



St. Joseph of Cluny Killiney, Co. Dublin Summer Newsletter 2016



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Above centre: Alana Borza, Balleria, with Ms. White, Principal, Ms. Lambert, Deputy Principal; Right top: Alana with her mum Jackie Borza; Right: Alana and fellow dancers featured on The Late Late Show.

From the Principal's Desk

Greetings to everyone as we finalise the 2015-16 academic year and look forward to the summer holidays and the long bright evenings ahead. Now that all of the exams are nearly over and the lockers have been emptied and the school books put away for a while I would like to wish all of our students, parents, teachers and admin staff a very happy and enjoyable summer break.

The May month began this year with another wonderful school **Junk Kouture Fashion Show** organised by the TY Junk Kouture students in association with the TY Enterprise students and the Art/Business teachers ie Ms Archibald, Ms McAteer and Ms O Riordan. The combined talents of all involved created a very vibrant and successful evening on 5th May last. It was a great night featuring nine specially designed

From the Principal's Desk Continued



gowns made from gorgeous recycled materials! You can see the dresses in this edition and it always amazes me how inventive the girls are with the most amazing designs coming from everyday throwaway materials. We also had great student co-ordinators and presenters in **Abby Keogh 4N**, **Ally O Neill 4L** and **Heather Watson** and two great bands who entertained us on the evening. Well done to all involved.

The TY Presentation evening on 04 May also had some equally remarkable displays of work from the TY students particularly their TY Achievement Folders. Congrats to Ms Doyle TY Co-Ordinator for the organisation of the evening and also to **Emily Rafferty Doyle 4N** on her award for best TY Folder for 2016. Congrats to the TY girls for their great presentations on the evening.

The May month also brought forward the time for final farewells with our Sixth Year graduates and we enjoyed a lovely **Graduation Day** with the girls on 24th May last. We had a beautiful Graduation Mass and final Prizegiving running from the morning into the evening with both the Sixth Year graduates and their parents joining us to complete the girls last day in Cluny. Since then LC Exam time has hit of course but by all accounts our students managed well and found most of the papers were manageable. We are keeping them all in our prayers and wish each one of them every success in August.

Graduation Day was both a joyful and a tearful day for us all. Our last Assembly on Graduation morning organised by Year Head Mr Pat Larkin was a very warm celebration of the girls final day in school and included memories from the younger students of the friendships and the very positive influence which the Sixth Years had shown the younger students particularly in their role as Buddies. Many thanks to Mrs Ciara Duggan, Mrs Bernie Power and the members of the **Parents Association** for their assistance in organising the beautiful lunch for the girls and for the staff that day. We said a special farewell to the Head Girl **Hazel Nolan 6L** and Deputy Head Girl **Niamh McCarthy 6L** both of whom were splendid in their special roles this year. We will miss their presence especially at school assemblies where they showed great organisational and leadership skills and entertained us in equal measure for the duration of the year! They were both great role models this year particularly in keeping up their commitment to sport in Basketball and Badminton respectively.

Congrats also to other Senior Award winners including **Emma Duggan 6C** (pictured below with her parents) who was awarded Outstanding Senior Student and Sen-



6th Year
Prizegiving:
Debating
Medal
Winners



From the Principal's Desk Continued



Ms. Lambert with Solas winners Siobhan and Aislinn

ior Linguist in a combined vote from both students and teachers and the Solas Award winners **Aislinn Brennan 6L** and **Siobhan Quill 6N** who were nominated by their Year group for this very special caring award. Congrats also to Sr Evangelist Science Award Winner **Megan O Toole 6L** and Senior Sportsperson **Ailise Allen 6C**.

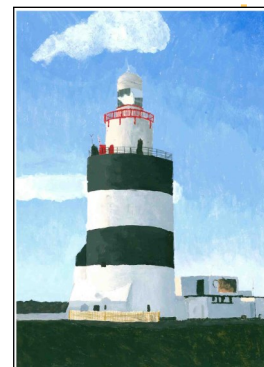
This class of 2016 headed up by charities organiser Deputy Head Girl Niamh made a very positive contribution to their two school charities for 2016-17 ie the St James Hospital Burns' Unit and the St John of God Stillorgan Genesa Adolescent Unit -which includes some of our past pupils on the staff there - with a total collection of almost €20,000. Well done to all the Sixth Years and to the Fifth Year House Captains for throwing their energies behind these very worthy causes. Thanks also to Mr Leahy and Ms Connaughton for the beautiful music for this special Graduation event and to Mr Larkin and Ms Doyle for the liturgies which were magical and to Fr Powell for his support of the girls.

Our Third Years also finished in good spirits. We said a special farewell to Third Year student **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 which is near Leningrad in Russia. This commitment is not for the fainthearted but in true Cluny girl spirit Alana is confident that this is nonetheless the fulfilment of a life's dream for her. Alana has worked and trained with exceptional discipline over many years to achieve this prestigious place. We wish Alana and her family every success over the next couple of years and hope we get an opportunity to see her dance again soon.

