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editorial

2011-2012,
WHAT A SCHOOL YEAR IT WAS! MANY HAPPY
MOMENTS AND SOME SAD BUT ALL WILL REMAIN WITH US
FOR MANY YEARS TO COME AND HOPEFULLY LIVE ON EVEN AFTER
THE MEMORIES HAVE FADED AS WE HAVE CAPTURED SOME OF THEM
IN THE PAGES OF THIS YEAR BOOK.

THAT'S WHAT A YEAR BOOK IS; A COLLECTION OF MEMORIES AND
EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE AFFECTED US AND OUR SCHOOL. IT OFFERS
THE CHANCE TO RE-LIVE OUR HAPPIEST MOMENTS, REWARD ACHIEVEMENTS
AND REMEMBER OLD FRIENDS.

TO US THIS YEARBOOK IS ALSO A CHANCE TO MAKE OUR MARK ON THE
HIGH SCHOOL'S HISTORY, AND WHILE IT IS A TREMENDOUS AND DAUNTING
TASK IT IS ALSO AN EXTREMELY REWARDING AND ENJOYABLE ONE. WE
KNOW THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK BACK IN YEARS TO COME WITH PRIDE
AT THESE PAGES AND REMEMBER ALL THE WORK WE PUT IN TO THEM. THIS
YEAR WE CHOSE THE THEME OF COMIC BOOK. IT GAVE US THE CHANCE TO
SHOWCASE THE ART ABILITIES OF OUR YEAR AND WAS SOMETHING NEW;
DIFFERENT FROM THE LAYOUTS OF YEARBOOKS FROM YEARS PAST. NONE OF
THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE WITHOUT ALL THE HARD WORK
OF MS GALLIGAN, MR PHELAN AND OF COURSE OUR WONDERFUL ERASMIAN
TEAM WHO PUT UP WITH A LOT TO MAKE THIS YEARBOOK WHAT IT IS.

SO WHETHER IT WAS YOUR FIRST YEAR, OR YOUR LAST WE HOPE THAT THIS
EDITION OF THE ERASMIAN AND DIOCESAN TIMES WILL HELP TO MAKE IT ONE THAT
YOU WILL NEVER FORGET...

LILI NOLAN AND LIA MCCANN, EDITORS.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Welcome readers, to the 2011-2012 issue of the Erasmian and Diocesan
Times. Our very creative team has chosen the theme of comic book
superheroes for this edition of the yearbook. The layout is similar to last
year's but is sequenced by term rather than calendar months. We hope

you find it enjoyable, entertaining and informative.

This year's Erasmian committee was led masterfully by our student editors, Lili Nolan and Lia McCann. The
team included a group of dedicated fifth year students including Ann Barrett, Kate Barrett, Florence
Bradish, Owen DeForge, Emma Duke, Ella Furey, Ciara Green, Jake Hurley, Zak Milofsky, Aisling O'Reilly,
Cian Pawle-Bates, Megan Quirey, Andrew Shaw, Zoe Shields and Elaine Smyth. I would like to thank each
and every one of them for their hard work and dedication. They have been a delight to work with and have
each brought their own mark of creativity to this publication.

We have done our best to avoid mistakes but as always in a production this large there is the possibility of
overlooking errors. Please accept our sincere apologies if your name has been misspelled or omitted.

Many students outside the main editorial team have also contributed to this issue. Thanks especially to Chloe
Deacon, Rebekah Donnelly, Clare Hallissey, Holly Kane-O'Brien, Jack McCann and Marianne McClafferty.
On behalf of the team I would also like to thank students and staff who contributed articles, artwork, poetry,
sports reports, creative writing, photography and club reports.

