



# Loreto College Crumlin Road

Newsletter Summer 2014

## Principal's Welcome

This is the time of year when we say goodbye to our 6<sup>th</sup> years and celebrate the achievements of the Transition Years. I wish the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years the best of luck in their examinations in June. There is still time to study. We had our Prizegiving ceremony on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May where the successes of the past academic year were celebrated. Congratulations to all those who received a prize and a reminder to everyone that there is always next year! We had a lot to celebrate in the school this year with the basketball teams, the soccer team, Career Academies, Teenaiders, Ember Team, Green Team, Culture Club, Book Club, debating and all the other wonderful opportunities available to our students. As well as being involved in extra curricular activities we have all been engaged in the real business of a school, teaching and learning. Two teachers are retiring after a combined 66 years of service to the students of Loreto College Crumlin. We wish Mr White and Mrs Gallagher and their loved ones a long and happy retirement. Best wishes also to Ms. Harrison, our chaplain who is leaving the school to take up a new position in Galway. We wish her and family well in their new adventure. I wish you and your families a peaceful and warm summer.

## Loreto Crumlin Parents Association

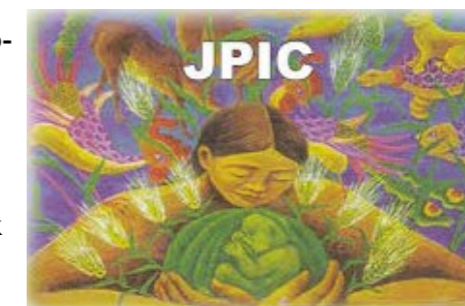
The Parents Association is involved in working hard behind the scenes to raise funds and run courses which we hope adds to our school community. This year Elaine Scanlan (Treasurer) resigned and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the many years of hard work and dedication she gave to the Parents Association.

We run many fund raising events with money raised helping to fund as much school activities as possible. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support which is greatly appreciated. The Parents Association is always looking for new members, so if you are interested please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Terri Nichol - Chairperson

## Justice and Peace Group

A group of TY students set up a new JPIC group this year. Their aim is to raise awareness of justice and peace issues around the school and in the community. This year, they marked "International Women's Day" by wearing pink, by selling cupcakes and distributing fact cards about women who struggle for equal access to education and health care. All proceeds were sent to Sr. Orla in Loreto Rumbek. They were also involved in Culture Night and ran Be Positive Week. The group hopes to expand next year – look out for them in September!



## Head Girl

My name is Amy Keatinge and I am the current Head Girl at Loreto College Crumlin. The year has gone in the blink of an eye and despite the study and stress of exams it has been an amazing year, one filled with a lot of happy memories and success.

On behalf of the Deputy Head Girl Louise Kavanagh and I we would like to thank all of the teachers and staff. This would not be possible without the hard working dedicated staff. We really appreciate all of your work. We wish our fellow 6<sup>th</sup> years the very best of luck in the Leaving Certificate and in the future no matter what you do I am sure you will be brilliant.

It has been a pleasure to spend the last 6 years with you and when we walk out that front door on the 20<sup>th</sup> May for the last time as students in Loreto College Crumlin we will still always be a LORETO GIRLS!



A total of 10 books were reviewed by students this year and the most popular reads were: Girl, Missing by Sophie McKenzie, Butter by Erin Large, After Iris by Natasha Farrant, How to Save a Life by Sara Zarr, Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher and Gone by Michael Grant.

### CBI Book Shadowing Scheme

Every year, an event takes place in Dublin to honour the best children's books of the year by Irish authors and illustrators. They encourage schools to participate in a scheme whereby young readers review and vote on books shortlisted for the Book of the Year awards. A number of 1st year students are taking part in this Shadowing scheme this year and have been busy reading five short-listed titles. The students taking part are: Ciara Reynolds, Lauren Foley, Renee Campbell, Anna Murray-Barry, Ciara Mullins, Saoirse Murray, Louise Shevlin, Holly Keating, Ruth Komolafe, Ruth Ecuimoire, Kirstin Smith, Rachel Greene, Martina Ibrahim, Sophiat Shekoni and Pentidar Hart.

