers and the Staff as **Head Girl** for next year. Congrats to **Aisling Ruigrok 5N** on her election as Deputy Head Girl and to the appointment of the 18 Senior Prefects following their election before Easter. Looking forward to working with you all and all our Fifth Years when they take on their leadership and Buddy roles next year.

Finally the **Sixth Year** presentation in the Library organised by **Year Head Inion Ni Aodhagain** took place on 15 May. The special award winners, some of whom were awarded on Graduation night, included **Outstanding Senior Students ie Ayo Arogundade 6L** and **Jessica O Sullivan 6N**: the Sr Evangelist Science Award ie Megan Ross 6N and Senior Linguist Award ie Grace Morgan 6L. Congrats to Head Girl Sarah Lynam 6C on her award as Senior Sportsperson and to **Ciara Loy 6L** who received the Senior Music Award. A special category of award was created by this years' Sixth Years themselves



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Ms. White presents Ayodele Arogundade & Megan Ross for Academic Achievement

which they called the 'Solas Award'. The wording for the citation for this award submitted by the Sixth Years included "the student is a positive light, a ray of sunshine and hope who offers a listening ear, is supportive and comforts them when needed. She is perceptive and understands the needs of others. Always selfless, gentle but strong this 'Ray of Light' brought calm reassurance throughout her six years." The very joyful and exuberant response to the announcement of these award winners on the night suggest what popular winner they were so well done to **Nenah Lyons 6L**, **Niamh McGrath 6L** and **Ruth Richardson 6L** on being nominated by you peers for this carefully selected award that is the legacy of the Sixth Years of 2014. With regard to the Sixth Years a



Amy Lambert keen sailor with Annalise Murphy Olympic Sailor

note of thanks also to Ms Mc Phillips Guidance Counsellor who very much earned the respect of the girls with her huge work rate and with regard to the range of her abilities in Guidance and in the area of Careers. Many thanks to Ms Mc Philipps for all her Guidance work with the girls.

Sports Prize giving took place on

Graduation Day after the Sixth Year final school assembly. The PE teachers had organised Annalise Murphy the Irish Olympic sailor to be guest of honour and she was enthusiastically received by the students. Annalise competed so gallantly in the 2012 London Olympics going for gold in the Women's Laser Radial class. She was a strong contender for a gold medal but

was overtaken on the final leg by her competitors. However Annalise won gold last year in the European Sailing Championship. The awards were distributed on the day for Hockey, Basketball, Badminton and Swimming by the Sports Coaches and for some of the highlights of Sports Day. Special recognition was given to Sixth Year Rachel Doyle 6L who is a member for the Irish U19 Soccer International squad and has been fiercely dedicated and successful in her chosen sport over the years. She is hopeful of a place on the team. Congrats also to **Sophie Rhattigan Walsh 5N** House Captain of Ghana who were the House Cup winners and to **Ciara McKeown 5N** House Captain for Fiji who won the House Cup shield for the most house points on Sports Day.

Other events this term:

Wonderful news for **Sixth Year student Megan Ross 6N** who was offered places



Above: Sophie Rhattigan Walsh 5N Ghana House Captain, winners of the coveted House Cup.
Ciara McKeown 5N House Captain for Fiji, winners of House Shield for the most house points on Sports Day.

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Pooch Pack
Trade Show

in two U.S. Ivy league Colleges this term and has elected to take up a place in **Harvard** for next year. We wish Megan every success in Boston and congratulate her for overcoming her health setback last year and for moving forward with her studies with fortitude and determination. The school is very proud of you Megan.

This term saw the several significant achievements gained by the Business students ie 4 groups got to the Dublin finals of the Mini Company Awards and the 'Pooch Pack' group of Helena Mc Alinden 4L, Niamh Brennan 4C, Ellen Fortune 4C and Emma Muldowney 4C represented Dublin in the all-Ireland mini company competition in May. A team of TY Enterprise students came first in their business presentation for the DLRCC Enterprise Awards. Two second year teams were chosen to go forward to the semi-finals and got down to the last twenty out of 500 schools. Well done to the 'Morning Milkettes' ie Fiona Moriarty 2Y, Anna Byrne 2X and Emily Kane 2X and the 'Secret Dairy Agency' Group ie Victoria Williams Gaine 2W, Emma Maye 2Y, Grace Lehane 2W and Rebecca Clarke 2W. Congrats to Ms O'Riordan on all the work and success here. On a final Business note two Fifth Year Business students Maeve Rafferty 5L and Ciara McKeown 5N were accepted to attend an all-expenses paid two day McKinsey Leadership Academy in Berkshire in the UK in July. This programme is being run

by McKinsey Consultancy who are ranked as one of the top management consultancy firm in the world. Looking forward to hearing all about it girls!

Congratulations to the T.Y. Art and Business students this month whose joint efforts produced a wonderful school Fashion Show featuring the Junk Kouture entries on 09 May. The big feature of course was the National Junk Kouture final TY entry 'Picture Perfect' and the creators of the costume were Rebecca Maher 4L, Megan O Toole 4N and Ella Browne 4L. The efforts the girls went to, with choreographer Debbie Kiernan, produced a wonderful show and the girls also raised €1,500 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation on the evening. Thank you to all of the parents and households that sent us in spot prizes for this special event. Our thanks to **Ms Devaney, Ms Archibald and Ms O Riordan** for their work during the year on the fashion module and all the wonderful Art displays this year and this term both in the hall and in the Art room. We were delighted for our Senior Tennis players who won the final of the Leinster Tennis League against Loreto St



Climbing
every
mountain
from
Dublin to
Wickow

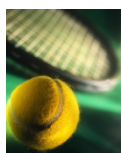
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Stephens Green and brought us home the Cup! Congrats to their coach Ms Somers. Well done also to our **TY Bronze and Fifth Year Silver Gaisce Venture students** who have undertaken the challenges in this important Award scheme. Two significant hill-walking ventures were organised and facilitated by **Mrs Wolahan** in Wicklow over the Easter break in Glendalough during the May Bank holiday. Well done to all involved and the girls will reap the benefit both of the fitness and in the achievement of their personal goals. Another step taken towards the Gaisce goal!

Well done also to Niamh McCarthy 4L who took on the challenge of a most unusual Work Experience week with the US Police Department in San Francisco before Easter. Undaunted by the challenges of being part of all the regular police duties for the week Niamh made the best use possible of the opportunities and had a wonderful time there. She has included the account of her work programme in this edition.

Astroturf Development

The final completion of this project will take place this month which will see new school signs put in place, some final additions to the landscaping, a little bit of further drainage work and a storage unit installed for hockey gear. We are also exploring with SAC Construction and Emerald Sports for the building of **two school Tennis Courts** with a Tiger Turf carpet installation. Emerald Sports are the suppliers of our wonderful Tiger Turf Hockey pitch surface and the Board of Management are keen to use our contact with these companies to finish the construction project by having our own courts.



During the summer we will also be undertaking upgrading work on the school **Sports Hall** to improve the quality of the insulation and damp proofing on a number of the surfaces there.

The Board and School Finance

The Board of Management has approved a modest fee increase for next year of €100 bringing the fee total to €4,200 for 2014-15. The Board regrets having to make a fee increase which has not been undertaken for a couple of years now. The Board continues to commit to improved facilities for the students annually, as we will do again this year, which must be paid for entirely from school funds. Recent increases in education have also resulted in the fee paying school sector being disproportionately affected with increasing costs and has left us with no choice if we wish to maintain our level of staffing and subject choices. The Board hopes that parents will continue to appreciate the quality educational environment that we continue to offer at a competitive fee level.

The School Library

Congratulations to **Ms Dillon** on another great year in the Library full of themed weeks - hope you got to hear about the Murder Mystery week - clubs, societies, competitions, drama presentations, speakers and poets and Ms Dillon's own presentations to students ie how to get the best from Third Level Libraries among other themes! There were some wonderful events there this year including the assistance given to the school by the Department of Foreign Affairs on 31 March when we heard from Hiroshima survivor Setsuko Thurlow and US Profes-

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Setsuko Thurlow

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**Student Librarians
receive dedication
award from Ms.
Dillon**

*As per tradition
the Sixth Years
release balloons
to mark the
start of their
Graduation Day*

sor Dr Kathleen Sullivan and activist on global nuclear disarmament. It was a most dramatic and meaningful presentation. Well done to Ms Dillon on another great year and you will find her Newsletter full of summer reading suggestions! Well done to the very committed Library Prefects on their great work this year also.