As always the Erasmian and Diocesan Times would not come to fruition without the cooperation and help of
many people. Thank you Mr A Forrest (Principal) for your contribution and for allowing the team to interview
you; Mr R Davies; Mr J Davis; Mr L Carolan (for your assistance in the photography department); Mrs V King
(for another wonderful set of reports on activities from the library); Mr R Walker and the sports staff; Ms
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information gathering). A big thank you to Mr A Phelan for your patience and for putting together another
superb issue of the Erasmian. Thank you to the Parents' Association and the Past Pupils' Union for your work
throughout the year and your contribution here. And thanks to you the reader. We hope you enjoy our
Yearbook!

Ms B Galligan,

Staff Coordinator of The Erasmian and Diocesan Times.

Principal's Report

2010-11

Mr G A Forrest, MA, QTS.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

The experience of working in the education sector in 2010-11 may be summarised as an increasingly difficult and protracted struggle to absorb the impact of declining investment, the withdrawal of support services, and the deprivation of management functions. The implementation of the Financial Emergency Measure in the Public Interest (No. 2) Act 2009, a moratorium on the appointment of In School Management posts, the Croke Park agreement, the redeployment scheme, the reduction in Special Education Needs hours, and a terminal date for the allocation of substitution cover have combined to threaten the effective management of schools in the voluntary sector. In this school we have been forced to replace state funding with funding from fee income (to the cost of parents), but the process of withdrawing support from across the education sector by Governments of all parties is ongoing and other schools are now in a serious condition. It is undoubtedly the case that a further increase in the pupil-teacher ratio as part of Budget 2012 would place this school in a similar position.

The previous Government negotiated the Croke Park agreement in June 2010 which promised public service workers no further pay cuts for four years and no compulsory redundancies. It also provided for a possible refund of public sector pay cuts at a later date but only after major reform of the public sector has been secured. One of the productivity measures in the agreement provides for an extra 33 hours per year to be worked by teachers. Broadly speaking, this means that all parent-teacher meetings, staff meetings, planning meetings, and whole-school planning days along with some in-service training will now take place outside school hours. It remains to be seen whether the current Government will honour the spirit and letter of the agreement, but the effect on teachers, parents, and pupils is already clear.

The redeployment scheme which was to be introduced by the previous Government in three distinct phases was the subject of a High Court case which was settled under specific conditions. The first scheme was for teachers from schools which were closing down and it was against this scheme that legal action was taken. In the settlement, certain restrictions were placed on the Department of Education and Skills' ability to redeploy teachers into our schools, mainly that if we received a teacher it would be some time before we received another one. Also, in this scheme, by and large, only permanent vacancies were required to be declared. The Department has stated to the Joint Managerial Body representing the Boards of Management of over 400 voluntary secondary schools in the Republic of Ireland that it will not apply the terms of the settlement to the Phase 2 redeployment scheme or to any other redeployment schemes.

The second scheme under the Croke Park agreement is for schools which are over quota, that is, they have too many Department-paid teachers, to nominate teachers for redeployment to other schools which have vacancies. The surplus schools have to choose teachers to be redeployed outwards by considering the most junior Department-paid teacher first and if they cannot do without that individual for curricular reasons, moving upwards in seniority until they find a sufficient number of teachers to redeploy outwards to bring them back to within one of the correct quota.

All vacancies, whether temporary or permanent, in all other schools, must be declared by 4 March to the Department and a panel will be formed where the Department will try to match the surplus teachers with the available vacancies by the end of May. The



vacancies to be declared even include maternity leaves and career break substitutions except where the school can show there is a legal impediment to having the vacancy filled by redeployment. In many of our schools this may affect two teachers per vacancy, because many of our schools put existing privately-paid staff into the available salary when a career break takes place, but then employ a different teacher on private salary to actually teach the vacant subjects. Whether the Department would accept the contract of the privately-paid teacher as a legal impediment is doubtful. It should be noted that the Department has announced that it is going to operate a third redeployment scheme from September 2012, for teachers who simply wish to move to another part of the country and inform the Department of their wish.

