

Loreto College Crumlin Road

Newsletter, December 2012

Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of this year's newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Matthew Whelan for compiling and editing the newsletter. It has been a very busy few months beginning with the arrival of the first years, the excellent Leaving and Junior Certificate results, teaching and learning, matches, debates, masses, culture club, Chaplaincy Team, Green Team, Careers Academy, book club, English Week, Science Week, trips to the theatre and Science Museums, choir, music lessons. All this and more in just three months! Congratulations to two of our past pupils, Leah O'Shaughnessy and Shelly Sheridan on the receipt of bursaries from the Department of Education for their outstanding Leaving Certificate results. We are very proud of them and all our students who have now embarked on the next stage of their lives. I hope that the newsletter will give you the opportunity to learn more about the wonderful achievements of the students and their teachers and together we will continue to build on our previous successes.

Loreto Crumlin Parents Association

The Parents Association is involved in working hard behind the scenes to raise funds and run courses that add greatly to our school community. We run many fundraising events such as our annual table quiz. The funds raised pay for a debating tutor and music lessons for our students among many other things.

In February 2012 we ran an eight week Drug Awareness Programme for parents that was given by Paula Tunney. This course went through the dangers of drugs abuse.

The Parents Association currently looking for new members and are in need of Reps for 4th and 5th year. If you are interested don't hesitate to contact the school.

Rita Gallagher - Chairperson

Chaplaincy News

Culture Club continues to meet every Friday lunch time to celebrate diversity. Our motto is *Culture brings Colour*. We have elected a committee and hope to hold cultural events throughout the year. All are welcome.

The Chaplaincy Team is made up of students from all year groups who are interested in faith, fun and friendship. We hope to share the real spirit of Christmas with you this year.

Student Council

In November members of our Student Council attended a seminar in Croke Park Conference Centre. There they learned the importance of listening, sharing ideas and taking action. This year, our Council is led by deputy head girl Lauren Kavanagh and meetings take place every Wednesday at lunchtime. The Student Council would like to congratulate Dove Curpen on her election to Comhaile na nÓg, the Irish Youth parliament. Dove was an outstanding member on our Student Council for the last three years and we are very proud of her achievements.



Seasons Greetings

JPIC

On the 8th and 9th of October three members of our JPIC group - Hiba Filihah, Rosie Spiro and Dove Curpen-ventured out to the Emmaus Centre in Swords to partake in the ninth annual **J**ustice **P**eace and **I**ntegrity if **C**reation seminar for Loreto schools.

It was a fantastic event at which students were given the opportunity to discuss ways in which they can affect change in the world around them and make a positive contribution to improve the lives of those less fortunate than them.

The JPIC group meets on the third Thursday of every month in room 11.

All new members are welcome.

"be lovers of truth and doers of justice"

Mary Ward

Career Academy

On Thursday 22nd November, accompanied by Ms. Kelleher and Ms. Brouder, ten fourth year students travelled to London. The girls have been successful in securing places in the schools Career Academies Programme. These students visited the prestigious city law firm **Freshfields, Bruckhaus, Deringer** and attended a Career Academies conference in the **Royal Festival Hall**. They also met with other Career Academies students from all parts of the UK and Ireland. The girls also met with one of the Olympic London 2012 torch bearers who works for the law firm they visited.



Back left to right: Lauren Lovett, Maria Bulz, Chole Rogers, Rebecca Doolin, Holly Nichol, Rosie Spiro, Aisling Kearns, Ms. M. Kelleher

Front left to right: Ciana Brady, Dove Curpen (standing), Leon Jackson (torch bearer), Katie Stephens



Pathways to Law

I have been involved in *The Pathways To Law* programme since 5th year. It was an amazing opportunity to get a direct insight into the life of a law student. We also had a Shadowing Day in 5th year, where we followed a law student and got to live the amazing life of college students for a day. We attended really interesting lectures all day and had lunch in The Buttery with students and lecturers. We studied the OJ Simpson Trial, got to investigate the evidence and then give a verdict of our own. During the Summer School we had a mock trial, where we all got to act as real barristers in front of a real judge. He gave his verdict at the end and gave us tips for the future. We were also taught how to speak publically with confidence and convince people to see matters our way. This was a fantastic experience for me and one that I would never have had were it not for TAP. I would highly recommend Pathways to Law to any student who has an interest in this area. **Olga Holban** - 6th year

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Hannah Byrne, Megan Griffin and Megan Byrne who have recently been accepted on to the Pathways to Law Programme this year.

