



# St. Joseph of Cluny

## Spring Newsletter 2015

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Congratulations to **Cluny's Minor A Basketball Team** who are the **Dublin Champions 2015** winning the title on 24th March 2015. A big 'thank you' to all the First Years who came along to the final to support the team.

## Cluny Basketball Success



## TY Cultural Tour & Thomas F Meagher Foundation Event



**Transition Year Students Visit Roscommon: A visit to Strokstown House in March 2015**

**Presentation of Irish Flag at Thomas F Meagher Foundation event in Waterford.**  
L-R: Ms. Mary White, Principal, Emer Whelan 2X & Jordan Lacy 2X with Ms. Stacy Stout, History Teacher.





Two new tennis courts ready for the tennis season.

*Congrats to Emer Healy O Reilly 3X who won the Rathdown Music Festival in February.*

Photo: Slainte Kids TY Enterprise

## From the Principal's desk

Hello everyone and a very happy Easter to all in the Cluny community. It's great to be looking forward to the bright evenings again as we move forward to the busy final term of the academic year.

There is a lot of preparation going on at the moment with the DES subject practicals in both Home Ec and Music and with preparation for the language orals also. The languages that are featuring in Sixth year this year are Gaeilge, French and German. It is particularly good to see German back in Sixth Year this year as it has been absent at senior level for some years now. I'm sure our exam students are looking forward to their Easter break and some rest from the relentless preparation work of the last few months.

### New Tennis Courts

I hope you have got a chance to see the two new tennis courts were finalised over the February mid-term. They were completed in the last few weeks, to include 1.6 meters of netting around the perimeter to ensure the tennis balls stay in and the foxes stay out! A kick-board was installed around the perimeter at ground level to ensure the same protection from tennis balls. Now let the play begin!

We are very pleased that the carpet surface is the sand dressed **Tiger Turf Advantage Pro** ie the same surface and quality as those in Fitzwilliam Tennis Club. Our thanks to both **SAC Construction** and to Peter Smith of **Emerald Sports Surfaces** for creating another great addition to our school sports facilities. The team has once again delivered a quality surface to Cluny along with our top quality Hockey Astro-turf surface of 2013. We are looking forward to having the courts well used by our students as we move into the summer term and into the tennis league season and hope the girls get use out of the courts during the summer holidays also.



### Student Success this term

Congrats to a number of students who represented us very well this term: the **Senior Irish Debating** team had great success this year and got through to the Leinster Final of the Gael Linn competition in March in Drogheda. It was all to play for but on the night they were narrowly beaten to the Leinster title by the team from Belvedere College. A great achievement nonetheless and well done to team mates Ciara Mc Keown 6N, Aisling Ruigrok 6C, Grainne Fay and Ciara Crotty 5C.

Congrats to Emer Healy O Reilly 3X who won the **Rathdown Music Festival** in February. Emer is an accomplished harpist and piano player and this is a wonderful achievement.

Ms O Riordan's **TY Business Enterprise** group who called themselves the 'Slainte Kids' were very successful this term with their entry to the Dublin Student Enterprise Awards 2015 on the theme of healthy eating. The team were **Amber Barry 4C, Mia Kenney 4N, Laura Lynam 4L, Grainne McHugo 4N, Isabelle Bailey 4N, Ailbhe Mulhall 4N, Caoimhe Whelan 4L and Sinead Murphy 4N** all from TY.





# From the Principal's desk continued

The success of their presentation brought this team to the finals which were held on 18 March last and they had been selected out of approx 17,000 participants.

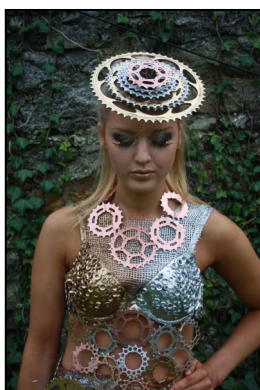


Congrats to students with outstanding individual achievements this term who include **Una Nolan 2Y** who reached the final of the Irish Women Graduates public speaking competition in TCD in March and congrats also to **Ciara Crotty 5C** who reached the semi-final of the Leinster School's De-

bating Competition in TCD. There were great personal achievements for both students. Well done to them and particular congratulations also to Ms McEvoy on the success of her debating students who did so well this year.

Well done also to the **Concern Debating Team** of Ciara Crotty 5C, Chloe Langan 5C, Niamh Brennan 5L and Amber Barry 4C who progressed well through several stages of the competition this term and to the **Leinster Schools** debaters who competed in UCD ie including Chloe Langan 5C, Sarah Jane Ronan 5C and Miona Fogarty 5C.

Well done to the Second Year team and their teacher Ms. Torpey who were invited to participate in the Young Scientist exhibition in the RDS in January for their project 'Can Insulin Dye' ie Lucy Gammel 2Y, Catherine Murphy 2Y and Holly Hunt 2W. They had a great few days and have been invited to join the upcoming 'Skyfest' Science exhibition to be staged at Easter.



In the world of Art and Design well done to our TY students, three of

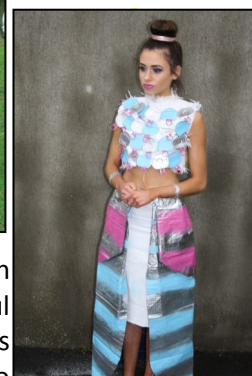


whom had their entries selected for the TY Junk Kouture regional final in the Helix this month. This is a competition which the school has been very successful in over the last number of years. It takes style, imagination and flair for an entry to be successful and get to the regional finals and you can see the beautiful creations made from re-cycled materials in the school foyer. Bank of Ireland sponsor the event and successful entries from Cluny have been on display in the Dun Laoghaire branch of the bank of Ireland in the last few years.

The beautiful entries which qualified this year included 'Bottle Rock' by Megan Gormley 4L and Sophie Kennedy 4L; 'Bicycle Breaker' by Laura Flanagan 4L and Eve Tiernan 4L and 'Woodstock' by Ruth Jameson 4N. Well done girls looking forward to seeing you all in the Annual fashion Show on Friday 24 April and will be a collaboration between **TY Junk Kouture** and **TY Enterprise**. We are also looking forward to the return of the new young Irish boy band '**Taken**' who will be the featured guest musicians at the fashion show.



**Taken—Band's Lunch Time Concert  
Special appearance at the TY Junk  
Kouture Fashion Show April 24th**



**Annual  
Fashion Show  
Fri 24 April  
Tickets  
available from  
School**





**Hockey Finalists at  
Three Rock Rovers  
March 2015**

**President  
Michael Higgins  
addressing the  
Schools at  
Thomas F  
Meagher  
Foundation Day**



## From the Principal's Desk Continued

### Recent Successes in Sports

Monday 09 March was a great occasion for school's Hockey with the success of the **Second Year Junior Hockey** team

getting through to a **Leinster Final** against Mt Anville which was played in beautiful sunshine in Three Rock. The girls played a great match as they had played all season but a rogue goal from the opposition in the second half gave the advantage to Mt Anville and unfortunately it was not to be our game on the day. Well done nonetheless to this team for their persistence and hard work throughout the season and to their coach Ms Seymour. Congrats also to the **Senior B** hockey team who reached Leinster quarterfinal stage in the competitions. In **Badminton** the U14 teams reached the Leinster finals in the Badminton leagues and in basketball this month the First Year Team has qualified for the Dublin final to be played in Oblete Hall this week. Great to see there's lots of sporting talent in the junior end of the school.



### The presentation of the Irish Flag to the school

Cluny along with approx 250 other second level schools were invited by the **Thomas F Meagher Foundation** established last year in Waterford to be presented with the tricolour for the school. So on Thursday 12 of March Ms Stout and I, along with two

second year students **Emer Whelan 2X** and **Jordan Lacy 2X** travelled to Waterford to receive the Irish Flag from President Higgins on behalf of the school. Emer and Jordan had won prizes in school for their projects on the Irish Flag last month.