The moratorium on the appointment of In School Management posts, that is Assistant Principals and Special Duties Teachers, was slightly alleviated in October 2010 in that a floor was established for Assistant Principal posts – in this school that floor was 6 posts for the academic year for 2010-11. However, no provision was made for the replacement of Special Duties Teachers so when one of those posts becomes vacant due to promotion, career break, or the teacher leaving the school no replacement is allowed. In November 2010 under the terms of the moratorium preventing us from replacing most Assistant Principals and Special Duties Teachers we have lost three Assistant Principals and five Special Duties Teachers, a total of eight managerial posts all of which used to be funded by the Department.



In January 2011 the previous Government used the Financial Emergency Measure in the Public Interest (No. 2) Act 2009 or FEMPI to announce that teachers coming into the profession would start lower on the incremental salary scale than heretofore and would also have 10% lower salary than before with effect from 1 September 2011. In the case of teachers, Special Needs Assistants and supervisors, the deduction was made because their contracts stipulate that they are paid on Department of Education and Skills scales. The previous Minister for Finance granted an exemption from the pay cuts for non-teaching staff for 2010, but insisted that the provisions were applied in 2011.

The election of a new government in February 2011 combined with the appointment of Ruairi Quinn as Minister for Education and Skills resulted in a flurry of activity which manifested itself in an ambitious programme for reform. We have already witnessed the publication of key reports on changes to the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate/CAO systems; further reports, including a controversial proposal to extend greater state control to admissions procedures for schools, are in the pipeline. In addition, new initiatives to boost literacy and numeracy standards have been launched in an effort to boost performance in our schools. The spur to action can be partly explained by a dramatic drop in literacy and numeracy standards among Irish secondary pupils recorded in the 2010 OECD survey. In short, the survey ranked the reading ability of Irish 15-year-olds in 17th place out of 39 countries, compared to 5th place in 2000. In its latest survey, Irish students fared well in science, once again significantly above average, but achievement has fallen in maths, from average to below average. The Minister described the results as a

"wake-up call" for Irish education which proved that we have been "coddling ourselves" about our "world class" education system. It is axiomatic that it will not be possible to achieve the standards desired by the current Government without providing the resources to support the activities of schools across the country. In June 2011 the Department cut Special Education Needs hours by 10% of those recommended by the Special Education Needs Officer for each school; the balance would be allocated immediately and the position would be reviewed in September 2011. Inevitably, this school did not receive any relief from the measure and the threat of redundancy hangs over Special Needs Assistants across the country. In September 2011 the Joint Managerial Body contacted the Minister and Department officials to express serious concern at the fact that the allocation of substitution cover is for the period up to the end of December 2011, placing school management in an impossible situation in planning the school calendar for the full school year. In particular, such uncertainty hinders planning for co- and extra-curricular activities for the remaining 18 weeks of the year, that is, the period from 9th January to 1st June 2012.

In conclusion, it is clear that over the past three years the country has gone through an unprecedented period of economic and financial turmoil. Individuals, families, communities, and organisations have found themselves at the receiving end of very severe cuts in resources and finances. Schools have undergone serious reductions in supports and funding. We must mobilise our school communities to ensure that our Government and public representatives are aware of the damage that has been already been inflicted on schools. We should demand from the Government that the promise to protect frontline services outlined in the Programme for Government in March 2011 is fulfilled: "Even in our country's crisis, we can make progress in education and protect frontline services" (Government for National Recovery 2011 – 2016). The preparations for Budget 2012 are now underway. The students in our school today have only this one chance to receive the best possible education to equip them for the future: make your voice heard in demanding of Government that no further damage is inflicted on our education system.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS

The inspectorate has carried out a number of inspections and evaluations in the school in the areas of management, planning, curriculum, guidance, learning support, Irish, Physics, Science, French, English, German, Technical Graphics, Design & Communication Graphics, and Business. The reports of the inspectors have been overwhelmingly complimentary in all areas. Great credit is due to the staff of the school for maintaining excellent standards across the curriculum. The most recent inspection reports are published on the Department of Education and Skills website.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is a vital part of the long-term planning processes undertaken in the school. Staff and parents are represented on all Board subcommittees and make valuable contributions to the work of the Management Committee, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Grounds and Property Committee, and Sports Committee. There is so much work undertaken by the Board committees that it can not be listed here, but examples are the ongoing refurbishment and buildings development work undertaken by the Grounds and Property Committee and the revision of school policies guided by the Education Committee.