Other student successes included First Year winner **Tara Watson 1W** for her beautiful acrylic painting of Hook Lighthouse with **Carla Irwin 5N** and **Hannah O Toole 2Y** winning special Merit awards for their beautiful entries which you can find enclosed. The girls received their awards at a special reception in the Hugh Lane gallery. Special congrats to Art teachers Ms McAleer and Ms Archibald. Congrats also to athlete and sailing student **Roisin Foley 4N** who was selected for the Bcadamy TY Lasar Sailing Programme during the month of May. Roisin trained in Brittany, Provence and Belgium during the month of May and hopes as a result to be selected for the Irish regional and national squads. Best of luck with that Roisin!

We had a sunny **Sports Day** - much to our delight - on 10 May this year and it was packed with activities! As well as the annual 5k run we had a **whole school Zumba class** on the Hockey pitch, normally the



First Year winner Tara Watson 1W for her beautiful acrylic painting of Hook Lighthouse



Whole School Zumba

From the Principal's Desk Continued



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preserve of TY students only but this time the rest of us got to have a try of this winning Latino workout! A special "guest" gazing onto that particular activity was a magical flying **Drone** no less, organised by Mr Randolph to mark our '60 Years in Killiney' anniversary. Whatever Sports day was about in 1956- probably egg and spoon races and sack races amongst other things!- well the Drone brought us well into 21st century with this new age technology! And we loved the photos and the footage!

May also marked our **Annual Prizegiving** ceremonies held in the Library for each year group organised by the Year Heads and Tutors of each Year group. Many thanks to the members of the Parents Association who attended each of the ceremonies on behalf of parents and who assisted with the distribution of prizes.

Some of the main awards this Year included Outstanding Junior Student i.e. joint winners **Caioimhe McManus 3Y** and **Molly Burke 3W**: Junior Linguist **Eva O Mahony 3Y** with the Junior Sportsperson of the Year going to **Molly Burke**. The Sr Dolores Memorial Award 2016 recipient this year was awarded to Fifth Year **Amber Barry 5L** and the Fifth Year Librarians **Kirstin Higgins 5C** and **Cadhla Turner 5L** also receiving special awards. We had a series of Academic Award winners in each year and a very special First Year award, voted by the girls in First Year, called the Cairdeas Award went to **Emer Leahy 1W** for being

a very positive influence in her year. Well done to Emer and all our medal and prize winners from all of the ceremonies. We will be forwarding the List of Prize winners to parents next term.

We had many student achievements during the academic year from the TY Enterprise students, the TY Science UL project national success, the Sixth Year win in the Model European Parliament debate, the Texaco Art Junior students successes among others. **Victoria Williams Gaine 4L** and her selfless act of applying CPR to Florian who collapsed outside her house in February captured the public imagination and many newspapers articles and photos followed. Victoria and her family were most recently a guest of the Cathaoirleach Councillor Barry Saul in the Dun Laoghaire County Hall this month where Victoria was presented with a special award for her bravery that day and a gift voucher for Dundrum Shopping centre. He said 'As councilperson and politicians we want to help people and change their lives but we can never say we saved a person's life' and he praised her modesty about the event and her skill. Congrats again to Victoria.



Many thanks and congrats to Librarian Ms Dillon who had another great year in the Library. Who

Junior Sports Person of the Year Molly Burke



From the Principal's Desk Continued



will forget the colourful and engaging Library Exhibition on "Alice in Wonderland" which had such a great impact at the start of the year! Check out Ms Dillon's new Library

Website which she has just uploaded and of course the Summer Library newsletter. Ms Dillon is also a valued member of our Prizegiving Committee and does great work behind the scenes in the organisation of these ceremonies staged in the Library each year.

Final Farewells

This term the Board of Management sends their congratulations to **Mr Pat Larkin** who is retiring this summer. Mr Larkin has acted as Head of Religion in the school for the last 20 years and has shown extraordinary commitment throughout in this role. He has also been a Year Head for many years and concludes his teaching career in Cluny as Sixth Year Year Head. We were not the first school Mr Larkin taught in by any means but we know



Mr. Pat Larkin, 6th Yr Year Head officiating at their final Cluny Prizegiving

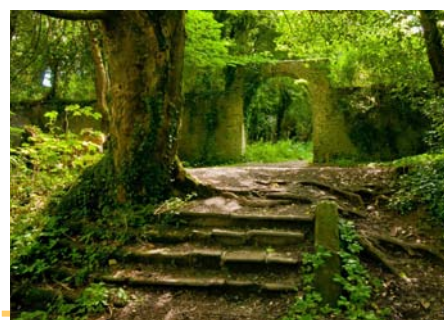
that in the second chapter of his career when he came to Cluny he made friends quickly and became comfortable and happy in his role in R.E. At the graduation mass I made reference to Mr Larkin's own faith being at the heart of his success in this role which is deeply held and authentically manifest in his ease with scripture, in his belief in the central role of Mass and the Sacraments in school in school life and the positive role these play in young peoples lives. We wish Mr Larkin a long and happy retirement and every good wish to his wife Mary and their daughters and past pupils of Cluny Aisling and Eimear.

