

**POBLACHT NA H EIREANN.**  
**THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT**  
**OF THE**  
**IRISH REPUBLIC**  
**TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.**

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her masked through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her own military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty, six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that an arm which serves that cause will distinguish it by its valor and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on behalf of the Provisional Government,  
**THOMAS J. CLARKE,**  
**SEAN MAC DIARMADA,** **THOMAS MACDONAGH,**  
**P. H. PEARSE,** **LADON GRANT,**  
**JAMES CONNOLLY,** **JOSEPH PLUNKETT.**

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF IN-  
TEREST:**

- **Cluney Win Euro Scola — Model European Union**
- **Cyclathon for Malawi fundraiser**
- **Junk Kouture Fashion Show Date announced**

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# St. Joseph of Cluney

## Spring Newsletter 2016

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## Cluney hero Victoria Williams-Gaine meets Florin Popa after her CPR actions save his life.



Ms. Mary White Principal, Survivor Florin Popa who presented flowers to Victoria Williams Gaine TY along side Ms. Mary Feeney from National Rehabilitation Hospital Dun Laoghaire & former Cluney Parent as TY CPR Coordinator and Deputy Principal Ms. Órla Lambert (Read more on Page 17)

## CLUNY COMMEMORATES THE 1916 RISING



Accepting the Tricolor Flag at Croke Park on behalf of St. Joseph of Cluney, Ms. Mary White Principal, Hannah Kissane, Roisin Kelly, Mary Pat Dillon, Ms. Stacy Stout alongside

## From the Principal's Desk: April 2016



Principal Ms. Mary White.

We were very happy in Cluny to have been involved in our own Easter Commemoration of 1916 and we had a special School Assembly for Proclamation Day 15<sup>th</sup> March last

Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring edition of our Cluny Newsletter and we hope in Cluny that you all had a very enjoyable Easter break. The year is moving along very quickly indeed and we find ourselves once again into the month of orals and practical exams commencing the rolling out of the 2016 State exams. How quickly the year comes around however the long term ahead at least gives plenty of revision time for the girls.

Easter was truly a remarkable holiday time this year with all of the wonderful opportunities to mark the events of 1916 in Dublin city. And Dublin looked truly remarkable in the Spring sunshine especially for the very special military parade on O'Connell Street and the wonderful fly over on Easter Monday morning 28<sup>th</sup> March last. We were very happy in Cluny to have been involved in our own Easter Commemoration of 1916 and we had a special **School Assembly for Proclamation Day 15<sup>th</sup> March last.**

Our history students enacted a beautiful and moving ceremony for the whole school on Proclamation Day morning. Our special guests for the occasion included the Cluny sisters, recently re-elected Mary Mitchell O Connor T.D and relatives of the 1916 participants from

the Cluny community – more details of which are included in this edition.

The raising of the national flag, which was central to the ceremony, began with two formal ceremonies over the last 12 months. One ceremony was held in Waterford last March and one in Croke Park in February this year where **Mary Pat Dillon, Hannah Kissane and Roisin Kelly** from Second Year represented the school in receiving the flag from President Higgins on behalf of the school. So there were some special journeys undertaken over the last 12 months by students and teachers that brought us finally to our Proclamation ceremony last month. More on the Assembly shortly.

### Spring Term and a variety of student achievements

Before discussing Proclamation day special mention of some significant student achievements in February.

Firstly congrats are due to a special team of Sixth Years who in their final few months in the school had a very significant win in school debating. On 29 February last 3 Sixth Years ie **Hazel Nolan 6L (Head Girl), Aisling Scully 6L and Chloe Langan 6C won the model Council of the European Union debate in Dublin Castle.** All three girls have excellent public speaking and debating skills and



Proclamation Day 15<sup>th</sup> March our Guests of honor: Cllr Mary Mitchell O'Connor, Deputy Principal Ms. Orla Lambert, Mrs Joanne Brady Connolly, Mrs Mary Plunkett Snr, Mrs Grainne Plunkett Larkin and Ms. White Principal





# From the Principal's Desk continued

have represented the school very well over their years in Cluny, so being part of the winning team on this occasion was no more than each of the three girls deserved. They were representing Greece in this debate and putting the moral case for E.U. support of its immigrant policy. Congrats are due also to their teachers Ms McEvoy and Mr Byrne. The girls have won **a trip to Strasbourg** as part of their prize which they will hopefully enjoy in the early autumn after the LC results. They have indeed set a great standard for students coming after them and we hope they enjoy a lovely trip to the real European Parliament.

Second Year students in 2X and their Tutor Ms McAleer took part in an **all-day Cyclathon for Trocaire ie 'Cycle to Malawi'** on Thursday 25 February last. The girls set up a marquee in Killiney Shopping, used the exercise bikes from the Sports Hall and they committed to a half hour of cycling each to raise money for this special Trocaire cause. A number of students in other Second Year classes helped out



also with the bucket collection in the shopping centre on the day and this great Second Year effort which raised over €1,044 for Trocaire. A number of parents helped out with the cycle and the teaching staff also so it was a great combined effort all round! Special congrats to Ms McAleer for all of her assistance with the organisation and the help given to the girls and to all of you who called by to help support us on the day!

## More team success..

Congrats also to a group of **TY science students who travelled to the University of Limerick** before Easter to participate in an Inquiry Based Science Competition which is linked to the new JC Science Syllabus. This project was undertaken in Universities associated with 12 European countries as part of the Chain Reaction Project 2013-16. With the assistance of Ms Forde and Ms Moloney the girls undertook a research project on water ie somewhat topical at the moment! This was a national competition with the girls competed with students from around the country. The great news was that they achieved **Second Place in the competition** and received great commendation for their work. The school has received a plaque to mark their success. Well done girls!



Another TY team success was in the **Business Enterprise** class. The teams were invited to a Trade Show in Dun Laoghaire to sell their enterprising products ie a superfoods cookbook called 'Cook This Not That' ie TY students **Siobhan Murphy, Grace Lehane, Rebecca Lee and Emily Kane**. Another Enterprising Team devised a power pack to charge phones on the go called 'On Blue Energy' ie **Rebecca Clarke, Mairead Martin and Abby Keogh** and **Rebecca Byrne** came up with a gift for premature babies which also aids their development called 'Baby Bedelia'. After the Dun Laoghaire outing the girls were invited to take part in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Enterprise Awards with Rebecca achieving Third Place with the premature babies pack and the special healthy cookbook achieving a Special Merit Award! Congrats



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## From the Principal's Desk continued



**Edie O'Connor 3X**  
(center standing)  
with her swim team

**Julia Buckley**  
**5N** on her  
success in  
being  
nominated to  
join the Dublin  
**U18 Minor**  
**Football and**  
**Camogie GAA**  
teams.



to all the TY Enterprise students who took part and to their teacher Ms O' Riordan. The girls are now heading into the Regional Finals of the DES TY Awards and we wish them much success.

### Individual Student Achievements

Congrats to our students on their recent achievements including

- **Edie O Connor 3X** who qualified to swim in Olympic Trials in March in Bangor, Co Down. Edie qualified as the youngest girl in her swimming club to be sent for trials and her success comes as you can imagine from a very disciplined training regime including early mornings and a great deal of time devoted to her sport. Congrats to Edie on this achievement.
- **Julia Buckley 5N** on her success in being nominated to join the Dublin U18 Minor Football and Camogie GAA teams. Well done to Julia and congrats also to **Sinead Murphy 5C** who was nominated to the Minor U18 GAA Camogie Team squad. We hope both girls enjoy great success in all their matches.
- Another successful student this month was **Tara Watson 1X** who won first place in her section in the **Texaco Art Competition**. Her winning entry is a most beautiful study of the Hook Head Lighthouse in Wexford and her painting done in acrylic paint will be exhibited in the Hugh Lane Gallery. Congrats also to Tara's teacher Ms McAleer. We are all aware of the high standard of the winning entries for this very prestigious competition, which really does put Tara's win in context. Hopefully we will get an opportunity to display this beautiful piece of Art in its original form in the school at some point.