Final Farewell

The Board of Management sends their congratulations and good wishes to two members of the teaching staff who are retiring this year i.e. Mrs Hilary Gale after 36 years in Science, Maths and Biology. Mrs Gale has had a long and distinguished teaching career in the school and served as a Year Head for many years as well as being a very significant contributor to Committee work. She was part of most of the schools most successful curricular and holistic developments over the years and was a great contributor to positive school relationships here. She has had a lifelong commitment to sport herself, including undertaking hockey coaching in the school for many years and we wish her well in being able to give a little more time now to her interest in golf. Mrs Deirdre Smith from Science is retiring also after 15 years in the school and she will be a loss to the teaching staff also. She will forever be associated in our eyes with the success of Green Schools and the achievement of five green flags

which are delighted to have flying outside the front of the school! We hope Mrs Smith enjoys the extra time that will be available to her for golf now too!

The Board and the school Commu-



**Mrs. Hilary Gale & Mrs. Deirdre
Smith at their recent
Retirement Evening**

nity wishes all the staff above every future success and enjoyable retirements and all the teaching staff and admin staff, parents and students a wonderful summer holiday.

M. White June 2014



Sixth Years Farewell, by Ms. Lambert DP

Below are the verses that I composed and read for the 6th yrs. on the morning of their Farewell, May 28th. Traditionally, I then hand them over for insertion in the 6th yr. Graduation Book. However, this year's 6th yrs. Graduation Book 'went to press' in Jan 2014 and it would have spoilt the surprise in May if I had inserted them way back then. Many of you have asked for a copy so I have inserted it here for you.

Sixth Years 2014

When I set out to write these verses,
I thought

*What might I write in twenty years time
about this year group?*

So here's the reply to that question:

2034:

Long long ago, when ipads were cool
I used to work, in a very nice school
A small homely place,
a holistic approach
Students learnt to question
But never encroach

It being the May of 2014
The 6th yrs marched in
For their farewell routine
Now what can I say of this fabulous
bunch,
There's so much to recall
We could be here 'til lunch!

But for me it began,
on a Prize giving Day
With a winner whose name
I could then hardly say,
Yes you've guessed, 'twas
Prizewinner
Ayodede Arogundade

(4th Year)

4th yr. is such a
Developmental time.
But one of your comrades

Struck down in her prime
Your Hannah, so young
Who fought the good fight
Slipped away from us all
God extinguished a light.

You honoured her memory
It was right,
It was proper.
Then one day, on my rounds
I discovered a locker-
I opened it slowly.....
You never forgot her –
A little pink haven
Of fairies and glitter
And poems to your Hannah
And **her** pretty pictures

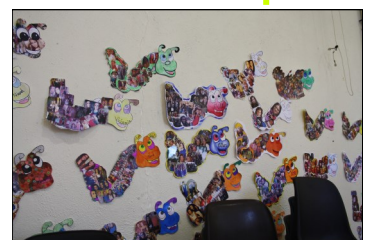
But rallied you did
And despite all your pain
You turned the school **pink**
She was with us again!

(5th Year)

(This is dedicated to the
House Captains of 2012-13:)

The House Captain elections
in 5th yr they came
They laid out their stalls
and put forward their names,
Voters weighed up the options
We then did up the count
The winners triumphant
By massive amounts

You guys
May not remember,
Your memories being fuzzy,
But Ghana was led
by the charming Ms Hussey
There was Hannah and Cheryl
In their blue and their green
The intense competition
Was yet to be seen.



Caterpillar to
Butterfly theme

Sixth Years Farewell, by Ms. Lambert DP continued



House Captains
2012-13

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OF CLUNY
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Year Head
Iníon Uí Aodhagain
honoured at
Graduation Evening



Young Ayo,
She put on the purple of Fiji
Kate Byrne wore the pink
But it wasn't that easy
To take on St Lucia
Directed by Deegan
Who took them all on
And was forever teasing

House Captains elected,
You vied for the Cup
St Lucia triumphant, they took the
first sup

Then in the summer of 20-13,
Your 5th Year near ending,
Your eagerness keen,
You set up the 'barbies'
You fired up the coals
And served us those burgers in
nice Bundy Rolls

Then just as you entered
RE- summer exam
Iníon Uí Aodhagain came looking
For a specific gang,

We gathered you round us,
Your nerves were in shatters
Who were the new heads?
Twas the only thing mattered.
The exam was abandoned
midst cheers as you scattered

To cheer the 2 leaders
We now could announce them,
There was rapturous applause
For young Deegan and Lynam

(6th Year)

Sarah's maiden speech
I think you'll agree,
Was appropriate for our

First School Assembly
She told us success was
'Just this much away'
You should carry her words
with you every school day

On that same day- Ayo
Declared to the crowd
That the girls weren't a team
And then out of the crowd
Jumped all of the players
We thought they were barmy
Ayo introduced us
To her own hockey army!

(This verse is dedicated to Fiona and her stories about her Primary School Days)

Well she had us in stitches
She didn't play 'hockey'
But Fiona threw stink bombs
And had her own army

She didn't mind if her uniform
stank
She conspired every day
To invent a new prank

Eucalyptus bombs
Kept concealed in her pockets
Oblivious to staff
These exploded like rockets!

Crystal Palace the name
They gave to their Den
Where they regrouped
Until time
To attack over again.

But listener it's not you
Who's confused it would seem
Who calls their School Den
After a soccer team?

Sixth Years Farewell, by Ms. Lambert DP continued

Cluny parents perplexed
Why pinnies stank to high heaven,
Their bond was unbroken
until aged 11

**(October 2013 The Debs where many of
you acted as hostesses:)**

October 3rd
it was deb's time again
Not a ray in the sky
But instead lashing rain
So these 6th yrs. rushed around
as if they were on fire
With gigantic umbrellas
Protecting ball gown attire
But I reckon the real reason
they grabbed the umbrellas
Was to have chats and the 'lols '
And to look at the fellas!

(To the Buddies)

Then, came the first
Buddy Trip on the DART
At Glenageary no tickets
So you couldn't depart,
That little hiccup
Did not spoil your play,
After phone calls a plenty
You headed away –
And 1st yrs.
didn't you have
a quite wonderful day?

**(So a plea on behalf of the 6th Yrs. to all
Enterprise students)**

If ever you look, for a
6th yr. biscuit sponsor
Make sure you approach,
the Muppets **COOKIE** Monster
Securing a deal, we know would be
tricky
But we munch in the thousands

all assortments of biccies,
We know that we have
a serious addiction
For Ms White and Lambert
It's a terrible affliction
Keeping biscuits supplied
for the Common room and Kitchen!

(The 6th yr. legacy 2014)

Now here is our final,
piece of advice
When you want chocolate biscuits
Be awfully nice
As you knock at the Office,
or at the Reception,
Pretend to *feel faint* –
We know it's deception
But life as a 6th yr. can be quite a
stress
So bring on those biscuits
We'll clean up the mess!

So as I look back at the class of '14
One of the best bunches
that we've ever seen.
It's been such a pleasure
And though you depart
Your memory remains
always etched on my heart

And girls as you leave us today
To you I've just one thing to say-
No matter what sparkles or gold
Along life's glistening path you be-
hold,
In the workplace or campus at uni –
Remember;
The jewel in **your** crown will always
be **CLUNY!**





Debating Round-up



Sixth Year students; Sarah Lynam, Jessica O'Sullivan & Ellen Ashe pictured with Mr J Byrne and Croatian Ambassador to Ireland Jasna Ognjanovac at the Model Council of Europe in Dublin Castle where they represented Croatia.

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Ayo Arogundade who reached the National Finals of the Soroptimists International Public Speaking competition. Ayo's speech was entitled 'Empowering Women: You educate a man, you educate a man. You educate a woman, you educate a generation'.



Megan Ross 6th Year and Kate Doorly 5th Year who won CBC's Great Debate at CBC Monkstown.



The Cluny TY Junk Kouture Fashion Show

One main aspect of the Fashion Design programme in TY is the Cluny Fashion Show and I was delighted to be given the job of one of the co-ordinators. Although it was a lot of work and it had potential to be a bit stressful at times, it was worth it all to be part of such an amazing show on the night. We raised over €1500 for the Make a Wish Foundation and for that alone we are so proud! The most challenging and work filled day was definitely the day of the show. We spent the whole day setting up the hall. We used wallpaper to cover the sides of the stage... we are a green school after all! We then filled the foyer with mood boards and designs, all of the work that led up to the making of the designs. Martin showed his endless patience when helping Megan and I to set up the stage; he heard a lot of "up a bit", "down a bit", "up another bit" when trying to get the curtains into the right place.

Everything ran smoothly from then on in, and I even got to take a selfie with Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD. All of the long weeks of hard work paid off!

It was fantastic to see everyone dressed up and putting on a performance; some people even took on a different personality on the catwalk! (No one's looking at you Emma Duggan) Someone needs to call Tyra, because I think we could potentially have some competitors for Cluny's Next Top Model.