Congratulations to all our students on their many successes and good luck to our Sixth Years next year when we hope they will enjoy the next phase of their education. Special congrats to newly elected Head Girl for 2016-17 **Amber Barry 5L** and Deputy Head Girl **Lara Quinn 5L** and the nine newly elected **Senior Prefects**. We wish all of our Fifth Years, who will all have leadership roles next year, a very enjoyable year ahead.

Thank you finally to all our parents who have supported our many endeavours in school this year and to our very hard working and committed teaching and admin staff. May you all have a very enjoyable and relaxing summer!

M.White 2016

*Special
congrats to
newly elected
Head Girl for
2016-17
Amber Barry
5L and
Deputy Head
Girl Lara
Quinn 5L*





Student Enterprise Awards

Rebecca Byrne 4th Year Enterprise student from Baby Bedelia Mini Company at the Student Enterprise Awards in Royal Marine Dun Laoghaire



4th Year Enterprise students from Cook This Not That Mini Company at the Student Enterprise Awards in Royal Marine Dun Laoghaire. Cookery book available to buy.



The Sunday market in Dun Laoghaire was a great success and was, for me, the highlight of enterprise this year.

Blue Energy

As part of our TY program, enterprise requires us to create our own mini-company, a product or service that is suitable for selling. Blue Energy is our mini-company. It is a charging kit for all Android and Apple phones and has been created by a team of 3; Abby Keogh, Máiréad Martin and Rebecca Clarke.

They contain a portable phone charger, a charger for your phone and a cable protector. They cost €10 and were on sale in school this year.

Creating this mini-company has taught our group about the different aspects of business and has expanded our knowledge on the work of an entrepreneur. It has helped us to develop communication, negotiation, selling and computer skills and has personally been a very enjoyable experience.

The Blue Energy Team has had the

privilege of attending a trade show in Lucan and having a stall in the Sunday market in Dun Laoghaire. We unfortunately did not win anything at the trade show but we came away with really valuable experience. The Sunday market in Dun Laoghaire was a great success and was, for me, the highlight of enterprise this year. The sun was shining and the park was buzzing with people. It was not only an enjoyable day but also really beneficial. The people really loved our product and were so impressed by all the work we had done.



Photo L-R:
At Dun laoghaire Market
May 15th: Rebecca
Clarke, Máiréad Martin &
Abby Keogh with Ms.
O'Riordan

Cook This Not That



a merit award in Dun Laoghaire and unfortunately didn't win anything in Lucan but nevertheless we had a great day and gained lots of experience. Overall we really enjoyed enterprise this year and would really encourage all third years to do it next year!!

Grace Lehane and Siobhán Murphy

This year as part of our enterprise module, we started our own mini company. For our company, we made a healthy cook book centred around superfoods called 'Cook This Not That'. We created and collected the recipes ourselves and outlined the benefits of the superfoods that we used. We printed 50 copies of the book and we sold them all! We attended two trade shows throughout the year, one in Lucan and one in Dun Laoghaire. We won



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School Bank Team 2015-2016



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Business Studies

Business students from Fifth Year had a talk from dealdoc.com founder and entrepreneur David Keenaghan



Industrial Relations Talk to 5th Years with David O'Driscoll ICTU—May 29th 2016



TY Enterprise

Fourth Year Enterprise students had a talk from dealdoc.com founder and entrepreneur David Keenaghan.



Junk Kouture Fashion Show 2016

This year's Transition Year Junk Kouture Fashion Show was held in the Concert Hall in school on Friday the 5th May.

The Junk Kouture Competition is a national contest which encourages young designers in second level education to create couture designs and impressive works of wearable art from everyday junk that would normally find its way into the bin. Junk Kouture aims to inspire and ignite passion in these teenagers while at the same time subtly educating them about the importance of recycling and reusing waste. The 9 designs that we came up with this year are made of 100% recycled materials.

Unfortunately, none of our outfits this year made it to the Semi-Final in the Bord Gais Energy Theatre, but we decided not to let all our hard work go to waste and got to work at organising our own Fashion Show. To begin, we each applied for a role in the show by giving a copy of our C.V. and a letter explaining which job we wanted to Ms Archibald and Ms Mc Aleer, our teachers. They chose whoever they thought would be best for each job and assigned us to different committees.