### Badminton Success

This has indeed been a great year for school Badminton and the team's who are coached by Mrs R Kelly. Cluny had representative teams in all sections of the **Dublin Final** stage of the competition which is a remarkable achievement for any school ie **the U14's, U16's and U19's all reaching Dublin Final stage**. The U14's and U16's won their finals, with the U19's coming second which qualified them for the Leinster Finals.

This was the first time all three teams in their age group reached the Leinster Finals and was a great achievement for the school.

It was also a particularly great achievement for the younger U14 players, with the coach reporting that it was nerves only that prevented the girls from winning the Leinster Finals in their section. All three teams reached Third place on the day. Well done also to our Senior Badminton players for reaching the Leinster Finals in Sixth year and for the girls in giving of their time to show such great leadership in Badminton this year and especial congrats to their very dedicated Coach Mrs Kelly.

### Fifth Year Leadership Day

The **Fifth Year students** had their Leadership Day in March which included a presentation from Ms Clodagh McCarthy of Leadership and Mindfulness Coaching on understanding leadership skills and bringing out the best in ourselves. There were also presentations from members of the Staff on the day and all of the Fifth Year girls will be Sixth Year Buddies next year.

The **Buddy system** introduced a number of years ago into Sixth Year has evolved into a very popular leadership role in the school and is very popular with both Sixth and First year students. It has managed to strengthen the student bonds in the school, assisted First Years to settle in as well as calling on a Sixth



## From the Principal's Desk continued

Year's initiative and skills in assisting other students. With the agreement of the Fifth Years this year we are introducing a number of changes to the Senior Prefect system for next year. There will be less Senior Prefects elected firstly to maintain the proportionality of students who are elected in any given Fifth Year. A guideline of approx 20% of Sixth Years will be elected as Senior Prefects to commence with next year's group to include a Head Girl and a Deputy Head girl, from this year's Fifth Year group.

Due to the success of the Sixth Year Buddy system all of next year's Sixth Years will be assigned as Buddies to the classes in groups ie three Buddies per class. Senior Prefects will have a new set of responsibilities including showing initiative in areas such as Social Justice, Sport and the Arts among other portfolios. We hope that all Sixth Years will benefit and gain positively from these new arrangements to enable all Sixth Year students to develop their leadership skills.

### To return to 1916 remembered...

As I mentioned earlier in this article we had a great line up of events for our **Proclamation Day Assembly** leading up to Easter Week. This very special Assembly opened with Head Girl Hazel and Deputy Head girl Niamh presenting the Irish Flag to Mary Mitchell O Connor as our local representative in the 2016 Dail. Following the National Anthem the background to the Easter Rising 1916 was narrated by Second Year students and the events of Easter Week were narrated by Third Year students. All students who were involved in the historical presentation went to great effort to dress in costumes of the era. Four Fifth Years read out

the 1916 Proclamation and Fifth Year Amber Barry read the New Proclamation for 2016 written by **Heather Watson 4C**.

The role of women in the Rising was not forgotten, including a special profile of Elizabeth O Farrell as

outlined by a student relative of her **Lia Keogh 3W**.

We had some very special readings. The choir performing the 'Foggy Dew' and the beautiful ballad 'Grace' as well as poetry, letters and other narrative pieces.

The relatives who attended included **Mimi Connolly Brady's** (3Y) parents ie Mrs Joan Connolly Brady is the great granddaughter of James Connolly. a signatory of the Proclamation and Commandant of the Irish Citizen Army.

**Ailbhe Larkins** (2X) mother and grandmother ie Mrs Grainne Plunkett Larkin and Mrs Mary Plunkett Snr are relatives of both James Larkin of the 1913 Lockout and Joseph Plunkett a 1916 leader who was executed in Kilmainham Jail. **Jordan Lacy's** (3Y) Dad Mr Nat Lacy- although unable to make our Assembly- is a great grand- nephew of Winifred Kearney member of Cumann na mBan and Secretary to James Connolly who was responsible for typing the Proclamation. It was indeed an extraordinary and historic coming together of living relatives of participants of the Rising.

Sincere thanks to the History teachers for their preparation of the girls ie Ms Connaughton, Ms Stout, Ms Doyle and on the piano Ms Coyle and Mr Leahy.

I reminded the girls about how fortunate we are to have benefitted from the hard won political freedoms of the last 100 years.

i.e "In 1916 we would have been part of the British Empire where our fate as a country was decided for us. How fortunate we are to be alive now 100 years' later and enjoying most of the freedoms that were just a dream for the signatories of the Proclamation, in particular



...Mimi

Connolly

Brady's (3Y)

parents ie Mrs

Joan Connolly

Brady is the

great

granddaughter

of James

Connolly.



## From the Principal's Desk continued



### Musicians

*Harp: Emer Healy O'Reilly*

*Tin whistle: Mary Pat Dillon*

**The expression  
of those  
freedoms was  
voiced in  
Pearse's reading  
of the  
Proclamation ..**

the ultimate political freedom of self-determination.

Young women in 2016 are entitled to vote, to be a member of the Oireachtas, to express their nationality, to claim the national flag, to learn to speak our native language- all rights enshrined in our Constitution. The expression of those freedoms was voiced in Pearse's reading of the Proclamation on that Easter Monday morning April 24<sup>th</sup> 1916 outside the GPO and expressed by the idealism of those who fought that week.

But those freedoms were actually realised by successive Irish governments who came after 1916 who used the democratic process, who stabilised and slowly designed and constructed the strong democracy that we have today in Ireland.

The prayer we will start with this morning is said with awareness that the Easter Rising was a conflict, that there was a loss of life on both sides: that the tragic conflict continued both south and north for many years after the Rising and that the peace in our country has been hard won. May we include in our prayer a thought for all countries and peoples

caught up in conflict presently:

*"Today we recall the Easter Rising of April 1916*

*We gather as brothers and sisters before God*

*We gather as seekers of peace and keeps of peace.*

*We gather mindful that we are still on a journey of healing, inclusion and peace-making*

*We are mindful of the tragic loss of human life and of young lives lost.*

*We are mindful of how violence obscures the path to social justice and conflict resolution*

*Here we look to God, a God of love who looks upon all people and peoples with fairness*

*We celebrate faithfulness to God in difficult times; 'in the darkest hour'*

*Give us strength Lord to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with You."*

M. White April 2016





# The (19) 16 Executions

"The rebels shall be executed"

General Maxwell made this clear  
the word spread out through the city  
the death of the leaders was near

First was Thomas Clarke  
the first to sign the proclamation  
next was Thomas MacDonagh  
pain would be felt throughout the nation

Also on the day of May 3rd  
Patrick Pearse was condemned  
he held a crucifix to his chest  
as he met his brutal end

His brother William followed  
they fought together in the GPO  
rumoured he had condemned himself,  
a very horrible way to go

Poor Joseph Plunkett was next on the list  
in the same day he married his wife  
she was taken away  
and so was his life

Next was Edward Daly  
a good friend of Thomas Clarke  
followed shortly by Michael O Hanrahan  
to heaven they would soon embark

May 5th came along  
today it was John Mac Bride's turn  
an avid member of IRB,  
as he was shot his expression stayed stern

Michael Mallin- chief of staff in the ICA.  
They killed of all his spark  
Con Colbert was next to go  
he was the half way mark

Seán Heuston shot at Kilmainham  
Gaol  
sweat upon his chin,  
Organised Fianna Éireann in Limerick  
Hueston Station was named after him

Éamonn Ceannt- co founder of the IVF  
was due to go.  
Took possession of South County Dublin  
and his fighting spirit did show

We're now onto the 5th of May  
it was the last day for Thomas Kent  
he contributed to 1916  
and so to his execution he was sent

Sean Mac Diarmada was next to face the guns  
although he was afflicted with polio  
he was active in the IRB  
during 1916 he worked hard in the GPO

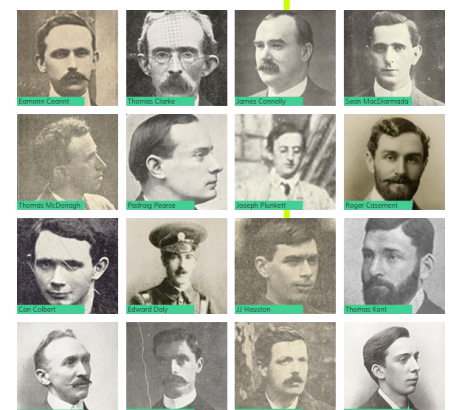
Finally we've reached the end  
James Connelly was the last hair  
killed on the 12th of May  
he was too injured to stand and so was shot in  
his chair

Roger Casement- a whole different story  
he was convicted of high treason  
only leader to be killed outside Ireland  
he was hanged by the end of the season

4th of August- The 16 heroes  
killed,  
slumped among the heather  
the rising may be over  
but it'll live in our hearts forever



*By Isabel  
Moulton*



## Line up of Events for Proclamation Day 15 March 2016



Raising of the  
Irish Flag with  
drum roll from  
Emma  
Dempsey.

