

Loreto College Crumlin Road

Newsletter, December 2013

Principal's Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone the Loreto College Newsletter and to extend another welcome to our new students and their families. We had some very good news during the summer. The Department of Education and Skills have finally agreed to the removal of the prefabs and the building of five new classrooms. Building will commence in 2014 and the classrooms should be ready for use by the end of August 2014. The new classrooms will be built on the existing prefab site which will mean that we will have to accommodate the classes in the main building. It will be a tight squeeze for a few months but it will be worth it.

It has been a busy term with classes, Maths Week, English Week, Science Week, debating, Poetry Aloud, basketball, soccer and camogie matches. All the extra curricular activities are taking place including Culture Club, Ember Team, music lessons, debating club, book club. There is an activity to suit every girl and the school encourages engagement in such activities.

Several teachers have begun training in Restorative Practices. This will inform and complement our Code of Behaviour which is currently being amended to include Restorative measure e.g. mediation and the use of interventions to deal with inappropriate behaviour. This is being done in conjunction with other groups in the community including homework and youth clubs.

Thank you to all those who supported the fundraising campaign in November, we raised €3,845. This money will go towards the upgrade of the computers in the school. I.T. is becoming more and more essential in education and the cost of upgrading the IT systems in the school is over €20,000. We will be fundraising again in the New Year and all proceeds will be used for IT.

I wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Jackie Dempsey

Seasons Greetings

Student Council

There have been lots of things happening so far this year. Members have attended a training day, we have discussed the uniform policy and currently we are fundraising for the Philippines with our "Guess the jellybeans"

We have elected officers: Chairperson **Shannon Hendrick**, deputy chairperson **Megan Byrne** and secretary **Dove Cupren**. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our newly elected 1st year members **Hannah Rubai**, **Saoirse Covaci** and **Abby Smith**.

What Happened?

Loreto Crumlin Parents Association

The Parents Association would like to take this opportunity to invite any parents who would like to play a role in the future development of the school to join us.

Celebrating Excellence

We all came together on October 21st to celebrate the achievements of our brightest and hardest working students past and present. This awards ceremony was attended by the Chairperson of the Board of Management Sr. Eileen Randles, RTÉ presenter and former Loreto Student Keelin Shanley and our highest achieving students from last year's Leaving and Junior Certificate classes.

Well done to all of the girls who received awards, you are a credit to yourselves, your families and our school.

Pictured: Sr. Eileen Randles, Paulina Kordyl, Tola Salam, Althea Ibba, Lauren Slattery, Lola Salam, Eve Foster and Keelin Shanley. (Not pictured - Rebecca Brady)



JCSP promotes the motto "read and you will succeed".

With this in mind a very well done to the transition year students who have been paired reading tutors to the 1st year JCSP class since October. The 1st year students have engaged in terrific reading over the last 6 weeks and well done to all on this great success. Also the 2nd and 3rd year classes continue to work hard on their literacy and numeracy development and the work stations used in literacy highlight how far the JCSP students have come with their literacy development, well done.

Career Academy Summer Business Internships

Career Academy is a UK based organisation. Last year the organisation started up in Dublin on a trail bases. This meant that the performance of the Dublin Career Academy students would determine withier the organisation would go ahead in Ireland. Ten of last year's TY students were chosen to participate in The Career Academy.

Part of the Career Academy course is a six week paid internship. Big corporate companies such as Lisney (Property management), City Bank (Financial), Astra Venica (Accounting) and Jones Lang LaSalle (Property management and law) took us on over the summer. These internships really thought us about the world of work. I was working in Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) for my internship and it really helped with the development of my personal and team work skills. As part of my internship I had to research potential client companies, sort through property listings and coincide with other property management companies. I was treated like a fully qualified employee, which was great as it made me feel anything was possible. The hours were nine to five and the dress code was smart office wear except on Fridays when it was smart casual clothes.

This experience has helped the other girls and I in terms of preparation for the real world and what to expect when leaving school/ college. Career Academy is truly a once in a life time opportunity that should be taken by anyone presented with the choice to get involved.

