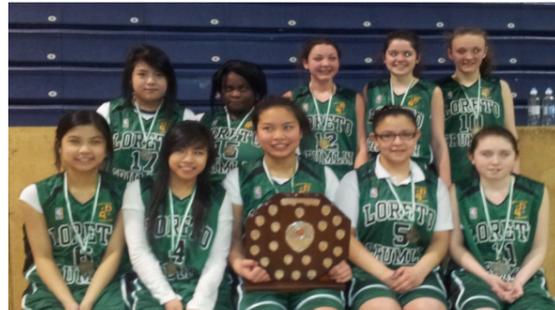


Sports and PE

Basketball - GO LORETO!

Cadets Capture Shield in Thrilling Final



Back – Kristia Segovia, Cynthia Nchang, Niamh White, Reanne Devlin Claire Quinn-Nealon

Front - Joi Nueda, Honeylin Gamil, Candice Michelena (capt) Mariam Ibrahim, Chelsea Whelan

On Thursday 21st February the Cadet basketball squad took on Foxrock in the final of the Loreto League. Assisted by their coach Darren McGuinness and a bus full of enthusiastic supporters, (not forgetting the Crumlin Cat!), the group made their way to the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. In what proved a fast and physical game the Crumlin side were dominant from the beginning. Captained by Candice Michelena the squad led from the tip off and were worthy winners by 20 points. Congratulations to all the players. You did us proud!

Fun Day

Friday 3rd May 2013



Glendalough

By Mariam Ibrahim

On Tuesday 5th March, all the transition year students went to Glendalough. We started walking through the beautiful scenery that surrounded the area, up the hill, a steep set of stairs to the cave where St. Kevin lived. We saw many geographical features such a V-shaped valley, interlocking spurs, waterfalls and of course the big lake that was there. We walked for about an hour and a half before we had the chance to sit down and eat something. After our lunch some girls tried to do the Harlem shake but it was an epic fail. After that we headed back to the bus and went back to school. It was a lovely day that was enjoyed greatly by all the transition years.

Healthy Eating Week



From Monday 4th to Friday 9th of March healthy eating week took place in Loreto College, Crumlin. There were several activities arranged for the week. These included bench-ball tournaments, Zumba classes for senior classes and First Year vs Fourth Year Sports Tournament. Sadly this year, classes could not participate in Drop Everything and Exercise due to bad weather.

On Monday, samples of fruit and vegetables were available in the dining hall. Samples of healthy snacks were available on Wednesday. Staff and students enjoyed these free healthy samples. This encouraged all to eat healthily throughout the week. Teachers also enforced healthy eating week by confiscating any chocolate, crisps, fizzy drinks or any other unhealthy options. Different healthy recipes and facts were displayed each day during the week.

Students participated in Ms. Harrison's well-being class as mental health is as important as physical health. The aim of Healthy Eating Week is to enjoy healthier options, educate students and staff and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Dove Curpen & Ciana Brady

Crumlin Camogie Stars March On

Our Minor team have won their opening three games of the league. They have qualified for the League Semi-Final in great style and with a game to spare. There is a wealth of talent throughout the squad.



Scoil Cairtriona 2-1 Loreto Crumlin 4-1

Sancta Maria 0-1 Loreto Crumlin 7-2

Loreto Crumlin 6-2 Holy Family Rathcoole 0-0

Many thanks to our fantastic and very enthusiastic mentors Ms Ryan Ms Hynds and the ever-present Mr Quinn.



Congratulations to Shauna Bowden and Beth Whyte who recently made the Dublin U13 and U14 Camogie Teams respectively. We are all very proud of you.

The Crumlin Kitty

We would like to give a huge WELCOME to our new school Mascot the Crumlin Kitty. She will be a valuable addition to the school sports department and no doubt will inspire our basketball teams to be grrreat.



Loreto College Crumlin Road

Newsletter Easter 2013

Principal's Welcome

It has been a very busy term beginning with the TY Musical, the mocks and ending with the 5th Year DATs testing. The students and teachers have as usual excelled in academics, sport, debating, chaplaincy, fashion and much more. The 6th class students from the primary schools sat the entrance assessment on the 13th and 14th March. We had a wonderful céilí on Friday 15th March to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge. I look forward to meeting the parents of the Incoming 1st years on Wednesday 24th April. Congratulations to everybody on a busy and productive term. I wish you all a happy and joyful Easter.

JPIC

The JPIC group has been active in a number of fundraising and awareness campaigns recently. Among the issues on which we campaigned were Women's Rights, Slavery and Human Trafficking and AIDS and HIV.

We were very lucky in February to have a guest speaker, Alan Morgan, in from Open Heart House - a local community based AIDS foundation. He informed us of the amazing work that they do in supporting people living with AIDS and HIV in Dublin.