- 1 9am Raising of the Irish Flag with drum roll from Emma Dempsey.
- 2 Student body will sing the Irish National Anthem accompanied by piano. The words of the Anthem will be displayed on the large screen.
- 3 Official Welcome from Ms White, followed by a prayer.
- 4 Viewing of YouTube clip comprising a short synopsis of the 1916 Rising.
- 5 The Road of the Rising: The background will be narrated by 2<sup>nd</sup> Year representatives with special mention from Ailbhe Larkin, who is related to Jim Larkin.
- 6 'The Weaver' (Musical interlude)
- 7 The Rising: Events of Easter Week to be narrated by 3<sup>rd</sup> Year representatives. Day 1 will include Hazel Nolan providing a background to the 1916 Proclamation. The Proclamation itself will be displayed on the large screen while four 5<sup>th</sup> Years read out key lines.
- 8 Instrumental 'Oró Sé do Bheath Abhaile'
- 9 The role of women in the Rising will be described by 4<sup>th</sup> Year representatives.  
  
Special emphasis on Elizabeth O' Farrell by relation Lia Kehoe.
- 10 Cluny Choir to perform 'The Foggy Dew'
- 11 1<sup>st</sup> Year representatives will provide an account of the role played by children in the Rising.
- 12 The Executions, with a focus on the seven signatories, will be narrated by 6<sup>th</sup> Year representatives. This section will also include testimonials from students, in costume, related to someone involved in the Rising; and some letters written by the executed in their final hours.
- 13 Niamh McCarthy to read 'The Mother' by Padraig Pearse.
- 14 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Year History classes performing 'Grace' (Wolfstones)





# Line up of events for Proclamation day continued

15 Amber Barry to read the New Proclamation for 2016, written by Heather Watson.

of the main events of the Rising, narrated by Colin Farrell, in the Foyer.

16 Aoife Burke to explain Yeats' 'Easter 1916'. The poem itself to be displayed on the big screen.

In the Library, there will be speakers re-enacting 1916 for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Years and a themed week in April.

17 To conclude with a Reading of the Proclamation by living relatives.

Proclamation Day can also be seen as a Cross-Curricular event

Other events...

In the Foyer, there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Year Display on the Rising from Ms Stout's History class and the role of women in the Rising from Ms Doyle's Religion class.

- Irish - The National Anthem, poetry, etc.
- English - Anglo-Irish poets
- Music - The National Anthem, Ballads, etc.

There will also be an interactive tour

*...interactive  
tour of the  
main events of  
the Rising,  
narrated by  
Colin Farrell,  
in the Foyer*

## Elizabeth O'Farrell: The woman airbrushed from History

This is Lia Kehoe's (3W) speech who is related to Elizabeth O'Farrell

My great, great, great aunt Elizabeth O'Farrell was a nurse during the 1916 Rising. She was born in the Quays in Dublin. She acted as a dispatcher during the Rising, delivering bulletins and instructions to the rebel outposts around Dublin. She cared for the wounded including James Connolly. She was handed a Red Cross insignia and a white flag and was asked to deliver the surrender to the British military. O'Farrell was taken to General Lowe alongside Padraig Pearse to deliver the letter of surrender. The Nurse Elizabeth O'Farrell Foundation was established resulting in the unveiling of a memorial plaque in Holles Street Hospital and a foundation to support

postgraduate studies in the field of nursing. A plaque was also unveiled in City Quay Park in 2003 in her commemoration.



# Proclamation

Our citizens  
worldwide must  
continue to  
uphold the  
ideals and  
culture of the  
Irish people no  
matter where  
they call home

## 2016 Cluny Proclamation by Heather Watson

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN: In the name of our deceased ancestors and all those who have gone before us we must unite behind this new Proclamation as they once did in 1916. The next generation is now and we must stand together to protect the legacy of past generations.

As a country we have a rich and cherished culture that is recognized worldwide. Our history is an extremely important part of our country today, it has helped to drive us apart in the past but today it can unite us. This land has been home to some of civilisation's greatest poets, political activists, artists, musicians and intellectuals. We must create a country where this heritage and these people are celebrated; a country where free thinking and the arts can flourish.

Despite our country's size, over 1 million people globally are Irish born and over 80 million people claim Irish ancestry. Our citizens worldwide must continue to uphold the ideals and culture of the Irish people no matter where they call home and this idea must begin at home, in Ireland. We lost a large number of our last generations to violence. Today we are losing this generation to emigration. We need to emphasise the importance of our heritage and continue to encourage our culture.

We must protect our country's natural resources. We must strive to improve our healthcare system, with equal access to all people. We must emphasise the importance of education in creating a country where excellence thrives, where citizens are

afforded every opportunity to reach the height of their ability and where prosperity is a norm rather than an ideal. Historically, our country has been renowned for its tradition of hospitality, a tradition that has offered sanctuary to foreigners and strangers alike. We must sustain this noble tradition in the name of future and absent generations.

The youth of Ireland have always seen beyond the present limits of the imagination. In the arts industry, politics and sport they have pushed us towards new horizons. Therefore, we must encourage and invest in our youth, for they are the future.

It is now a century since the Proclamation of The Irish Republic guaranteed "religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens". These ideals have been realised by successive generations of Irish people – people who sacrificed themselves so that this State might succeed. We must protect this legacy by ensuring that no cause is greater than that which binds us together as a sovereign, peaceful and independent nation.

Signed on behalf of the staff and students of St. Joseph of Cluny Secondary School, Killiney,

*Heather Watson*

ÉIRE  
IRELAND

1916  
2016



# What it means to be Irish



To be Irish means that I have rights. Unlike some countries, as a woman, when I'm eighteen I will be allowed to vote in elections and referenda. The fact that I, along with every other man and woman in this country can do this is fantastic but should be expected. It means that I have a say in how this country, the country I was born in, grow up in and love, is run. I feel extremely fortunate and lucky to live in Ireland, as I can vote (when I'm a bit older), walk in the streets relatively safely, speak my mind and wear what I want. These things I have just listed are normal and may seem insignificant to people living in Ireland or a country like it. Unfortunately, in some countries, women still can't vote, they must wear what they're told to wear, people can't walk in the streets safely and if they say how they feel, the risk the lives of their family and themselves.

To be Irish also means that I can be educated to a very high standard. Learning

is honestly one of my favourite things to do, so I feel very lucky and happy about this. I have learned from my parents and grandparents to be respectful of everyone and although Ireland is not perfect – no country is – there is generally a high level of respect for everyone. I think there is a huge sense of community in Ireland, probably because we are such a small country and in the past have gone through a lot together such as famine, war and massive debt. The fact that Ireland is so small is one of my favourite things about it because no matter where in the world you are, somehow you're almost guaranteed to meet someone from another county in Ireland who knows/knew your family. I think as an emigrant from Ireland, it wouldn't be too long before you would make friends wherever you are, as Ireland and people from Ireland seem to be well-liked by people from other countries. Personally, I feel very proud to be Irish because of what it means.