- Ciana Brady

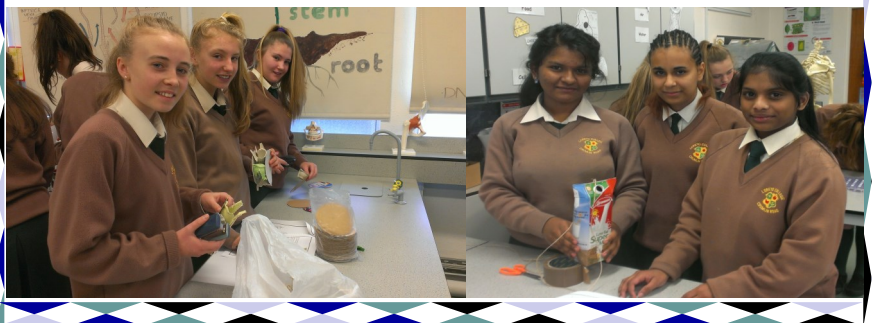


Science Week



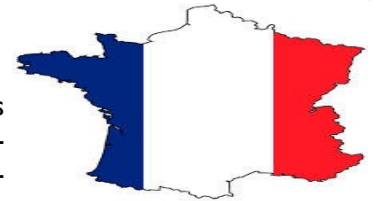
"Science Week took place November 10-17th and as usual the science department were eager to celebrate. On Thursday all the senior Science students along with some 3rd year students visited an exhibition at the Science Gallery on Pearse Street in the city centre. The students enjoyed a guided tour of the exhibition entitled "Grow Your own" which looks at innovations in synthetic biology. Many unusual concepts were explored and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

To ensure our junior members weren't left out, the Rediscovery centre from Ballymun visited the school on Wednesday November 20th and ran 3 workshops on the theme of energy. Students from 1st to 3rd year participated in the "hands on" workshops and worked with circuits, created water turbines and calculated the efficiency of different kettles. Some of our students can be seen enjoying the workshops in these photos!"



Le Jour de Francais

Le mercredi 11 décembre, nous avons organisé le jour de français. Nous voulions célébrer la France et la francophonie. Les étudiantes ont préparé des affiches que nous avons accrochées dans les couloirs et sur les portes des salles de classe. Le matin du 11, nous avons cuit des croissants qui ont ensuite été vendus durant la pause de 11 heures. Les première année et les troisième année ont regardé un film : *Les Choristes*. Merci à toutes les étudiantes pour leur participation !



On Wednesday 11th of December, we organised a French day. We wanted to celebrate France and French-speaking countries. The students made some posters which were hung in the corridors and on the classrooms doors. In the morning, we baked some croissants which we sold during break. First years and third years watched a film: *The Chorus*. Thank you to the students for their and involvement !

The Restorative Approach - A Better Approach for Everyone

We, the staff and students of Loreto College Crumlin, are currently working towards making our school a **Restorative School**. Our aim is to make our school a better place to teach and learn. We are using the **Restorative Process** to promote relationship building and in looking at the way we deal with conflict and behavioural issues. The process is simple but effective - using **5 Questions** we identify **what** has **happened**, uncover the reasons for it happening, reflect on who has been affected and finally work towards righting the wrong together in a way that is satisfactory to everyone. You can find the 5 questions throughout this newsletter - **Why not give them a try!**

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Congratulations to **Aoife Dunne, and Cynthia Nchang** and who have been successful in securing places in **Christchurch choir**.

Also, a huge congratulations to **Kellie O' Neill 3PH** who was selected to join the *National Youth Orchestra of Ireland*. We are **trilled** for all of the girls wish them all the very best for the future.

Notice—The music department would like to take this opportunity to invite all students interested in drum and piano lessons in the new year to contact them as soon as possible.



English Week

During English week in October, we were delighted to welcome author **Carol Coffey** to our school. Carol gave an inspirational talk to the sixth and fifth years about growing up in Crumlin, her own educational journey and the publication of her novels to critical acclaim. She kindly donated copies of her novels to the school library and shared with students valuable tips on writing. We have promised to visit us again next year and we look forward to this.

Gillian Ryan a past pupil and member of Rialto Drama group, conducted a drama workshop for first year students and students had lots of fun and games and a really enjoyable time was had by all. Many thanks also go to our fantastic group of 5th year debaters **Ciana Brady, Mariam Ibrahim, Dove Curpen, Maria Bulz, Rosie Spiro, Lauren Brown and Bukolaw Bolarinwa** who gave two master classes on debating to our first and second year students. Try this for a motion: 'This house believes that vampires are better than Werewolves.' Finally we had our annual **DEAR TIME** where the teachers and pupils all dropped everything and read for forty minutes. Slow time and Silence. Wonderful.