Rosie Spiro and Hiba Filihah presenting a cheque to Alan Morgan of Open Heart House

Loreto Crumlin Parents Association

Loreto Parents Association are holding their Annual Fun Quiz in The Gate Bar, Crumlin Road on Thursday 25th April 2013. Starting at 9pm sharp. €20 per table of 4. Lots of great spot prizes to be won in our raffle on the night. Come along for a fun night while supporting Loreto College Crumlin at the same time. Also, we are still looking for new representatives for the Parents Association. If you are interested please don't hesitate to contact the school (01-4542380)

Rita Gallagher - Chairperson

Culture Club — As Trocaire is focusing on India this Lent, we decided to celebrate Indian culture during lent. We listened and danced to Indian music and wore bindis (an Indian decorative dot which is worn by woman to symbolise the third eye or intuition). Our noticeboard this month looks at Indian Religion, language and customs. We raised money for Trocaire by selling lollipops. The idea behind doing this was to raise awareness that not all children in the world get the treats that we take for granted. We raised €120.



Mary Ward Week

The Chaplaincy team began the year with preparations for **Mary Ward Week**. Sixth class students from the Loreto Primary school were invited in to the Media room and were given a presentation on the work of the Chaplaincy team, the Culture Club and the Justice and Peace group in the school.



The Chaplaincy team organised a presentation on Mary Ward followed by a quiz for our First years. Sr. Ann Farnen, who recently returned from Rumbek, spoke to the Chaplaincy team and to the fifth years about her pioneering work in trying to establish an education for girls. Our Lenten campaign to raise money for Trocaire has been very successful with over a hundred girls signing up to give up talking, food, their phone or the internet for 24 hours. Well done to all who participated. We continue to plan masses in the local parish church, St. Bernadettes in Clougher rd. For Lent the Chaplaincy team gathered a group of singers and we attempted "Sister Act, Crumlin style" by donning Gowns and singing such songs as 'Something inside so Strong', 'Lean on Me' and 'Next to Me'. A great night was had by all, watch this space for upcoming events.

Student Council

On the 13th March, 10 members of our student council attended an **Anti-Bullying** conference in Drimnagh Castle. This conference was organised by the Student Council in the school and the theme of the day was "Kick It Out". The Student Council in Drimnagh Castle are trying to kick out cyber bullying and bullying in their schools and in local schools. There were speakers, discussions and opportunities for students to give their views and opinions on how we believe the issue of cyber bullying should be dealt with. Our Student Council got many ideas for initiatives that we could begin to implement within our school to tackle this universal problem.

Prefab Petition -During this term the Student Council has started a campaign to support Ms Dempsey in her application to get new prefabs built. We have organised a petition that has been signed by the vast majority of students and staff of Loreto College Crumlin. We hope this petition will put pressure on the Department of Education to ensure that we get new prefabs that are needed urgently and will be greatly appreciated by our school.



Seachtain na Gaeilge



So far this year a number of TAP activities have taken place. This included the Trinity Challenge Day. Here five fifth year students were selected to attend a number of lectures in the faculty they are interested in, in Trinity College. Students also attended seminars on how to cope when they reach college, as this can be a hard transition for any student. The five students who were selected included: **Louise Scanlon, Nicola Campbell, Megan Byrne, Jade Kavannah and Shannon Hastings.**

The Pathways to Law programme is still going on for our selected students in fifth year but is now coming to an end for our 6th year student Olga Holban. Olga will be attending a closing ceremony soon while the fifth years will be getting ready for some Law activities that will be run over the summer months.

Other TAP Activities:

- Higher level maths tuition
- Talk by Roddy Doyle
- Health Day
- Creative Arts

Look out for:

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

- 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

Many thanks to all students who have participated in TAP events thus far.

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

JOSP ~ Green Fingers

The Garden is a JOSP initiative to develop literacy and numeracy. The second year students are really enjoying the experience and learning practical gardening skills that they could later use as a hobby.

Mr. Howard



Tharla Seachtain na Gaeilge idir 11ú—15ú Márta i mbliana. Seachtain eachtrúil lán de spóirt is spraoi a bhí ann. Bhí imeachtaí éagsúla ar siúl gach lá sna ranganna agus timpeall na scoile. Bhí cluiche mór **BIONGÓ** sa seomra meán, comórtas **Poc Fada**—bhí an bua ag Shauna Bowden, **Tráth na gCeist, Taispeántas Damhsa, Céilí agus Bronnadh na nDuaiseanna.**

Comhghairdeas do ghach dalta a bhuaigh duais agus míle buíochas do ghach duine a ghlac páirt sna himeachtaí ar fad.



CAREER ACADEMIES – LORETO COLLEGE – 2012/2013

The Career Academies Programme leads and supports employers and schools working together to raise aspirations of 16 – 19 year olds. The main aims of the programme are to increase social mobility and raise aspirations of the young people involved while also boosting their employability skills by giving them real life experiences of the workplace. There are ten students from Loreto College who are involved - Holly Nichol, Katie Stephens, Rebecca Doolin, Aisling Kearns, Maria Bulz, Ciana Brady, Dove Curpen, Chloe Rogers, Lauren Lovett-Kinsella and Rosie Spiro, all from Transition Year.