We learned at the ceremony that Thomas F Meagher was born in Waterford, fought in the 1848 rebellion and during the rebellion he flew the tricolour as we know it, from the window of 33 the Mall, Waterford city. He had made the flag with white in the middle to represent lasting peace between the green ie the Irish Catholics and the Orange ie the Irish Protestants. Following the rebellion he was captured and convicted of treason and sent to Australia eventually escaping and travelling to the United States in 1852. There he fought as a Brigadier General of the 69<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Irish Brigade died following the battle.

The Thomas Meagher tri-colour was raised again in 1916 over the GPO and since that time it has become our national flag. Meagher wrote that 'A national Flag is the most sacred thing a nation can possess.' When John F Kennedy came to Ireland in 1963 he brought the Flag of the 69<sup>th</sup> Battalion and presented it to the Dail. He said that the flag represented bravery,



**Emer Whehan 2X receives the  
Flag on behalf of the school from  
French Ambassador H.E. Jean  
Pierre Thebault**



# From the Principal's Desk Continued

freedom and democracy in the modern world.

The girls received the flag from the French Ambassador at the ceremony and I received it formally at our school St Patrick's Day Assembly on behalf of the school. The particular flag we have was flown from 33 the Mall Waterford so it gives it a particular resonance. It was a great occasion. Ba mhaith liom buichois a gabhail do Emer agus Jordan ar son an scoil go leir.

## Library Update

Ms Dillon is finishing the term with a **'Love to Read'** week this week and there will be lots of competitions to be had there with Easter Egg prizes etc. We have a guest Travel writer, a return visit for the Sixth Years of the social entrepreneur Caroline Casey and lots of events at lunchtime. This term Ms Dillon featured a representative from Dublin Zoo who gave a talk the Second years ; a presentation to TY students on using Wikipedia and Google (we only use a fraction of its potential it seems) ; an inter Library Quiz as well as the beautiful Winter Wonderland of last December and the annual First Year performance there. Please see Ms Dillon's Newsletter attached.

## The 121 Digital Programme in TY

The school has applied to participate in the **'121 Digital Programme'** for TY students to teach both local adults and senior citizens digital skills, most particularly smart phones and I-pads. The course is running successfully in several local schools and in schools around the country and the programme is directed by Mr Fintan Mulligan, a former parent of Cluny. We are running a six week course starting after Easter on Monday evenings from 4.00pm-5.20pm. Thank you to the



parents who have volunteered to act as Mentors for the programme for the 1.20 hour classes and to the TY students who are keen to share their digital knowledge with an older but equally curious generation. If you know of anyone in the locality who would like to join the class they will be most welcome. They might like to phone the school and we will sign them up. We are very happy in the school to be part of this community venture.

## 'Strictly Cluny'

By now you will surely have heard that we are planning to fundraise for the Cluny Haiti school building fund on 15 May next by holding a **'Strictly Come Dancing'** competition! It will be held in Fitzpatrick's Castle hotel and we are hoping to sell out the venue on the night and have the full quota of 500 tickets sold. The tickets will be 25 euro and we need 30 dancers who are over 18 to volunteer to be dancers. We welcome parents, past pupils, teachers, Sisters - we think Sr. Claire can be persuaded to take on the cha-cha! - and many others as long as you are not a ballroom dancer who will put everybody else in the shade!

The event is being strictly organised by Kevin Rowe Events and by all accounts it has been a great success as an event and as a fundraiser, as I'm sure you have heard. Schools, Clubs and Charity fundraisers have all testified as to how enjoyable an occasion it is. We are hoping it will be a great night for participants and for the audience and we are setting ourselves a



**Date for  
Diary: 15th  
May 2015  
Fitzpatrick's  
Castle Hotel  
Tickets  
available  
from School**



**Together We Can Make A Difference!**

## From the Principal's Desk Continued



Thank you to  
Ms Ciara  
Duggan,  
Chairperson  
and the hard  
working Parents  
Association for  
all their  
assistance this  
year



target of €20,000 euro to help get that Cluny school built. It will be a real 'pay it forward' opportunity for us all to bring education to young women in Port-au-Prince which is very slow to get back on its feet after the terrible earthquake devastated the area. We hope to raise money on the night by voting for favourite pairs of dancers!

So do get involved and we need dancers so don't be shy! If you are willing to commit to being a dancer you will be involved in 7 weeks of preparation for 2 nights of 1.5 hours of choreography or 1 night of 3 hours. We need you to be willing to find 300 euro of sponsorship and to sell 15 tickets - all manageable we hope! And after that the bright lights of Broadway might beckon, who knows?

If you absolutely cannot dance you might know someone who would like to, especially if they are attached to a local sports club. They are welcome to join us! Or your company might like to sponsor an advert in our booklet for the event. We will give you an update about that shortly.

All in all we are looking forward to a great night so do join us. We will keep you updated about our progress and also have a twitter site [www.twitter.com/strictlycluny](http://www.twitter.com/strictlycluny)

### And so to next term..

As all of our Fundraising this year is going towards Haiti we hope to feature our **5K Mini Marathon** on the same day as Sports Day and run in aid of the new Cluny school there. If they are not able to run students are encouraged to walk the course/or part run and walk as with other years. Parents are very welcome to take part in the event or they might be willing to be stewards on the morning.

**Arnotts** will be having a Uniform fitting day in the school concert hall on May starting at 9.30 approx. Replacement items of uniform can be bought or ordered on the day and it may save a trip into town.

The annual **Prize Giving ceremonies** for different year groups will be held next term and we are retaining the changes we made to the ceremonies and customising them to the particular years, as we did last year. Details of our Prizes are in the booklet in this mail shot and the list of Prize winners will be forwarded to parents next term. There are plenty of prizes that all students can win with a little effort and determination, particularly the Merit Award and an important feature of the school awards is to make the ceremonies as inclusive as possible.

Thank you to Ms Ciara Duggan, Chairperson and the hard working Parents Association for all their assistance this year and in anticipation of the Sixth Year Graduation Lunch for their assistance in making the girl's final day in school a memorable and enjoyable one which we know it will be. Look forward to meeting all the Sixth Year parents on this special evening in May.

### In Memoriam

Finally we lost a cherished member of our school community last month our recently graduated past pupil Orla Quill R.I.P. much loved past student, a role model, a trusted friend and a Cluny girl through and through. We remember Orla's parents Eileen and Fintan and her sisters Siobhan and Roisin and their loss at this time. Orla was a caring, considerate and generous student who had a passion for sport and she made her contribution



# From the Principal's Desk Continued

to school life here in a quiet but effective way. She was vigilant about the new students and that they were happy and settled in. As a Sixth Year last year she would have encouraged those students who knew her to get involved and to follow their dreams.

The poem Ithica written in 1911 by the poet CP Cavafy is often quoted on our graduation day as it is about the journey to fulfilment of those dreams :

*'Keep Ithaca always in your mind*

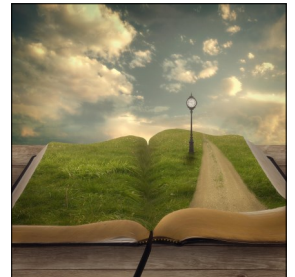
*Arriving there is what you are destined for..*

*But don't hurry the journey at all..*

*Wealthy with what you have learned along the way..'*

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis

M.White March 2015



## Jordan & Emma Receive National Flag

**Historical  
Moment!**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of March, myself and Emer Whelan went to Waterford to receive the Irish flag for the school from the Thomas Frances Meagher foundation. The Thomas F. Meagher tri-colour (green, white, or orange) was inspired by the French tri-colour. When John .F. Kennedy came to Ireland in 1963, he brought with him the flag of the 69<sup>th</sup> Battalion carried by Thomas Meagher into battle and he presented this to The Dail.

More than 250 schools came to Waterford to receive the flag. The Irish president, Michael D. Higgins was there and he gave a speech about the flag and Thomas Meagher. Unfortunately, he was not able to stay for the rest of the ceremony, which was such a pity and great disappointment was felt all round! Still, we got to hear him speak, we got to hear Molly Sterling sing Ireland's Eurovision entry, and we were proud to receive the flag for Cluny.

After we were all presented with the flag, we were thanked for our attendance, given a goodie bag and then it was time to head back to Dublin. Luckily for us we had one of the shorter journeys! Students from a school in a remote part of Donegal told us that they had begun their journey on the previous Tuesday to get to the venue. They had had to take a ferry, a plane, a train, and walk the last part! This made our six hour round trip seem like a short stroll!