A big thanks to everyone who has taken part in library activities during the year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and get to read a book or two. If you read something you think is really good, let me know about it when we return in September and I will try to get a copy for the library. Deirdre



### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

On Wednesday April 30th the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors attended an event held at Facebook Headquarters to celebrate Anti-Bullying work in schools and communities across Ireland. Here the short films tackling bullying in schools were showcased, including our own.

The Anti-Bullying event was attended by celebrity supporters including Brian McFadden, Will Poulter, who introduced Loreto's video, and musical entertainment was provided by artists Fresh Ré and Jordan O'Keefe. Frances Fitzgerald, the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs also attended and gave a short speech. After all of the short films from each school were shown, each ambassador was invited up onto the stage to receive their Diana Award for all their hard work standing up against bullying not only within their schools, but outside school and online.

Watching the short films made in other schools across Ireland was really inspiring and gave us lots of new ideas to perhaps enact in our own school in the future. The Anti-Bullying event as a whole had everyone leaving feeling positive, with a smile on their faces and loads of motivation to continue with the fight against bullying. Seeing all those people there, united for the same cause was so heart-warming, and it just goes to show that you really can make a difference if you work for it.

To view Loreto's Anti-Bullying short film and see some of the work the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have done so far, go to [www.tinyurl.com/LoretoCollege](http://www.tinyurl.com/LoretoCollege) or search "Anti-Bullying Showcase 2014 - Loreto College, Crumlin Road, Dublin" on Youtube.

### LCVP



It was a busy year for the 5<sup>th</sup> year LCVP class. Once again the girls worked closely with PEI Pharmaceutical based in Ballymount this year thanks to a schools/enterprise partnership established by Business in the Community. The students enjoyed a number of sessions with the company throughout the year including a CV workshop, a session on how to behave in the workplace, mock interviews and a tour of their distribution centre.

As a gesture of their appreciation the LCVP class compiled a booklet on all they had learnt throughout the year entitled: 'Top tips for getting a job and hanging onto one'. It's the complete A-Z on how to prepare yourself for the world of work including how to compile a CV, formal letter writing and interview skills. The booklet is aimed primarily at 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years and will be available in the school next September. Watch this space!

### Reflection of a Loreto Sister

This is a Catholic school. It's ethos and spirit are inspired by the example and teaching of Jesus Christ, exemplified for us in the life of Mary Ward, with her emphasis on **Joy, Freedom, Justice, Sincerity** and **Truth** as we are reminded when we look at the beautiful new sculpture on the wall in our reception area. I would ask you to take a minute to think of these qualities and what they mean when next you see them.



As you know, the word **Catholic** means universal. Just think of that word 'universal', encompassing the whole world. Is it that far-fetched to suggest that the word universal might be applied to our school here. Loreto College Crumlin, with students coming from 32 different countries, with many different cultures, different languages, different religions and different backgrounds. A touch of 'universality' here surely!

How enriching this is for our school, giving such breadth and vision and awareness of so many varied and different experiences. Let us be grateful for this diversity and see it as a gift for all of us. May it be our aim that each one of us may find her niche here, feel welcome and accepted here, treated as an individual with her own gifts and talents and be shown by others the respect and kindness she rightly deserves. Finally, I pray, using the words from the school's Mission Statement, that our students may be empowered 'to become mature, discerning, compassionate women of integrity.'

Sr. Eileen Cullen, IBVM



### The Loreto Crumlin Crew Cycle Against Suicide

On Monday April 28th students and staff decked in orange joined almost 1,000 excited fellow cyclists in RTE Studios to join the Cycle Against Suicide 2014. It's a 2 week cycle around Ireland, stopping at 19 anchor schools to create awareness of looking after our mental health and deliver the message to all in our community, "**It's okay not to feel okay and It's absolutely okay to ask for help**" The cycle is estimated to have reached out to 20,000 students across Ireland. The Crumlin Crew pedalled with passion and are a credit to their parents and school for working hard on the campaign since September. The students and Ms. Murphy plan to cycle to Naas on next year's Cycle Against Suicide and can be spotted training on the bicycle lanes of the city. Congratulations to Sarah Louise Mooney, Ms. Mannion, Caitlin Connolly, Chloe Donoghue and Ms. Murphy.



Ms. Mannion



### *The Ember team*

The Ember team is a newly formed group of 8 dedicated 5th year students, supported by Ms. Harrison. Ember seeks to support all students by organising events and various activities. It has been a very busy year. We were involved in organising a welcome party and a retreat for 1st years. The current Ember members are attending a graduation ceremony to mark the closing of an active year. Dove Curpen, Chairperson.