The School Council is a very valuable body which is directly elected by all of the pupils, conducts its own meetings, and then meets with the school management and staff representatives in order to ensure that pupils have the opportunity to contribute to school planning and processes.

The Guidance Department is staffed by two qualified guidance counsellors. Guidance is a process which begins before the pupils enter the school with a visit by a Guidance Counsellor to the feeder primary schools and a talk for incoming parents. All pupils in Form 1 are interviewed and assisted with their transition to secondary school. Guidance continues with a course in Forms 4 and 5 and individual career interviews with the guidance counsellor for pupils in Form 6. Pupils in Form 5 also have individual interviews with another member of staff to focus their attention on preparation for third level applications. Form 4 pupils undertake differential aptitude tests and interest inventories to assist them to make subject choices for the

Leaving Certificate. They also study the operation of third level education and the opportunities available. Students are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications and to prepare accordingly. Students in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit the UCD open day, and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career related computer programs such as Qualifax. Students are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications, and interview technique. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. A study techniques course is also organised for Form 5. Form 6 students have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition and the TCD open day as well as to select other college open days of particular interest to individuals. For the parents of Form 6 there is an evening set aside in December where applications systems for all colleges are explained. The guidance counsellors are available to parents and pupils by prior appointment for career and psychological advice.

The contribution of the Parents' Association to the school is greatly appreciated. We are fortunate to have one of the most active associations of any school. Members now (among other things) assist the Guidance Department with mock interviews, hold talks on suitable topics with visiting speakers, facilitate the parties which are held to celebrate the graduation of Form 6 and the receipt of Junior Certificate results by Form 4, organise the parent-teacher meetings in Forms 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, meet with the Principal and Chairman of the Board to discuss school policies, organise evening meetings for parents on educational themes, fund some of the prizes as well as grants for foreign exchanges, and represent the parents on all Board committees and ad-hoc committees. This work brings the parents, pupils and staff closer together and such a vibrant and enthusiastic association is a testament to the strong ongoing support for the school among parents. We record our thanks to all committee members for their work and, in particular, to David Shaw for his work as President during his final year in office.

The school is grateful to the Past Pupils' Union for its continued support. Although much of this work is unseen it is certainly appreciated by all concerned. An online network exists on the school website at www.highschoolublin.com so that past pupils can register their e-mail addresses by year of graduation, thus keeping in touch with their peers and enabling the school to keep in touch with them.

STAFF

Mr Duffy retired as Principal in August 2011. Miss Graham, Mr Sheridan, Mr Kelly and Mrs Milne also retired during the summer. In addition, Ms Gillis (Catering Manager) and Ms Dowling (Assistant Catering Manager) retired. We thank them all for their immense contribution to the school and wish them the best for the future.

Mr Duffy was born in Dublin and attended Taney National School, Wesley College, and Trinity College, Dublin. He read History and Political Science and then undertook the Higher Diploma in Education. Mr Duffy taught History, Geography, Mathematics, Civics, Social Education, and Careers at Wesley College from 1976. He occupied the positions of Year Head, Head of Department, Transition Year Co-ordinator, and Assistant Head Resident Master prior to his appointment as Principal at The High School in 1994.

As Vice-Chairman of the Secondary Education Committee (for Protestant Schools) Mr Duffy represented the schools under Protestant management at the National Education Convention in

1994 as well as the subsequent talks on the governance of schools and regionalisation of education. He held the positions of Director of Secondary Education for the Republic of Ireland on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, member of the Secondary Education Committee, and member of the Committee on Management (which co-ordinates policy among all bodies represented in schools under Protestant management) from 1993 until 2010.