Mary-Pat Dillon 2Y

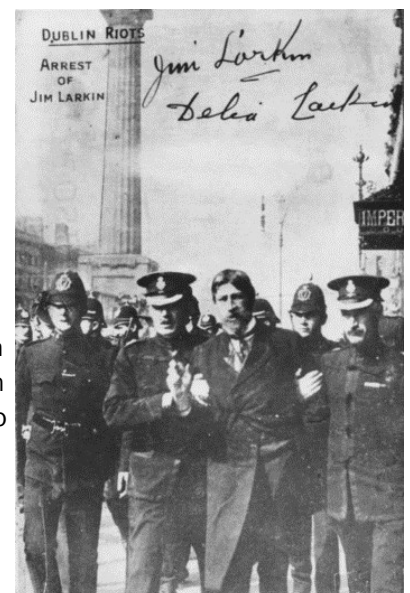
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## James Larkin represented by Ailbhe Larkin

This is from Ailbhe Larkin (2X) who is related to James Larkin

I am related to Jim Larkin, so I will just say a little bit about his life. He was born in Liverpool to Irish parents in 1876 and grew up in poverty, receiving very little formal education. He moved to Belfast when he was about 30. He is most famous for his leadership of the people in the great Dublin lockout of 1913. This was when employers 'locked people out'

of their jobs if they didn't pledge that they wouldn't join the Irish Transport and General Workers Union. His famous quote is ~ 'The great appear great because we are on our knees- let us rise'. Jim Larkin became a hero and when he died in 1947 thousands lined the streets to see his hearse on the way to Glasnevin Cemetery.



## 3rd Yr History Tour of Dublin



Glasnevin Cemetery

We went into  
O'Connell's  
tomb and  
learned that he  
was still  
preserved  
inside his  
airtight coffin.

On the 5th April, 3rd Year students set off for our history trip on a lovely sunny morning. We packed onto the double decker bus, singing songs all the way to Merrion Square. We then hopped off, all ready for our 1916 Freedom Bus Tour. We waited for some time and to our disappointment, we discovered that there were technical difficulties with the buses and they were unable to do the tour. Despite this, we were still in high spirits. We marched along to the National History Museum instead to see the bog bodies. We observed all there was to offer and ended up having a great time.

We were then starving and ready for the next part of our trip - McDonalds! When we got to McDonald's in Phibsboro, we almost ate them out of house and home! After, we had re-fueled, we headed to Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum.

When we arrived there, we were split into two groups and each received a guided tour. We saw many graves of

great Irish people such as Daniel O'Connell. We went into O'Connell's tomb and learned that he was still preserved inside his airtight coffin. We could also touch his coffin as we were told it was good luck. We also saw the graves of many of the people involved in the 1916 Easter Rising, such as Sean McBride, Eamon DeValera, Elizabeth O'Farrell and Michael Collins. As you can see from the photograph, Michael Collins is very popular amongst our year so we all enjoyed getting pictures with his grave and seeing how many people had left flowers for him. To finish the day, we browsed Glasnevin's museum and hopped back on the bus. Although we were all tired, we enjoyed a lively bus journey home, with lots of singing!

By Ciara Geoghegan and Emily Mahon (3Y)



## Tomi Reichental Holocaust Survivors returns to Cluny for Talk to Senior Students

On the 19th of January, we were very lucky to have Tomi Reichental in to talk to 4th, 5th and 6th years. Tomi Reichental is one of the last survivors of the Holocaust.

We were all greatly looking forward to having him and so thankful that he shared his story with us. He explained the background and how his life began to change after the Nazis came to power. He then told us about the dreadful and harrowing conditions inside Bergen Belsen Concentration camp. It was very educational and taught us a lot. His parting words were to always stand up for people and never let

hatred overcome.

We were all extremely moved by his story and what he and his family went through. We'd like to thank him very much for taking the time to come in to us. We'd also like to thank Ms Connaughton and Ms Doyle for organising this memorable experience for us. We are very grateful.

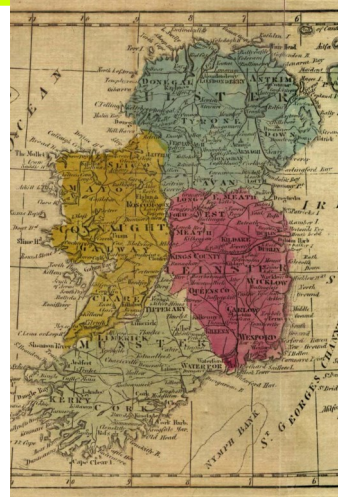
Amber Barry and Ailbhe Mulhall  
5th Year History

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REPUBLIC OF  
GERMANY**





# A Small Country Named Ireland



The Republic of Ireland is more than a nation,  
We strive and we accomplish with great determination.  
There are sights to be seen and things to be done,  
It would be a folly not to be involved in the fun.  
We people are always so happy and gay,  
Confident that our worries will soon go away.  
With our positivity and wide, open hearts,  
Our 'céad míle fáilte' is one of the arts.  
Regardless to say the weather's quite dreary,

The abundance of rainfall, it makes us all weary.  
But the population grips their umbrellas with pride,  
As the relentless rain cascades down nationwide.  
Us Irish, we laugh, our spirits so sweet,  
We dance, we laugh and tap along to the beat.  
Who would have thought that this but small island,  
Could hold all the people that make up our Ireland.

By  
Hanna  
Kissane



## 2nd Yrs Tour to Wicklow's Historic Gaol

On Thursday 4th February, 2nd Years visited Wicklow Historic Gaol. We got a coach there and arrived at approx. 10.30. We were greeted by Mary Morris who was a warden of the Gaol.

Firstly she brought us out to the prisoners' exercise yard where she forced us to carry out some of their activities, such as running three laps around the yard (see attached photograph). Prisoners also carried out hard labour here as evidenced by the Treadwheel in the background of the photograph. Mary then talked to us about the experiences she had with spirits in the Gaol.

At this point, we were split into two groups,

and were brought into the prisoners' cells. Each cell depicted

what life was like for the prisoners with wax models. Then, we were brought to the dungeon where the prisoners were brutally tortured - everyone found this part very scary.

Next, we made our way to the top floor, where we boarded 'The Hercules' and watched a clip of the captain telling us about the terrifying experience of the forthcoming voyage to the convict colony in Australia. After visiting a few more cells, our trip was complete!

By Rebecca Currivan, Ailbhe Larkin, Jill Molloy, Clíodhna Whelan, Ali Doyle, Eve Cotter and Lily O'Toole - 2X



# 1798 Rebellion Centre



On Thursday 4th February, our year visited the 1798 Rebellion Centre in Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. When we arrived we were greeted by a lovely guide called Moira. She brought us on the tour of the Centre.

blacksmith and a young man about to embark on battle the next day - Vinegar Hill. The blacksmith told us about his nephew Johnny and how dangerous Vinegar Hill was going to be.

Then we went to our favourite room - it was a large room with a screen covering one wall. We stood on a path and watched a re-enactment of the Battle of Vinegar Hill. It was really dark and everyone was scared. We learnt about Gary as he searched for his sister, Claire during the battle.

Finally, we went to the last room where we heard about the consequences of the Rebellion. There were costumes here also which we could all try on - Redcoats and hats; and hold guns and other weapons such as pikes. At the end of the day, we all realised we had a really good time.

By Caoime Claffey, Sarah Hickey and Clodagh Lynch - 2X

We stood on a path and watched a re-enactment of the Battle of Vinegar Hill.

We started off by learning a bit about the history of the era. We proceeded by walking under a guillotine and then watching a friendly, heated debate between Edmund Burke and Thomas Paine about the French Revolution. After that we went to another room and saw the Tree of Liberty. In that room also we saw visuals about the United Irishmen.