I, along with Ally O'Neill, were given the role of co-ordinators for this year's show. We were put in charge of making sure that the overall show ran smoothly and that any little problem was sorted out swiftly and without hassle. We used our role to bridge the gap between the teachers and students and made sure that everyone was doing their fair share. All in all we tried to keep on track but evidently there were hiccups as there always is with a show of this size. We had to think fast when we found out, about four hours before the show was due to start, that we

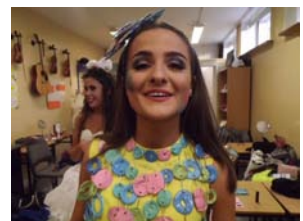
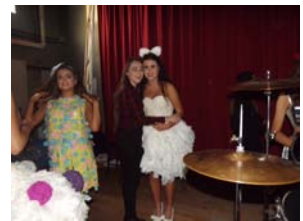
didn't have enough sweets for the tuck shop or on the night we realised that we had sold extra tickets and didn't have enough seats in the hall for everyone who was coming.

On the night the buzz was brilliant, we ran around the place looking for "one more bobby pin" or "another one of those jellies please". We also enjoyed the excitement of opening the curtains to the applause of the crowd and had great fun dancing backstage to the live bands.

All the money we raised was to support the two school charities this year, the Burns' Unit in St James' Hospital and the Adolescents (Genesa) Unit in St John of God. The show was a huge success and we were able to greatly contribute to the overall total that we raised throughout the year.

I really enjoyed taking part in this year's show, especially because it was in aid of such a great cause. It makes doing a job that requires so much time and energy much easier when you know that you are helping people.

Heather Watson



Junk Kouture

JUNK KOUTURE

Being co-ordinator for the enterprise side of the Junk Kouture fashion show, although it proved challenging, was also one of the biggest accomplishments of my TY experience.

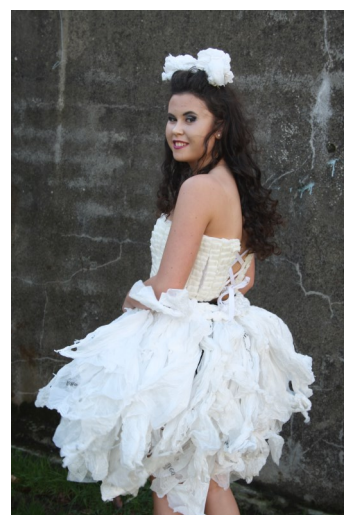
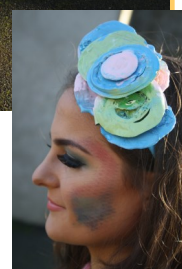
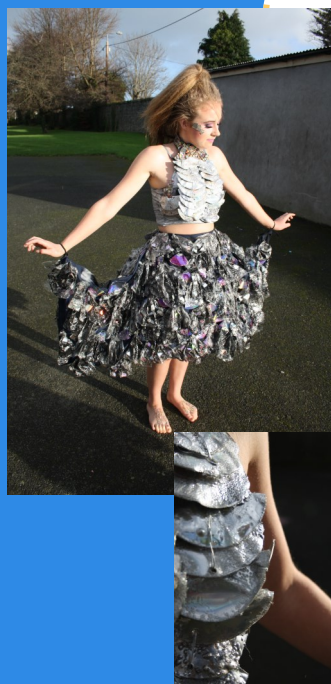
It provides me with a great sense of achievement to see how all of work came together. Luckily I was working with a great enterprise class that made the organising very stress-free and everybody was also willing to do there part.

We had a very popular popcorn machine, tuck shop, cake stand and ticket sales, all available all on the night.

The hall was full, the atmosphere was fantastic and it must be acknowledged that the Junk Kouture girls really did put on a great show that the enterprise

class was really glad to be a part of.

Abby Keogh



Art Displays

On Wednesday 18th May our 2nd Year and 5th Year Art work was put on display for all to see. We invited parents of both Art classes and the Portfolio class to come along and enjoy the Art along with some refreshments.

Teachers had the opportunity to enjoy the display the following morning with a lovely tea break in the Concert Hall.

Many thanks to all students who participated and helped in the curation of the exhibitions.

Ms. Archibald and Ms. McAleer

Art Department



Prep work by
Hannah Farrell



Prep work by
Laura Flanagan



Prep work by
Laura Kestell

Bird House
Displays
above



Prep for by
Rebecca Currivan



Puppet by
Beibhinn Curry



Puppet by Laura Flanagan



Puppet by
Rebecca
Currivan

Caption describing picture or
graphic.



Tara Watson's winning entry the Lighthouse and Hannah O'Toole's the beautiful Bird

62nd Texaco Children's Art Competition 2016 winner Tara Watson & Hannah O'Toole

On Monday the 4th April I came home from school and my mum told me that I had won 1st Prize in my Category in the 62nd Texaco Children's Art Competition. I was so happy I had won with my acrylic painting of Hook Lighthouse. Ms McAleer and our family attended a media reception in the Hugh Lane Gallery for all 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners on Tuesday 19th April and my picture appeared in some newspapers and on social media afterwards.

The big day arrived on 26th May when myself and my parents (we could only have two guests each)! travelled to the Royal Hospital Kilmainham for the "official" Awards Ceremony, where all the winners including the fifteen special merit awards for each category were presented with an award.