If you would like more information on TAP contact the TAP Co-ordinator **Ms. Horgan** at 4542380

A huge congratulations to **Lauren Kavanagh** and **Shannon Leonard** who were successful in their debate against James' Street CBS in the Debating Science issues competition in the Royal College of Surgeons on Thursday November 22nd. We are very proud of their achievement and wish them well in their next debate - December 14th

Congratulations to **Ciana Brady** and **Maryam Ibrahim** for qualifying for the BT Young Scientist competition We all wish them the best of luck.

The aim of Science Week is to promote the relevance of science, technology, engineering and maths in our everyday lives and to demonstrate their importance to the future development of Irish society and to the economy.

During the week we organised many fun events, classes and activities to promote science in the school. Every morning we shared some interesting science facts at morning prayer and we decorated the school with science posters to raise awareness.

Many other events proved to be very successful during the week. Events such as - Science class in Irish/Rang eolaíochta i nGaeilge, Forensic Science Investigations , Science quiz, science through cinema. Some of the fourth and sixth years attended a "Careers in Chemistry" talk in Trinity College Dublin.

Finally we visited the W5 interactive science expo in Belfast in October with all the 2nd year science students. It was a very enjoyable trip that we will never forget.



Ms Higgins with 2nd year Students outside the W5 centre in Belfast

English Week

This is an annual event on our school calendar. We have all sorts of everything from DEAR Time To Flash poetry and students own drama performances. Students participated in the 'Poetry Aloud' competition in The National Library and Dove Curpen got through to the final round.

Back in school , 6th years were treated to 'The story of the Universe' which was a fusion of science and drama as actor Finbar Doyle explored everything from atoms to Einstein in a really interesting and entertaining way.

Past pupil ,**Melissa Nolan**, founder of Mouth on Fire theatre group and director Cathal Quinn presented a workshop to Transition Year students on Samuel Beckett. The fifth years participated in a workshop on Macbeth. Both year groups thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and appreciated the visit of our past pupil and her efforts on behalf of current students.



Congratulations to **Dove Curpen** who represented the school in the semi finals of the national Poetry Aloud competition in the National Library on Friday 23rd November. Dove recited "Out, Out" by **Robert Frost** and "The North Pole" by **Frank McGuinness**. All students are welcome to get involved with Poetry Aloud next year!

Cultural Excursions Aplenty

During the last term there have been numerous trips to various theatres around the city, all of which have not only been highly educational but thoroughly enjoyable experiences.

September saw two theatre trips for our lucky TY students. They went on a voyage exploring the inner workings of the teenage mind in Ger Carey's hilarious *Psycho Spaghetti* in the Laughter Lounge followed by an afternoon in The Olympia Theatre to see *'Tuesdays With Morrie'*

In October our 5th years went to see Shakespeare's *Macbeth* in the Helix Theatre DCU.

In November a group of 6th year students travelled out to Dún Laoghaire to watch *'An Trial'* performed by the puppeteers of the *Fibín Dráma* group.

As part of the 'Celebrate Me Day' our rainbows students went to the Bord Gáis Theatre to see *'Soul Sister the Musical'*.

Many thanks to all teachers who organized these outings.



★ Congratulations and best of luck to ★

Rebecca Brady 6th year and **Taylor Smith** 2nd year who are through to the Leinster Final of 'Your School's Got Talent' Singing Contest. The finals are to be televised in March. Hopefully we'll see the girls there.

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On Saturday 13th October the school choir and orchestra performed at the Creative Engagement awards in Collins Barracks for a number of dignitaries including The Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenihan. The minister was so impressed with what he saw and heard that he felt compelled to write to the school praising our music department and congratulating our girls on their fantastic performance.

Well done. We are very proud of you all.

TY Musical

hairspray
BROADWAY'S BIG FAT MUSICAL COMEDY HIT

It's 1962 and teenagers Tracy Turnblad and her friend Penny Pingleton are watching the Corny Collins show. When the chance to dance on the show arrives, Tracy quickly takes the opportunity. Not only does her dancing skills attract Corny Collins, but also the attention of teenage heart throb, Link Larkin. But not everyone is happy with the decision to have her dance on the show. The show's manager, Velma von Tussle will do anything to get Tracy off the show, even if it has to include Tracy's parents and new friends Seaweed and Motormouth Maybelle.