Despite the awful weather, it was a really great day and we had lots of fun. As Thomas Meagher said, "A national flag is the most sacred thing a nation can possess." And I for one was proud to receive it for the school.



**Emma & Jordan proudly  
representing St. Joseph of Cluny  
receiving our National Flag**



*This article is a combined effort from the History group and each student has signed off after their section.*

# Senior History Tour of Derry

The first day when we got to Derry we were divided into two groups, half of us went to a talk on 'The Apprentice Boys' and the other half went to 'The Guildhall'. The Guildhall is a large hall

that is a most recognizable landmark and has been at the heart of city life since 1890.

It is home to the city council's chambers and Mayor's parlour as well as a must visit tourist centre. In The Guildhall we were able to see the stunning stained glass windows and an exhibition of the Ulster plantations.

They had notebooks, books, examples of clothes and swords the people had used to fight in the battles. Some of the girls got a chance to try on these clothes and it was good laugh. The exhibition also had a map of Ulster and an electronic screen and iPads attached where you could select a discussion between an Irish farmer, Royal English land owner and a Peasant. It was interesting to see the difference between what they wore and more importantly how each side saw a subject differently.

Overall it was an extremely interesting day and my memory of all about the plantations we had learned in 1st-3rd year came flying back in my head. I definitely would love to back and visit Derry again.

*(Lauren Coughlan 5<sup>th</sup> Year)*

Apprentice Boys Hall: As well as visiting the Guild-

hall to see an exhibition on the Plantation of Ulster we also got the opportunity to visit the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall where we had a guided tour of the Memorial Hall and saw an exhibition on the Apprentice Boys and the Siege of Derry.

The Apprentice Boys of Derry Association was set up to commemorate the anniversaries of the shutting of the Gates and the Relief of Derry. The Hall was opened in 1877, dedicated to the memory of the thirteen Apprentice Boys who closed the city gates in 1688. The Memorial Hall and museum is dedicated to the history and heritage of the Siege of Derry 1688-1689. The museum had lots of local artefacts and information about the Apprentice Boys and the Siege of Derry.

Our guide in the museum showed us some short videos about the Apprentice Boys and the Siege of Derry. We were then able to see some really interesting artefacts that had been collected by the Association over the years. Overall it was great to learn about the history of Northern Ireland while in Derry and it really made all the important events during that time period come alive for us all. *(Niamh Brennan 5<sup>th</sup> Year)*

The Walls of Derry: After our visit to the Guild Hall and the Apprentice Boy's museum, we made our way outside to greet our guide. We were absolutely icy cold as a strong wind blew on the wall. Our guide captured our imaginations, encouraging us to soak





# Senior History Tour of Derry continued

in everything he had to say about Derry. He told the group about the young ladies and their gentlemen, promenading on the 'catwalk'. One of the girls was privileged to a demonstration which lightened the mood the weather had caused.

Our guide was able to give the group a glimpse into life during the troubles. He gave a first hand account of attitudes, views and problems during the troubles. While on the walls out guide even gave us a 'tour of the stars homes' Derry style.

We also got to hear the stories of the murals visible from the wall. One in particular which stuck with us all was a mural dedicated to a 15 year old schoolgirl shot during the troubles.

When the tour was over, we were all like frozen popsicles as we made our way back to the hotel but unanimously we all enjoyed the tour. *(Sophie Forysth—5<sup>th</sup> Year)*

The Hastings Everglades Hotel: This year, the Fifth and Sixth year history students went on a trip to the historical city of Derry. We went to learn about the history and the culture of Derry. It was a long bus journey, on a luxury coach, to Derry but we arrived just on time for lunch!

We were staying in the four-star Hastings-Everglades Hotel. For me, this was the best part of the trip because it was warm and cosy, and the staff of the hotel were really nice and kind to us. The bill of fare for the night was a choice between a Thai Chicken curry or a Pasta Bake, with plenty of side order options. This was followed by a choice in desserts. It was all delicious.

When we were finished, we went as quickly as we could to our room to prepare for our

Midnight Feasts of sweets and peppermint, green or just normal black tea. All this whilst reclining to watch the television. The rooms were fully kitted out with television, kettle, cups, tea etc., and most importantly free working WiFi. Of course, let's not forget the wonderfully comfortable beds!

When the morning set upon us, we dashed for our full Irish breakfast in the Dining Room where we had our dinner. After this, we had to pack up our bags and leave our rooms with heavy hearts. I did not want to leave the Hastings-Everglades Hotel because the Managers and Staff were so nice to us, and we had had so much fun there.

*(Abbi O'Toole - 5th Yr)*

Visit to the Free Derry Museum: Having not known a lot about Northern Ireland before our Derry Trip, we didn't know what our second day would consist of. Over breakfast, we talked about our day ahead, but mostly what we wanted to buy. The majority of us just thought the Tour of Free Derry/ the Bogside would be a long walk talking about an event we hadn't studied yet. The Tour of Free Derry however, became the favourite event of the weekend for most of us.

We stood in the Square opposite the Guildhall where our tour guide, Eugene, introduced himself. He was an eight year old boy on the day of Bloody Sunday, 1972. His childhood memories include witnessing his 11 year old next door neighbour being shot in



...“He gave a first hand account of attitudes, views and problems during the troubles.”



Bringing History Alive!

## Senior History Tour of Derry continued



the back of the head, with a rubber bullet, at point blank range by a British soldier. As he went on, it became clear to us that the Troubles were a bleak and dark time to live through, not far from what we see happening in the Middle East today. Then Eugene decided to mention the small detail that in 1984, when he was 17, he was sentenced to 14 years in the H-Block prison. This was for assassinating a British soldier and being in possession of multiple firearms (allegedly). I think it's safe to say that this really got our attention. Eugene was a former IRA member who served 7 of his 14 years, and came out of prison a bigger threat to the British than when he went in.

As he gave us a tour of the Bogside, each of us were glued to his every word. The fact that the person telling

us about Bloody Sunday and the Troubles had actually lived through it, made the tour even more interesting. Eugene walked us through the streets where the events took place, even showing us bullet holes in walls from that day. He showed us each of the Bogside Murals and explained each of them to us. It was hard to believe that only three men painted them. Finally we were shown the Bloody Sunday Memorial which included the 14 names of those who perished that day. This list included the name of Michael Kelly, the 'Free Derry Tours' museum curator's youngest brother, who was shot dead that morning, aged only 17.

This tour was one of our favourite parts of the weekend because we were taught by people who had experienced it.



## 2nd Year History Trip—Wicklow Gaol

We set off on our journey on Thursday morning at 9:30, we waved our school goodbye and away we went; first stop Wicklow Jail! - One of the most Haunted places in Ireland, as we approached the building we couldn't believe our eyes as snow was falling, And although it didn't damp-

en our spirits the spirits inside awaited our arrival we were greeted with by the lady of the jail who gave us all a scary quiz and a spooky pencil! We had some scary encounters with ghosts but all fun must come to an end so we waved goodbye, boarded our ship and sailed onto the M50 Next stop, 1789 Rebellion centre in Wexford.

We arrived at about 12:30 and had our lunch there. The downstairs interior was outstanding they had muskets pistols hatchets and more we were brought back in time with the state of the art 4D experience the fight on Vinegar Hill. Marie our tour guide was very helpful as we were on a time limit she scheduled and that we got the full experience and lunch too. All aboard and back to school we were all back by 4 o'clock.

We would like to thank our amazing teacher Ms. Stout for putting up with us on the bus we would also like to thank Ms. Rooney and Ms. Connaughton for helping to make this trip possible.

Sarah Chadwick & Jodie Jameson 2X.



# Third Year History Trip to Glasnevin Cemetery

On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, the three third year classes went on a history trip. At around nine o'clock we took the coach from the school to Glasnevin cemetery.

At the cemetery we visited Daniel O'Connell's crypt. Built on top of his crypt is a 50m tower. We descended the stairs into his crypt and stood around his coffin which is encased in limestone. There are holes in the limestone case which allowed us to touch the top of his coffin for good luck. On the walls of the crypt is written Daniel O'Connell's last words: "My body to Ireland, my heart to Rome, my soul to heaven."