All in all this was an amazing experience and one which has allowed me to gain invaluable experience in events management, leadership, as well as the knowledge and technical practice of Fashion Design and garment construction. The course from start to finish provided us all with various new skills and experiences which we will carry with us into the future!

By Niamh McCarthy,
Transition Year.

*We raised over
€1500 for the
Make a Wish
Foundation
and for that
alone we are
so proud!*



**Especially
designed
Invitations &
Tickets**



**Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD with Model
Niamh McCarthy**

Spanish Trip—The Port House



I'm not exaggerating when I say that everyone's eyes lit up around the table when they were placed in front of us.

En miércoles 26 de marzo, mi clase de Español fuimos a la "Port House" Dundrum. To explain "en inglés" for the non Spanish speakers, on Wednesday 26 March,

my Spanish class went to "The Port House" Dundrum. All the employees spoke Spanish so of course it was the perfect time to brush up on our skills, but of course, when you put at least 30 hungry girls in one room, that goes out the window. We had all been given the menu in class beforehand so food was on our minds. We all got 'pa amb tomate' (bruschetta), 'tortilla española' (Spanish omelette), croquettes and calamares' (calamari) to share as a starter. Everyone had different opinions on most of the dishes, but I think the majority were pleasantly surprised at how much they liked the calamari! It's safe to say anyway, that between us we cleared the plates.

Up next was the 'paella con pol-

lo" (chicken paella) and that didn't disappoint either. I think everyone realised that it was a Spanish trip then and tried their best to say a few words, but mostly you heard a few mutters of 'gracias' or 'muy bien' before they tucked into the paella. I think the waiters knew how to deal with a bunch of hungry teenagers too as they didn't wait very long between courses before they brought out the next one. A side of 'patatas bravas' was brought out for everyone to share but they were devoured in seconds. They were the closest things to chips we were going to get, but they were so much better.

Last but not least was the dessert, 'churros con chocolate' (no translation needed). I'm not exaggerating when I say that everyone's eyes lit up around the table when they were placed in front of us. What more can you ask for? Sugar, chocolate and pastry all in one. It's a girl's dream!

After going to the 'Port House' I think, and it's safe to say that everyone who went agrees with me, that the Spanish sure do know how to eat.

By Chloe Langan



Chicken Paella



Venture Trip—Glendalough



On May third and fourth, the girls who took part in the Bronze Gaisce award went to Glendalough to complete the 25km hike to finish off their Gaisce. We arrived at the hostel at 12 and put our bags in a separate room rather than scrambling over bedrooms immediately. We had about fifteen minutes to go to the bathroom and put on insect repellent before we set off on our imminent death.

The start of the walk on Saturday was probably the worst part of the whole weekend. It was an extremely steep, zig-zagging, rocky incline that, while you were walking it, felt as if there was no end to the torture. When we got to the top (finally) we stopped for our lunch. You know when you're at the beach and you decide to eat, how everything tastes like the best thing you've ever put in your mouth? Well lunch that day was like that only better! Niamh and I had taken upon us to ask each other every 20 minutes or so what our favourite memory was. For most of the hike, our answer was "lunch" or "THAT CAPRI SUN!" When we had the Capri-Suns, it was the mixture of sugary goodness,

extreme dehydration (from the fact we were all scared stiff of having to pee in the woods) and exhaustion that made it taste like heaven.

We moved onto another incline, not even half as bad as the last, fully energised and ready to brave whatever nature threw at us. The further up we climbed, the worse the weather. There was this spitty rain, what felt like gale force winds, thick fog and humidity that made everyone's hair into a bush. Nightmare! Ms Wolahan took us off the main downhill climb and brought us a different route that included another steep incline; at least this one wasn't rocky! We walked a bit farther on and then we got the worst news. We'd have to turn around and go back the way we came because it was too foggy. All of that for nothing! Everyone was fairly miffed about this and we were so sure that we wouldn't have to do as much the next day due to that turn around.

After a few scares of people falling off the beams, nearly to their imminent deaths, we got to the stairs. That's the best word to describe them. The stairs, it was like a set of 500 steps downwards. I thought going upstairs was bad, try walking down 500 after a 5 hour hike with sore and tired legs. By the time I got to the bottom I nearly cried with relief. We were standing around waiting for the others so that we could re-group, and as we were standing there my legs were shaking like crazy from walk-



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ing down all the steps. It gave me an excuse to eat A LOT of M&Ms though.

When we got back to the hostel, everyone scrambled to get a room with their friends. In the end, it didn't matter who you were in your room with. Everyone mingled and went into each other's rooms all night chatting, playing and dancing. Even Ms Wolahan joined in and showed us her best dance moves! We sat around telling scary stories and getting to know each other better as a year group. Even though we all bonded, it wasn't the smartest of plans. We had needed to rest and recuperate for our walk the next day. I think the most sleep anyone got was about 6 hours...this meant basically sleepwalking the rest of the hike.

The second day, once again started off worse than the rest of it. We had to walk up a really steep hill and then immediately down an even steeper one. It was then plain sailing for the rest of the hike. It was flat land. There were plenty of places for cute pictures but I was with Míona and we just wanted to finish the hike as quick as possible. Again we sat down for lunch for an hour and everyone was chatting. Lunch that day wasn't as great as the first. I find that if I continue to walk I don't feel the pain of blisters or muscle pain. After sitting down for so long, I noticed the blisters on the bottom of my feet and my ankle was killing me.

The best way to describe my journey back to the hostel was a limp. I limped along and we took a short cut back that took about ten minutes. There was a picture opportunity to good to miss. The round tower at Glendalough was perfectly visible through a gap so I got Niamh to stand in front of it and do the Leaning Tower of Pisa pose. We had about ten seconds to line it up before the group left us behind. I'm actually pretty proud of how it turned out in the end.



There were whoops and cheers when we arrived back at the hostel for the last time! We packed up all our things and got on the bus. Funny enough some of the biggest drama of the weekend happened on the bus in the Glendalough car park. The bus couldn't turn a corner because of where someone had parked. We really saw how nice people can be. About five men, including the bus driver, came over to help. They ended up lifting the car and moving it slightly so that the bus could get through. Everyone was clapping and cheer-

Glendalough Venture continued

ing but alas the drama wasn't over. We couldn't get to the exit because there wasn't enough space. The same guys came over to help and directed the bus driver to reverse and go around a different way. Once we got out there was more clapping and sighs of relief after getting out of that car park after a good twenty minutes.

When we arrived back at the school, one thought crossed my mind. I need to sleep. And that I did. For the rest of the day until dinner I slept and once I had eaten I went to bed for the rest of the

night. It's safe to say that the Gaisce hike took a lot out of me. X Chloe Langan



“Oh Dough”

In Transition Year we completed a Home Economics module approximately 8 weeks. For this module, one of the tasks we had was to come up with a small food business idea. After researching different types of baked goods we came across a recipe for Nutella Lava Cookie Cups which caught our attention immediately!! After choosing to make these we had to come up with an idea for our company name. The name we settled on was “Oh Dough” which we thought was very original! As part of the task we also had to work out the cost price and the selling price, ensuring we would make a profit. We had a few doubts about whether or not our cookie cups would turn out well, but we were happy to say they tasted amazing. Everyone was looking for a bit and by the time we arrived home, all of our Nutella lava Cookie Cups were gone.

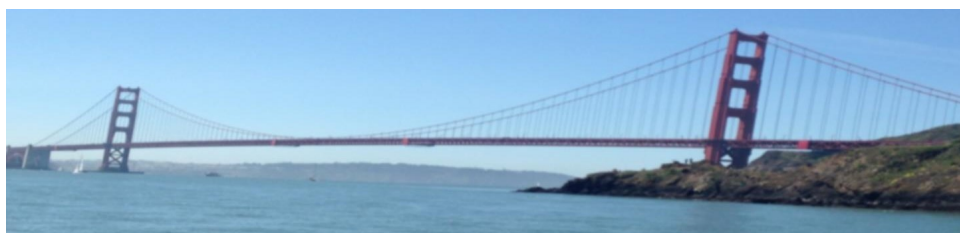
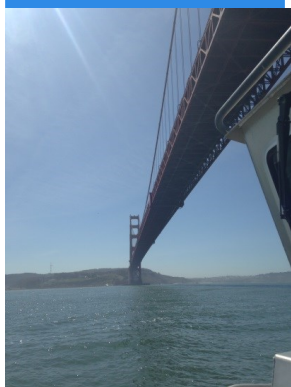
Since then we have shared our recipe with others and our cookie cups have been made on numerous occasions. The rest of the class came up with other great sweet and savoury ideas. Mini burgers, chocolate biscuit cupcakes and brownies are some of the examples. We all loved creating our own food business ideas and who knows, maybe one day one of us will become a successful entrepreneur!