# Sports and PE



## Crumlin Cats Celebrate a Year of Basketball Victories

It was a really successful season for basketball in the school with all teams bringing home silverware. The cadet and seniors travelled to the Basketball Arena on 17<sup>th</sup> February for the Loreto finals. Our senior squad battled to the end against Bray to win the title while the Cadet squad had a somewhat easier victory against Foxrock. Both the junior and minor teams faced Beaufort in the Loreto finals played on 9<sup>th</sup> April. The players did us proud winning both matches convincingly and now we are the proud holders of the Junior B and Minor B Loreto Shields for 2013/2014. As always huge thanks to Coach **Darren McGuinness** for his commitment and hard work he shows to basketball in the school.



## Fun Day

FunDay was on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May this year. As per usual it was full of fun and games and events for everyone. The singing contest was exceptional with the 1<sup>st</sup> prize going to an original composition by Karen Cummins, Nan Byrne and Claudia Cooney –well done girls. The afternoon events included obstacle courses, races, tug-o-war, bouncy castles and some delicious treats. Many thanks to all involved.

## Getting Crumlin Moving and Healthy Eating

As part of our commitment to supporting healthy living in Loreto College Crumlin and beyond we have adopted a school wide policy to encourage exercise and healthy eating among students and staff alike. As part of this commitment to the improved health of our school we have commenced the **Couch to 5K** initiative and brought in a ban on fizzy drinks, sweets, cakes, crisps and chicken fillet rolls. We were delighted to see our efforts recognised in the **Irish Times** health supplement in March and encourage all students, parents and staff to stay healthy through exercise and healthy eating choices. It's your health, your future— look after it.

## Visit of Tomi Reichental - Holocaust Survivor

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, Tomi Reichental visited our school and brought along with him his experiences and stories from the Holocaust. Tomi Reichental is one of the very few lucky Holocaust survivors still alive to this day. Mr. Reichental visited three years ago to talk to the senior students about his life during the Holocaust and came back again to talk to the current seniors of the school. Tomi Reichental was born in 1935 in Slovakia and was sent to Bergen-Belsen, a concentration camp in 1944 along with other members of his family. He described to us how desperate life was at Bergen-Belsen and how badly the Jewish "walking skeletons" were treated. Listening to Tomi's story was very emotional for both the students and teachers. It was an honour to have heard Mr. Reichental's war time experiences and we hope he will be able to return in another three years to talk to the senior students then.



*Pictured - Tomi signing copies of his book*

## Worldwise Conference 2014

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April twenty TY students attended the inaugural Worldwise Conference in Croke Park. It was a fantastic event that was attended by over six hundred students from over thirty different school from all around the country. The focus of the day was Development Education and how it can and should play an integral role in all school communities. Students spent the day attending workshops and talks about environmental, educational and human rights issues. There were several stalls organised and run by a number of schools and NGOs to highlight the work they have done over the past year. It was an enjoyable and educational experience for all in attendance which has inspired a number of our students to become involved in groups inside and outside of school with the aim of improving our world.



On Saturday morning last 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 4.15am 50 students, staff, parents and grandparents braved the cold and took part in the annual Darkness into Light walk for Pieta House. We were very fortunate that the rain held off until the walk finished! Some of our students even ran the 5km successfully!! It's a great event to be part of and we look forward to taking part in this event next year. Well done to all involved!!



## Restorative Living

### Improving Relationships for a Better School

During the last year we have begun a process that aims to improve relationships among everyone in our school community. As part of this initiative twelve staff members have been trained in conflict resolution and mediation. A large number of students and teachers have experienced the positive effects of restorative practices in different situations and agreed that it is something we should all work towards as a school.

Try it for yourself. The process is quite simple and extremely effective. Next time you find yourself in conflict use the questions that you'll find all around the school and on the walls in classrooms. Let's work together to restore relationships rather than ruin them. Lets talk and listen, and solve our problems together.

Many thanks to Tina McVeigh for all of her support and fantastic training, to the Board of Management, Ms Dempsey and Ms Murphy for their support, trust and allocation of school resources, and to all staff and students who have taken part in this initiative and contributed to our research.