He was Secretary of the Irish Schoolheads' Association, and a member of the council and standing committee of the Joint Managerial Body for voluntary secondary schools. We thank Mr Duffy for his invaluable contribution to the development of The High School since 1994 and wish him every happiness in his retirement.

Ms Graham began teaching in the Diocesan school in 1971 and came to High School with the amalgamation in 1974. She taught History, RE, SPHE, and CSPE. She was involved in coaching badminton in the past and served as a form teacher, year head (for many years), and co-ordinator of the History department. She was also in charge of the induction and support of new teachers in her role as Assistant Principal.

Mr Sheridan worked at The High School for 36 years, teaching Irish, History, Business, and Economics at various times. He was in charge of badminton and the organisation of indoor sports in the past and also served as a form teacher. More recently, he was Assistant Principal in charge of arrangements for the Certificate examinations and co-ordinator of Business subjects.

Mr Kelly was appointed to his teaching position here in 1978. He will be remembered primarily as an exceptional teacher of Mathematics and Physics across the curriculum. He served regularly as a form teacher, looking after the pastoral care needs of a class group. In more recent years, Mr Kelly was appointed as an Assistant Principal and took charge of arrangements for CAO and UCAS applications.

Mrs Milne started teaching English, Drama and Media Studies at High School in 1990. Over the years she was responsible for directing and/or producing many major drama and musical productions. She was a form teacher and in recent years co-ordinated the English department.

Ms Gillis and Ms Dowling both began work in the catering department in 1985 and were later appointed Catering Manager and Assistant Catering Manager, respectively. They produced spectacular food with the catering staff over the years and were always open to new ideas from pupils and staff.

We have welcomed the following new staff: Dr S Brusey (Chemistry, Science); Dr U Budd (Physics, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Science); Ms M Doyle (Home Economics, Science, Biology); Ms G King (History); Mr A Loane (Maths, Science); and Mr C Ryan (Irish, English, Games). It has been a pleasure to welcome Ms S Quinn, Ms M Burrowes, and Ms M Browne back to The High School. We are also pleased to welcome Ms C McNeilly (Catering Manager) and Ms V O'Keefe (Deputy Catering Manager) to the Catering Department. Ms C Reilly, Mlle E Rouillet, Ms D Lewis, and Ms N Boyce are on career breaks.

It is with deep sadness and a sense of profound loss that we record the death of one of our teachers, Mr Ray White, in November 2010, following a long and brave battle with illness. We extend our sincere sympathies to his family and friends. Ray, who died aged 39, was employed as a teacher of French, German, and Spanish in 2005. He completed a degree in languages in the University of Coleraine, followed by a Post-Graduate Diploma in Spanish, the Diploma Superior in Spanish, and a Masters degree in German. Having obtained First Class Honours in all of the above he then completed the Higher Diploma in Education just prior to joining our staff. We were also sorry to hear of the death of a recently-retired member of staff, Mr David Wright, which took place in Romania in February 2011.

NUMBERS AND EXAMINATIONS

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the academic year 2011-2012 is 792.

In the Leaving Certificate Examination 2011, 125 pupils presented 861 papers in 21 subjects. 602 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 80% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 348% of all papers. The percentage of grade C or better on higher papers as a percentage of the grand total of all papers was 56%. These statistics represent a very good level of performance.

In the Junior Certificate 2011, 134 pupils presented 1096 papers where different levels are available and 134 papers at common level (CSPE). 958 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 87% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2% of all papers. The percentage of papers gaining a grade C or better at higher level as a percentage of the total number of papers was 76%. This was an exceptional performance which was exceeded only once in the recent history of the school.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The multitudinous events and activities of the school are reported weekly in our school newsletter, on the school website at www.highschool dublin.com and in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication produced by the students of Form 5 and coordinated in 2010-11 by Ms B Galligan. I should like to thank all members of staff who are involved with extra-curricular activities for providing such enriching opportunities for the pupils of the school, and to congratulate the pupils on being so involved and so successful in such a wide variety of different activities.