The Great Hall was packed with people from all over Ireland accepting their awards. All the pictures were shown along both walls of the Great Hall, with the winners pictures on the stage. It took a long time to present all the awards but it was worth it. I received €350 and an art pack. I

Cork, Drogheda and Belfast... and I can't wait!

Hannah O'Toole 2nd year- Texaco Art Competition

This year I won a special merit award in the 62nd Texaco Art Competition. My painting was called the Bird on the Branch. It was a small painting compared to the others but I used bright colours like blues and greens to make it stand out. I attended an award ceremony on Thursday the 26th of May in Kilmainham hospital. All the different paintings and drawings that were also successful where hung up on the walls around us. Ian Dempsey was compere for the event and Bernadette Mahon, a famous batik artist was guest of honour. When my age group was called up, category B, I went up and received my certificate and got my photograph taken. After the ceremony everyone went to get some food and received their prizes. I received an easel with lots of paints, brushes, pencils, markers etc. worth €100 altogether. I really enjoyed the entire experience!

was thrilled when two other Cluny students received special merit awards, well done Carla Irwin (5th Yr) & Hannah O'Toole (2nd Yr). We then had afternoon tea in the Chapel behind the Great Hall with lots of lovely food for everyone. I have enjoyed this whole experience a lot and I am due to get my picture back in Spring 2017 after it is exhibited in art galleries in



Sports Department Roundup

Athletics & Tony Ward Invitational

The Athletic season gives everyone a chance to get out and be active during the third term. Running, throwing, jumping! We encourage anyone can come out even you don't want to compete. You can come out and join in the training sessions. Research is very clear in establishing how important daily exercise is to developing our bodies and minds. It's a great way to help you prepare for your summer tests. YES, that's right once again research has shown that students who keep active and playing sports in most cases do better than students who drop out or stop being active! So join us next year for running club or Cluny 5k! Enjoy the summer !



Tony Ward Invitational Athletics Track & Field Meet

Simply done as the **Tony Ward**, for several years now our First & Second Years have competed in the track & field event which takes place at St. Gerards school in Bray, Co. Wicklow.

This year our First Years finished 3rd in the over-all 'St. Gerards Mile'.

First cluny girl to cross the line was Charlotte O'Brien in Second Year, who had a very good season winning or placing when she stepped out onto the track. Other noted performances were by Aine Glansford, Saoirse McGlinn, & Alice McNabb. There were good runs by Kate P. Reagan, Aoibh Brocklesby, Kate Power, Emer Leahy, Lizzie Pettitt, Ella Hughes, Ciara McGoldrick, Kate Regan, Emma Nolan, Leah O'Hagan, Kate Regan, Kate O' Callaghan, Charlotte Spain, & Sophie Doyle. Well done everyone!



*First Cluny
girl to cross
the line was
Charlotte
O'Brien 2X*



Sports Day & Sports Prizegiving



Fun events continued in the afternoon in the Sports hall, as each House competed for House points.

Year Head Mr Pat Larkin presenting Sports Student of the Year to Ailise Allen 6C



Sports Day this year was held on Tuesday May 10th. We had hoped for a nice sunshine, but sadly this was not to be as we awoke instead to a damp misty day. Undaunted, we began with a warm up session of Zumba for the whole school on the hockey pitch, which set the positive mood for the day.

Following the energetic warmup, the 5k charity run began. Each year group set off at intervals to run the 2 lap course, which was completed by everyone at breaktime. It was also great to see many of the teachers completing the course. Following a short break, the students congregated in the Sports hall where it was decided to adapt the events which had been originally planned for Sports Day due to the weather conditions.

Music added to the atmosphere as the House Captains 'cooked up a storm' on the barbeques providing plenty of burgers for everyone.

Fun events continued in the afternoon in the Sports hall, as each House competed for House points. Finally the sun emerged to allow us finish our events on the Hockey pitch with the relays.

Our Sports Prizegiving ceremony took place on Friday 20th May. This event gives us the opportunity to celebrate the various achievements of our Sports teams and individuals during the year. Our guest presenter this year was Mr Greg Feek. Greg was an All Black rugby player and is now the scrum coach to the Irish Rugby team.

Greg presented prizes to all the award winners and spoke about his own experiences in Sport, and the value it has in his life. He proved a very popular guest with both staff and students alike, and kindly posed for photographs with all those who asked.

Other main award winners this year were the Senior Sports Person of the Year – Ailise Allen and the Junior Sports Person of the Year – Mollie Burke.

Ms M Seymour

Athletics Awards



Badminton Awards



Basketball Awards



Hockey Awards



Parent Association representatives Mrs Dillon & Mrs Duggan present Junior Sports Student Award to Mollie Burke 3W



Sports Day Gallery



Awards

Congratulations

Prizegiving Highlights & Gallery

1st Years



Photos L-R: Ms. White & Ms. Lambert and ABC Committee; Emer Leahy receives the Cairdeas Award along side Ms. Moloney Tutor, Ms. White, Ms. Lambert and PA Representative Mrs Dillon & Ms. Mullins: Recognised for their work the Class Prefects and Vice Prefects supported by Tutors Ms. Murray, Ms. Moloney & Ms. Stout along side Ms. Mullins & Mrs Dillon.