While at the cemetery we also visited the graves of important leaders of the 1916 Rising, such as Michael Collins, Roger Casement and Arthur Griffith.

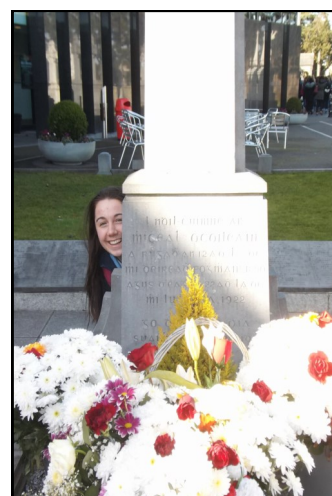
At about half twelve we went to McDonald's for lunch. After lunch we went to Collins' Barracks. While we were there, we saw Michael Collins' actual uniform. We also got to have a look around the museum for ourselves for about two hours. It was very interesting.

We left Collins' Barracks at a quarter to three and arrived back at school at a quarter past three.

Thank you to Ms. White and Ms. Lambert for allowing the trip to happen, and thank you to Ms. Stout and Ms. Rooney organising it. It was a great day.

Celine Oguey McElree and Amber Wickham

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**Anna Byrne (3X) at the grave of Michael Collins in Glasnevin Cemetery**



Ms. Ryan,  
M Andrieux &  
Sybil Berne

French Week In  
St. Joseph of  
Cluny



Talk by  
Sybil Berne  
in School  
Library

## La Visite de Sybil Berne—Urbaniste de Paris

Pendant la semaine française, une amie de M.Andrieux est venue pour donner une présentation aux élèves à Cluny. Elle a dit qu'elle s'appelait Sybil et elle a commencé à se décrire et sa vie à Paris. Elle nous a expliqué la culture française mais surtout la culture parisienne où elle habitait pendant son enfance. J'ai appris plusieurs choses à propos des meilleurs cafés à Paris, les sites touristiques, les arrondissements et l'avantage de grandir dans la plus belle ville du monde.

En revanche, comme dans chaque grande ville, il y a du bon et du mauvais. Sybil s'est rendue compte qu'il y avait beaucoup d'inconvénients à propos des moyens de transport. En plus malheureusement, les gens étaient très stressés et grincheux pour la plupart! Aujourd'hui, elle habite en

Irlande et son métier est urbaniste. Nous lui avons demandé quelle ville elle préférerait habiter. Elle nous a dit qu'elle pense que Paris est plus belle et magnifique pour les touristes et elle voudrait y retourner comme touriste. Je suis d'accord avec elle sans doute.

Pour conclure, je me suis super bien amusée pendant la présentation de Sybil et elle m'a inspiré pour habiter à Paris. Je me passionne pour le français, mais c'est le fait d'habiter à Paris, entourée par les cafés, les macarons et les musées, qui me plait énormément. Je me suis promis que j'améliorerai mon français et un jour j'habiterai à Paris, c'est mon rêve.

## La Semaine Française: Presentation on Paris by Sybil Berne

**En français (par Aishling Ruigrok, Aileen McGrath, Aoife Nolan and Sophie Rhattigan Walsh):** Aujourd'hui, nous avons eu l'opportunité d'assister à une présentation dans la bibliothèque. Elle était organisée pour la semaine française à St Joseph of Cluny. Une parisienne, Sybil Berne, nous a rendu visite pour parler de Paris, de son travail et des différences entre Dublin et Paris.

Nous avons appris beaucoup de choses au sujet de Paris et nous avons pu poser des questions à la fin.

C'était une expérience inoubliable et nous nous sommes bien amusées!

**In English (by Rebecca Carroll, Amber Torpey, Saoirse Moran, Niamh Doyle**

**and Leah Crowley):** This week was French week in St Joseph of Cluny. As a treat, we got the opportunity to listen to a Parisienne, who moved to Dublin for her Erasmus and fell in love with our city and its bridges!

We found her very interesting and luckily we could comprehend her French native accent. We found her job unique and different and we enjoyed learning about it. She answered all our questions and gave us an insight into life in the city of Paris, the most beautiful city in the world according to her. We hope to visit the city one day to experience the culture and visit the world-renowned cafés, which she misses the most from home.



# Semaine Française: Le Théâtre Français

**En français (par Lauren Rawson):** J'ai pensé que le théâtre français était très bien!

C'était sur trois personnes qui n'aiment pas leur profession. Mme Grand-Chance leur dit que si ils l'aident à attaquer une banque, elle leur donnera une fortune.

Finalement, ils n'attaquent pas la banque parce qu'elle a déménagé de l'autre côté du centre-ville. Ils prennent alors une élève en otage.

C'était très drôle et les acteurs étaient très bons!

**In English (by Amber Barry and Alison Barnes):** As part of French week, all Transition Year French students were involved in a French theatre workshop. Four actors who came and seven students from our school took part in the play. The play was about three unsatisfied people looking to make a change in their life. They all got together in a plan to rob a bank. It was extremely funny and had us all in fits of laughter. The improvisation from the actors made it all the more enjoyable. Congratulations to all those who took part in the play. A big thank you to the French Theatre workshop who came along and to the French teachers for organising the event!



## Le Petit-déjeuner Française à Cluny

**2 élèves parlent du petit-déjeuner pendant la semaine française.....** Cette semaine est la semaine française à l'école.

Aujourd'hui nous avons eu le petit-déjeuner. Il y avait beaucoup à manger. Il y avait des croissants, des baguettes et de la confiture. Il y avait beaucoup à boire- du jus d'orange, du jus de pomme et du chocolat chaud. Il était très amusant et nous avons même parlé en français. *Isabelle Torpey 3X*

Aujourd'hui je parle du petit-déjeuner français – mon repas favori! Nous avons acheté beaucoup de nourriture, par exemple, du beurre, du chocolat chaud, des brioches, du pain et ma nourriture préférée....des croissants!! On boit du chocolat chaud d'une tasse. J'ai beaucoup mangé! C'était délicieux!! *Claudia McKendry 3Y*





## Une Sortie au Cinéma

Je suis allée à Dun Laoghaire au cinéma avec mes camarades de classe. Le film s'appelle 'Populaire'. Le réalisateur s'appelle Régis Roinsard. Le film parle d'une fille Rose. Rose cherche un travail comme secrétaire. Elle retrouve un homme qui s'appelle Louis. Louis devient le patron de Rose. Au début, il n'est pas sympa. Il a l'air arrogant mais Rose pense qu'il est beau et charmant. Il porte des costumes et des cravates. Rose devra participer à des concours de vitesse dactylographique. Louis s'improvise entraîneur et déclare qu'il fera d'elle la fille la plus rapide du pays, voire du monde !

Bob est l'ami de Louis. Il est toujours de bonne humeur. Il est très amusant aussi. Marie est l'épouse de Bob et

elle est l'ex-copine de Louis. J'ai aimé le personnage de Marie parce qu'elle a l'air sympa et gentil mais mon personnage préféré est Rose. Elle a l'air assez fâché et fier mais elle est très sympa aussi. Elle est très maladroite et j'ai pensé qu'elle était très drôle. Pendant les années 50's, les femmes portaient des vêtements magnifiques. J'ai aimé les robes de Rose dans le film. C'est une comédie romantique et à la fin, Rose et Louis tombent amoureux. J'ai adoré le film 'Populaire'.

Emma Duggan 5C

## La Semaine Française: Presentation on French Food by Blogger Kitty Elisabeth

**En français (par Taylor Mitchell et Ciara McGuirk):** Pendant la semaine française, le 12 novembre 2014, Kitty Elisabeth est venue à notre école. Kitty Elisabeth est une blogueuse passionnée par la nourriture française. Elle nous a parlé du petit déjeuner, du déjeuner et du dîner en France. Elle nous a dit où trouver des recettes sur son site [www.frenchfoodieindublin.com](http://www.frenchfoodieindublin.com). Nous avons aussi dégusté trois fromages français, c'était délicieux!

Nous avons adoré la présentation. C'était excellent!