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STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES 2011-12

Principal: Mr G A Forrest
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Pastoral Care

Form 1

Year Head: Mr P McCaughey
Form teachers: Dr U Budd,
Ms V Carson, Ms A Rugg, Mr R Walker

Form 2

Year Head: Mr R Giles
Form teachers: Ms N Fallon, Ms S Jones, Mr C Rankin,
Ms C Rellis

Form 3

Year Head: Ms A Parle
Form teachers: Ms S Byron-Smith, Ms D Thorp,
Mr P Fitzpatrick, Ms J Wilson

Form 4

Year Head: Mr A Malin
Form Teachers: Mrs S Hutchinson- Edgar, Mr M Griffin,
Mr C Flynn, Mr A Levis

Form 5

Year Head: Mr T Gill
Form Teachers: Ms G Fitzgerald, Ms M Burrowes,
Ms R Missen, Ms C Walker, Mr D Miller

Form 6

Year Head: Dr C Whitford
Form Teachers: Mr R Hilliard, Ms A Ni Chonchubhair,
Mr P Prendergast, Mr B McNamara,
Mr L McBride, Ms S Quinn

Subject Co-ordinators

Art: Ms R Galligan
Business Subjects: Mr B McNamara
Classical Studies: Mr P McCaughey
CSPE: Ms G Fitzgerald
English: Mr D Miller
Geography: Ms J Wilson
History: Mr P Irwin
Home Economics: Ms P Bergin
Irish: Ms A Parle
Mathematics: Mr I Wilkinson
Modern Languages: Ms A Stevenson
Music: Ms B Bourke
Religious Education: Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar
Technological Subjects: Mr C Cryan
SPHE: Ms T Jones
Science: Mr T Gill

Information and Communication Technologies Team

Mr L McBride (overall co-ordinator, European Computer
Driving Licence in Form 4 and 5)
Mr I Wilkinson (supervision of facilities and staff
support)
The Principal (school website)

Sports

Sports Co-ordinator: Mr R Walker
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Girls' Games Administration: Ms S Jones

Rugby: Mr R Walker, Mr A Malin, Mr P McCaughey, Mr M Griffin, Mr B Kinsella,
Mr B McNamara, Mr L McBride, Mr T Gill, Mr B Sheehan, Mr C Ryan

Hockey: Ms S Jones, Mr I Wilkinson, Mr P Fitzpatrick, Ms J Waugh, Mr D Agar,
Mr D Miller, Ms C Goulding, Mr A Levis, Ms A Rugg,
Mr E Keegan, Dr U Budd

Cricket: Mr A Malin, Mr R Walker, Mr P McCaughey, Mr T Gill, Mr P Fitzpatrick,
Mr B McNamara, Mr A Levis, Mr R Giles

Tennis: Ms S Jones, Mr S McDonnell, Mr C Flynn, Ms J Waugh, Mr M Critchley

Badminton: Mr C Flynn, Mr L Carolan

Athletics: Mr P Irwin, Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar, Mr M Griffin, Mr T Gill, Mr R Giles,
Ms N Fallon

Basketball: Mr M Critchley, Mr J Boylan, Mr L Carolan, Mr A Malin

Canoeing: Mr C Cryan, Mr A Levis, Mr L Carolan, Ms J Wilson,

Cross-country: Mr P Irwin, Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar

