

Loreto College Crumlin Road

Newsletter Summer 2013

Principal's Welcome

This is the time of year when we say goodbye to our 6th years and celebrate the achievements of the Transition Years. I wish the 3rd and 6th years the best of luck in their examinations in June. There is still time to study. We had our Prizegiving ceremony on Friday 17th 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. One element that is extremely important for success in school is attendance. The number of certificates for perfect attendance distributed at Prizegiving has fallen since last year. It is vital that we work together to ensure that your daughter attends school every day for the academic year 2013-2014. I wish you all a warm and happy summer. Thank you for your support of the school and I look forward to working with you again in September.

Loreto Crumlin Parents Association - Table Quiz

We, at Loreto Crumlin Parents Association held our Annual Fun Quiz on Thursday 25th April in The Gate Bar on the Crumlin Rd. The quiz is one of our main fund raising events and in recent times we have been able to help subsidise Rainbows Counselling for pupils, we have donated funds to the Music Dept. and also the school's Debating Team. On the night we also held a raffle with many great prizes kindly donated by local businesses.

We raised a total of €751.25 on the night and a great time was had by all. We would hope to have even more teams at our next quiz as we need all the support we can get and it's also a fun night out for everyone. Many thanks to all who contributed and took part on the night.

Rita Gallagher - Chairperson

Culture Week

This year saw launch of culture week – a week dedicated to celebrating the rich cultural diversity that exists in our school. The week was organised by Ms Harrison and all members of the culture club (pictured below) spent many long afternoons after school preparing for the many fantastic colourful events. The events were the Culture Quiz, Bollywood dancing, a Bollywood film for second years, Henna tattoos, a cake sale of foods from different countries, a talk for fourth years from the Migrant rights service, and of course the amazing fashion show and a mash up dance from different countries.

Many thanks to everyone who organised and took part in all of the events.



Head Girl

My name is Eve Foster and I am the current Head Girl at Loreto College Crumlin. It has been an amazing year, one that I am sure all of us can be proud of. I would like to take this opportunity to give a message to all of the teachers on behalf of the sixth years. Words can not explain the gratitude we have for the determination and hard work you put into each one of us every single day. It is thanks to the confidence that you have in us that will push us to do our utmost in whatever direction we may go and for that we are eternally grateful.

It has been a long year, especially for the sixth years, almost never ending, but Lauren Kavanagh, the deputy Head girl, and I would like to wish our fellow sixth years the best of luck in the Leaving Certificate and for the future. We will all take different paths, whether that be a plc course, university or even travelling to different countries for some, but our starting point will always be the same. We are, and always will be, Loreto girls at heart.

Student Council

The Student Council hosted their annual end of year party for the 6th year prefects on Thursday the 18th May. On behalf of all students, a big thank you goes to these prefects for all their work throughout the year. The Council would also like to wish all 6th years and third years the best of luck in the Leaving Cert and Junior Cert.



Trinity Award Ceremony:

Six junior students were nominated by their teachers due to their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm throughout the year to attend an Awards ceremony in Trinity College on May 1st to receive their prizes. A special award called the SALTER Sterling medal is also given to a 4th year student. This student who best embodies the spirit of 4th year and stood out as a role model due to her great attitude and enthusiasm in all areas of 4th year. This was awarded to **Bukola Bolarinwa** this year.

Trinity Summer School Programme-Three students from fifth year will attend the trinity summer school programme for a week in June. During this time the students will work in teams on a project relating to; web-design, creative writing, film studies or photography.

Take Five Programme-This programme will enable one student from fifth year to explore five different colleges over five days throughout Dublin. Colleges include UCD, TCD, NUIM, DIT, and DCU. The student will spend one day in each of these colleges experiencing college life by attending lectures, labourites and sport and club activities. The lucky student who was selected was **Ashley Owens**.

Pictured receiving their awards:
Jade Wilson, Kristine Segovia, Niamh Lyons, Bukola Bolarinwa, Katelyn O'Toole (on behalf of a group project), Susan Nambi, and Khrishna Thonova



Visitors from Down Under

In early April we were delighted to receive visitors from Loreto College Ballarat. It was a fantastic experience to meet Loreto girls from the other side of the world and share with them our experiences and culture in Loreto Crumlin. Here is what they had to say -
We very much enjoyed our time at Loreto College, Crumlin Road. Seeing the cultural dances and meeting all the girls was brilliant. Thank you for allowing us to have this experience. We would especially like to thank our guides who took us around the school and welcomed us so warmly. Hopefully girls from Ballarat will be able to come back and see you again.



Thanks from Australia (Students Loreto Ballarat)

We felt very welcome and in a short time part of the school. The smiles, the greetings took away any apprehensions we may have had. Our founder Mother Gonzaga Barry would have been delighted at the interaction.