Theatre Trips

During November, TY English students headed into the Laughter Lounge for a really entertaining and at times hilarious performance of 'Observations from behind a Hedge.'

5th students attended a performance of 'Othello' in the Helix Theatre, DCU and it was a wonderful opportunity to build on their study of the play since September.

Well done to our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th students who participated in the 'Poetry Aloud' competition in the National Library this term and congratulations goes to **Aoife Dunne** 4th year on reaching the final. Well Done.

Poetry Aloud

In September, eleven students from third, fourth and fifth year entered the annual Poetry Aloud Competition. Poetry Aloud is in its seventh year and is a nationwide competition which requires students to speak two poems which they have learned off by heart. This year, Loreto Crumlin students were more successful than ever. **Dove Curpen and Aoife Dunne** got through to the semi-finals on the 22nd November. Out of 1500 original applicants, Aoife Dunne was one of 33 students to get a place in the final, held on the 6th December in the National Library. Although Aoife did not win one of the three prizes, she enjoyed a great day of poetry performance. Both Aoife and Dove promise to be back next year!

Debating

Debating Club takes place every Wednesday at 3:15 in Room 8. Each week members debate a different topic. Our most recent motion was, "This house would ban child beauty pageants". It ended up being an interesting debate!!!

As well as weekly debates after school, the members of Debating Club have taken part in a number of prestigious competitions, including: the Junior Loreto Mace Debates, the Senior Loreto Mace Debates, the Junior Leinster School Debates at UCD and the Leinster School Debates at Trinity College.

Mariam Ibrahim and Dove Curpin have progressed to the final round of the Senior Loreto **Mace Debates**. **Mariam and Ciana Brady** have won a place in the next round of the Leinster School Debates, while **Judith Slaetor, Ciara Sheehan, Valerie Geraldmin and Abies E'Obasuyi** have performed admirably in the Junior Leinster School Debates.

DON'T HATE



DEBATE

What Have you thought about since ?

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Chaplaincy News



Retreats

On Thursday 18th October the 6th years had their retreat. We took on the challenge of climbing the Sugarloaf in Co Wicklow. The reasoning behind climbing the Sugarloaf was that we will face challenges in our lives and none bigger than the Leaving Certificate in June. The climb signified for us the journey we are facing this year as we prepare for our exams. We all made it to the top and when we did we had a tea party with the rest of the girls and with Ms Byrne, Ms Harrison and Ms Ryan. We also passed around messages of hope to take with us on our journey this year. It was a great day and we all really enjoyed it. "Life's a climb but the view at the top is great!" **Amy Keatinge 6th year.**



Worldwise Global Schools and The Culture Club.

Culture club continues to meet on a Friday and this year it has received funding from Worldwise Global Schools to participate in a Development Education programme of events. During the year this will see us marking international days of Justice and Peace such as World Aids day and International Women's Day. We will make connections with St. Aidan's in Brookfield in Tallaght and with Loreto in South Sudan as we campaign for gender equality and Primary education for all.



Mental Health

As part of our wellness programme fifth years had a workshop on mental health presented by Smashing Times. Unfortunately suicide is an issue of concern among young people and this play and workshop aims to provide our students with the tools necessary to identify risk factors in their friends and know how to access help.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors programme is currently in over 600 schools, primary and secondary of all abilities.

The programme trains young people across the UK and Ireland to be anti-bullying ambassadors in their schools and communities. Ultimately these ambassadors help to prevent bullying and ensure everyone feels safe and happy in their school. This year the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors conducted a survey in Loreto College to examine what types of bullying occur in the school. Our focus next year is to look at the theme of Image, and how the portrayal of different images in society and in the media effects young people .

Think BIG—1st year Welcome Party



The Ember team spent many hours in preparation for the Halloween welcome party for first years. It was a great success thanks to **Dove Curpen** who accessed funds from the O2's "Think Big" programme. The Karaoke showed up a couple of rising stars and it was a great success.