Mr M Whelan



## Junk Kouture

Junk Kouture is a nationwide competition where budding fashionistas are challenged to make a high fashion garment out of materials that would usually find their way into the bin. The entry from Loreto College was an unusual dress made entirely out of synthetic hair. The Grand Final was held in the impressive surrounding of the O2 in front of 4000 screaming fans on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. Our model, Eniola Salami was very nervous at the prospect of parading down the catwalk in front of all those people, but she didn't let her nerves show. Eniola was picked along with 5 other dress to take part in a photo shoot which was then published on the Irish mirror and other newspapers. Congratulations to all those involved for making Junk Kouture so successful.



## Teenaiders Successful Stay Golden Campaign

We are a group of twelve Transition Year students and our mini company 'Teenaiders' is based on creating awareness of mental health in young people through our magazine.

We wanted to do something regarding mental health in teenagers, as teenagers are usually badly affected by negative mental health, but rarely have the courage to ask for help or inform adults. *'Suicide is a leading cause of death among young people. The rate of youth suicide in Ireland is the fifth highest in the EU at 15.7 per 100,000 for 15-24 year olds' Pisa Report.* The difference between our product and other products/campaigns to promote mental health is that our magazine is being done by teens, for teens. We think that it would be helpful to try to help other teenagers from teenagers' point of view instead of always having youth mental health campaigns done by adults.

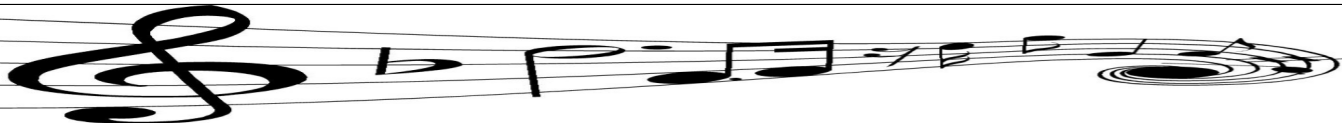


Pictured: An Taoiseach Enda Kenny with Lola Salam. At the official launch -Teen Aiders with Ms Colhoun, Sr Eileen Randles, Ms Dempsey, Ms Murphy and Ms Horgan. Teen Aiders Logo

In our magazine, we tackle issues such as; suicide, self-harm, hypochondria, and anxiety. We also have pages full of positivity and mood lifters to encourage teenagers to 'Stay Golden'. Our aim is to give young people a constant reminder that their life is precious and no matter how you are feeling in that moment, it will get better. We are also very active on our twitter feed ([twitter.com/Teenaiders](https://twitter.com/Teenaiders)) and our facebook account ([facebook.com/TeenaidersStayGolden](https://facebook.com/TeenaidersStayGolden)) to inform people of our work and by posting positive messages. We have been very successful in our company as we won the Leinster Regional Junior Achievement finals and moved onto Nationals. We have enjoyed nationwide publicity and even met An Taoiseach (see above). Thanks to all who have supported our campaign particularly David Monaghan and Peter Marry from News Ireland and our fantastic teacher Ms Horgan without whom none of this would have been possible. Stay Golden-Teenaiders

## THE YEAR IN PICTURES





### Choir Updates

The Choir gave their annual performance at prizegiving this year, performing a fantastic medley of songs from 'The Lion King'. The Choir and soloist musicians will be giving a concert next academic year, on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014, 'Autumn Leaves, an Evening of Music and Song'. All are welcome to attend what promises to be an evening of fantastic music. A donation of €5 on the door towards the school is requested.



### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge idir 10ú –17ú Márta i mbliana. Seachtain eachtrúil a bhí ann a bhí lán de sport is spraoi. Bhí roinnt imeachtaí ar siúl sna ranganna ar nós comórtas póstaer , seanfhocail agus tráth na gceist. Tharla cluiche mór BIONGÓ sa seomra meánchumarsáide agus bhain gach duine an-sult as. Ar an Aoine bhí CÉILÍ MÓR againn sa halla. Ócáid iontach a bhí ann a bhí lán de cheol, damhsa agus craic. Bhí aoínna speisialta againn i mbliana a chur go mór leis an lá— *Cailíní na Stilt* ón Rialta Youth Project, a bhí cloigeann is gualainn thar 'chuile duine eile ag taispeáint a gcuid scileanna iontacha. Míle buíochas do na damhsóirí Gaelacha a rinne taispeántas álainn ar an stáitse agus dá múinteoir Ms Doyle. Cothrom na Féinne daoibh uilig a ghlac páirt ar an lá.