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MUSICAL
Hairspray
23rd 24th
25th January
Tickets on
Sale after
Christmas

Debating takes place in Room 8 every Thursday at 3pm. There has been a great turn out every week and the arguments can get very heated too. So if you want to know how to make a point without making an enemy, come along and learn the art of argument. The workshops are conducted by Law student Mark Kelly and everyone is welcome to participate or simply to listen and learn. Good luck to our 2nd and 5th year debaters who are travelling to Loreto Foxrock and Loreto Balbriggan to participate in Mace debating competitions. 2nd years have to grapple with the motion

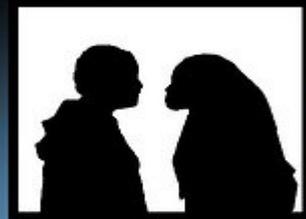
'This house would punish parents who smoke in the presence of their children.'

Debating

On October 5th 2012, **Rosie Scanlon, Lauren Kavanagh, Rebecca Brady** and I took a day trip to the Alliance-Francaise in Dublin to debate against another school. The motion was "*Notre système scolaire ne nous prépare pas pour la vie*", that school doesn't prepare us for life and we were in favour of this motion. It took us about three weeks to research, prepare and practice our speeches and points supporting this motion. It was fairly difficult at first but, once we had the hard work of researching and composing done, the rest was practice, practice, practice! The debate itself was a lot of fun. It was challenging and was definitely worthwhile. Not only did it give us useful pointers for our Leaving Cert French opinions and practice in our oral French, it also improved our presentation skills, communication skills and research skills! I would highly recommend that other French students try it; if not for the challenge, then for an opportunity to meet cute French guys!

Tola Salam - 6th year

DON'T HATE



DEBATE



Sports and PE

Basketball - GO LORETO!

Members of the Senior Basketball Team



Back - Michaela Larkin, Shauna Keogh, Niamh White, Claire Quinn-Naelon, Shannon Leonard **Front** - Candice Michelena, Bukola Adebayo.

The basketball teams have got off to a strong start this season. We have four teams competing in Loreto leagues – seniors, cadets, juniors and minors. Our seniors started well with a convincing win over Foxrock in September. Since then they have met with very strong opposition against Beaufort, St Stephen's Green and Bray. They have one final match to play against Dalkey in December. We wish the girls captained by Michaela Larkin all the best. For some, this match will be their last opportunity to put on the Crumlin colours!

The Cadet team is progressing well through the league with wins against Foxrock and St Stephen's Green. These wins should hopefully see them through to a place in the semi-final which will be played after Christmas. Good luck to captain Candice Michelena and her teammates.

The 1st and 2nd year's league starts in the New Year. They have been training hard with Coach Darren and have enjoyed some friendly matches against Goldenbridge and Mourne Road in recent weeks. We look forward to seeing your talents on the court in January girls!

Soccer

U-15 Soccer Loreto 3-0 Warrenmount

Loreto Hammer Local Rivals Warrenmount

The clash between the neighbouring schools is always eagerly anticipated by both sets of players as victory leads to extensive bragging rights for weeks afterwards in the locality.

Warrenmount started the better side. Despite some early pressure Loreto soon found their rhythm with Ciara Murray impressing early on. Chloe Maguire and Kadie Dunne were both played through on goal early on but both failed to find the target.

In the second half Beth Whyte was introduced to the game and soon Loreto scored through Chloe Maguire. Leah Byrne, excellent throughout the match, provided the pass. A quick second was added by the impressive Ellie Whelan, who scored a very fortunate second goal, after some very good work in midfield by Leah Byrne. The rout was completed by Beth Whyte who was eager to impress after her introduction. Well done girls.



Congratulations to Mr. Howard ,
Manager of the victorious Leinster U-15 Girls team on their recent victory in the Inter-Provincial Championships.

REMINDER

As part of the School's Commitment to Healthy Eating ALL fizzy drinks have been banned from the school premises.



Witness the Fitness

Since September the Loreto Athletic Team is training again every Thursday after school from 3.15 to 4.15 pm. Everyone is welcome! Those eager to compete for the school at the cross-country championships in January and February, and/or the athletic events in April and early May must join the team and train on a regular basis. All those interested in simply improving their fitness level are encouraged to come along to the training sessions, too.

After a fun season 2012 Loreto Athletic Team and Ms Clarke are looking forward to an exciting running and athletic season 2013 at Loreto College Crumlin!



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