**In English (by Hannah O'Neill, Lara Quinn and Laura Lynam):** On a wet and cold Wednesday afternoon the transition year French classes gathered in the cafeteria for a presentation on French food. The presentation was held by a French blog-

ger living in Dublin. Her name was Kitty Elisabeth.

She talked to us about French food and the meal structure in France. She told us about her favourite French foods and showed us pictures that made our mouths water.

To finish off her presentation she offered us the opportunity to taste some traditional cheeses from France.

To view her blog she told us we could go online to [www.frenchfoodieindublin.com](http://www.frenchfoodieindublin.com).

Overall we really enjoyed her visit to our school and are looking forward to cooking up our own French meals at home!



Cheese testing with Kitty



## Cluny's Entry in Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition

From the 6th to the 10th of January 2015 Holly Hunt and Lucy Gammell and myself, Catherine Murphy attended the *BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition* in the RDS

We had been working with Ms. Torpey for months in advance on our project '*Is It Possible to Dye Insulin*' it was a lot of work but great fun.

The reason we decided to do this project is because people with Type One Diabetes have to self-administer insulin because they are unable to produce insulin.

We wanted to see if it was possible to dye Insulin, people who use Insulin Pumps often have problems with air bubbles, these bubbles can block the flow of insulin, this can lead to high blood glucose levels which can make a person feel sick and can cause complications over time.

Insulin is a clear liquid and air has no colour, so it is very difficult to see if there are any bubbles present in the insulin cartridge or tubing. We came up with the idea of dyeing the Insulin so that if a

bubble does occur, it will be easier to see and then you can get rid of it before it blocks the Insulin flow or enters your body. This will reduce the risk of having high glucose levels in the blood and will reduce the risk of complications with health issues down the road.

This whole experience has been amazing we were lucky enough to be interviewed by RTE and News Talk. We met loads of new people and made lots of new friends, we also gained confidence from talking to so many people. This is a week that we will never forget and we all would highly recommend you visit or enter the exhibition in the future

We are in the middle of developing our project and are going to enter it into the Scifest Competition this coming March 2015. Fingers crossed!!!!

Catherine Murphy, Holly Hunt and Lucy Gammell



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## Update: Congratulations Girls on being invited to join the 'Skyfest Science Exhibition this Easter.



## Irish Language Debating Team Finalists of Comórtas an Phiarsaigh

Ba mhór an phribhléid dúinn páirt a ghlacadh sna díospóireachtaí Gael Linn i mbliana. Níor ghlac ach cailín amháin asainn páirt riamh i ndíospóireacht agus caithfimid a admháil gur fhoghlaímíomar go leor ó thaobh scileanna agus Gaeilge de. B'iomaí rún a bhí le plé againn: todhchaí na hÉireann, feirmeoireacht, daoine bochta agus an tAontas Eorpach ina measc. Bhuamar trí bhabhta agus níor chreideamar ár gcluasa nuair a chualamar go mbeimis ag bogadh ar aghaidh go dtí Craobh Laighean. Ar an drochuair, áfach, stop ár dturas ansin. Cé go rabhamar croíbhriste b'fhiú go mór é an rud ar

fad! Gabhaimid buíochas le Ms Darmody agus Iníon Uí Aodhagáin as an am a chuir siad isteach is an obair a rinne siad linn. Ní gá a rá nach ndéanfaimid dearmad ar an taithí seo go



deo.

## U15 Public Speaking Competition



U-15 Public Speaking team who represented Cluny at the Dublin University Women Graduates Association U15 Public Speaking Competition in TCD

Photo L-R: Roisin Rafferty, Molly Burke, Sahar UI Haque & Una Nolan.



Una Nolan, 2nd Year, winner of Best Individual Speaker at the Dublin University Women Graduates Association U15 Public Speaking Competition. Pictured above with association president Marion Courtney-McKillen. Una went on to represent TCD in the Naional competition.





## Enterprise Success



**Sláinte Kids  
TY Enter-  
prise Mini  
Company at  
Marley Park  
Market—Sat  
14th Feb.**



**Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Trade Show:**  
Best of luck to CupACake mini company (Ailbhe Mulhall, Caoimhe Whelan, Isabelle Bailey, Aislinn Cronin), MultiCray (Laura Lynam), Sláinte Kids (Amber Barry, Mia Kenny, Gráinne McHugo, Sinéad Murphy) who are taking part in the regional finals of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Trade Show on Thursday 12th, March.

**Junior Achievement Leinster Final:**  
Good luck to enterprise class mini companies MultiCray (Laura Lynam), and Sláinte Kids (Amber Barry, Mia Kenny, Gráinne McHugo, Sinéad Murphy) who are taking part in the Leinster finals of the Junior Achievement mini company competition.

## Business Plan Workshop & Business Quiz in Tallaght

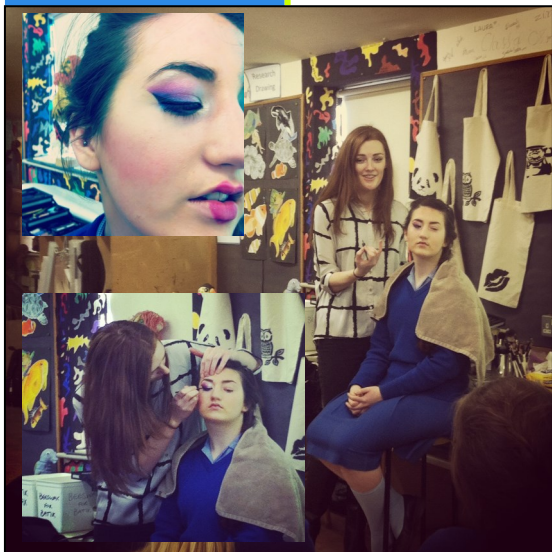
Fourth Year Enterprise students at a Business Plan workshop run by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Enterprise Board at Stillorgan Park Hotel.



On Wednesday October 22nd four third year Business students, Rebecca Clarke, Emma Maye, Fiona Moriarty and Victoria Williams-Gaine took part in a business quiz in Tallaght. The quiz was organised by CIMA Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and the Business Teachers Association. It was based on the Junior Cert business course. The girls got on great and really enjoyed the evening.



# Makeup Tutorial to Fashion Studies



Hannah McAteer  
Past Pupil

Past pupil Hannah McAteer presents makeup tutorial to 'Fashion Studies' class

One Friday in our transition year fashion design class, we were joined by past pupil Hannah McAteer. Hannah is studying design for stage and screen in I.A.D.T. She came into our class to talk to us about differ-

ent types of makeup that we could use for our Junk Kouture designs and our

TY fashion show later this year. She brought her makeup and demonstrated many different makeup looks that we could use. So of them were simple and elegant and others were bright and bold. She told us about different techniques that would look very effective with our designs. We all really appreciated Hannah taking the time to come in and speak to us. It has really help finalize our designs.

By Lara Quinn 4L

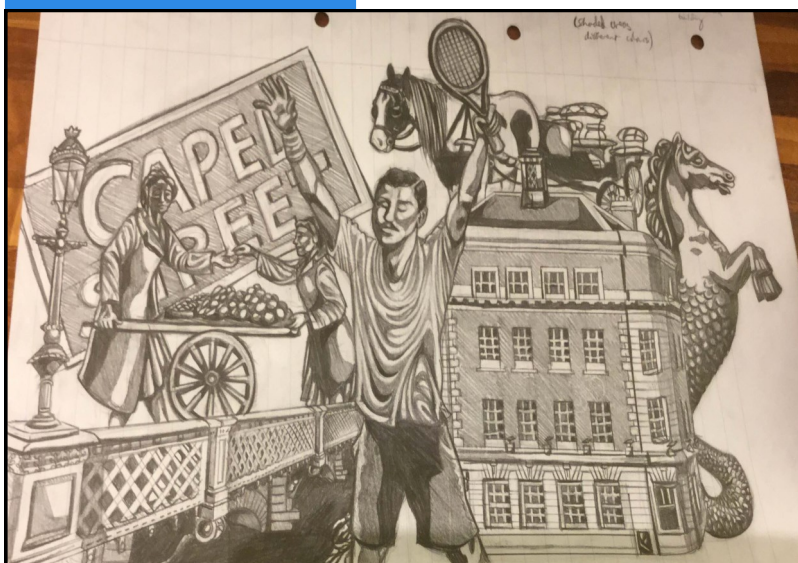
## TY Work Experience in Graphic Design Studio

Carla Irwin's  
designs at  
Creative Inc.