Then we went into a room that had large chess pieces, that represented notable people in the 1798 Irish Rebellion. This was followed by a room that housed a





# Cluny Win Euro Scola—Model European Union

On Tuesday the first of March six fifth years, including ourselves, along with a very proud and excited Mr. Byrne made our way into town during rush hour traffic to support Chloe Langan, Hazel Nolan and Aisling Scully in the Model European Union council in Dublin Castle. Despite a slight mishap i.e. taking a left turn instead of a right, we arrived safely and just on time to tuck into the delicious free spread of endless croissants and danishes.

After words of encouragement were exchanged the three competitors were whisked off to take part in a quick interview with RTE. We then made our way into the breath-taking room, an exact copy of the real European Union in Strasbourg. Without delay the show kicked off and twenty seven teams from schools nationwide, representing twenty seven different EU countries were ready to voice their representing countries views on the refugee crisis. The Cluny team took on the roles of the Greek ministers and when it was their turn to voice their opinions we all held our breath in anticipation. Hazel spoke in the first round confidently and assertively and all of us were in awe. In the following round Chloe followed up with an equally impressive discussion and all the girls did our school proud.

After two hours of negotiations it was time for lunch. We were greeted by platters upon platters of sandwiches, the egg mayonnaise wraps being Mr. Byrnes favourite! We all dug in while the team worked the room negotiating and confirming amendments to the refugee proposal with other teams. The hour flew by and before we knew it we were back in the hall, seated and ready for the third round to start. Again the girls did not disappoint and tensions were beginning to rise between the teams as the time moved closer to half past three when the final decision would be made regarding the proposal. In the end the proposal to help Greece and Italy with the refugee crisis was carried.

That was enough politics for one day and eventually we got back to the real reason we were all there. The adjudicators made their way slowly on stage to announce the results. The runners up would receive Ipads and the winners would win a class trip to Strasbourg to take part in the final against twenty seven other schools from around Europe, along with an added bonus of iPads too! We all clung to the edge of our seats as we waited to hear the big result. The runners up were called first and unfortunately it wasn't Cluny. We all sat back in our seats feeling slightly deflated. Next came the announcement of the winners. The adjudicator took a pause that seemed eternally long. The winners were announced but his feedback could hardly be heard over the thunderous applause coming from our section of the audience. Cluny had won. Although it was a shock to the system to hear our schools name be called out we always knew the team was fully capable of winning.

The awards were given as Mr. Byrne rushed on stage, gushing with joy. A photoshoot ensued much to the embarrassment of the girls. Congratulations were exchanged and we were all as proud as punch. They did Cluny proud. It was a great day to be wearing the Cluny blue.

By Hannah O'Neill and Eilidh Murphy



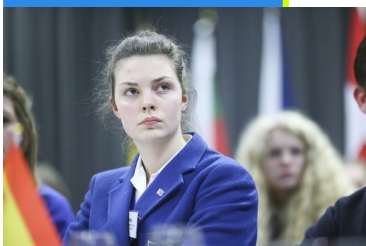


# Model EU Council



Photos—  
Between the  
flags: top to  
bottom:  
Chloe Langan,  
Hazel Nolan &  
Aisling Scully

Below Hazel  
Nolan



On the 1st of March, myself and my two teammates, Chloë Langan and Aisling Scully, went to Dublin Castle to take part in the Model EU Council. We were representing Greece and we had to address 27 other schools from all over the country, representing the 27 other EU states, in order to convince them to pass a proposal which would see them relocate 100,000 migrants from Italy and Greece amongst them.

We did this by researching Greece's stance in the migrant crisis, and using these facts to argue that we needed help. We also put forward our own amendments to the proposal and took part in open debates during the day. We always spoke for 2 minutes at a time and Chloë and I alternated as speakers, aiming to impress the Chairwoman, her assistant, the judges and the other model EU states.

The whole day was very professional with cameras, screens, microphones and even RTE news surrounding us. You can watch a news segment featuring us on the RTE player under news2day – 1st of March. We also met the Greek ambassador and were provided with catered breakfast and lunch. During lunch the work continued as we socialised with other schools, hoping to get them on our side.

Everybody involved got an EU goodie bag full of things like portable chargers, memory sticks, EU information and stationary. However, our hard work paid off as we managed to win the whole event meaning our prizes included a mini iPad each as well as a trip to Strasbourg for us and our classmates in October to visit the EU!!

On the day we had support from six of our 5th years and Mr. Byrne who we'd

like to thank for all his help in our win. The whole experience was amazing, it opened our eyes to the enormity and urgency of the migrant crisis as well as giving us invaluable public speaking and debating experience. To have won the competition was a huge achievement that we are very proud of and we are so glad to be able to share the prize with our classmates. Taking part taught us a lot about government workings and the importance of youth within government. It has encouraged us to take active stances in society and politics as we can all have our impact; and to help with the migrant crisis where we can.

All in all, it was an unforgettable experience, an amazing prize, and a really eye opening experience for everyone involved. For me it was definitely a huge highlight of my time in Cluny. Although we are leaving this year, we encourage all you girls that aren't to take part in any similar events and to take up debating or public speaking of some kind – it's invaluable and who knows where it could take you! Even though it's nerve wracking at first the nerves don't last, but the ability to speak in front of others always will.

Hazel Nolan, 6L.



## Victoria Williams Gaine saves a life.

Victoria is our TY student who hit the headlines last week. We are very proud of Victoria for her strategic intervention outside her house before Easter in applying CPR to Florin who had collapsed there on his bin round due to heart failure. Victoria's mum Viv was busy in the meantime alerting the ambulance services. Victoria's intervention kept Florin alive until the ambulance paramedics could apply defibrillation to get his heart going again. The story ended well in that Florin is making a full recovery and both Victoria and her Mum's quick actions saved a life. We received a gift from Panda of a defibrillator for the hockey pitch which means we have 3 of the on the premises now which is great!

There are two other very important players in this story. One is Mary Feeney a former parent who heads up a team of dedicated parents who are all nurses and all trained in the Irish Heart Foundation CPR training programme and who have volunteered their time for the last 6 years to train our TY

girls. Also involved is the National Rehabilitation Hospital Dun Laoghaire who provide the equipment annually at no cost and who offer Community Service placements to the students as part of their TY experience. We have been running the programme for six years and have made it available for all TY students during that time. We believe strongly that CPR should be made available in all TY programmes in schools and see that nation would benefit by having young people trained like the Cluny students are.

We are delighted Victoria received her CPR training recently. It still took great courage that morning for her to apply the training. We commend Victoria for keeping a cool head and for committing to assist someone in difficulty. She made exactly the right decision. Maith an cailín thú!

M.White

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## Dalkey Tidy Towns meet Cluny TY's in Dillon's Park



We were delighted today to see the Cluny girls enjoying our recently upgraded Dillon's Park here in Dalkey and we do hope that they will return again during the Summer months.

Volunteer members of Dalkey Tidy Towns group have completed a wide range of projects to enhance the area for all to enjoy. For example, as in other neighbourhoods, we suffered the scourge of Graffiti damage for far too long but over the past two years, we removed 2,400 tags, ran several awareness campaigns, visited local Schools and delivered monthly reports with photos every month to the Gardai, DLRCC and Irish Rail. The result is that we are now virtually Graffiti free! We also use Facebook under the name Dalkey Tidy Towns to keep all informed.

I was delighted to take this group photo today - a happy team of Cluny ladies! Please encourage others to visit and enjoy our Park. Best Wishes, Des Burke-Kennedy.

# World Day of Prayer

4th Year Trip to the Church of Saint Stephen for World Day of Prayer

On Friday the 4th of March, about half of the 4th Year group took a trip to The Church of Saint Stephen in Killiney. We attended a service prepared by the Christian Women of Cuba. The theme of the service was "Receive Children, Receive Me" and involved a large amount of songs and music. As well as students from our school, pupils from Rathdown Girls Junior School attended the service. They had prepared a dance to a song called 'The Butterfly Song'. The song included lyrics like "If I were a fish in the sea, I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee" and it's safe to say we all really enjoyed watching them perform their dance.

