

# Loreto College Crumlin Road

Newsletter, December 2014

## Principal's Welcome

## Seasons Greetings

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the Loreto College Newsletter and to extend another welcome to our new students and their families. We have received more good news from the Department of Education. The hockey pitch will be resurfaced with an all weather surface which will add to the PE facilities in the school.

The feedback from the WSE/MLL was very good and the inspectors were very impressed with the teaching and learning in the school. Well done to all the teachers and the students! As usual we are very proud of you all.

All of our 2<sup>nd</sup> years are involved with a new project with Trinity College and Google. It is called TA2I College for Every Student. The students were in the Convention Centre on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of November to meet their mentors. This project will run for 3 years. Three teachers are involved with the project, Ms Murphy, Ms Mannion and Mr. Brennan.

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

Thank you to Mr Whelan for his excellent work on the newsletter.

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

**Jackie Dempsey**

## A Ministerial Visit Celebrating Academic Excellence

On 8th October we took a short break from our classwork to celebrate the academic achievements of Loreto girls past and present. The purpose of this special awards ceremony was to recognise the hard work and fantastic grades realised by girls in the Leaving and Junior Certificate exams 2014. Among our guests of honour on the day included The Minister for Education and Skills Jan O' Sullivan (*pictured right*), the Chairperson of the Board of Management Sr Eileen Randles, Loreto Education Development Officer Blathnaidh Colhoun, and the parents and guardians of the recipients, Rebecca Dore, Khajidah Lawal, Megan Buckley, Louise Kavanagh, Abies E'obasuyi, Katelyn O'Toole, and Emma Lynch (*pictured right*) Well done to all of the girls who received awards, you are a credit to yourselves, your families and our school.



**For Christmas and all through the year may you always have an angel by your side**

**May you always have an angel by your side**

**Watching out for you in all the things you do**

**Finding ways for your wishes and dreams to take you to beautiful place**

**Reminding you to keep believing in brighter days**

**Giving you hope that is as certain as the sun**

**Giving you the strength of serenity as your guide**

**May you always have love and comfort and courage**

**And may you always have an angel by your side**



## TA21/CFES

A group of 2nd year pupils will attend the National Convention Centre on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate the launch of TA21/CFES. Sir David Puttman will be playing music from a selection of his films including :The Mission, Chariots of Fire and Stardust.

## Career Academy

On Monday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> ten Transition Year students, who are on the schools Career Academies Programme, went on a trip to London. They visited a HR company on Fleet St. called Penna and they attended a motivational show in the Dominion Theatre in the West End. A great day was had by all.

Back left to right: Keely Maguire, Lauren Curran, Gary Browning CEO Penna HR, Niamh White, Aoife Ennis, Abies Obasuyi, Ms.Kelleher

Front left to right: Amy Moore, Lauren Ray, Taylor Roberts and Emma Lynch



## Science Week



“Science Week took place November 10-17<sup>th</sup> .As part of Science week, the Science Department wanted to involve the whole school in some fun activities and to raise an awareness of the Science that takes place in their everyday lives.

The whole school took part in a Science quiz, and the winners were Lauren Ellis, Aoife Ennis, Leah Hendrick & Kelly O’Neill from 4<sup>th</sup> year. A periodic table competition was held throughout the week whereby the student had to make a word using the chemical symbols of the periodic table. The winner of this competition was Kristia Segovia with the word unconsciousness.

Students also had a chance to experience holding fire in their hands. Pictured is a snapshot of some of the students that took part.5<sup>th</sup> year Biology students also made 3D structure of the cell as pictured.All 1<sup>st</sup> year and 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Science students took part in an Energy workshop. Students had the opportunity to dissect eyeballs.



## French News

Fifth-year students will be attending a screening of French film *Populaire* on the 16<sup>th</sup> December in the Irish Film Institute in Temple Bar. The romantic comedy has been described by critics as ‘impeccably styled’ and ‘full of charm’. ‘*Populaire* tells the story of Rose Pamphyle (Déborah François), who is trained by Louis Échard (Romain Duris) to become the fastest typist in the world through winning the 1959 international speed typing contest in New York City. In other French news, the department are looking forward to the annual French Day celebration, which will take place in the New Year! Joyeux Noël!