This year I was determined to find work experience that involved art of any sort. My main aim was to get into an animation studio, though after finding out that all seven of the animation studios I contacted couldn't take me in as an intern, I was seriously running out of luck. I asked my art

teachers if they knew anyone who could find me somewhere to go for work experience, and thankfully I was in luck. Ms. Simington's friend works at Creative Inc., a graphic design studio at Strand Street Great in Dublin (just off of Capel Street), and she managed to get me into their company for the two weeks! Honestly I had no idea what graphic designing actually was, but I was about to find out!

The journey in took a good 45 minutes, between a 30 minute DART trip and a 15 minute walk (well, it was more of a run to avoid being late). On the first day, I was surprised to see that the building was so much smaller than I expected. Not only this, but the front door to the building was broken and it took a lengthy five minutes to get it open between myself and the receptionist. Apparently it gets jammed if you don't pull it a specific way, or something like that, I couldn't





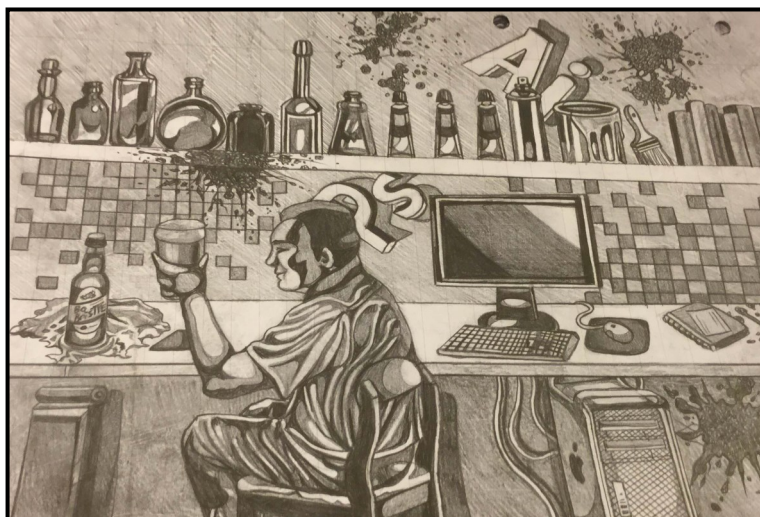
## TY Work Experience in Graphic Design

### Studio continued

take in the whole description she gave me. But anyway, when I went upstairs to meet all the workers, I was expecting them to be a lot more formal. But instead, when I went to shake their hands, I heard someone say in utter shock, "Oh my god, she's so formal!" I went up another flight of stairs again to the room I'd be working in with six other workers, all of whom were extremely kind and friendly towards me. My supervisor, Rachel, gave me a full description of the work they do and gave me my own computer and desk to work at, as well as a huge stack of A3 pages and lots of books to read about graphic designing. I wasn't nervous at all about starting work in this new place, and I was dying to get started.

They were working on a project for a new café/food shop/newsagents called 'Quartisan,' so they gave me the task of designing some logos and pictures relating to it. I spent both Monday and Tuesday making seven different logos for this project, and on Wednesday I digitalised one of them using Adobe Illustrator. On Thursday, I designed and digitalised a new logo idea for a company called 'Web Titan' (The new project they started working on). However on Friday they gave me a new task, one which would be of much more use to them. They told me that they were looking to decorate the interior of their building, particularly the staircase and the walls around it, so they told me to design something for it and that they would hire a professional painter to come in and paint my design onto the walls. When I heard this, I was absolutely delighted that they liked my work enough to let me design something for them! I was really excited about this new project and I spent all day Friday doing research for it and sketching out ideas.

The next week I made a start on the project, I decided on my final designs and got both of them drawn out by the end of Tuesday. The first design was based on the street the building is located on (well, the street beside it, as there's much more history to



draw about Capel Street). This includes the first Irishman to win an Olympic gold medal; John Pius Boland (he was born and raised on Capel Street), old Capel street markets and bridges/buildings related to the street. The second design was based on the building itself, and is a mixture of the modern studio and a pub (the building used to be a bar). During the next three days, I digitalised the second design. It took so long because I had completely forgotten to save it and had to start all over again on Thursday.

At the end of the two weeks, I was really sad to have to say goodbye to all the workers who were all so nice to me, and they even gave me a sketchpad that they designed before I left! Although I didn't get to work at an animation studio like I had hoped, I'm really glad I got to spend time at Creative Inc. because the whole experience was really enjoyable and I learnt so much. I found out that graphic design mainly involves designing logos and typography, I discovered new ways to draw and change the style of my drawings, and I also learnt how to use several programmes on the computer, which I'd never have been able to figure out by myself. Most importantly though, I found out that I don't want to be a graphic designer when I leave school (even though I really enjoyed it, it's not what I want a career in), and my sights are still set on being an animator.

By Carla Irwin

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Shamrock



Claddagh



Celtic Cross



Triple Knot



Celtic Spiral



Irish Harp

# An Ghaeilge

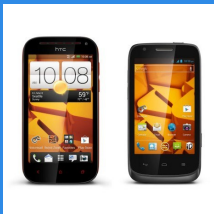
I mo chuid ama ag labhairt na Gaeilge d'fhoghlaim mé cúpla rud. Nílím ag caint faoi rialacha gramadaí (mar tá siadsan fós le foghlaim agam), nó cé chomh cruálach is a bhí an tsochaí maidir le Máire Ní Chathasaigh. D'fhoghlaim mé gur féidir leat Gaelgeoirí a aimsiú in aon áit ina bhfuil tú. Ní chaithfidh tú ach dul á lorg agus cómhra a thosú agus beidh go leor daoine sásta ár dteanga álainn a labhairt leat.

D'fhoghlaim mé gur féidir leat an Ghaeilge a úsáid lasmuigh den tír seo nuair a chuamar go dtí an Bhruiséil leis an 5ú bliain i mí Dheireadh Fómhair. Bhaineamar an-sult as a bheith ag éisteacht lenár dteanga dhúchais i bParlaimint na hEorpa agus thaispeáin sé dúinn go bhfuil páirt

lárnach agus tábhachtach ag ár dteanga thar lear.

Agus go háirithe d'fhoghlaim mé go bhfuil go leor Gaelgeoirí i bhfolach sa scoil seo, atá píosa beag neirbhíseach chun an teanga a labhairt, ach, cinnte atá in ann í a labhairt. Bhunaigh mé Gaelclub le Ciara McKeown i mbliana don idirbhliain, an 5ú agus an 6ú bliain. Gach Déardaoín tugann sé seans dom mo scíth a ligean as Gaeilge le mo chairde agus is deis iontach é atá glactha ag go leor cailíní eile chun an teanga a chleachtadh go spráíúil, cairde nua a dhéanamh agus an teanga shaibhir a spreagadh.

Ciara Crotty, 5th Year



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# Sports—Badminton



Starting in September, St. Joseph of Cluny entered the Badminton Dublin League Competition 2014/15 against schools from all over Dublin.

Age groups representing Cluny in this competition were U19, U16 and U14.

This year the U19A's played in Division 2 and got to semi-finals playing against Holy Faith, Clontarf. The result was 3-3 so it came down to adding up match points, and our team unfortunately lost by just 5 points. We put up a good fight, with Ciara Crotty and Chloe Langan winning their singles.

U19C's got to quarter-finals but were beaten by a very strong Loreto College, Bray team. Ailise Allen played a competent game on the day.

U14's A and B did very well in their Divisions this year. U14A's got to Dublin Finals in Division 3. They played against a very dominant Holy Faith, Clontarf. Aisling Leahy played a great singles and a good doubles game with her partner Emer Whelan, but Cluny still lost on the day. U14B got through to Dublin Finals in Division 4. Cluny played against Lucan Community College and they won all their matches 6 – 0. It was an impressive



result for Jessica Kane, Alison Kenney, Laura Govan and Ailbhe Larkin.