When we entered the church we were all handed a pencil and a piece of paper cut into the shape of a butterfly. Half way through the service we were called upon to take out these butterflies and write a person's name or a group of people who we wished to pray for. These pages were then collected up and put on the altar for the rest of the service. At the end, we were all encouraged to take one home with us and pray for whoever's name was written on it.

We really enjoyed the celebrations for the World Day of Prayer and would like to thank Mr. Larkin for organising the trip and Ms. Doyle and Mr. Larkin for accompanying us.

By Heather Watson



World Day of Prayer Ireland

...how many  
chocolate eggs  
were in the jar

## 5L Easter Eggstravaganza

For the weeks approaching Easter, Ms. Doyle's fifth year religion class put together an Easter display in the foyer. We had many different activities and displays about the aspects of Easter. Some of these included hop-scotch of Easter week, a timeline displaying the days of Easter and information about the traditions of Easter such as the Easter bunny and chocolate eggs. To decorate the area we spent many classes painting eggs in Easter colours and they were hung on a tree beside the table. The table was covered in chicks, bunnies, candles and daffodils. The main attraction of the display was a competition to

guess how many chocolate eggs were in the jar. Our 'eggcellent' winner Julia Kobic (1X), won with an 'eggceptional' guess of 37, 'eggactly' on target!!! Our Easter display attracted many passers-by, we even spotted some teachers playing hop-scotch! Our display was a 'cracking' success!

Lauren Murray, Taylor Mitchell, Charlotte Morgan.





# Cyclathon For Malawi

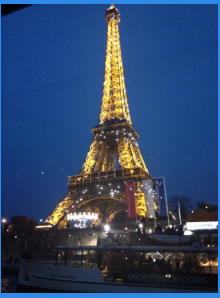
On Thursday the 25th of February, we, the 2X CSPE class did a cyclotron in Killiney Shopping Centre in aid of Trocaire's campaign for development aid in Malawi and other impoverished countries. For the past few weeks we had been doing a lot of organising to make sure the event ran smoothly. We were put into groups and assigned certain tasks such as advertising, research, set up, transportation and finance. On the day there were four stationary bikes from the Cluny gym set up under a gazebo (Thanks to Mr. Randolph, Joey and Martin). During the day from 9.30 till 3.30 we cycled for half hour shifts and collected money in buckets. About half way through the day we couldn't feel our fingers from the cold and there was no better surprise then when Annette came to our rescue with a huge flask of piping hot chocolate and half a doz-

en packs of biscuits! After that it was back onto the bikes for another shift and a second surprise! Mary Mitchell O'Connor arrived and she got up on the bikes and gave us a run for our money and got a quick picture with all of us. A big thanks to all who helped make the event a success: Ms.White, Ms.Lambert, Ms.Mc Aleer, all the teachers and staff who cycled, the Parents Association members and the Management of Killiney Shopping Centre. Overall we thoroughly enjoyed the vent and it was a brilliant success, raising 1300 euro for Trocaire by Louise Mckeown and Ellen O'Neill

*Many thanks  
to Cllr Mary  
Mitchell  
O'Connor  
who came  
along to show  
her support*

## €1300 RAISED





...it will be an  
experience I will  
never forget



## Cluny Parisian Art Tour—Oct 2015

Sarah Jane Ronan:

We had a great trip, we were so lucky to have a school trip with only six people as it made it such a unique experience. We loved the Musee Marmottan Monet, Musee d'Orsay and Musee De L'Orangerie and to see all the Art we had learned about in class come to life! We had a great time on the River Seine Cruise, Paris really is one of the most amazing cities in the world and it was amazing to see it from the river. The crepes are to die for and the macaroons are out of this world. It was great to explore it through artefacts and banter with friends, an all-round spectacular trip- I would love to go back someday!

Lucy Molloy:

The trip to Paris was so much fun! It was great to spend some quality time with the Art Farts, doing what we love, looking at Art and eating. The museums were huge and amazing. The ones in Dublin, as much as I love them, don't quite compare. The food was fabulous, crepes and an ice cream shaped like a flower were the most memorable.

It was so exciting to see paintings we had been learning about in class in real life. It's very difficult to estimate the sizes and so some of them seemed gigantic, like 'Le Dejeuner Sur l'herbe', and some seemed tiny, like 'Impression Sunrise'. Altogether, the trip was an amazing experience and despite the three day exhaustion and the blisters, I'd do it again in a heartbeat!

Kate Grant:

The three days we spent in Paris were filled with visits to galleries and having nice French cuisine lunches, among other activities. We visited Paris during midterm and the weather was surprisingly lovely for October. I really enjoyed our visits to the galleries and our evening spent on the River Seine Cruise gave us the real Parisian experience.

The second day was my favourite when

we walked through the Jardin De Tuileries and ate waffles. Later that evening, we found a small restaurant where we had a delicious dinner followed by more chocolate! Arriving back at the Hotel we were all exhausted and relaxed in the evening and reviewed our journals. On our last day, we were sad to say goodbye to Paris but were delighted to visit the Musee D'Orsay and do some shopping in Les Halles.



Overall, it will be an experience I will never forget and it was great to spend the time with my friends.

Kate O'Rourke

During the October Mid-term, our Art class went to Paris for three days. We had a wonderful time filled with chocolate, art and beautiful autumnal weather. We visited the galleries where we could see first-hand the paintings we had been studying in class. I especially enjoyed the Impressionist work and the River Seine Cruise.

Rebecca Maher:

During the October Mid-term, Ms. Archibald and Ms. McAleer brought our sixth year Art class to Paris for three days. The trip started with an early flight to Beauvais and was packed with gallery visits, sight-seeing, shopping and lots of crepes! The highlight for me was the relaxing and walking through Le Jardin des Tuileries on the second day – I loved the vibrant colours of the trees and the buzzing atmosphere. The Musee D'Orsay was amazing and I look forward to visiting Paris again sometime.



## Notre Maison en 3D

In French class we made a 3D house. We were put into groups and each given a room to design. These included : la chambre (the bedroom), la salle de bains (the bathroom), la cuisine (the kitchen), les toilettes (the toilet), le salon (the living room) and le garage (the garage).

We made rooms out of shoeboxes and the garage out of a cardboard box. We used magazines and catalogues for the furniture.

I really enjoyed making it! *By Kate P. Regan*  
1W



went to the  
Irish film  
Institute to  
see the award  
-winning film  
Ostwind

## German Class visit the Goethe Institut

On Wednesday 10th of February, the 1st year German class, accompanied by our teacher Ms. Joy, went to the Irish film Institute to see the award-winning film Ostwind. When we arrived, we received a warm welcome from a representative of the Goethe Institut and had a quick bite to eat. Before the film began, we were given a short introduction by the staff of the IFI and Goethe Institut explaining a bit about the film and key points to look out for. It was time for the movie to begin!

Ostwind is the heartwarming story of Mika (Hannah Winke), a German schoolgirl who is sent to her grandmother's stud farm after she fails her exams and Ostwind, the wild and dangerous horse she meets. It is there that she discovers her passion and unique ability of understanding the lan-

guage of horses. She must prove to her grandmother (Cornelia Froboess) that Ostwind is a special horse before he is sold to the mysterious Hungarian...

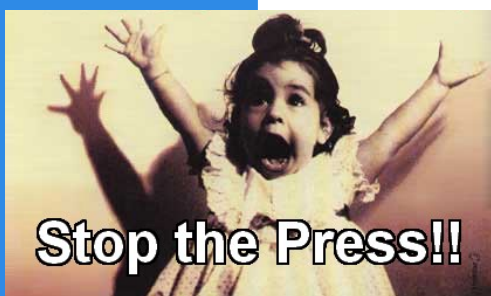
As an avid horse rider and horse lover, I enjoyed the film immensely. Not only did it have some amazing shots of horses, but portrayed perfectly the bond between horse and rider. Although the movie was in German, I was able to understand a lot of the dialogue, occasionally looking to the English subtitles. It was hard to believe just how much we had learned in the past few months!