### CULTURE WEEK

This year during the Culture Week we invited Cynthia's mum into the 1<sup>st</sup> years to make puff puffs. She told them about how difficult it is to access education and health care in Cameroon and about the lack of social welfare. If someone loses their job they might die as they have no money.

The big event this year was Culture Night where we showed friends and family how this school promotes equality and diversity. We had foods and performers from many countries and presentations from Culture Club, Anti-Bullying and the Justice and Peace group. A petition to support the Emma Sloan campaign was signed. We had our traditional fashion show and a sustainable fashion show. Six students were given 15 euros each and came up with chic and creative outfits from second hand shops. Culture Night broke down prejudices and brought everyone together in a spirit of joy and celebration.



### Geography Fieldtrips

Geography fieldtrips took place in March, April and May of this year. TYs braved the cold to visit Glendalough in February. 5th years made the long but worthwhile journey to The Giant's Causeway while 1st and 2nd year classes travelled to Howth and Bray respectively. Students availed of the fantastic opportunity to experience at first hand the many aspects of physical geography they have studied in the past year. Many thanks to all teachers who organised these great educational excursions.



trinity access programmes

A lot of exciting activities took place this year including; the Trinity Challenge Day, Higher level maths tuition, Health Day, pathways to law for fourth years, to mention a few.

**The Pathways to Law** programme is still going on for our selected students in fifth year and they will be getting ready for some Law activities that will be run over the summer months.

**Trinity Award Ceremony:** Seven students from 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year were nominated and selected by their teachers due to their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm throughout the year to attend an Awards ceremony in Trinity College in May to receive their prizes. Those students were: Abbie Smith, Maryam Sale, Louise Cortez, Lauren Harford, Taylor Roberts, Rebecca Clarke, Djene Camara.

A special award called the **SALTER** Sterling medal is also given to a 4th year student. This student is selected by the staff who they feel best embodies the spirit of 4th year and stood at as a role model due to her great attitude and enthusiasm in all areas of 4th year. This was awarded to **Lola Salam** this year.

**Trinity Summer School Programme-** Three students from fifth year will have the opportunity to attend the trinity summer school programme for a week in June. Students will work in teams on a project of their choice in relation to; web-design, creative writing, film studies or photography. Students have not yet been chosen.

**Take Five Programme-** This programme will enable one student from fifth year to explore five different colleges over five days throughout Dublin. The student will spend one day in each of these colleges experiencing college life by attending lectures, labs and sport and club activities. The lucky student selected is Mariam Salam.



### Careers Academy Visit TV3

On Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> students involved in the schools Career Academy went on a school to work visit to TV3 in Ballymount. Here they were given a tour of the studios and editing suites they were also given a number of career presentations by TV3 staff. They received certificates of achievement at the end of their visit. The girls really enjoyed the event and they got a very interesting insight into the world of television.



### CAREER ACADEMIES GRADUATION 2014

The following ten fifth year students graduated from the Career Academies programme at an event in Citi- Bank on Monday May 19<sup>th</sup>: *Holly Nichol, Katie Stephens, Rebecca Doolin, Aisling Kearns, Maria Bulz, Ciana Brady, Doveny Curpen, Chloe Rogers, Lauren Lovett Kinsella and Rosie Spiro.* These students have successfully completed the 18 month programme which involved business internships, working with business mentors, participating in the Career Academies trip to London, guru lectures and many other visits and seminars. This programme has not only raised the girls aspirations for the future but it has also given them real access to the world of work.

### JCSP

Ms Gannon, Ms Cummins, Mr Quinn and Ms Rowan would like to congratulate the 3rd year JCSP students who are going to receive outstanding certificates on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May for all the wonderful work they have completed in JCSP since 1<sup>st</sup> year, well done girls. Throughout this year the 2nd year JCSP students have worked extremely hard on literacy, numeracy and personal development initiatives. Their achievements are numerous, congratulations to all. The first year JCSP students were partnered with the transition year paired reading students. Both groups engaged in extensive reading challenges and the transition years have set a very high standard of peer tutoring. Well done to all students involved.

Pictured : Visit of Liz Weir Children's author