Our students have already visited the offices of the law firm Freshfields, Bruckhaus-Deringer in London in November which was a hugely successful and enjoyable experience for the students. The girls have also been introduced to their business mentors during an event organised in Citi –Bank on the 25th February, These mentors are employee volunteers from the business world who provide students with one to one support with course work and life skills over an 18 month period.

Guru Lectures from leaders in the business community are being organised at present where the whole fourth year group will receive a presentation from a prominent business figure. It is hoped this will occur in the last school term. All ten Career Academies students will be provided with a six week fully paid internship during Summer 2013. Our students have been complimented on their engagement with the programme and their courteous and friendly manner with all involved. At all times they have been a credit to our school and to themselves. Well done girls,



Le Jour de Français

Le jour de français a eu lieu vendredi, le 30 novembre. C'était une occasion de célébrer la



culture de la France et la richesse de la langue française. Plusieurs compétitions ont été organisés tout au long de la semaine ; une compétition de dessin pour la première année et une compétition francophonie pour l'année de transition. Un café français a été organisé pendant la pause à 11 heures où on vendait des pains au chocolat et des croissants. On est enrichis à Loreto avec les filles des pays francophones qui ont bien participé à cette célébration. Madba et Matiba Sagoua ont profité de l'occasion pour prier en français à l'interphone pour tout le monde. En plus, Dove Curpen a raconté les paroles d'une chanson d'Edith Piaf « Je ne regrette rien ». Les professeurs de français veulent féliciter tous les élèves qui ont participé au jour de français. Vive la France ! Vive les langues !

CSPE in Action

Sponsored silence for **Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin.**

In February, as part of our CSPE action project some of our class, accompanied by Mr. Whelan attended a photo-call for the FIX Crumlin fundraising campaign. We got to meet music star Ryan Sheridan and Alisha Sullivan - a recovering patient from the hospital. Since then our class has raised **€950** for the much needed refurbishment and maintenance of the Children's hospital. Many thanks to everyone who collected and contributed to our sponsored silence.



Pictured - Lola Salam, Alisha Sullivan, Ryan Sheridan and Kristia Segovia

Congratulations to Rebecca Brady who reached the Leinster finals of the 'Your School's Got Talent' contest. Well done Rebecca - You're a star.



Junk Kouture

Junk Kouture is an all Ireland competition where secondary school students are challenged to create and design a high fashion garment – but there's a twist! – you can only use recyclable materials. Over 1000 dresses of all shapes and sizes were entered and luckily our entry was one of only eighty to make it to the eastern regional finals. We began brainstorming what materials we could realistically source, and the possibilities and outcomes we could create from them. We began finding things around the house – keys, newspaper etc. We found it practical to source materials from building sites and discarded objects found lying around our sheds. Our concept began to evolve from the materials we found. In the end we used building materials – roof panelling for the skirt, wire for the top and blocks of wood which were hammered into a pair of heels. The outcome was a dress entitled "From Boom to Bust", which represents the excesses of the housing market which lead to our economic downfall.

Well done to **Sarah Madden, Megan Griffin and Louise Kavanagh**

Thank you!



"You Can't Stop the Beat" of the annual Transition Year Musical, and this was no less true this year than any other. The Transition Year class of 2012-2013 put on a dazzling performance of "Hairspray" at the end of January, bringing to life the heart-warming story of Tracy Turnblad, the big girl with the big heart who just wants to unite the world through song and dance. Our fabulous actors, singers and dancers successfully fulfilled Tracy's vision by coming together, selling out their three night run and bowing off to rapturous applause, showing that they really are "The Nicest Kids in Town". Well done girls.



On behalf of all of the TY students and teachers involved in organising the Musical, thank you to everybody who helped out before and on the various nights. Without your help the Musical would never have been such a success. Thank you all soooooo much.

Virtually Reaching Out

Loreto Crumlin's 2AB has hooked up electronically with the Maria-Ward-Schule Spatz in Traunstein, southern Germany. Since September 2012 the class together with their RE teacher Ms Clarke has been participating in a so-called 'virtual exchange project'. Every second week between September 2012 and January 2013, approximately 30 minutes of the Religious Education class time was allocated for the students to prepare, create and exchange ideas with the pupils in Germany about the similarities and differences of school life in a Mary-Ward-founded (Loreto) school. Ms Clarke has created a website and blog, which the students used to upload their blog entries including images and clips. In addition the students used Skype to communicate with the girls in Germany. The group enjoyed two Skype sessions, which gave students on both sides the opportunity to introduce themselves and get to know one another. All pupils have made a great effort to create informative and interesting insights into school life and teenage life in urban Ireland, as well as rural Germany. For more please check out the project's website on <http://marywardexchange.weebly.com/index.html>