Thank You. Peter and Jo , (Staff Loreto Ballarat)

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Congratulations to our ten new **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors** who completed their anti-bullying training on March 6th in St. Andrews in Booterstown. The ten girls chosen to represent our school at this event were **Amy Keatinge, Rosie Spiro, Hazel Tierney, Cynthia nChang, Lorraine Joseph, Jeffrin Benita, Judith Sleator, Etesa Haughey, Abies E'obasuyi and Nan Byrne**. The event was co-ordinated by Alex Holmes, a young man who was bullied at school. He believes that young people can play a more proactive role in combating bullying in their schools.

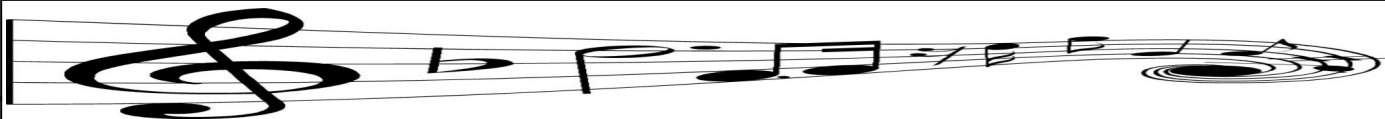
The Anti- Bullying Ambassador campaign forms part of the Princess Diana Awards. The Diana Award is a lasting legacy to Princess Diana's belief in the power of young people to change the world. The aim of the Anti – Bullying Ambassadors is to create a positive atmosphere in the school and to promote a happy and inclusive school spirit. They will do this through music, drama, dance and games. Look out for their upcoming events!



JCSP Garden

Following all of the hard graft of Spring the early days of summer and a change in the weather are bringing our garden project to fruition. Among the many green shoots to be seen behind the library of late are **spring onion, lettuce , cabbage and peas**. Well done to all of the girls for all their hard work.





Music Lessons This year saw a large group of students participating in singing, drums and piano lessons with our excellent teachers who come in to teach during the school day. Lessons in these instruments will be available from September, if your daughter is interested in participating, please contact the Music Department.

The annual **Summer Arts Concert** took place on 16th May. The evening featured performances from the School Choir and band, as well as solo performances from many students on piano, strings, woodwind, and solo singers. Well done to all those girls who performed, the display of talent was fantastic and a wonderful evening was had by all.

Amy Keatinge—Loreto’s Young Entrepreneur

Amy Keatinge in 5th year won the Young Entrepreneur of the Year on the 10th April 2013. Amy went through 3 preliminary rounds of presenting her business *Cozey Soundz*. On the last round she made a successful five minute pitch to five Business Dragons including Bobby Kerr from Dragons Den. Amy will be an Ambassador for Ireland in Brussels when she goes in November to compete against all of the different winners in Europe. Amy said " I know it will be tough but I will do my best and enjoy the experience". 15% of Amy's Profit goes to charity and the rest is going towards her fee to be a carer in Lourdes next March with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. We are all very proud and wish her the very best of luck.



JCSP – Baking up a storm

On Friday the 8th of March **Louise Lennox** (pictured below) from TV3 completed the celebrity chef initiative with the second and third year JCSP classes. Louise demonstrated how to cook biscuits, brownies and pizza and the girls got to assist her and sample her work. The students really enjoyed this initiative and Louise complimented the fantastic behaviour and interest in cooking in Loreto College.

Congratulations to the second year JCSP class on the production of their entry into the annual Make A Book exhibition in the Dublin Civic Offices in March. The student’s book was entitled “Women who influence me” and was an example of an oral literacy project. On Friday the 14th of March the students visited the Civic Offices and saw their wonderful book on display.

Congratulations to the third year JCSP class who are graduating from JCSP on Thursday the 16th of May. Over the last three years they have completed an immense amount of literacy, numeracy and personal development work. Well done to all.



Geography Fieldtrip

On Thursday 9th May all the first years met at Trinity College to go on the Dart to Howth. We had good craic on the Dart. When we got to Howth the rain stopped but it was freezing. We saw sea stacks, sea caves and really strong waves at the east pier. Sophia had a Jennifer Lawrence moment when we were going from the East Pier to the West Pier.

We all enjoyed our ‘healthy lunch’ of chips and ice cream. We had a few visitors (seagulls) for lunch as well! On the West pier we saw trawlers, loads of fish shops and we even saw a seal swimming in the harbour. It started to rain as we were leaving so we all ran for the dart. We had a great day and we just want to know when the next trip is.

by **Rachel Turner** and **Sophia Hunt** IED



CBI Book Awards

On Wednesday the 8th of May, a group of 1st years attended The CBI Book of the year awards. The group included myself, Kristine Segovia, Ruth Connolly, Grace Duffy, Erica Kiernan, Mariyam Syed, Jobitha Prince, Claudia O'lynné, Jamaica Rostas and Husna Yassin. We were on the junior jury panel. We read and reviewed ten books and gave a presentation on two of them at the awards.