Written by  
Julia Kobic





# Sports Pages - Swimming Success



Glenalbyn Swimming Club member, Edie O'Connor, and 7 other senior swimmers took part in the Dave McCullagh Memorial Meet in Bangor in March. This is one of the toughest competitions of the year, and one which many swimmers only dream about qualifying for. Recently, Edie swam alongside 370 other top swimmers from 63 clubs around the country (including 9 clubs outside of Ireland) – all aspiring to secure qualifying times for this year's Olympic Games in Rio. Swimming in the same water

as top athletes such as Shane Ryan (NAC), who did secure his qualifying times for Rio at this event, made for some very exciting viewing and served merely to inspire the swimmers to strive even harder – because dreams really do come true. Edie swam brilliantly achieving a personal best time. (PB) Edie was also one of the youngest swimmers competing in the whole competition. Very few people realise that she trains 12 hours a week mostly early mornings.

Well done Edie!

## Badminton

*...Hannah  
McSweeney,  
Chloe Langan and  
Niamh Mc Carthy  
this was their last  
chance to play at  
school  
competition.*

U19's

When the Badminton season started in September little did we know the success we would have in not only the Dublin League but also in the Leinster League across all three age groups.

Starting with U19s, in the Finals of the Dublin League St. Joseph of Cluny came second in Division 2 against a very strong Sutton Park school. But coming second allowed St. Joseph of Cluny to play in the Leinster Finals on 21<sup>st</sup> January.

As three of the girls on the team were sixth years - Hannah McSweeney, Chloe Langan and

Niamh Mc Carthy this was their last chance to play at school competition. The fourth member of the team was Mia Kenny, Fifth year.

They played really well with games as tight as 30 – 28 and 30 -27. They came in third in the Leinsters with St. Vincents, Dundalk winning and St. Vincents will go forward to the All Irelands Finals on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

U16s entered the Dublin League in Division 2 and powered their way through the competition winning all their matches including the Dublin



ST. JOSEPH OF CLUNY SPRING



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## Sports Pages

### Badminton continued

finals against Mt. Sackville 6 – 0 on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan.

In the Leinster Finals there were a total of five schools to play in a round robin format and they came in third with strong opposition from schools like St. Vincents Dundalk, Wilsons Mullingar and Naomh Cormac Offaly. Naomh Cormac won on the day..

The girls played very well and gave every game their best: Aisling Leahy ,Emer Whelan , Jordan Lacy and Jessica Barnes.

U14s won the Dublin Finals in Terenure on 11<sup>th</sup> February against Loreto school,Bray winning 5-1.

Then in the Leinster Finals on 25<sup>th</sup> February, with schools like Naomh Cormac and St. Vincents again as opposition they knew it was going to be a tough fight.

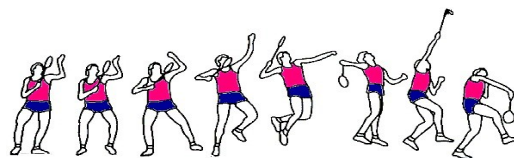
They won against St. Vincents 4 -2 and had a draw against Naomh Cormac 3 - 3, but because all three schools had the same match result, points were added up in the games played and Naomh Cormac won on points.

We came third on the day which was fantastic for the girls considering they only started playing badminton in September 2015.

Well done to Grace McSweeney, Emer Leahy, Astrid Petersen and Ellen Unger.

Not forgetting the girls who have played in various Badminton competitions throughout the year , well done to you all..

Ms.Kelly



## Our trip to the Irish Badminton Open 2015

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, Ms Kelly and her four favourite Fifth Years went to Baldoyle Badminton centre to see the quarter finals of the Irish Badminton Open. After spending what seemed like forever on the DART we finally reached the maze that is Howth Junction station, and after spending more time navigating the station than on the DART itself we found our way out and to Baldoyle Badminton centre.

Walking through the door we were overcome with the excitement of knowing that we would once again see our badminton hero, Chan Yan Kit from Hong Kong. To our disappointment Chan had decided to

spend the week playing in America. We were forced to find a new hero. It didn't take us long to find the Norwegian, Marius Mhyers. We were impressed with his scissor kicks and his backhand returns. Then Ms Kelly's heroine and Irish Olympian Chloe Magee took to the centre court, with her family beside us we cheered our national hero, sadly Chloe narrowly missed out on advancing to the semi-final with her last match deciding the game. Overall the day gave us an incredible insight to the professional badminton world and made us want to practice our game even more. Thank you to Ms Kelly for organising this trip, we can't wait to go next year!

Mia Kenny and Laura Loughlin 5C





# Sports Pages—Hockey



The hockey season has drawn to a close, finishing with our end of season round robin tournament. As usual it was very busy, not helped by poor weather conditions which caused the

postponement of many matches.

The Seniors had a mixed season. A new format at Senior 1 level this year, saw one large league section as opposed to a couple of smaller sections in previous years. Unlike other years, goal difference became a factor in each match, as teams tried to score as many goals as possible. The top 4 teams in the league then contested the semifinals.



A relatively young team, the Seniors A's took a while to find their feet in this league. They produced their best performances in a victory against Jesus & Mary College, as well as some closely contested games against Our Ladys Terenure and Mt Temple, narrowly losing each by a single goal. A Plate match against St Columbas was

also a highlight, with Cluny unfortunate again to miss out by a goal after an excellent display.

The Senior Bs had a very good season, qualifying from their section with ease. They had wins over Mt Anville, Sacred Heart Tullamore, Loreto Bray and St Columbas and qualified to meet another Mt Anville team in the playoffs. This match was much closer than their previous games and a good test for them. Cluny eventually got the upper hand and winning the game 3-1 to reach the quarterfinal against Loreto Dalkey. On the day Dalkey proved too strong and ended a very good run for the team.

The Junior As team began the season very enthusiastically by beating Newpark and Jesus & Mary College in their warm up games. Their eagerly awaited first league match resulted in a decent start against St Killians, the match finishing in a 0-0 draw. Two tough encounters against Skerries Community College and Our Ladies Terenure followed, before our girls gave a very positive display by beating Santa Sabina 2-0 in the Plate competition to reach the quarterfinals. Loreto Beaufort provided the opposition in a very closely contested match, and just ran out winners by a single goal.



*They produced  
their best  
performances in  
a victory against  
Jesus & Mary  
College,*



## Sports Pages—Hockey continued

The Junior Bs also began the season well and gave very good performances in their opening league games. Competing against "A" teams from both Loreto Balbriggan and East Glendalough, Cluny just lost each game by a single goal. A couple of drawn matches prevented their progress to the next stage of the league and they kept their best til last beating Loreto Beaufort 5-0.

The Minor1 league was similar to the Senior 1 format and was new this year also. Facing what turned out to be the strongest teams early in the league, put our girls under pressure from the start. Nevertheless they put in some very good performances against Loreto Bray Teresians and St Columbas. Having drawn with St Columbas in their last league match, they were pitched against each other again in the Plate competition. Again this was a very even contest, going to extra time before St Columbas managed to score.

The Minor Bs began the season well, drawing with Teresians and beating St Raphaelas. Other highlights included a victory against High School. Defeats against "A" teams from Loreto Balbriggan and St Marys Naas hampered any progress.

First Year hockey was a small but very committed group, competing very well against schools with many more club players. The format before Christmas was an 8 aside league on half a pitch with the purpose of giving players more time on the ball to develop their skills.

Our girls did well in this format with victories over St Raphaelas and Jesus & Mary College as well as a very closely fought 0-0

with Loreto Dalkey. The 11 a side format after Christmas was more challenging.

Despite clearly having the upper hand in matches against Teresians, where they scored one and we had one disallowed, and High School, we came second. Mt Anville were clearly stronger than us in our final match.



Thanks to the coaches Ms Murphy and Ms Somers for their hard work and commitment during the season. Commitment to your team is essential if progress is to be made, and remember that

Together

Everyone

Achieves

More

Ms M Seymour



*Two tough encounters against Skerries Community College and Our Ladies Terenure followed, before our girls gave a very positive display by beating Santa Sabina 2-0*



# Sports Pages—Basketball Seniors



Match against  
Colaiste  
Iosagain



Our Senior A team have some fun pictures with Sixth Years after bowing out of the South Dublin Basketball semi-final. Final score: Cos Iosagain 52 Cluny 42.