2nd Years



Photos L-R: Student Council Representative Louise McKeown & Emma Guard with Ms. White & Ms. Lambert (Aoife Moriarty abs); Debating Award to Hannah Kissane, Cara O'Donnell & Ailbhe Larkin with PA Reps Mrs Byrne & Mrs Towlson; 2nd Years were treated to hot chocolate by their Year Head Iníon Ní Aodaghan.

3rd Years



Photos L-R: Academic Achievement—Sarah Newport, Triona Hinkson, Molly Burke & Eva O'Mahony; Outstanding Junior Students Molly Burke & Caoimhe McManus with Mrs Dillon PA Rep, Year Head Ms Torpey, Mrs Duggan PAR, Ms. White & Ms. Lambert: Junior Linguist Eva O'Mahony with Ms. Lambert.

Prizegiving Highlights & Gallery

Transition Year



Photos L-R: Best Achievement Folder Award presented to Emily Rafferty Doyle by Year Head Ms. Dulaghan; Junior Certificate Highest Achiever 2015 awarded to Julie David by Deputy Principal Ms. Lambert; Group photo of TY Achievement Medal Winners with Ms. White & Ms. Lambert.

5th Years



Photos: L-R: 1st Academic Achievement Award Charlotte Morgan with Ms. White & Ms. Lambert; Student Librarians Kirstin Higgins & Cadhla Turner with School Librarian Andrea Dillon; Sr. Dolores Memorial Award presented by Ms. White & Ms. Lambert to Amber Barry; Our House Captains presented with tokens of appreciation by PA Reps Mrs Fogarty & Mrs Dillon; lastly our Green School Committee with 5th Year Yr Head Ms. J. Joy.

6th Year Awards



Photos L-R: Solas Award to Siobhan Quill & Aislinn Brennan with Ms. Lambert, Deputy Principal; Sr. Evangelist Award to Megan O'Toole; Deputy & Head Girls Niamh McCarthy & Hazel Nolan; and Outstanding Senior Student Emma Duggan along side Ms. Lambert and Ms. White, Principal



6th Year Yr. Head Mr. Larkin's speech from the Graduation Evening 2016



6th Yr Year Head
Mr. Patrick Larkin

Let us open
our hearts this
evening and
truly embrace
this new life
that is ahead
of us.

Glendalough Retreat



Good evening Fr. Powell, Sisters in the Community, Parents, Principal Ms. White, Deputy Ms Lambert, Staff and the Class of 2016.

As I listened to your speeches and musical performances today, I was struck by the wealth of talent and sincerity amongst you as a Year Group.

Many of you excel academically, socially and artistically. Yet everyone of you is a unique individual who has so much to give in so many ways.

Hold on to those unique qualities and nurture them. Do not allow anyone to tell you what to say, or how to feel. Make your own choices in life guided of course, by good advice. As Shakespeare said "To thine own self by true"

This evening you have chosen Memories as your theme for your Graduation Mass. Memories are so important for you at this stage where you have moved on from a world of school to a greater, wider and sometimes daunting, sometimes exciting place out there. You remember important events that have a lasting effect on you as a person. Memories of places, your History trip to Derry or your Retreat in Glendalough perhaps. There are also memories of special things and special people And then there are the little things, the kind gestures like some of the examples you spoke about in your Assembly today. The tears, the laughter, the emotion, yes the emotion, the sense of feeling. That's what makes us fully human.

In many ways these emotions are a manifestation of love. Love we received from others and love we impact to others. Jesus asked us to love one another. In fact, it was one of the few occasions where he used the word command in the Gospels " I command you to love one another"

The second reading you chose for your Mass today is really all about love. That's why this is so popular for Wedding Ceremonies. Love is not envious or boastful or rude, instead it is patient and kind. If we could all learn to be kind to one another wouldn't the world be so

much better. Incidentally, I met the class of 2005 in November on a Friday evening in school marking their ten years since they graduated. They were asking for their former teachers and speaking about them. The quality they valued most in those teachers was kindness. So let's all be kind to each other.

We have a leader in the Catholic Church, Pope Francis who is reaching out to everyone to encourage them to be kind and caring to one another.

As you know this year is the year of Mercy. He reached out to the young people around your own age when he addressed them at World Youth Day he said:

"I have neither silver nor gold, but I bring with me the most precious thing given to me: Jesus Christ! I have come in his name to feed the flame of love that burns in every ears; and I wish my greeting to reach one and all: The peace of Christ be with you!"