## Comhrá Gan Stad

Ar an 9ú lá Deireadh Fómhair 2014 ghlac níos mó ná caoga cailín, ó ghach bliainghrúpa, páirt sa churriarracht domhanda ‘Comhrá gan Stad 2014’. Eagraithe ag Ms Nolan, d’ullmhaigh cailíní píosaí cainte ar ábhair éagsúla in sna ranganna agus phéigh siad beo ar líne iad. Ar an lá, ceanglaíodh lucht labhartha na teanga ar fud na cruinne beo ar líne ar feadh 168 uair an chloig, agus ba mhór an onóir dúinn a bheith páirteach leis an gcurriarracht stairiúil seo.

‘Beatha Teanga í a labhairt’ a deir an seanfhocal agus is léir ón ócáid seo go bhfuil an Ghaeilge Beo i Loreto Crumlin.



5 - 12 Deireadh Fómhair

Croi na Teanga - It's Your  
Seachtain na Gaeilge

Conradh  
na Gaeilge

Le cabhair ó:  
Foras na Gaeilge

# English Week

This year's English Week took place Monday 20<sup>th</sup>- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and some very exciting events took place! There were workshops, 6<sup>th</sup> year theatre trip to see Othello, Book Swap in the library, and the one and only Mr White came back to deliver poetry workshops to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years! The 3<sup>rd</sup> years went to a creative writing workshop with Fighting Words



and watched "A Time to Kill" throughout the week in the media room. Transition year students coached 2<sup>nd</sup> years and 6<sup>th</sup> class students in debating workshops and participated in the Teacher v Student debate! Well done to the girls who participated in the Poetry Aloud competition in the National Library. Perhaps the most enjoyable part of English Week was the dress up competition in which students dressed up as their favourite literary character and paraded down the catwalk! Overall, it was a fantastic week.

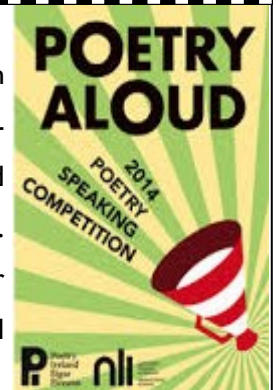
## Theatre Trips



6<sup>th</sup> year students saw an excellent production of 'Othello' in the Mill Theatre Dundrum in October. Seeing a live performance is a great way for students to revise and explore the play and all agreed it was both a very helpful and enjoyable experience. In November, all TY students attended The Laughter Lounge for 'The Best of Ger Carey' a hilarious journey into the mind of teenagers. Laughter is indeed the best medicine and this was clearly illustrated on that day as students left the show in high spirits. As part of the Gothic Literature English Module, the English teachers took a class to see Wuthering Heights in The Gate Theatre during December. Everyone really enjoyed the play. Many thanks to all of the teachers who organise and oversee these wonderful learning experiences.

## Poetry Aloud

Poetry Aloud – Over twenty five students from first to fifth year took part in 'Poetry Aloud' in the National Library in October. 'An Irish Airman Foresees his Death' by W.B. Yeats, Seamus Heaney's 'St. Kevin and the Blackbird' and Gerard Smyth's poem 'Heirloom' were among the poems recited that day. It was wonderful to hear different deliveries and interpretations of these poems from our students as well as students from all over Dublin. All agreed that it was a great day out and



## Annual Arts Concert

The annual arts concert took place in October. 'Autumn Leaves' featured the school choir performing a range of songs, including a medley from The Lion King, a beautiful arrangement of 'Autumn Leaves', and their own fantastic version of 'Happy'. The evening also featured soloists, both singers and instrumentalist, poetry, and drama. We had not one, but three string quartets performing on the night, made up of our own talented students and students from other schools in the locality. The evening was a wonderful success, congratulations and well done to all performers, and thank you to the super audience who came along and supported us. The School Choir will be performing again at the Carol Service on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, and will also be going out carol singing to raise money for charity. Busy ladies!

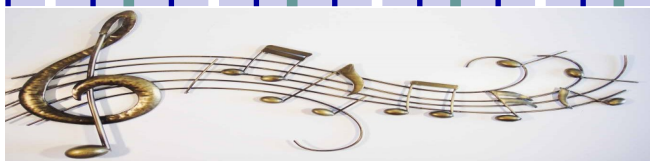
## Yellow Flag - Diversity Group

Loreto College Crumlin is delighted to announce their involvement with the Yellow Flag Programme. The Yellow Flag Programme provides a practical series of 8 steps that brings issues of inter-culturalism, equality and diversity into the whole-school programme and allows schools to apply them to the day to day running of the school. It works with students, staff, management, parents and wider community groups so that issues of diversity and equality are not merely seen as "school subjects" but can be understood and taken outside the school setting into everyone's personal lives. In parallel with the Green Schools, the Yellow Flag programme is an award scheme, therefore; on completing these steps, and being assessed externally, the school is awarded its "Yellow Flag" in recognition of its work in promoting diversity & inclusion.