Aislinn Brennan 4C and Emma Duggan 4L

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I had an amazing opportunity in TY; a chance most other sixteen year olds don't get. I spent a week on work experience with the Sausalito Police Department in San Francisco, just on the other side of the Golden Gate Bridge. How did I secure this work experience you may ask? My mum is childhood friends with the now Chief of Police, Chief Jennifer Tejada. She's also the only female chief in the state of California. We organised this in a rather spontaneous way, only booking it roughly two weeks before I was supposed to fly out. I would just like to point out that I would be flying alone; so to clarify, a sixteen year old, with quite a soft disposition, would be flying for eleven hours in a big metal bird over the Atlantic Ocean and the North American Continent, by herself. If that wasn't enough to strike the fear into my heart I don't know what is. This was also precisely one week after the Malaysia Airlines flight MH370's disappearing act. However, I had high hopes.

When I got to the airport, my mother slightly more emotional than I, I checked in my bag and headed to security. After removing my shoes (then putting them back on; apparently I wasn't supposed to take them off), digging out enough loose change from my pock-

ets to fill a Trocaire box, and removing "all electrical items including iPads, laptops and kindles" from my bag, I headed to emigration, cool, calm and collected.

Emigration was a lot smoother than expected; I suppose I didn't exactly look like a threat to homeland security, with my tracksuit bottoms and ponytail. The only thing left to do was wait to board. When I finally got on the plane after some Ryanair-esque delays, I sat down (with really no other option) to watch some of the latest blockbusters. After three hours into an almost Oscar-winning performance by Leonardo Di Caprio in the Wolf of Wall Street, I was woken from my airplane-induced stupor by a woman who wanted me to take a picture of her with her slumbering boyfriend. I then began to chat to the woman and her then conscious partner, who were actually very friendly. She even offered to buy me some pringles. I had faith from then on the remaining eight hours would be fine.

When I got off the plane, I knew I wouldn't be collected by Jen, she was in a meeting, but some of her colleagues would be giving me a lift to the hotel where the meeting was on. By "colleagues" she meant a little woman with bright red lipstick and a seven foot tall black

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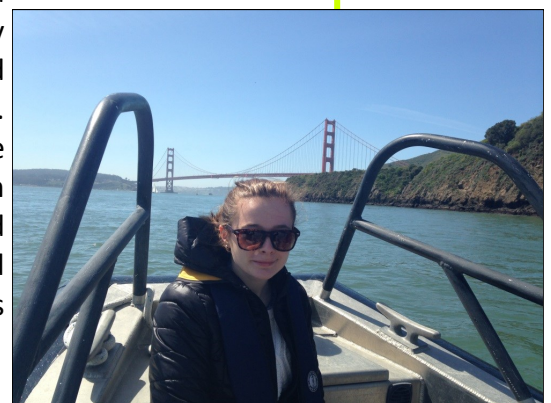
man, both in full police uniform. As I walked over to them, the couple from the plane looked shocked, confused and slightly concerned. In fairness, I never exactly explained the nature of my trip to the couple, so I probably looked more like a mini drug mule being intercepted rather than a pale Irish intern. I continued to baggage claim with my new buddies, and then they gave me a lift into the city in an unmarked diplomatic police car. They both turned out to be really nice, asking me what movies I watched on the plane, the weather at home, and what the gun laws were in Ireland; when I told them there were no guns, they just looked at each other with a look of utter disbelief.

I finally met Jennifer at the hotel in Battery Street. I had never met her before, but I had talked to her on the phone, and I had met up with her daughter who is also sixteen and is in school in Wexford this year for TY. We then went for dinner with the rest of her family, her husband Eric (also a police officer; a lieutenant with the UC Berkeley Police) and thirteen year old son, Tighe. Their house is in an area called Orinda, which is about an hour from San Francisco. They welcomed me like I was their own, and I can't thank them enough for that.

The first day, I was a bit groggy; shows what an eleven hour flight and eight hours' time difference will do to a person. So naturally, Tighe insisted that what I really needed was to go to Six Flags Theme Park. A day of riding some of the biggest rollercoasters in America is now my own signature quick-fix for jet lag. The day after, I was on normal time, and ready to start my internship.

Day 1: My first day was a trip on the Sausalito Police Boat. They have a large house boat community in Sausalito so it needs to be policed. Joining us on the excursion was Chief Mike from Oregon Police Department and his wife Cindy. Cindy was very curious about Ireland, and spent the whole trip asking me questions, beginning with, "so, is it safe now to travel in Ireland?" to finishing, with me giving a brief history of time from the Plantations to the Civil War (thanks Ms. Doyle, I remembered everything!). The boat took us out under the Golden Gate Bridge, so I saw a rare view from beneath the bridge. I was then told by Jen, with a completely serious face, "at least there are no jumpers today, because this is the boat that's used to collect the bodies." I then asked, slightly aghast, how often people commit suicide off the Golden Gate, trying to judge the probability of it happening. "Oh, only three to five times a week." I was left slightly unsettled as we sailed away from the bridge. We sailed around the Bay, from the Golden Gate, to Angel Island and on to Tiburon, and then back to the docks at Sausalito.

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Day 2: The second day I spent at the San Francisco Police Academy. Ready in my navy slacks and white polo t-shirt, I went with a sergeant who also had never been there. He told me to call him Tom, and we got along really well. As we drove to the academy, we talked about the differences in school, the difference in native and exported avocados and other random things. I had the conversation about school with almost all of the officers, and they were all shocked to learn how early students have to make their decisions that can affect college and their career. Tom explained that in the US, you get into college on a general entry level, and then you pick your course on a first-come first-serve basis. He also explained how most students change their major at least three times, and all of the work you have already done still counts towards your degree. I also learned that the American equivalent of the Leaving Cert is all multiple choice questions... sounds like US students have a pretty good deal! However this conversation also side tracked us and I ended up having to Google Maps the Police Academy on his phone...

When we finally got to the Academy, we went into some of the classes, where all of the students have to stand to attention. It basically felt like I was being shouted at by thirty people in each class. We also saw the driving simulator, the gym, and a virtual reality room

that teaches the trainees how to react in stressful situations; basically like an extreme version of a Nintendo Wii. The captain of the academy also explained that before they can graduate, each officer is sprayed in the face with pepper spray to know how it feels if they spray someone else. He also added that their pepper spray was only intensified by water, so there is no relief available for the pain. It was a surreal experience, and it shows how tough the training is to become a police officer.

Day 3: For the third day I was in a patrol car for most of it. I was with Officer Matt, who was hilarious, and basically had me laughing for a good four hours. We compared cultures; simple things like how we use the metric system, but strangely not when weighing newborn babies (why do we do that?) and how most people know how to speak Irish, but just choose not to. I also tried to explain "An Triail", the leaving cert drama studied by Irish higher level students. Needless to say he was speechless when I explained the plot. (For those of you who have-



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n't read it, keep it that way; you're better off) Then we tried to catch people speeding using a radar gun. Now, in Ireland, we have a ha-

tred of all things speed camera related, and rightly so, but you will never know the feeling of satisfaction of catching someone who is speeding. I sound completely evil saying it, but it's a feeling I can't even describe. They should bring it in as a team building exercise for students and office workers. I also saw someone get arrested for trying to lodge a counterfeit cheque for \$1400 dollars. When Officer Matt got back to the car, he asked me what year I was born in. "'97", I replied, slightly confused. "That guy was born in '95, like seriously; they're getting younger every time." After another hour or so of patrolling, we went back to the police department.