Let us open our hearts this evening and truly embrace this new life that is ahead of us. Our future should be strengthened with all the positive memories of our time in Cluny. I know I will remember your words and sentiments expressed earlier today. They mean so much to me.

So girls follow your dreams. Work hard, be kind. Do what you can to make the door open on a day that is filled with beauty in some special way.

Remember goodness will reward. Smiles will pay you back.

Lord Jesus as we say our good-byes to each other, we know that you are the one that binds us together. May God strengthen you as you face the future.

Girls, Goodbye and thank you most sincerely for your generous gift to me today.

Mr Patrick Larkin, June 2016

A Sixth Year Farewell: A poem by Ms. Lambert

I found inspiration this year from a man close to Hazel and Niamh's hearts our good friend **Kanye** who gave his wife a thousand red roses on Valentine's Day and a wall of flowers on their wedding day!

So I decided to go with the 'bouquet of flowers' image because like you ladies, each one is unique, but together you produce a magnificent display and a scent that the House of **Dash** would be proud to launch.

The poem begins six years ago, 2010, with the ringing of the school doorbell. Martin finds no one therebut when he looks down on the ground he finds a basket with 69 little seedlings in it, each in their very own tiny little individual pot.

Here is the poem about those 69 seedlings which Martin finds on the doorstep:



One day we heard the Cluny doorbell
 'Here's someone' we thought, 'with something to sell',
 But no 'twas a basket right there on the floor,
 Delivered by hand
 As the rain it did pour.....
 Martin looked down
 With bewildered amazement,
 At the tender green shoots
 All wrapped up on the pavement....



There, in the centre
 A hand written note,
 Some lines penned in ink
 From which I now quote;
 'We're precious young seedlings,
 We're from feeder schools
 11 yrs. old
 But we're nobody's fools
 We're here to enrol
 And for you to enrich us,
 We need your support
 To learn all you can teach us'.
 'We are young, we are delicate,
 Rare orchid flowers,
 We all like the sunshine,
 We need lots of rain showers.'

*'We'll certainly bloom with love and with care,
 The variety **Wright** well... they come in a pair!*

*If you refer to your Gardening books,
 You'll soon learn who loves
 Those dark shady nooks,
 Each of us striving, small and unique, Sunshine
 and warmth
 will help us to peak.'
 Your job's to nourish us here, one and all,
 Autumn and summer, through spring and
 through fall.'*

Now our Head Gardener, whose name is Ms
 White

She tends to her crops
 Both by day and by night,
 We, know of old
 That she has green fingers
 All her displays are top
 Prize Show winners!



A-wards, rosettes won at big Garden Fetes,
 Prizes and trophies at enormous rates
 So **out** she sets to grow all these flowers
 Enriching them lavishly with all of her powers

She gathered all the gardeners round
 They listened to her every sound
 'For bulbs to grow and flowers acquire
 Many things I do desire.'



Well Cluny staff, they toiled as needed,
 When trouble brewed Ms Lambert weeded,
 Yes there was pruning, there was weeding
 But thankfully these gentle seedlings
 Stretched their tendrils long and green
 Sought out the sun, they were so keen.

A Sixth Year Farewell: A poem by Ms. Lambert continued

When as First Years they were starting,
 Their Year Head was Mr Larkin,
 Oh yes, they were so young and cool,
 Now top of the food chain in our school
 Even as Fifth Years they were eager,
 To sip from the cup of the Sixth Year
 beaker!

As soon as '09 Sixth Years went,
 These girls as Fifth Years their May
 spent,
 'Trying out' **their** new red stairs
 If the Sixth Years knew there would have
 been prayers.

Niamh and Hazel:

Having come out top of 'polling'
 Hazel got the Sixth Years rolling
 McCarthy followed up the rear
 Always driving in top gear
 Her stint in the LAPD,
 Made her an awesome Deputy
 She'd worked with troops and LA cops
 This meant her standards never dropped
 Immense, her powers of persuasion
 No matter who or what occasion
 Energy and motivation
 Each task done with dedication

Hazel:

Audrey Hepburn was her idol
 At assembly she relied on
 Quotes of wisdom and advice,
 Her assemblies
 They were so nice

She had us think and reflect deeply
 She woke us up when we were sleepy
 Reminding us we had two hands

One for ourselves one to extend
 To reach out and to think of others
 Planet earth, sisters and brothers

Now of this tale I have for you
 About the students in Room 2
 It's been their base for the last six
 years
 They leave today there may be tears
 Many a morning I did trek
 Down to that room 'Nail Varnish
 check'
 Now when they gathered there each
 day

With Mr Larkin for to pray
 There always was a sense of calm, a
 deep respect
 A healing balm

Dress Up Day

On Dress Up day a special,
 None other than one Kanye
 He brought with him, his young wife
 Kym
 A glamorous beauty and ever so slim!
 Went out of his way
 To charm and please us he told us
 He was 'Friends with Yee sus'
 He spoke of his future and what it
 meant

Told us he'd be running for President!
 He addressed all the school
 With a big 'High-five'
 Told us 'Love and peace '
 Was all we needed to survive!
 But his greatest dream -what would
 really help him thrive?
 Would be to see his lovely self, Kanye
 West perform once live!