Hillwalking: Mr C Cryan, Mr C Flynn, Ms C Rellis, Mr B McNamara

Rock climbing: Mr C Cryan, Mr C Flynn

Swimming: Ms T Jones, Mr A Malin, Ms E Lanigan

Table-tennis: Mr L Carolan

Additional part-time staff are employed in many sports

Other Responsibilities

Administrative assistant to the Deputy Principal: Mr I Wilkinson
Art Portfolio Club: Ms H Killane (Mr R Draper)
Assembly Co-ordinator: Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar
Chess Club: Mr M Griffin
Choir: Ms B Bourke
Debating: Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar (Senior), Ms C Walker (Junior)
Drama: Mr T Gill (Senior), Ms C Walker, Ms B Galligan (Junior)
Erasmian & Diocesan Times: Ms B Galligan
European Youth Parliament: Ms C Rellis
Examination Organisation: Mr I Wilkinson, Mr B McNamara
Film Club: Mr M Griffin
Guidance Counsellors: Ms T Jones, Ms R McDonnell
Induction of New Staff: Ms P Bergin
Lockers: Ms G Fitzgerald
Lost Property: Ms S Quinn
Model United Nations: Ms C Rellis, Mr P Fitzpatrick
Orchestra: Ms M White
Photographic Club: Ms H Killane (Mr R Draper)
Portfolio Club: Ms H Killane (Mr R Draper)
Photography of School Activities, Publicity: Ms H Killane (Mr L Carolan)
President's Award: Mr D Miller, Mr B McNamara
Prize System: Ms D Thorp
Punctuality: Ms C McCartney
Scholarship Examinations: Ms A Stevenson
School Council: Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar
Science Club/Young Scientist: Dr C Whitford
Special Needs Co-ordinator: Mrs V Humphreys
Staff Services: Ms A Stevenson
State Examinations: Mr P Prendergast
Stationery: Ms A Ni Chonchubhair
Transition Year Co-ordinator: Mr P Irwin

1B



Back Row: Emma Fetherston, Kyla O'Dwyer, Aoife McBride, Jack Iredale, Seunas Bracken, Katie Wyse Jackson, Maely Lim, Robert Clavin.
 Middle Row: Saoirse Keaveny, Sian Bolger, Lauren Styles, Jack McKenna, Eoin Scarlett, Colm Cowlard Joyce, Conor Empey, Melanie O'Donovan, Camille Christle, Elliot Milofsky.
 Front Row: Eva Earner Ryan, Harry McDonnell, Elliot Wright, Annie Brennan, Daniel Curran, David James Donnelly, Sam Duffy, Harry Cripps, Trina Bovenizer.

1C



Back Row: Ryan Baird, Philip Motyer, Harry King, Ronan O'Byrne, David Donnelly, Jack O'Gorman, Ross MacWilliam, Katy Weafer.
 Middle Row: Ultan Maguire, Andrew Irwin, Milo O'Sullivan, Sophie Hayes, Ultan Doherty O'Brien, Ellen Jackson, Patrick O'Reilly, Ronaldo Persechini, Rhys Butlers, Timothy Dolan, James Dooley.
 Front Row: Marie-Augustine Daillet, Amy Connolly, Adam Rufli, Elizabeth Boyd, Fionnuala Mullen, Kevin Flaherty, Kate O'Shea, Gemma Bovenizer, Shane Kelly.

TMC



Back Row: Lionel Deverell, Ben Harrington, Andrew Brennan, David Dunleavy, Megan O'Donnell, Lauren Fitzpatrick-Kiely, Conor Tisdall, Liam Phelan.
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 Front Row: David O'Brien, Jamie Gleeson-Dunn, Amy Bowker, Oliver McLuskie, Jack Lyons, Dean Lopongo, Sophie Keating, Ruby Keating Levins, SORCHA NI NÉILL.
 Absent: Nathan Mawhinney.

TR



Back Row: Lisa Cosgrove, Sean Bortolozzo, Timothy Kaye Mellor, Megan O'Brien, Sam Killeen, Sarah Mullooly, Jack Laycock, Sinéad Dunne, Luke Walker.
 Middle Row: Robert Hackett, Benjamin Mohan, Alexander Durac, Dillon Sturdy, Aisha Tuohy, Conor O'Riain, Miyanka Naidu, Jeremy Cotter-Vasquez, Connor Isom, Rebecca Fox.
 Front Row: Ella Schmidt, Joshua Rosney, Ben Quirey, Robert McLaughlin, Dearbhla Forde-Morrin, Catherine Harris, Natalie Ko, Abigail Nolan, Joe Prendergast.