Day 4: Day four I spent with Zaneta and Charlene in the property and evidence room. This was one of my favourite days in the police department. First thing we did was go for tea; as they said tea is absolutely necessary to work the best we can. So a teapot of peppermint tea later, the day started. They explained the most important thing about evidence is the chain of custody. Each thing must be accounted for at all times. Each piece of evidence must be, literally,

signed, sealed and delivered. Every piece of evidence must either have a tag or be in an envelope with the red evidence tape like you see in CSI. The room can't be left unattended; if Charlene or Zaneta weren't in the room the door was locked. The room was full of shelves, every shelf labelled and filled with evidence. There was also a fridge, a drug locker and a gun locker. I asked Zaneta what the weirdest thing they had in there was, and she said "I think we have a foetus in here somewhere." There were guns, bloody knives, paintings, backpacks, money; everything you could think of, Zaneta had it. We had to go on an evidence run during to the Department of Justice DNA Crime Lab around noon. It was a latex glove from a robbery that had to be processed by the analysts there. Now as we got closer to Point Richmond, where the DNA lab was, Charlene told me that it was the old Pixar building, where they made Toy Story and Bugs Life. I, a die-hard Disney fan, had a little moment in the car, and they took my picture at the famous arch. I was never so excited to have my picture taken. I suppose you could say it was a small lapse in my steadfast maturity I had shown up to then. When we dropped off the evidence, it was around lunchtime, so we headed to get some food. As it turned out, Charlene and Zaneta had a friend who worked as a police officer in Marin County, just the next jurisdiction over, who was from Tulamore. So they got

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Officer Sean on the phone, and he met us for lunch. I think we were both equally delighted to be able to talk in language like “craic” and “banter” and “ah sure it’s grand, isn’t it?” He then bought us all ice-cream and we had the “chats”. Charlene and Zaneta confessed afterwards that they struggled on a good day to understand Sean, but when I was there, they had no idea what we were on about. Sean then explained how his wife and his two five year olds still lived in Ireland, and he travelled back every two weeks to see them. He said the reason was that the schools in Ireland are a lot better, but “it gives me a long commute!” You could say that again! We then tried to teach the girls a cúpla focail, but to no avail, I’m afraid, they sort of massacred the “conas a tá tú?” I was hoping for. That was one of my favourite days of the whole trip, and Charlene and Zaneta both looked after me really well. This day was also the day the shifts changed in the week, so all of the officers would be off for the

next couple of days, and it was my last day with Tom, Matt and the other officers I had been with. As a sort of going away present, and as it now seemed all I ever talked about with them was food, they ordered in loads of American food for me to try. This was really sweet, an appar-

ently they don’t do this for just any old intern. They got Thai, Indian, sushi, and the pinnacle of American cuisine according to them: In N Out Burger. I would also just like to point out that the guys collected these burgers from two counties over, and if you cross a county border in a marked police car, it’s illegal; just saying. I felt very loved.

Day 5: On day five, I went out in another police car on patrol again. We stopped a guy on a bike for running a red light, which I found quite funny, but is a huge problem in Sausalito apparently. Then the man who got stopped actually lied about who he was; I was tempted to give him a shovel, because all he was doing was digging himself deeper. About an hour later, a “code 3” was called: armed robbery. Basically, I got left on the side of the road (health and safety?) and had to walk back to the station. It was actually a nice day, so I didn’t mind the walk, but everyone was surprised when I arrived back at the station by myself! The rest of the day I spent with the VIPs (volunteers in police work). The VIPs are mainly elderly locals who volunteer a lot of their time to the community. I was with two lovely ladies for the day (one of them drove the VIP SUV) and we went around to people’s houses who were away on holiday, just to check everything was ok. It was a fantastic day. This service is free in Sausalito and anyone in the community can sign up for it. Sausalito is a very affluent area, to put it



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lightly, so we got to drive around the hills on a sunny day, checking out these massive homes with views of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge. The house jealousy was almost unbearable.

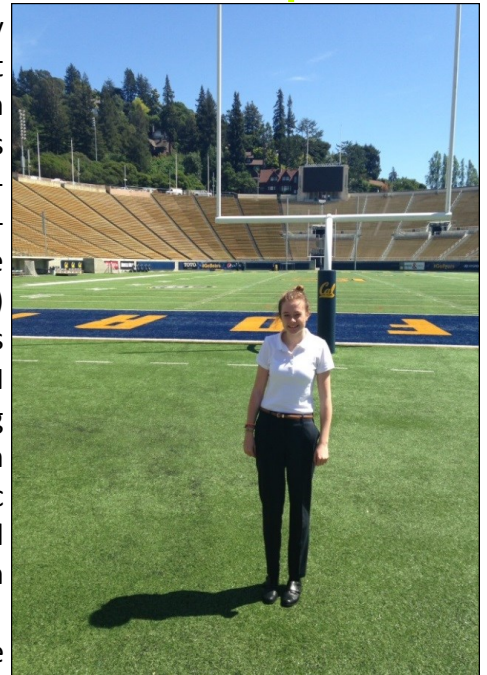
Day 6: The first half of the sixth day I spent in Aoife's (Jen's daughter) school, Miramonte High School, Orinda. Now, in a world where a good percentage of the movies I'm surrounded by take place in the typical American High School, I was hoping to quickly disprove all of the stereotypes in these schools. However, it was not so easily done, as the first person I met outside of Aoife's main circle of friends was Forrest, the head of the gay/straight alliance, who subsequently asked me where I bought my shirt, because it was "super cute". Don't take this the wrong way, I have no problem whatsoever with gay people, I never have, but growing up in an all-girls school in a sheltered community, I found this quite funny. The stereotypes were there, and clear as day. They had the sports teams on a pedestal, there were obvious cliques and the teachers were very funny and engaging, very Dead Poet's Society-esque. One thing I revelled in was that most people didn't like the cheerleaders; they thought the outfits were degrading and the girls on it were not the so-called "queen-bees" of the school. Faith has been restored in humanity at last.

The second half of the day I spent with Eric (Jen's husband) in his department, which is located smack-bang in the centre of the UC Berkeley Campus. This was a very different department, and it was a lot bigger. The people there were also a completely different demographic. Sausalito was a mainly elderly, wealthy community; Berkeley is full of insane

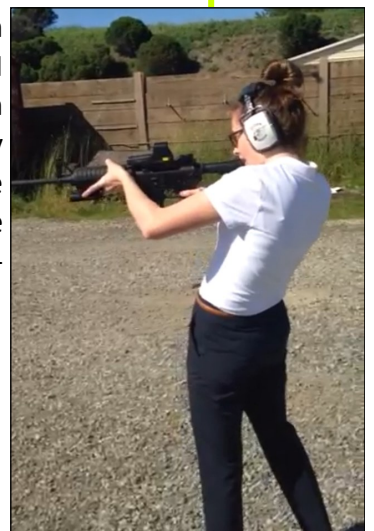
college kids living away from home for the first time. One road down from the police station consists of just sororities and fraternities. I visited the American Football Stadium, The Sather Tower (campanile) and a lot of the campus grounds. The same day, I went with Eric to a shooting range, where I shot ten rounds of a semi-automatic assault rifle... People should be careful crossing me from now on!

Last Day: On the day of my flight home, I visited the main San Francisco Police Department in the middle of the city. This department also contains the courts and was bigger than Berkeley again. We were brought on a tour by Sue Lavin, an Irish woman who was a lieutenant in the department. She showed us the whole building, including the chief's office and courts, and even the drunk tank, and then the chief's assistant even gave us some free "swag", including a teddy bear with the department logo on it. Who am I to say no to free stuff? I graciously accepted it of course. Unfortunately, I then had to rush away to catch my flight home. I really enjoyed my internship with the police and it really opened my eyes to the inner workings of the police force. One thing I will leave you with: don't believe everything you see on CSI.

By Niamh McCarthy



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Green Schools News



**Neat Streets
Certificate
Presentation at
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**Kilbogget
Clean Up**

It has been an extremely busy year for Green Schools as preparations are well underway in our quest to receive our sixth green flag. The theme of this flag is Global Citizenship -

Litter and Waste and there have been a number of initiatives taking place over the last few months in promoting this theme around the school.

Numeracy Week

Green Schools ran two environmental quizzes in conjunction with numeracy week in Cluny. Transition Year students Aislinn Brennan and Chloe Langan designed a typical teenage bedroom and displayed it in the library. The challenge was to figure out the cost of leaving all of our essential appliances plugged in (hair straighteners included of course!)

Another quiz was displayed on the Green Schools notice board. Based on the findings of our recently conducted literary review, students had to figure out what percentage of Cluny families buy local produce. Congratulations to Cliona Relis and Ellen O'Hagan for cracking that one!

Green Schools Garden

Since springtime our fifth year members have been tidying and trimming some of the plants in the Green Schools garden. The garden has also been extended and Spring and Summer plants have been be

introduced. The plants were carefully chosen in order to attract butterflies and bees.

No Trash Thursday

This year Green Schools organised two 'No Trash Thursdays', with more to follow next year. The aim is to encourage students to bring a waste-free lunch on a Thursday. A waste-free lunch is one that contains packaging that is recyclable or reusable. No cling film or crisp packets allowed! The sixth year members of Green Schools took on the unenviable task of monitoring who brought a waste-free lunch and who didn't. All participants received a merit for their efforts.

The results of 'No Trash Thursday' were astounding. Instead of the three large bin-fulls of waste that are sent to landfill on an average week we had two and a half. That's a reduction of 16%! We hope to continue to increase this percentage next year.

Cluny Clean Up

Our annual clean-up took place in Kilbogget Park on 13 April.



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Showing her true colours!
Cluny's 5th Green Flag Awarded 2013
Mrs Deirdre Smith

Many thanks to the 29 students who didn't shy away from getting their hands dirty and helped out!