All in all Cluny teams played extremely well and enjoyed the experience at competition level.

Now as Easter approaches another competition is under way, the Crème Egg Cup! The idea of this competition is to give students who were not part of the Dublin League teams a chance to partake in a fun, friendly and exciting competition. Of course there is the added bonus of a chocolate Crème Egg for all participants! The schools taking part this year are Loreto Bray, St. Raphaelas Stillorgan, Wesley College Ballinteer, and Santa Maria School Knocklyon. Hopefully we will be walking away with the Crème Egg Cup this year! Ms. Rosemary Kelly Coach.

## BADMINTON BRAY BLITZ 2015

On the 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2015 first and second year badminton class went on a trip to Loreto School, Bray to partake in a Badminton Blitz.

The schools we were playing against were St. Raphaelas, Stillorgan and Loreto School, Bray.

At one o'clock we left the school on the bus and everyone was very excited as it was the first time for most of the girls to ever play in a badminton competition.

We arrived at 1.30pm and we were told everyone had to play two double matches and two single matches.

We had practiced double and single games in training but we were still nervous going out to play. Once we started to play, we started to enjoy it.

Several matches were extremely close with only one or two points in the difference.

Medals were given out for winners and runners-up.

The results were divided up into four sections.

St. Joseph of Cluny won one section and got gold medals and came runners-up in another section.

Overall it was a very successful, fun day and it was a great experience for all.

Aoife Dunne & Charlie Carry 1<sup>st</sup> Yr



# Hockey Round-up 2015



*“nailbiting games, with three of their matches going to extra time and penalty shootouts.”*

As the hockey season comes to an end it is time to reflect on a very eventful few months. Since Christmas, the hockey programme has been very busy, particularly as we lost a couple of Saturday mornings to frozen pitches, which created a backlog. As always, we were under pressure to complete games by deadlines, and poor weather conditions and mock exams created a little extra pressure.

Our Senior Bs and our Minor As led the way this year, both finishing top of their league group tables. The Senior Bs, led by Captain Nicole Wright had been impressive in beating St Columbas, High School, St Raphaelas, Wesley College and Alexandra College, meaning they qualified to meet Loreto Beaufort in the quarterfinal. Following a 2-0 victory over Beaufort, another Wesley team awaited them in the semifinal. Despite conceding an early goal Cluny fought back well and levelled the score, before Wesley just managed to score another and put an end to Clunys great run.



**Finalists Minor A Team Line out at Three Rock Rovers**

The Minor As have also made great progress this season, going all the way to the Leinster Final. Despite some nervous displays early in the season, they have really stepped up and grown in confidence as the season went on. They competed in some nailbiting games, with three of their matches going to extra time and penalty shootouts. Two of those games were a quarterfinal match against St Andrews and a semifinal match against Loreto Dalkey, but Cluny held their



**Jolly Hockey Sticks!**

nerve to come through and qualified to meet Mt Anville in the Leinster Final, held in Three Rock Rovers Hockey Club on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Captained by Sarah Endersen, they competed very well with both teams going close to scoring on a number of occasions. There was little between the teams throughout the match until Mt Anville managed to score with just a few minutes of the game remaining. Despite their disappointment, our girls should be very proud of their efforts and hopefully the experience of playing in a Leinster Final will stand to them in the future.

Our Senior As had a mixed season, their best results included an excellent win over Santa Sabina in the league and a comprehensive victory over St Raphaelas, also in the league. Captained by Sophie Grehan, they were defeated by the eventual finalists Mt Sackville in the Plate after a spirited performance.

Our two Junior teams began the season in a positive fashion. The As, showing great commitment and enthusiasm gave some fine displays, notably against Holy Child Killiney, The Kings Hospital and Sutton Park but unfortunately didn't progress from their group.

The Junior Bs had a very good start to their league with a 4-0 victory over Loreto Dalkey. They also finished strongly with a victory over Mt Temple. Sadly results against Wesley College, Mt Sackville and St Gerards didn't go their way.



# Hockey Round-up 2015 & Supporters



Braiding their way to success!

*"Cluny suffered a cruel blow with the opposition scoring the only goal of the game in the last two minutes."*

A special 'thank you' as well to the supporters who came to matches throughout the year. You make a difference!

Our Minor Bs gave some very spirited displays this season, but luck was not on their side losing their first two games against Holy Child Killiney and Our Ladys Terenure by the narrowest of margins. This year there were a number of new players who joined the Minor group, they have been a very positive addition which is encouraging for the future.

Our First years continue to play in the new 8 a side format which was introduced last year. It means two games being played at the same time on half a pitch to encourage skill development. There were some fine displays against The High School, Mt Temple and Loreto Stephens Green before Loreto Beaufort proved too strong.

A First year Cup was also played this year with Cluny drawn against Mt Sackville in the first round. Having had the upper hand in the first half, Cluny suffered a cruel blow with the opposition scoring the only goal of the game in the last two minutes.

Commitment to your team is essential if you are to progress, and that commitment can be tested on cold dark evenings when you cant feel your fingers and are getting soaked to the skin, so well done to all who played hockey this year. Thanks also to the coaches Ms Murphy and Ms Somers for all their hard work and dedication.

Ms M Seymour



# Basketball Round-up 2015



Senior B Players  
before Semi-final  
March 2015 Hazel &  
Anouk

*Subbing up for  
the Junior B  
team was Anna  
Rae, who pull  
down a vital  
rebound with  
under 20  
seconds to go.*

Five Cluny teams have reached semi-final this year. Senior B made it to the South

Dublin semi-final to be knock-out by St. Columbia, who lost the final to Mt. Anville. Better luck next year girls lets see can we go one step further to the Final! Both 2<sup>nd</sup> Year teams did very well in both Leinster and

South Dublin leagues making it to semi-finals. In Basketball 2<sup>nd</sup> Years are Juniors and All 1<sup>st</sup> years are Minors. Just wanted to inform those readers who may not be aware of the different age groups!! (smile)

The Junior A team bound out the Leinster league semi-final to a very strong Mt. Temple team who had an International player on their team. At present the Junior A's still have to play old rival Cos Iosagain in the South Dublin semi-final on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 4:30 in Cluny sports hall. So fingers cross and everything else to see if the team will reach the finals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. The same team won the

Minor A league title last season as 1<sup>st</sup> Years. The Junior B team has made into the Final! A nail biting encounter that was level at regulation time 17-17, Loreto Beaufort and Cluny were tied, this semi-final would now head into over-time, so three minutes of extra time was required. Screaming shouting missed chances by both Teams and Coaches trying to encourage their players to do there best! Until Caoimhe O'Donnell converted a lay-up with just about 1:00 to go! Defense! Defense! Get a stop was crucial. Subbing up for the Junior B team was Anna Rae, who pull down a vital rebound with under 20 seconds to go. Those seconds seemed like 20 minutes! But the buzzer sounded and the girls knew that they were in the Final! Well Done and Good Luck on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00 in Shoreline leisure centre in Greystones, Co. Wicklow. So that's two of the five teams. Next it's our Minor teams, remember Minors are First Years in Basketball. Minor B team had a very good league play with a record of 4-2. The team made it to semi-final and faced HCK minor A team. The girls put up a Brave fight but lost, well done to all the girls on the team and the Captains. Lets see can we come back next year and reach the Final! The Minor A team fell at the first post in a Quarter-final defeat to rivals Loreto Dalkey 18-15 and found themselves asking how did we lose that one, when we had won earlier at the



Minor A  
team final-  
ists and  
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reaching  
final March  
2015



# Basketball Round-up & Team Photos

beginning of the League! You can imagine what the coach said.....Anything can happen when you reach knock-out stages and just because you beat a team once, it does not mean you will beat them again. So hopefully lesson learned. That quarter-final was south Dublin league. Our Minor A team in the Leinster semi-final defeated Teresians 20-16 in a very tight match that saw Ellen O'Neill score 5 points in the final two minutes excellent defending by Ava Clarke to help Cluny pull away and book there place in Final on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00. The team will play Mt. Temple in the Final. Well done and we wish you well in the Final. The added bonus for the team reaching a Leinster final is that it books a place in All-Ireland Regional playoffs! Mr. Ed

**Senior B  
Team Seii-  
Finalists  
March 2015**



**Junior A  
Team Seii-  
Finalists  
March 2015**



Randolph

**Minor A  
Team Leinster/Dublin  
Finalists  
March 2015**



**Minor B  
Semi-  
Finalists  
March 2015**



Cluny's Junior B team goes down fighting in extra-time loss to Mt. Anville 21 to 23! The two teams could not be separated after regulation time, so 3 minutes of overtime was needed to unlock the deadlock at 17-17. Louise Collins & Eve Harvey-Graham gave Cluny some attacking play, while Aisling Leahy & Olivia O'Sullivan made defensive plays to halt Mt. Anville scoring in extra time. But time ran out as excellent pressure foul shooting put the Mounties up by 2pts. With only seconds left for Cluny to equalise! Down the floor shot went up but did connect. Buzzer sounded and it was all over until next year. Great fight by the girls never giving up. We are proud of you. Well done.