A big congratulations to all 1<sup>st</sup> year students who took part in the JCSP paired reading programme. Well done on all the fantastic reading! All second year JCSP students have started paired reading again and will continue until after Christmas.

Third year JCSP students have begun construction of their entry into the annual 'Make a Book' competition. Their entry this year is based on the zoo, and each student is now constructing a paper mache animal to build into a pop up book. Looking forward to seeing the results girls!



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

## College Awareness Week



24 Nov to Nov 30 was **College Awareness Week** in the school. First, second and sixth year students participated in various activities. Students thought about what they would like to do when they leave school. They researched subjects needed for their dream jobs. They also thought about which college they would like to attend. Then they made wonderful art work illustrating their ideas and their work was displayed throughout the school.

## 6th Year Retreat

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October the 6<sup>th</sup> years had their retreat. We took on the challenge of climbing the Sugarloaf in Co Wicklow. The reasoning behind climbing the Sugarloaf was that the 6<sup>th</sup> years all face challenges in their lives and none bigger than the Leaving Certificate in June. The climb signified for them the journey they are facing this year as they prepare for their exams. Most of the 6<sup>th</sup> years made it to the top thanks to the encouragement of each other and the teachers. It was a great day and everyone really enjoyed it. "Life's a climb but the view at the top is great!"



## Uganda Appeal

In October we learned, through Fr Melvyn, of the tragic news of a community in Uganda that has been ravaged by conflict. We came together and collected tinned foods and clothes to reach out to this community in their time of need. Thanks to all who contributed.



# **ARAN ISLANDS TRIP**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, Transition Year students and their teachers headed off for their annual trip to the Aran Islands on the west coast of Ireland. They spent two fun-filled nights there- exploring the island, hiking for hours to see incredible views of lush countryside and giant cliffs facing out onto the ocean. The evenings were great fun! Games, music, and a fashion show! It was a wonderful way to begin the year as it really brought everyone closer together and excited for all the activities to come throughout the year!



## **TYs—Cooking up a Storm**

Home Economics is one of our transition year modules. At the end of our modules the TY girls went on two other trips to The Chocolate Warehouse in Walkinstown, and to the Epicurean Food Hall in town. They had a great time! Another TY class will be hosting an afternoon tea soon.



This year many of the transition year students are participating in the Gaisce (President's) Awards to achieve their Bronze Medals. This involves 13 weeks of a chosen sport, 13 weeks of personal skills, 13 weeks of community involvement, and finally an additional 13 weeks of whichever of the three you enjoyed the most! 52 weeks in total! At the end of transition year those who have completed their Gaisce will go on a 2 day & 1 night "Adventure" together! Everyone is really looking forward to it!



## **Home Economics Trip to CloughJordan**

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November a group of 5<sup>th</sup> Year students, accompanied by Ms McGrath, visited her native 'Premier county' to experience life in a country kitchen. After a morning of hard work, peeling, cutting and mixing, the girls enjoyed the fruits of their labours with a delicious lunch and afternoon treats. It was a great day out. Many thanks to Ms McGrath.

**Come Visit our Website -**      [www.loretocrumlin.ie](http://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 our site. We invite you to log on and have a look for yourself.

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: Anna Lettis, Kelly Curran and Aoife McDonagh.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> years to apply for free grinds in Trinity in subjects in which they are having difficulty

**Student Leadership and maths**- Five students from fourth year will attend 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Nolan.

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

**Parents' Association**

In October the Parent's Association held their annual AGM. The following officers were elected: Terri Nichol, Lisa Walsh, Tom Brady, Liz Brady, Lisa Walsh, Loraine Byrne, Elaine McCabe, Tracy Cullen, Terri Nichol

All money raised by the Parents' Association goes towards special projects in the school that benefit the students. In the last few years the Parents' Association have bought a colour printer for the library. All students can use this to print out pictures for projects. We also bought a second set of kit for the basketball team as we had only one set that had to be shared between the Senior and Cadet teams. We contributed towards the cost of hiring an outside counsellor who works with students in need. The PA have also contributed to the cost of hiring a debating coach for all those students interested in debating.