Neat Streets Presentation

Cluny Green Schools were honoured for their hard work this year at a *Neat Streets* presentation in Croke Park on 8 May. Second year students Emily Rafferty-Doyle, Rebecca Byrne, Isabel Moulton and Labhaoise McKenzie very bravely made a presentation to a packed conference room in show-casing the work that green Schools has done all year. They met with Minister of State Fergus O'Dowd who presented them with a

certificate and were also treated to a sit down dinner in Croke Park overlooking a view of the city.

Farewell Ms. Smith!!

Finally, Cluny Green Schools bids a sad farewell to Ms. Smith at the end of this term. Ms Smith has been the co-ordinator of and driving force behind Green Schools for a number of years and it is safe to say that had it not been for her hard work and dedication there would be no green flags and no Green Schools at all. Thank you Ms. Smith for everything, Green Schools will miss you!

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¡El Concurso Español!

¡Hola! Back in March ourselves, Jemma Matthews and Shauna Rogerson took part in an intensive Spanish quiz. We were competing against many other secondary schools. The quiz took place in Rathdown School. It consisted of pictures of famous Spanish buildings, music, sport and general knowledge of España. We went in prepared but unfortunately we didn't win. Overall we had a great evening, the atmosphere was very exciting. We had a great laugh and we enjoyed participating.

¡Era fantástico y lo pasamos bomba!

¡Hasta la vista!

Kelly Livingston & Loredana Macaria



Shauna Rogerson, Jemma Matthews, Kelly Livingston & Loredana Macaria.

Third Yr Trip to Kilmainham Gaol



On Tuesday the 29th of April, all Third Year pupils went on a fantastic trip to Kilmainham Gaol. Earlier in the year we had learned all about the 1914 Home Rule Crisis, the 1913 Lockout and the Easter Rising so it was a great opportunity to see the place that homes so much of this history.

and Padraig Pearse. We all found it particularly moving to hear about the story of Joseph Plunkett and Grace Gilford again, and it was very touching to see the chapel where they were married.

We found it particularly interesting when we learned that Eamonn DeValera was a prisoner of the Goal during the Rising but was then the President of Ireland when the Gaol was restored and renovated. He attended the official opening when it was reopened to the public.

We were then brought out to the stonebreaker's yard. This was the area when rebels from the 1916 Rising were executed. Following that, we entered into the Museum where we could explore the letters and artefacts of so many people that were imprisoned at Kilmainham. The scrapbook of Grace Gilford's wedding to Padraig Pearse was a very popular attraction!

We had a great trip to the Goal and we would like to thank all of our history teachers for the great ex-

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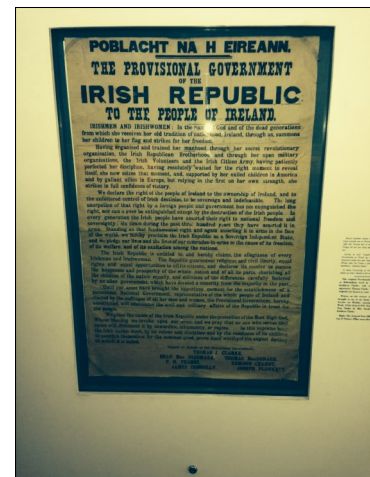
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When we arrived at the Goal, we were first shown a short DVD which gave the history of the Goal. We learned about why it was built and all about the prison conditions. It was hoped that Gaol would help to reform prisoners and prepare them for life after the prison. The main part of the goal that we associate with so many movies was built so that it draws the person's eye to the sky and to God. It was hoped, as a result that prisoners would think about making positive changes in their lives.

We got to see the cells of so many famous Irish leaders such as Eamonn De Valera, Joseph Plunkett



Inside
Kilmainham



First Years Trip to Dalkey Castle



A Time Before Demerits!!

On Thursday the 8th of May all First Years went on a trip to visit Dalkey Castle. Although we were not blessed with sunshine on the day, it was a great time of the year to go because we had just finished learning about the Medieval Ages in history.

We walked down in separate groups, accompanied by Ms. Doyle, Ms. Stout, Ms. Keenan and Ms. Dillon. When we arrived we were shown a short DVD on the history of Dalkey Castle. We learned about Dalkey Castle being a store house for goods that were imported to Dublin during the Medieval Ages.

Next our tour guides brought us for a tour around the castle. We first met the Lady of the Castle and she told us all about the feast she was holding that night. She also told us about the work of a doctor in medieval times. We found it especially interesting when she told us about the work of a barber and doctor being combined. We also got to find out where the red and white colour as-

sociated with a barber comes from. During medieval times, the barber would use a white cloth when shaving and tending to his clients. If the cloth became blood stained it was hung outside to dry, as a result the residents knew the barber was at the village and could avail of the service!

Next we met the cook of the castle. We learned about medieval food and the preparations that were taking place for the feast. She even brought us up to the battlements where we got a great view of Dalkey. Following this we went to the graveyard and we met the archer. He told us that it was his role to protect the castle.

We had a great day at the castle, we learned about all the famous people who have come from Dalkey and about all the beautiful things people around the world have said about it. There was a new interactive timeline that we could explore and find out more information about the history of Dalkey. Some of us even got to try our heads in the stocks and to make medieval coins!

It was a great day out and we enjoyed getting to learn about the medieval ages by experiencing a few hours in the castle.

Thanks to all the teachers who organised the trip and accompanied us.

We learned about Dalkey Castle being a store house for goods that were imported to Dublin during the Medieval Ages.



Medieval Coin Making

Silver Gaisce Hike 2014



5th Year Silver
Gaisce Group

There was a huge queue for the showers but on the plus side we had free wifi!

Irish Soldiers take time out of their training to pose for photo with Cluny girls. Thanks chaps it made their day!

During our Easter holidays 23 of us Fifth Years set on our way to walk at east 50 km over 3 consecutive days. We all met at Marley Park and started out on our hike. We stopped a few times for quick water breaks and to wait for the people who got lost (which was actually myself, Hannah and Ashley- sorry guys) We continued for what felt

like hours and hours to Knockree where we were all delighted to reach the hostel. There was a huge queue for the showers but on the plus side we had free wifi! We had a lovely dinner consisting of chicken curry and naan bread cooked by a few of our girls. After dinner some of us played many competitive card games while others played tip the can.

The next day we were down to 21 girls as Amber was doing bronze and Hannah was unfortunately injured. We walked from Knockree

hostel to Powerscourt where we took in the beautiful views of Powerscourt waterfall and had many photo opportunities. We also met some army men on the way as they were training and got a photo together. I know the girls will agree with me that when it came to the part where it seemed like we were actually rock climbing was the one part that a lot of us could just not hack. On the bright side when we arrived back at the hostel there were a few French boys who were easy on the eye. That night we enjoyed spaghetti bolognese and garlic bread which was very tasty. We booked the T.V room in advance and had a feast with all the leftover sweets that we had, which was a lot!

Our final day we walked from our hostel to Sallygap which was our final destination. We arrived to the most beautiful view of mountains and a lake where we sat and looked on for a while. We started seeing cars and that's when we knew we were nearly done. 20

minutes later we were in the carpark ready to go home. With one final group picture we all said our goodbyes. It was a great three days with 23 great girls. Thank you to Ms. Wolahan, Annette and Ms. Dillon for coming along too. Rebekah Butler and Hannah Dempsey 5L



Fifth Year Geography Trip



5th Year at Kippure Estate

On the 10th of April, our Geography class went to Kippure estate to conduct our field study. We got the bus from our school. It took an hour to get there. When we arrived we meet are instructor, Stephanie, who talked us through the events of the day. We changed in to our waders and headed down to the river. We were very fortunate to have the weather on our side that day, as it made doing the experiments easier. We started off in the lower course of the river, and then conducted our four experiments; these were river velocity, river gradient, river profile and cross section of a river. We then moved to the upper course of the river and carried

out the same four experiments. We each had different jobs during these experiments such as recording the results and using the different equipment to complete them efficiently. We then headed back to the meeting room to firstly have lunch and then Stephanie went through the results and conclusions of the days work. Exhausted, we traipsed on to the bus to go back to school. But overall, it was a very successful and enjoyable field study!

Ellen O'Hagan &
Lucy Carvill



River Gradient



Valley Profile

Sugar & Spice and all things nice

Catherine Murphy in 1Y baked a cupcake for each of her teachers as an end of year thank you - her Home Economics teacher, Ms. Wolohan is suitable proud!

Our kind hearted Caretaker Martin O'Leary was delighted to receive a cupcake from Catherine too.