Sixth Years Rebecca Maher, Ella Browne, Hazel Nolan, Megan O'Toole and Tara Keenan. We done for making it in to the semi-final.





## Sports Pages—Basketball continued



### Minor B Quarter-finalists

Congratulations Minor B team for making it into the quarter-finals. On to the final next year!

### Minor A semi-finalists SDBL

A dedicated group, made into two semi-finalists and a group to watch for in the future. Well done to everyone.





## Deputy Principal's Diary—April 2016



It looks like it is going to be another exciting term, with the **5Km** and '**Spirit of Cluny Day**', House Captain's '**Are you smarter than a teacher?**' Challenge, **First Year Parent Exhibition Evening**, **Transition Year Evening**, **Fashion Show**, our annual **Prize-giving ceremonies** to name a few! Throw in lots of tennis, athletics, orals and practical exams and you can see how what a busy term it is!!! As you browse through the Newsletter you will notice what a wonderful second term we had with many highlights featuring. Don't forget to follow us on **twitter @stJosephOfcluny**

I specifically want to commend the six House Captains under the baton of Ms Somers for their amazing work this year. They have marked each term with a significant school event. In February they organised the first ever Mega House Quiz for the *entire school*. It was an amazing accomplishment to gather every student in the school into the Sports Hall and to organise them into their Houses, distribute questions for the quiz, organise the counts and totals, tidy up and have everyone back to class on time. Yet it was done with minimum fuss, was great fun and the students really enjoyed themselves. The House Captains have been amazing from the start of the year and they are preparing to go out on a massive high with another event 'Are you smarter than a teacher?' Last year's House event was a debate between teachers and pupils and this year's

'Teacher-Student Challenge' 'looks like it will be just as popular and a sell-out **ticket only** event! We are all looking for-

ward to some friendly competition in the Concert Hall on this occasion.

The Captains have successfully raised a significant amount of funds for the school charities the Burns Unit, St James Hospital and the Adolescent Unit in St John of Gods and the Cluny Mission Houses. They also fundraised by selling 1916 pins for the Commemoration Week in school before Easter. They will finish off their duties on the 'Spirit of Cluny' Day in May and as usual I know they will 'come up trumps'!



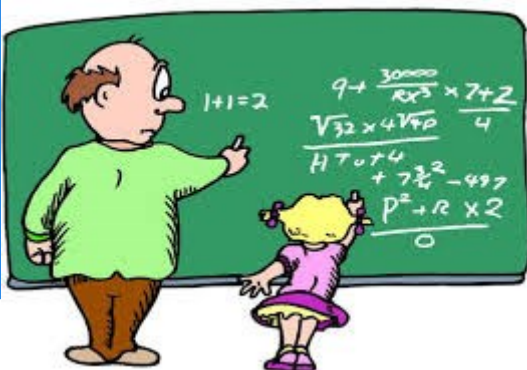
I would like to thank the TY parents who assisted in the one to one Digital Programme. It is really important that we have mentors i.e. parents on board for the project to be successful so we would ask any parents of our **First, Second Year and Third Years** if they are interested in helping out to contact the office or Ms Doyle, the TY Coordinator so that we can get this term's final training program for the academic year 'off the ground'.

My sincere thanks to the members of The Parent's Association for all their help to date. They were very supportive of the second year CSPE project from beginning to end, attending the class rep. presentation, listening to their ideas, organising rosters to bring students to the event in the Shopping Centre, keeping them hydrated and energised and helping them make their way back home after '*cycling the distance to Malawi*'. We really appreciated parental support

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Ticket only event: Are you smarter than a teacher!!



# Deputy Principal's Diary continued



and help on the day and it was huge success.

Thank you also to the Parents Association for the sponsorship of the scoliosis screening. It is very important to have this service for the girls available in the school and the students really appreciate it. The Association are now busy preparing for the *Sixth Year Student Teacher Lunch* and the *Graduation Evening* which is always a lovely event.

A special thank you to all our first years who were so helpful in the last month assisting with our in-house Information Sessions with the fourth class primary school students who will be coming to us in 2018. They were busy hostesses and presenters telling their stories of how they settled into Cluny in the early weeks. I know that it made a big impact on the visitors to hear how well the first years had settled in, how involved they all were in Cluny school life and how they were supported in the transition from primary into secondary school.

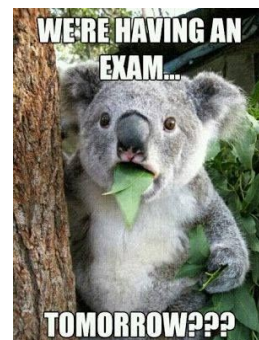
Lots of success stories, prizes and wins last term as you will see from the newsletter contents. Well done to everybody involved. Special congrats to all our badminton teams on their fantastic wins, to the 6<sup>th</sup> yrs. on their success in winning The European Model Parliament Debate, the Transition Year Enterprise students and Chemistry students on their win in the University of Limerick.

Finally to Victoria! What can we say? An amazing young woman, who, thanks to the voluntary work of parents and the generosity of NRH Dun-Laoghaire, was trained in Transition



Year in CPR and was therefore able to save Florin Popa's life! Well done!

To all the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate students involved in practical and orals, we wish you all the very best of luck. You have worked hard and it will all be good! As the 6th years begin their big countdown to their farewell, we begin our countdown to their Graduation Mass and celebrations. Our school biscuit consumption will seriously fall when they are gone and we will really miss them!! Bye for now!



## Surviving without Instagram

This Lent, I gave up Instagram and decided I could use my suffering to help the greater good. I made up two sponsorship cards and had one for students and one for teachers. The money that I raised was donated to Trócaire as part of their Lent Appeal. Thanks to all of the donations from both students and staff, my Trócaire box alone raised over €100! As time passed on without Instagram, I realised that it is not a major necessity in my life and that I had more productive things to do when not on Instagram. Taylor Mitchell 5L.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**4th May:** TY Exhibition & Presentation followed by  
Information session on TY for 3rd Yrs.

**5th May:** Arnotts Uniform Sale in Cluny Hall

**10 May:** 5k Run & Sports Day (weather permitting)

**18th May: Prizegiving ceremonies**

2nd Yrs 8.45, 1st Yr 11.15, 3rd Yrs 12.30

**19th May: Prizegiving ceremonies**

5th Yrs 8.45, 6th Yrs 1.45

**25 May 6th Yr Graduation Day**

Graduation Lunch & Evening Mass (1/2 day for students)

**Prizegiving Ceremony** 4th Yr. TBC

**Week of 23rd** Summer Exams: 1st & 2nd Yrs.

**Week of 30th** Summer Exams: 5th & TY & Feedback 1st & 2nd Yrs.

**School Closes 3rd June.**



## Cluny Ballerina

Congratulations to Alana Borza (3X), our very special ballerina who has been invited to spend next year in Perm State Ballet School in the city of Perm, near Leningrad, Russia.

What a wonderful opportunity Alana!

Alana has worked and trained very hard over many years at her ballet to achieve this distinction.



## Cluny Athlete

Congratulations to Roisin Foley (4N) our talented sailing student who has been selected for the Bcademy TY Laser Sailing Programme this term.

Roisin will train during the months of May/June in Brittany, Provence and Belgium. Roisin hopes to get selected for Irish regional and national sailing squads

Good luck Roisin!



## Cluny Songwriter

Congratulations to Katie Maye (1Y) who entered the 'Song for '16' National Song Competition and received a Highly Commended nomination for her song 'I Can Be'.

Well done Katie!

She will receive a Commemorative Certificate in recognition of the hard work that went into the submission.





# Cluny

## Transition year

# Fashion Show

€5 admission in aid of St. John  
of Gods and the burns unit of  
St. James'

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Doors opening at 19:00

Concert hall