House Captains:



A Sixth Year Farewell: A poem by Ms. Lambert continued

Of all House Captains there have been,
 There's one sure thing that I have seen,
 The six who led this deadly bunch,
 Broke all known records during lunch
 When thanks to them, this Hall rang loud,
 A Huge debate, a massive crowd,
 Who came to hear the student motion
 Led by Sixth Years, a deadly potion!

First off -Mr Hartigan, laid out his stall
 As he began to tell us that 'He wasn't needed'
 But 'au contraire' the Sixth Years pleaded!!
 Ms Darmody, she followed then,
 'You don't need teachers' she began,
 'The staff and I will take a nap
 While you download a 'teach yourself' app!'

Mr Browne was quite content, to let the Sixth Years
 freely vent,
 That team, they pleaded 'Stay, oh stay'
 And begged the teachers 'Don't go way.'
 "We need you as our guiding hand,
 To keep us focussed,
 we demand, that every Cluny teacher must,
 Stay with us here from dawn to dusk,
 We love you all equally, dearly,
 We mean this, really, most sincerely'.

The outcome of this great debate,
 Was lunch ran over, we ran late,
 The motion 'Teachers are not needed'
 Was finally and well defeated!
 The teachers, though they lost the motion
 Returned to class, with clear devotion!



So now House Captains, take a bow,
 you raised the bar, it's higher now,
 The girls in Haiti owe you one

As brick by brick their school becomes
 A place of hope, a place of learning
 Since the hurricane they have been yearning.

So girls:
 Before us a glorious bouquet, how proud are we, what
 can we say?
 Now as we bid farewell to you, there's one last job I
 have to do.
 This bouquet, in order to complete, must have a rib-
 bon to keep it neat,
 So we're wrapping you **in Cluny blue** some Cello tape
 and sticky glue.
 Remember all that we have taught you, support each
 other like you ought to.

Now as the Interflora van pulls up to school
 And the Delivery man brings you off,
 With great aplomb we bid farewell, we bid so long
 We hope where ever you arrive
 Will be a place of joy where you will thrive
 And as you lean towards the sun
 Our work in Cluny here is done

So to our fabulous bouquet seated before us here today
 What more endearments can we say?
 Let's send you on your merry way,
 And as we watch your star will rise
 Who knows who else you will surprise?

So girls as you leave us today
 To you I've just one thing to say-
 No matter what sparkles or gold
 Along life's glistening path you behold,
 In the workplace or campus at uni -

The jewel in **your** crown
 will always be.....**CLUNY!**

Best of luck girls!



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African Adventure: Cluny's Historic Trip to Sierra Leone



Cluny tour group in Sierra Leone (See story inside)



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All Ireland Winners

Concern Worldwide
Debates, 1997/1998.
From left, Karen
Koster, Kim Murphy,
Mr. Michael Cahill
Chairman of the Board
of Management,
Gráinne Kirk, Elaine
Reynolds. Well done,
Girls! The school is
proud of you.



Men and Women in Black

Fourth Year Fashion Show: Mr. Ed.
Randolph, Sarah Perry and Eevanne
Kelly. Such elegance!

International Cookery Competition

Mrs Sherlock with Sarah O'Donovan, Emma
Dowling, Sarah Nevin, Eadaoin Ní Bhéoin and
Sinead O'Donovan who tied for first place in the
International Cookery Competition.



Cluny Killers

The staff, in fighting
form, prepare to
take on the sixth
years. Guess who
won?

Mr. Byrne is having
technical difficulties
with his bib. Second
childhood?



Cluny Killiney Graduates 2016



2nd—6th Yr Hockey Training Schedule August 2016— New players welcome.

	Monday 22nd August	Tuesday 23rd August	Wednesday 24th August	Saturday 28th August
8.45	Arrive	Arrive	Arrive	Arrive
9–10	Senior Hockey Drills and Games	Junior Hockey Drills and Games	Minor Hockey Drills and Games	Matches Senior
9.45	Arrive	Arrive	Arrive	Arrive
10–11	Junior Hockey Drills and Games	Minor Hockey Drills and Games	Senior Hockey Drills and Games	Matches Junior
10.45	Arrive	Arrive	Arrive	Arrive
11-12	Minor Hockey Drills and Hockey	Senior Hockey Drills and Games	Junior Hockey Drills and Games	Matches Minor

Minor—2nd Yrs; Junior—3rd Yrs;
Senior—4th, 5th & 6th Yrs

Date for your Diary:

National Parents Council Post Primary are hosting their 2016 Conference in the Tullamore Court Hotel on 5th November. All Parents of Post Primary schools are invited to attend. More information on www.npcpp.ie or email lindaoshea@npcpp.ie / conference@npcpp.ie

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