Rainbows

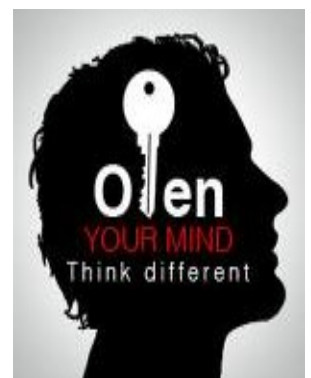
Rainbows is a programme is for students whose parents are separated or who have experienced a death of a close relative. If you are interested please put your name forward to the Chaplain as soon as possible.

Open your mind

There's more to our world than meets the eye. Take a minute to search three words that might just open your mind to what's happening in the wider world.

Search Google for:

Coke - Kerala - India



What's Happening in TY

CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE: Over 30 students have become leaders and are working on making a presentation in January about their school's involvement.

CAREER ACADEMY: 10 students have begun their 18 month journey into the world of business.

STREET LAW: A 6 week law study programme presented by Law Society solicitors began on Oct. 22nd.

TEA WITH TY : 4T class hosted a "Tea with TY" (pictured above) on Monday Oct 21st. Parents and teachers enjoyed delicious finger foods and treats which we prepared and served by the students.

AIB BUILD A BANK : TY students will be running a school bank for anyone interested in opening an account. ATM cards will be issued to all account holders.



TY Film

Following the success of last years Transition Year graduation film, the TY students of Loreto College Crumlin have decided to make a sequel. The TY film aims to document all aspects of the Transition Year curriculum including rowing, boxing, work experience and operation transformation. Get ready for the opening night, its bound to be box office smash!

Art Craft and Design

We are delighted to have **Ciara Gannon** working with us this year. Ciara is a past pupil of our school and recent graduate of the Institute of Art, Design and Technology in Dun Laoghaire and comes to us as part of the Job Bridge scheme. Ciara brings a wealth of knowledge with her and is working closely with 2nd yrs on a 3D project. We are lucky to have her and wish her all the best for this year.

TY Mini Company

Six mini companies are currently running in the school and our busy elves are getting their products ready for the Christmas rush and January sales!! Products range from beanies with earphones to Loreto College bags and umbrellas to treats in a jar and a health awareness magazine. All busy, busy.

One class, 4T had the opportunity to gain an insight into the world of business when their Junior Achievement volunteer brought the girls in to his office (pictured below at News Ireland offices) to meet his colleagues and get some advice from them, hold meetings in the board room and get a taste of the business world. The girls thoroughly enjoyed it and all had a great day.



Keep an eye out in the new year for the different mini-companies who will be taking orders and selling top-quality good at exceptional value.

Website Re-Launch - www.loretoCrumlin.ie

We are delighted to announce the re-launch of our school website . It contains up-to-date information about all of the wonderful aspects of life in Loreto College Crumlin Road. Ranging from celebrating academic excellence and creative brilliance in the arts, to successes in the many sports we play and all of the wonderful extra-curricular activities our girls excel in, there is something for everyone on this new site. We invite you to log on and have a look for yourself.

Many thanks to Ms Higgins for all of her hard work in bringing the site together.



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So far this year a number of TAP activities have taken place.

Pathways to Law is an initiative in which fifth year students were asked to apply. Here the students selected will have the opportunity to learn about law, undertake a law case-in which they also have to act out, interview people in the law profession and submit assignments. The course runs over two years.

The students selected were: Dove Curpen, Mariam Ibrahim and Kayleigh Power.

Street Law-here fifteen students from fourth year were selected to attend a six week Street Law programme run by two trainee solicitors. Students were given the opportunity to study different areas of law.

Higher level maths tuition-two higher level junior certificate and leaving certificate students will attend grinds in Trinity for the school year starting in January

Grinds-students were given the opportunity from 3rd to 6th years to apply for free grinds in Trinity in subjects in which they are having difficulty

Student Leadership and maths- Five students from fourth and fifth year are attending a math course on Saturdays in Trinity with the aim of setting up and running their own math club in their own school for first/second years.