In November, the Parents' Association distributed bags for their recycling clothes initiative. Forty bags of clothes were donated by families and we raised €120 as a result. We hope to have two other recycling days later on this year, one in the New Year and one in the last term. We thank all those students and parents who donated their old clothes and hope to have an even better response in the New Year.

This term we also looked into sourcing an alternative supplier of the school uniform. We arranged a meeting with alternative suppliers, viewed their stock and got samples made up in the school colours. Quality and price will be the deciding factors. A final decision has not been made yet and we will keep parents informed.

We appreciate that many parents are not in a position to join the association but we are always looking for volunteers to help out with one-off events like cake sales, our annual pub quiz, transition year musical and the recycled clothes initiative. If you have an hour or two to spare, please contact Elaine on **0867225238**.

Terri Nichol  
Chairperson.



# **Troy Musical**



Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez are two totally different teenagers who meet at a party while singing karaoke on New Year's Eve. One week later Troy goes back to his high school, East High, in New Mexico to find that Gabriella is a new student there. They quickly become close friends and accidentally audition for the school musical. After getting a callback, drama queen Sharpay Evans and her sidekick brother Ryan are furious. Then Chad, Troy's best friend and basketball teammate, and Taylor, Gabriella's new friend on the decathlon team, must find out a way to make Gabriella hate Troy.

***Showing January 21st-23rd  
Tickets on Sale after Christmas!***



# Sports and PE

## Basketball

Basketball is still as popular as ever in the school with over 60 students training weekly with Coach Darren McGuinness. This term has seen the Cadet and Senior squads compete for silverware and next term our Junior and Minor Squads will take to the court in their respective leagues.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to our Cadet squad who are the new Leinster C Cup Champions having defeated Muckcross College by a score of 56-14 in the final. Thanks to all of our fantastic supporters who attended the final and played their role in spurring the girls on. The girls now move on to the All-Ireland finals that will take place in January.

Good luck girls, we are all very proud of you.

Our senior squad's journey through the Loreto league has not been so easy, with the girls facing tough opposition against Loreto St Stephens Green, Foxrock and Beaufort. With one match left to play against Loreto Dalkey the players will be hopeful of a semi final spot. We wish them well. Good luck to the 1<sup>st</sup> years who will participate in a 1<sup>st</sup> year Loreto tournament hosted by Loreto Beaufort on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Loreto Swimming Gala

On Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November seven students from our school took part in the Loreto Swimming Gala in the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin. The Loreto swimming gala was organised by Loreto College Crumlin with the help of Swim Ireland.

There were 175 students competing in the swim from 15 different Loreto schools which included Loreto Crumlin, Loreto Kilkenny, Loreto Letterkenny, Loreto St. Stephens Green, Loreto Balbriggan, Loreto Clonmel and Loreto Beaufort. The competitors from our school ranged from 1<sup>st</sup> year to 6<sup>th</sup> year students. On the day a range of 4<sup>th</sup> years came to the aquatic centre to help out with the running of the gala. They helped with the time-keeping, presentation of the prizes, catering and organising the races. The swimming gala was a great day and everyone was involved and enjoyed every moment.



## *Soccer* We have had two UI7 matches and one 1<sup>st</sup> year futsal tournament. We played an UI7

cup match against Colaiste Chiaran Portlaoise. Despite taking the lead we were beaten on penalties. In the Dublin regional 1<sup>st</sup> year futsal tournament we finished second in our group. Unfortunately only the group winners were selected for the semi finals. There were good performances from Megan Reid, Aoife Kavannah and Paris Chebah. Last Wednesday we played St Michaels Holy Faith Finglas. It was a very good game involving two very good sides. Crumlin were without Cody Kavannah and Rachel Maher had to come off at half time with a knee injury. Despite leading one nil at half time we lost 2-1 against a very strong and committed St Michaels team. Ciara Murray was outstanding for Loreto Crumlin with Sarah Whyte also putting in a fine performance in goals to deny St Michaels on a number of occasions.



**Notice - Volleyball** training takes place in the concert hall every Monday from 3:50—4:30.

No previous playing experience required.

All newcomers are welcome.