Flashback Fourth Year Yearbook



**TRANSITION
YEAR**
2013 - 2014

Finished Product

Well done to the fourth year enterprise mini company Flashback on the production of this fabulous yearbook. Flashback comprises of Amber Hayes, Niamh Kavanagh, Lucy Murray, Michaela Wright. The girls worked hard all year and produced this fabulous year book as part of their enterprise class mini company. The year book is very well structured it contains a fabulous array of photos and memories for the 2013-2014 transition year

group. It is also a lovely memory for all the girls and parents and friends and relations of the girls. There are still some copies available. Please email flashback-ltd@hotmail.com if you would like a copy.

*innovative ideas
which
demonstrated
their
entrepreneurial
skills.*

Enterprise All Ireland Final

Pooch Pack group which comprised of Helena McAlinden, Niamh Brennan, Ellen Fortune and Emma Muldowney were chosen from over 250 mini-companies at mini company regional finals throughout Ireland to go forward to the All-Ireland final of the Department of Education fourth year mini company competition. The girls had an all you need pack for

taking your dog for a walk. This pack included an LED collar, a LED lead, a poo bag holder that can hang from the collar and a water tray.

The All-Ireland final this year proved to be extremely successful with students continuing to present innovative ideas which demonstrated their entrepreneurial skills. This project is an excellent opportunity for emerging entrepreneurs to showcase their business ideas and skills developed as a result of participating in Transition Year.

Well done to Pooch Pack on their achievements.



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National Dairy Council Advertising Awards

Congratulations to the Morning Milkettes Group: Fiona Moriarty, Anna Byrne, Emily Kane and The Secret Dairy Agency Group: Victoria Williams Gaine, Emma Maye, Grace Lehane, Rebecca Clarke

Both groups were chosen to go forward to the semi-finals. They were picked from 500 schools to be in the top 50 in the junior category.

Both teams got a down to the last 20 in the country and got a highly commended certificate from the National Dairy Council. Well done to all involved.



Awarded Certificates at Prizegiving

McKinsey Leadership Academy

Fifth Year students from Ireland and the United Kingdom were invited by McKinsey Consulting to apply for a scholarship for a leadership programme they are running in the UK this summer. Ten students from the Fifth Year Business class applied. This involved writing three essays on leadership, personal challenges and future goals. Maeve Rafferty and Ciara McKeown Fifth Year have been accepted out of Fifth Year students from both Ireland and the UK to attend an all-expenses paid two day McKinsey Leadership Academy in Berkshire in the

UK in July. This programme is being run by McKinsey Consultancy who are ranked as the top management consultancy firm in the world. It is an amazing opportunity for the girls and for their CV's. Well done.

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McKinsey&Company

Sports Day & Sports Prizegiving



Our Cluny House Sports day took place on Wednesday 14th May. This annual event involves students from our six Mission Houses competing against each other to win the coveted House Shield. It is usually a very colourful day, with 6th Years in fancy dress and the other students in their house t-shirts.



event, to earn as many points as possible for their House.



This year the format was different to previous years – with more novelty events encouraging more participation among the students. Events included Egg and Spoon Races, Swiss Ball Relays, Sack Races, Volleyball, Tabletennis and Hoolahoop Races. All students were invited to participate in each

Competition was fierce between the Houses (and House Captains) as every last point was sought.

The days events finished with Relays on the hockey pitch as the whole school came down to watch. Results were recorded and when the points were carefully counted Fiji (Captain - Ciara McKe-



Sports Day
May 2014

Sports Day & Sports Prizegiving continued



Annalise Murphy, Olympic sailor with House Captains and Ms. Seymour PE Teacher

own) emerged as the Winners retaining the Shield they won last year.

The awarding of the House Shield and the House Cup were held over until Sports Prizegiving on Wednesday 21st. Sports Prizegiving celebrates the main school sports and acknowledges the players and their achievements. Coaches awards and Most Improved Player in the different Sports and age categories are just some of those awarded.

Some of the more notable recipients this year were Sarah Lynam (Senior Sports Person of the Year). We also wished 6th Year Rachel Doyle (U19 Soccer International) well in her future international career as she leaves Cluny behind. It was also great to have so many 6th years (20) receive a little memento to reward and celebrate their years of participation in hockey in school.

We were delighted to have Annalise Murphy as our guest on the day to present the prizes. Annalise is an Olympic Sailor currently ranked 2nd in the world,

and she proved a very popular guest with the students.

The awarding of the House Cup was the final event of the morning and this goes to the House that wins most points during the year in various school activities – house matches, talent show, fashion show, class quizzes, merits etc. This is always closely contested and this year was no different. Right up to the end, there were very few points between the Houses but when the final score was tallied Ghana were announced as the Winners and Sophie Rhattigan-Walsh House Captain of Ghana accepted the Cup from Annalise.

Ms M Seymour

Sports

Prizegiving

celebrates the

main school

sports and

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the players

and their

achievements



Rachel Doyle U19 Soccer International & Sarah Lynam Senior Sports Person of Year 2014



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Athletics Round-up

This year's Athletic season came immediately after Easter break, it's a time of the year where everything comes together creating some amounts of Stress that we are all trying to get a Grip on with Exams and all the other end of term Stuff J But it has been a successful Athletic season due to the Large amount 1st years & 2nd years coming out to Run, Jump and Throw. Ms. Somers and I have talk about why the Senior side of the school find it difficult to come out and train for Athletics? Exercise is good for you! Its been proven, students who exercise actually do quiet well in the classroom. So why is it that there a significant drop off rate? I think we will have to bring this to the student Council. Congratulations to all the award winners:

- U/17 Coaches Award:
Chloe McDonnell
MIP: Hannah McSweeney
- U/16 Coaches Award:
Anna Byrne
MIP: Ally O'Neill
- U/15 Coaches Award:
Sarah Endersen
MIP: Rebecca Lee
- U/14 Coaches Award:
Louise Collins
MIP: Saiorse Fitzgibbon

Honourable mention for Ailise Allen for her dedication and training while coping with Shin-Splits, which can be very painful. Well done to the following first years: Molly Burke, Anna Walsh, Louise Collins, Caiomhe McManus, Eilis Grant, Emily Mahon, Emily Sheridan, Emma Tinney, Sarah Ender-

sen, Eva O'Mahony, Georgia O'Brien, Hannah Cooney, Jodi Jameson, Katie White, Lucy Gammell, Saoirse Fitzgibbon, Sarah Newport, Sasha Packenham, Amy Devitt, Sophie McDonnell, Doireann Ni Bhrion, Eve Harvey-Graham, Emily Rhattigan-Walsh, Triona Hinkson and Aisling Leahy. And 2nd years Emily Kane, Ana Deevy, Emma O'Sullivan, Maria Kelly, Rebecca Lee, Sophie Flemming, Victoria Williams-Gaine, Anna Byrne, Ally O'Neill, Emma Grehan and Lara Grehan. Please forgive me if anyone was omitted. Thanks Mr. Randolph.

P.S. keep running , do your best and enjoy J Have A Great Summer!!!!!!!



Tony Ward Invitational Athletics Meet



Gruelling Hill start to the Gerard's Mile.

Friday May 9th saw the First and Second Year athletics compete in the Tony Ward Invitational Athletics Meet which is hosted by St. Gerard's School, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Five schools took part this year, Alexandra College, Loreto Abbey Dalkey, Loreto College Foxrock, St. Gerard's, and ourselves.

The sun actually came out for this event, in comparison to the rain and floods at the East Leinster's, but with it came fierce competition from the other schools. The day brought a number of excellent achievements and personal bests, in addition to the fantastic news of our athletes attaining overall **Second Place** in the competition for the third year in a row. The Under 14 team finished **First** in their age group and the Under 15 team finished **Third**.

The girls were victorious in both the track and field events. Most notably five gold medals were won by Caoimhe McManus (U14 Shot Putt), Eve Harvey-Graham (U14 Discus), Ana Deevy (U15 Discus), Eilís Grant (U14 Javelin) and Lucy Gammell (U14 High Jump). However, the bright talent did not stop there, as Lara Grehan won a silver medal in the U15 200m, and seven bronze medals were earned by Sarah Enderson (U14 80m), Emma Grehan (U15 400m), Ally

O'Neill (U15 800m), Triona Hinkson (U15 Shot Putt), Sophie McDonnell (U14 Long Jump), Emily Mahon (U15 Long Jump), and Rebecca Lee (U15 High Jump)

To finish off the day, each participant from all the schools must take part in the gruelling 'Gerard's Mile' which sees the girls run a cross country course across the school grounds. Outstanding performances were seen with six athletes finishing in the top twenty, and two athletes – Caoimhe McManus and Ally O'Neill finishing in the top ten.

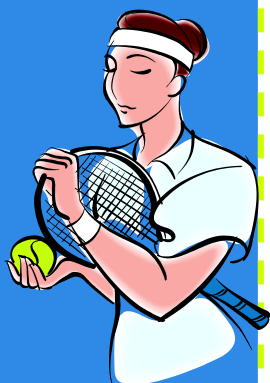
Ultimately, a fantastic day out demonstrating great athletic ability amongst the Cluny girls, leaving us all hoping for similar successes next year.