**Junior B  
South  
Dublin  
League  
Finalists  
March 2015**





# Summary of Prize-Giving for each Year 2015



Year	Format
<b>First Year</b> <b>12 May 2015</b>	A library ceremony will take place where students will be awarded merits and other prizes relating to their year. This ceremony is a school celebration and will be held during the school day. Parents will be invited to a special <b>Presentation Evening</b> from 4.15-5.30pm where students will be given the opportunity to present the work they have done over the year.
<b>Second Year</b> <b>13 May 2015</b>	Students will attend a special <b>Breakfast Presentation</b> where they will be awarded Merits and other awards relating to their year. This ceremony is a school celebration and will be held during the school day.
<b>Third Year</b> <b>13 May 2015</b>	Parents will be invited to attend a special <b>Presentation Ceremony</b> on Wednesday 13 May at 10.05am in the Library. Merits and other key awards will be presented at this ceremony.
<b>Transition Year</b> <b>06 May 2015</b>	Parents will be invited to attend a special <b>Presentation Evening</b> on Wednesday 06 May from 4.30-5.30pm. Transition Year students will be given the opportunity to present the work they have done throughout the year. A short school Prize giving ceremony will take place also where students will be awarded key awards including merits and other prizes relating to their year. This ceremony is a school celebration and will be held during the school day.
<b>Fifth Year</b> <b>19 May 2015</b>	Fifth Year students will present their ' <b>Leadership in Action</b> ' theme where students in various leadership roles will give a presentation on the work they have done throughout the year. All awards relating to Fifth Years will be presented at this Library ceremony and presentation. This ceremony is a school celebration and will be held during the school day.
<b>Sixth Year</b> <b>20 May 2015</b>	A library ceremony will take place where students will be awarded some key awards, merits and other prizes relating to their year. This ceremony is a school celebration and will be held during the school day. Some special awards for Sixth Years will be presented also on their final Graduation Evening.



## Deputy Principal's Diary—Ms. Lambert



Easter is fast approaching and with that the anticipation of good weather, long bright evenings, Prize Giving(s) and the final school term!

For the 6th yrs it will be a busy time with orals,

practicals, Fun days e.g. Sports Day, 5km Run, Graduation Ceremonies and Farewell get-togethers. Each January, as I meet with 4th class students for their Cluny Information Session, I am reminded how quickly these young girls, still in primary school seem to complete junior school and arrive at Cluny all ready for post primary. So it is with the present 6<sup>th</sup> yrs. whom I first met as juniors. To help them stay focussed, we have arranged for Caroline Casey to address the 6<sup>th</sup> yr. group in March. She was a huge success at the Parent's Association AGM and was happy to return visit and address the 6<sup>th</sup> yrs.

Fifth years are looking forward to the prospect of using the Red Stairs, consuming vast amounts of chocolate biscuits, using the Common Room as well as enjoying the many other privileges they will have. We wish them success as role models and student leaders for all the other pupils in the school. As they learnt on their Leadership Day, responsibilities are included in the 6thyr package and I am sure they will embrace them with great gusto.

What a wonderful trip the 4<sup>th</sup> Yrs. had to Roscommon. Despite the initial fog, the sun shone through and everyone had fun! Now it's time for the Junk Couture Fashion Show which we are all looking forward to- what amazing and imaginative creations the girls have designed and made. We look forward to seeing the models on the catwalk soon.

Thirds Year's entertained us on St Patrick's Day Assembly with their musical presentation. It was lovely to see them all working together on their performance. They too will be busy with practicals and orals in the coming weeks but have some nice school events coming down the tracks too, just like the 6<sup>th</sup> Yrs.

We are so delighted to learn that our second yr. students Lucy, Catherine and Holly following their success in the Young Scientist Competition 2015, qualified to enter Scifest at the end of March in DIT. We wish them all the best and congratulate them on their hard work.

First Years are now entering their third term in Cluny SS. I'd like to thank all the 6<sup>th</sup> Yr. Buddies who have looked after them so well, organising Buddy events, popping in to say hello at lunch hour and celebrating birthdays and carrying out random acts of kindness. Well done to the 1<sup>st</sup> yrs. for using their initiative in sticking all the lovely good luck cards on their 6thyr Buddy Locker on the first morning of the mock exams in Feb.

The Parent's Association have kindly supported the Scoliosis testing in the school in March and our volunteers have completed the CPR training for 4<sup>th</sup> Yrs. As you know we are all now busy with *Strictly Cluny*. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to keep up with all the developments. It will be great fun and a fantastic evening on May 15<sup>th</sup> in Fitzpatrick's Hotel, Killiney. Please come along early and support us as a parent and or past pupil on the night. Tickets will be on sale soon.

In the meantime, wishing you all a happy and restful Easter.

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developments.





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## ST. JOSEPH OF CLUNY SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST 2015

Description	Size	Price	
<b>Outdoor Jacket</b>			Compulsory
Navy Crested Jacket	XXS - L	€62.00	
<b>Pullover</b>			Compulsory
Plain Royal Blue Pullover	34 - 44	€46.00	
<b>Skirt</b>			Compulsory
Royal Blue Skirt	24-34	€70.00	
<b>Twin Pack Blouses</b>			Compulsory
Gingham Revere Collar Blouse (2pk)	30 - 44	€25.00	
Trutex White Revere Collar Blouse (2pk)	34 - 44	€25.00	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Yr Only</b>
<b>Shorts</b>			Compulsory
O'Neill's Embroidered Shorts	XXS - L	€25.00	
<b>Polo Shirt</b>			Compulsory
Blue Crested Aertex	28-38	€19.00	
<b>Track Bottoms</b>			Compulsory
O'Neill's Navy Fleece Track Pants	XXS - L	€38.00	
<b>Track Top</b>			Compulsory
O'Neill's Navy Crested Zip Top	XXS - XL	€45.00	
<b>Sports Socks</b>			Compulsory
Navy / Sky Sports Socks	All sizes	€10.00	
<b>Lab coat</b>	XXS-XXL	€25.00	
<b>Scarf</b>			Compulsory
Navy/Sky/white striped	One size	€17.50	

### **Please note:**

- ▶ **Items ordered after the 18th of July cannot be guaranteed for September.**
- ▶ **If you require a special outsize of those listed above, please let us know by end of May so we can order this in time for the new school year**
- ▶ **Special orders must be paid for in advance.**
- ▶ **For some special orders it can take up to 4 months for delivery, these include:**
  - Outdoor Jackets (3 months)**
- ▶ **For all other products we aim to have your special order posted to you within 6 weeks**
- ▶ **Arnotts will also stock a full range of Dubarry schoolshoes**
- ▶ **Uniform department is located in the Kids department at Arnotts**

### **Arnotts Online:**

You can also buy your uniform online at:

<http://www.arnotts.ie/categories/Uniforms/200500>

**Uniform Sales Day: Thurs 7th May 9.30am - 4pm**

Uniforms will be available to buy in the school on this date:

### **Contact us:**

We encourage customers to contact us via email as your query is recorded and will be dealt with within 24hrs: [uniforms@arnotts.ie](mailto:uniforms@arnotts.ie)