The award ceremony was held in the National Library of Ireland. At the ceremony we presented our thoughts about the books, 'Grounded' and 'Oh No George'. We met Sheena Wilkinson who is the author of 'Grounded', and her book was the overall winner. She was very pleased with our presentation of her book and she promised to visit our school for English week next year.

After the ceremony Mrs Fitzsimons and Deirdre kindly took us to MacDonalds, where we had a bite to eat and chatted about the awards. We then took a little trip to Trinity College and took some photos.

Altogether we had a lovely day and we'd like to thank Mrs Fitzsimons and Deirdre for our day out. A special thank you to Deirdre for organizing the book club every week. Thank you!

By **Robyn MacGrath**



CULTURE CLUB

The introduction of a Culture Club in Loreto College Crumlin has been a major stepping stone and achievement. It has enabled the diverse culture and traditions we have in Loreto to come together and share important events in the culture of their people.

Over the past years Loreto Crumlin has grown to become a multi-cultural school. It is important for the students to integrate and be aware of what happens outside the school gates and Ireland at large. All this creates awareness of traditions and norms and helps people to respect other people's beliefs. The Culture Club members decided to give a glimpse of how diversity is colourful and joyous through different activities being showcased on the Cultural Day.

The fashion show showcased different traditional attires from Asia to Africa and from other parts of the world. This was a great success as they showed great enthusiasm in the planning of the event. The students were able to persuade some of the teachers to participate in this memorable occasion — we thank you all. The second activity that created excitement throughout the room was the dance. It was a mixture of different songs from different countries and the choreography was on point as the culture club members worked tremendously hard to give it their all. The audience asked for participation in the dance and all were welcome to come and demonstrate their dance skills which were the high point of the show.

It was an exciting day, no one's nerves got the better of them and all went as planned. We thank all those that took part in this very memorable occasion and the school staff for allowing all this to happen. We hope to better what has been started in the years to come.

Mercy Adera 5HH



LCVP



The 5th year LCVP class in conjunction with 'Business in the Community' established links with pharmaceutical company PEI based in Ballymount Industrial Estate. Over the course of the academic year the students met with the company a number of times and received some excellent advice regarding CV writing, interview techniques as well as an insight into the real world of work. The students benefitted greatly from this relationship. As a way of thanking the company for their contribution, and Business in the Community for bringing the groups together, the students tried out their movie making skills and created a 10 minute video. This was shown to the company in the school on April 22nd. The short clip contained video diaries from a number of students, an interview with our principal Ms Dempsey as well as an example of an excellent interview incorporating all the excellent tips from PEI. The video was very positively received and the students were commended for their effort. All agreed they are well prepared for the world of work!



Sports and PE



Crumlin Celebrate Double Basketball Victory

On Friday the 26th April, Loreto College first year team played in the basketball final in Loreto Bray against Loreto Swords. Most of the first years and some other senior and second year basketball players came to support the team. When we got there, we warmed up and then the match began. Crumlin got off to a flying start and were smashing the boards on each end. Our team was ahead the whole time. The score was getting close coming into the last few minutes, but good defence helped us win the game. At the end of the game the score was 33-25. It was a great team effort. Well done to all the 1st year team and to our star player and M.V.P Reanne Devlin. It was a great day and we all enjoyed it. Thanks to Darren our coach and all the teachers involved with basketball in our school. Go Crumlin!!



by **Nicole Kelly, Jeffrin Benita Jerome, Louise Cortez, Reanne Devlin and Rebecca Labour IED**



Fun Day



On Wednesday 8th May we put down our books and had our school fun day. All years were involved. At the start we had a karaoke in the hall. Ms. Cullen and Mr. Green were the D.J's for the day. Mr. Brennan, Mr. White and Ms. Ryan had the difficult job of being the judges. Well done to all the Crumlin talent especially **Rebecca Brady** who came first. Then we all had hot dogs and burgers thanks to the home economics department and their helpers. Well done to the LCVP class for their great shop on the day and especially for the ice cream. The P.E department had us doing all sorts of activities like *bouncy castle, sumo wrestling* and some very competitive *tug of war*.

Thanks to all the teachers and students who were involved and helped make it such a 'Fun Day' by **Erin Corish and Leah Patterson IED**



Crumlin Camogie Champions

Double congratulations to our U-14 and U-16 camogie teams who both won their finals in recent weeks. The girls gave it their all and were fully deserving winners in two fiercely fought victories against stiff opposition. There were some excellent performances from *cúl báire* to corner forward and an excellent improvised goal from Cloe Maguire to clinch the U-14



cup. The coaches and team wish to thank everyone who came out to support them and share in their wonderful victories. If you are interested in joining the camogie team next year please speak to Mr. Quinn in September.