HEAR and TAP and Liberties foundation courses-Sixth years please make a start on your CAO and HEAR and foundation courses application forms as needed documents may take a while to be processed

Look out for:

Students need to keep an eye out for the following upcoming events in the coming year:

- Educational achievement awards for 1st to 3rd years coming up in May
- Take 5...information to come for fifth years
- Trinity Summer School...information to come for fifth years
- The Trinity **Challenge Day**.....information again to come soon for fifth years

Med Day- will be approaching soon and six second year science students will have the opportunity to attend clinical workshops with Med undergrads for the day in TCD

Many thanks to all students who have participated in TAP events thus far. If you have any questions regarding TAP related activities and events please speak to Ms Horgan.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From all the Staff of Loreto College Crumlin

CSPE in Action

3AB did an action project on **Human Rights** between 10th December to the 13th December 2013. On each Of the days we had an display of some of the articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. On the first day the displays was to put tape on our mouths to show freedom of speech .The next day was to put different colour masks on our face to show everyone is equal no matter what colour you are. The last day was the whole class holding coloured paper which said: We are all born equal with rights. We also had speakers to come to the school from Focus Ireland, Frontline Defenders and a Loreto sister who worked in India.

3AM organised a walk for the 1st Year classes and the 3AM class to raise funds for **Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin**. The walk took place on Tuesday, the 10th of December. The walk took an hour and 10 minutes around Drimnagh and Crumlin. We had raised over 750 euros for a good cause. Many thanks to Mr White and Mr Howard - **Valarie Geraldmin and Joi Nueda**



Congratulations to our Head Girl and budding business mogul **Amy Keatinge** who not only received a gold medal but was the overall winner of the European Entrepreneur competition.



TY Musical



Set in 1959 at the fictional Rydell High School, this musical follows the lives of ten working-class teenagers as they navigate the complexities of love and life. The score attempts to recreate the sounds of early Rock n' Roll.

***Showing January 22nd-24th -
Tickets on Sale after Christmas!***



Sports and PE

Basketball -

GO LORETO!

Members of the Senior Basketball Team

The senior and cadet squads enjoyed a winning streak this term with convincing wins against Loreto Beaufort, Loreto St Stephen's Green, Loreto Swords, Loreto Foxrock and Loreto Dalkey. Congratulation to the girls and their coach Darren McGuinness. A place in the semi finals awaits the teams after Christmas. Best of luck to all players and keep up the training regimes over Christmas!

1st and 2nd year matches commence in the New Year. Lets hope all you training pays off. The 1st years enjoyed a 'Loreto Blitz' in Beaufort at the end on Dec 3rd.

It's never too late to join basketball. Training takes place every Wednesday and Thursday in Lourdes Celtic. All levels welcome!



Camogie

This year saw our camogie heroines battle through the preliminary stages of the Dublin School's contest to reach the semi-final for the third consecutive year. Unfortunately on a mild November day the girls met their Waterloo in Finglas. St. Michael's, who the girls had defeated earlier in the contest, proved to be formidable opponents and defeated our warriors by two points. Special praise must be given to **Niamh Brennan** who rallied the troops and kept her composure throughout the arduous battle.

Soccer

In November our 1st year football team (pictured right) competed in the Futsal Tournament. Having glided

through the preliminary rounds we travelled to Co. Meath to compete in the Leinster Cup. There was fierce competition on the day with every team giving their all. We fought hard for every ball and our efforts paid off when we reached the final. There we met Loreto Kilkenny. After a hard fought contest we feel just short losing 1-0 to a very good team. Although we were disappointed to lose the Pizza Party Ms Dempsey threw for us did soften the blow a little. We would all like to thank Mr Howard and Mr Wall for all of their help and coaching.—**Róisín Hopkins IA**



Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 27th November Loreto Crumlin, Loreto Foxrock and Loreto St. Stephens Green participated in a Tag Rugby Tournament organised by Mr. Baston. The teams were mixed with girls from the three different schools on each teams. All teams were named after a country in the six nations. It was a great afternoon, the sun shone and it was great to have other schools competing on our school grounds. Well done to Mr. Baston and all the Second Years who were involved. A similar event is planned for the 4th Years in the New Year.



Loreto Swimming Gala

On Thursday 21st November 198 students from thirteen Loreto Schools from all over Ireland came together for an Inter Loreto Schools Gala. Loreto Crumlin, Loreto Swords and Swim Ireland hosted the event. Loreto Crumlin were represented by seven students on the day.

**Kirstin Smith ID Ciara Reynolds ID
Erin Kiernan IB Kundai Mudzwiti IA
Rumbai Mudzwiti 4P**

Gabriella Zajac, Mariam Ibrahim 5th yr
A big thank you also to Bukola Bolarinwa, Candice Michelena and Alannah Curtis who did time keeping and helped out on the day.