Ms B. Somers

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A well deserved second place for the Cluny Athletes



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Tennis

This year we had three tennis teams competing in Leinster Leagues – one Senior team and two Minor teams. Matches at this time of the year are fast and furious, with many happening in quick succession due to the short term after Easter.

This did not hamper our Seniors who defeated all before them to become Leinster Champions. With a well balanced team combining three third years and three fifth years, they won their matches against Holy Child Killiney, Loreto Foxrock, Mount Sackville, Kings Hospital and Loreto Stephens Green to qualify for the final against Loreto Dalkey on Finals day - Monday 19th May in Lansdowne Tennis Club.

Matches consist of three doubles. Catherine Moore (Captain) alongside her sister and partner Eleanor led the way. Sarah Hamill and Laura Flanagan won their match in a very close encounter, while the third pair of Maeve Rafferty and Aileen McGrath were also victori-

ous, resulting in a 3-0 defeat of Dalkey. Well done girls!

Our two Minor teams also competed well – these teams involved 1st years and 2nd years. The As found the opposition from Wesley College, Loreto Balbriggan and Alexandra College a little too strong, while the Bs narrowly failed to qualify having lost 3-0 to Loreto Foxrock following good displays against Holy Child Killiney and Kings Hospital.

Well done to all those who came out to practice. We had a range of players - from those in clubs to those picking up rackets for the first time, and hopefully all players will continue to play during the summer holidays.

Thanks to Sandycove Tennis Club for facilitating us when playing our home matches. Ms M Seymour



Invitation from Dublin Raiders Basketball Club and the Cluny

Connection!

Dublin Raiders is a Local Club that was started by Mr. Randolph & Mr. Peter Burke along with some Parents who had their daughters in St. Joseph of Cluny back in the early 90's. The Club is now almost twenty years. Old and still going!! Ninety percent of the club is and has always consisted of students from Cluny. It has rewarded those students with extra playing time and travel throughout the Country. Even a trip to the U.S. to play against American High Schools in New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts.

The Club had teams last year at U/18, U/17, U/16 and U15 competing in the Dublin Ladies Board Basketball Leagues.

Next year the Club will be losing some of its older teams, so we will be inviting any of our present First Years and in coming First Years to try out for a club U/14 & U/15 teams next year. Information can be found on the Dublin Raiders Basketball Club web-site, facebook and twitter. Also anyone interested can contact Mr. Randolph. Dublin Raiders Basketball Club "Be All You Can Be And More, Believe, Keep the Faith And Hard Work!"

Swimming Update



**Ian Daly's Swim a Mile
with a Smile Challenge**

The swim club had over forty students participating in it this year. It is the third year of this newly founded club and was, by far, the most successful. Students worked hard at developing their stroke efficiency, improving their fitness and at achieving their physical recreation challenge as part of their An Gaisce Award.

The main events of the year included the Ian Daly's Swim a Mile with a Smile Challenge, which was held in the National Aquatic Centre in April, and also the Leinster Schools Confined Championships. This was the first year we participated in this Leinster event and all the girls hard work was rewarded when we came home with a total of 17 medals as well as a large number of personal best times. I would like to congratulate the girls again on their amazing achievements this year and hopefully next year will bring similar successes.

Important Information

The swim club is open to any student, from the non-competitive swimmer whose interests lie in developing fitness and techniques, to the competitive

swimmer enthusiastic about taking part in competitions.

The club trains twice a week on a Monday from 8-9pm and a Thursday from 7-8pm at Castle Park Swim & Sports Academy in Dalkey. Students may attend one session on either day or can choose to attend both sessions. The September Term will run for 13 weeks and will start back on Monday September 8th. The club offers training sessions designed for both types of swimmers (see below), in addition the students are given the opportunity to try Aqua Aerobics. Next year we hope to introduce life-saving and the chance to complete your life-saving qualification too

The competitive swimmer participates in lane training sessions which focus on refining techniques, including stroke techniques, starts, turns, aerobic and anaerobic fitness

The non-competitive swimmer par takes in lane training sessions specifically designed to develop stroke technique, strength and fitness level

If you think you would like to enrol in this exciting club for the September term, or to find out more information, please register your interest with Ms. Somers at somers.ms@gmail.com.

Have a great summer!

Ms B. Somers



Leinster Schools Confined Championships

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2nd Year Basketball Captain's Report



As captain of the Second Year Basketball B team, I would like to let you all know how the team has been doing this year. Our team has five dedicated players who turned up every Monday for training: Wardah Ahmad, Sophie Fleming, Gabrielle Pert-Curto, Victoria Williams Gaine, Rebecca Lee and Máiréad Martin.

Our team entered the South Dublin League and reached the semi-finals. We were a small team and often had help from First Year teams and the second year A team players for which we are grateful. One match we played this year, we

only had 5 players which meant that we had to play the whole match with no subs and work extra hard. At half time one of the girls had to leave but we carried on playing with only 4 players and we still managed to win and secure a place in the semi-final. We played against Sion Hill for the semi-final. It was a close match and all the girls played really well. Unfortunately we were beaten 12-8.

Hopefully we will have an even better season next year!

Written by Máiréad Martin 2Y.

2nd Year Interior Design Project

Our Home Economics class had to do an interior design project as part of 2nd year. Our task was to design a bedroom for a teenage girl. This bedroom was to be 3D using a shoebox. We visited places such as IKEA, Argos and Next home to get ideas for our room (furniture, colour schemes, lighting, soft furnishing) We also collected samples of paint, wallpaper and carpet from shops such as Woodies. Some of the girls were very creative and used lollipop sticks as wooden floors and towels to give a carpet effect. We used fabric to make the bed linen, pillows, cushions and curtains. Some very clever ideas were used such as tinfoil for mirrors and candle sticks

and mini cupcake cases for lamps. Matchboxes were even used for furniture sometimes. We also included a write up about design principles, colour schemes, lighting, heating, energy efficiency and a floor plan drawn to scale. We think we speak for all of our classmates when we say we really enjoyed making our shoebox and were delighted with the end results!

by Caoilfhionn McGrath 2Y and Laragh Kelly 2X

Shoe Box Bedrooms
Designs



Graduation Mass Introduction—Sarah Lynam Head Girl

Good evening everybody and welcome to our Graduation Mass. The theme for our Graduation ceremony this evening is growth.

The growth to maturity is at times a demanding process which requires the support, guidance and wisdom of family, teachers and friends. The highs and lows, brought about by the demands and challenges which each of us must face and experience as we grow to maturity are what memories are made of. More than ever before, we as young people, must face new and challenging experiences which are quite often aggravated by the intrusion brought about by social media and technology. To me, growth as a person requires the ability to identify and develop coping mechanisms for these pressures and challenges.

Growing older also means growing wiser and grow-

ing wiser means being able to have the determination to take a little time out everyday to calm down and reflect on the simple things of life that quite often pass us by unnoticed. We all need a little bit of inner peace at times of crisis and stress. It is the growth of that coping mechanism that I would like to emphasise as an important part of our Graduation ceremony tonight. It is a skill and a gift in itself, to be able to recognise this Mass as an occasion for each of us to quietly reflect upon and celebrate our own individual identities and talents and be forever grateful for them. It's also an opportunity to say a very sincere thank you for everything that has been done for us by our parents, teachers and friends during our school life, here in St. Joseph of Cluny.

As we begin our Graduation Mass this evening let us consider our new journey through life.

Graduation Mass Communion Reflection —Fiona Deegan Deputy Head Girl

Your life is your masterpiece and every day we paint a new stroke. We hold the brush to this masterpiece but the strokes may not always go our way.

Don't fear this unknown though, embrace it.

Graduation is a time of looking back and remembering all the brush strokes we have already painted, our academic accolades, our sporting achievements, our first confessions, our communions, our confirmations, our growth, but now we should look to the future and dream about what's to come.

Our friendships have grown over the past six years and it's only the beginning. We will look back on these six years in years to come and treasure the memories that we made here in

Cluny, the laughs we shared, the homework we copied and the friends we made.

But cherish these small moments because before you know it your canvas is painted. Life is your masterpiece, go paint it.

We'll remember how we helped each other to grow in faith, in hope and in love. May what we have done in St. Joseph of Cluny be given to many others in our lives.





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5th Years line out for Cluny 5k Charity Run—May 2014

Date for your Diary—20th June 2014

Attention Parents

Second-hand Book and Uniform Sale

Friday 20th June 2014 @ 10a.m. Concert Hall

Format: The School provides the venue for the sale

i.e. Concert Hall, Parents/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).

