



Leaving Cert Applied Lunch is Served.



The Leaving Cert Applied class were hosts to Loreto Education Officer Caroline Clarke on Monday, 7th October. Caroline went into the kitchen to join the girls in preparing a lunch for not only herself, but the whole class, their teacher Mr. Howard and LCA coordinator Ms. Byrne. Ms. Murphy and Mr. Whelan also joined them for the meal.

Caroline was delighted to lend whatever help she could in the meal of Beetroot soup, Sweet Potato and Butternut Squash soup, sandwiches of tuna, toasted ham and cheese and egg mayonnaise.

There were also spicy chicken wraps for those who fancied them.

The visit was a huge success and really showcased the practical strengths of the LCA course and the ever blossoming teamwork that is a huge strength of our 5th year LCA students.

Ifunanya (s)elected to the Dail

5th year student Ifunanya Chukwuewuzie was selected this week to join 156 other delegates in the Dail chamber as part of the RTE/Oireachtas 2019 Youth Assembly on Climate. The assembly, which takes place on November 15th will be the first opportunity for Ireland's youth to have a meaningful say on one of the most pressing issues the world faces today. The assembly will be broadcast live on RTE News Now.



5th Year LCVP visit Qualtrics

Chloe Pingol

On Tuesday, 8th October, the LCVP class visited Qualtrics Dublin, a company that sells a survey software to companies such as BMW and Facebook. We got a tour of the building and the different sectors; marketing, sales and engineering. There was a presentation



about the company and a panel where we could ask questions to. We did a game where we had to build a tall structure and place a marshmallow on the top. We were given notebooks and lunch. Overall it was an enjoyable day and we learned a lot.

James Kinch, Account director at the company commented "Everyone has just so complementary of the girls, I spoke with a number of them and honestly they're fantastic filled with ambition and drive. Such a diverse group of students and a credit to your school and faculty".



Wellbeing Week

This week was Wellbeing Week in Loreto and Ms. Dillon, Ms. Killeen, Ms. Nolan, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Ryan and Ms. Walsh packed it with plenty of events. Each day had a different theme; Give, Take Notice, Be Active, Keep Learning and Connect.

Ms. Nolan guided us in meditation each day giving us a chance to become more self-aware and take a moment to listen to our inner voice. The Ember Team gave out pink love hearts to

give everyone a chance to write down something they are grateful for. These were placed on a display board for all to see. Teachers also received laminated card apples with messages of appreciation. On World Mental Health Day on Thursday, the Ember team painted green ribbons on people to raise awareness of positive mental wellbeing.

Healthy snacks were available for girls to try in the Dining Hall. 6th year students tried some yoga and parents were able to try a cookery class. The school wide quiz on Wednesday challenged everyone with lateral thinking dingbats, general knowledge and guess the teacher from their baby photo. TY's also attended Zeminar on Thursday.



Huge positive vibes emanated from the concert hall on Thursday afternoon as 3-piece "New Rules" put on a surprise gig for the girls. The boys kept the crowd entertained with a brilliant show featuring songs like "24 hours" and "Call it". They especially sent the crowd wild with a cover of "Three Nights". Alec, Ryan and Nathan generously made themselves available after their gig to meet all of the girls that wanted to get close to them and take loads of selfies. You can see a video of them on our YouTube channel.



The week ended on Friday afternoon with a poignant, emotional and beautiful talk by Elma Walsh, mother of the late teenager Donal Walsh who passed away from cancer in 2013. Elma showed videos of her son in his interview with Brendan O'Connor on RTE and other touching footage recorded a week before his passing. She encouraged the girls to always look for help, support and friends to talk to whenever life feels like it's too much to deal with. Elma received a heartfelt standing ovation from the Loreto girls, and she was grateful also for a cheque from the 4th years for €360 which they raised from a bake sale last week. For more information on the Donal Walsh foundation, search "Donal Walsh #LiveLife in your browser, or on social media."



Debating Success

Siofra Kildee Doolan and Zahra Benyala (TYs), Chloe Pingol and Eva Anino (5th year), and Becky Mbu (TY) and Aaishah Buzakhar (5th year) all took part in the first round of the Leinster Schools Debating Competition in Trinity College on Tuesday, 8th October. All our girls spoke brilliantly against tough competition, with Siofra and Zahra winning their debate and qualifying for Round 2.

UCD Junior Schools Debating Competition Round 1 was on Thursday, October 10th. Erin Hennessy and Amany Alzoubi McKevitt came 2nd while Molly Lynch and Laura Kane came 3rd. Erin Crowe and Aisha Hassan did fantastically in a very tough room. They didn't place, but still came in the top half of the debate. A great week of debating for Loreto Crumlin Road.



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