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TW



Back Row: Sean Babade, Rory O'Connor, Willow Breen, Tom Molony, Mark Smyth,
James Anderson, John Burns, Aela O'Flynn, Emily Smartt.
Middle Row: Megan Millett, Mia Jennings, Angela Tang, Rachel Ferguson, Michael Sheehan,
Craig Whelan, Yuliya Mikulchyk, Jessica Smith, Eoin Lynch.
Front Row: Matt Sisson, Shane O'Reilly, Eoin Flynn, Mark Deering, Sam Wright, Joe Byrne,
Georgia Grant, Joy Sherwood, Cia McElveen-Walsh.

ZF



Back Row: Jackson Barry, Ferdia O'Connell, Lee Tucker, William Furey, Stephen Doyle,
Stephen Ardill, Sam Rayner, Mark Deacon, Brian Reilly.
Middle Row: Charlie O'Connor, John Doherty, Alistair Ridyard, Daniel Sykes, Ilona Adams,
Ellen Downey, Aisling O'Neill, Charlie Kerr, Kate O'Rourke, Katherine Landy, Luke Kehoe-Roche.
Front Row: Alannah Shields McGoveran, Lucy Healy, Kirsty Meijer, Megan Doyle, Emma Canning,
Ciara Faughnan, Hannah Burke, Anna Cullen, Michaela Rynn.

2G



Back Row: Aoife Domican, Ifedayo Akinsuli, Seán Kennelly, Daniel Knocker, Matthew Ridgeway, Jack Scollard, Nathan Seligman, Jessica Miller.
 Middle Row: Abbie Sheridan, Orla Perdue, Conor Ryan, William Le Bas, Tim Rowley, Robbie Kelleher, Sibéal Devilly, Robert Hallissey, Oisín McEvoy.
 Front Row: Alex Felle, Evan Cooper, Conor Duffy, Conor Evans, Alison Mooney, Aitana Byrne Paredes, Kate Hunter Hanley, Billy Iland.
 Absent: Rory Duffy, Anna Mays.

2J



Back Row: Jack Burleigh, Freyja Andrésdóttir, Adam Shaw, Ben Scallan, Nebojsa Cvetkovic, Zoe Manning, Ethan Jones, Christina Lynn.
 Middle Row: Aaron Hunt, Alexander Kenny, Katie O'Connor, Hayley Ward McKenna, Jonathan Cooper, Niall Alfai, Daniel Browne, Jack Whelan, Ritchie Burbridge, Max Clarke.
 Front Row: Kalyan Kola-Cahill, Vladimir Sint, Annaig Birdy-Henrick, Séana Brady, Megan Clinch, Anna Fleming, Clodagh Curran, Paige Leavy, Jennifer Cody.
 Absent: Stephen Greene.

2RE



Back Row: Ralph Lee, Louis Huggard, Frederick McKinley, Dami Babade, Oisín Gavigan, Eoin Faust, Matthew Tannan-Elgie, Cian McCausland, Catherine Neenan.
 Middle Row: Cian Warren, Sam Moloney, Mairéad O'Gorman, Sophie Sheill, Molly Whelan, Emma Treacy, Philip Bradish, Sorcha O'Connell, Alison Beverland, Amy Logan, Stephen Wann, Alannah O'Reilly.
 Front Row: Max Bevan, Maria Hunston, Lana Cotter, Joe Kiely Fox, Koleman Angle, Cathal Ryan, Amy Byrne, Orlaith Grehan, Daniels Kurilovs.

2RN



Back Row: Matthew Pearson, Michael Elwood, Jonathan Chambers, Ben Treacy-McGee, David Egan, Jake Foley, Jason Cosgrove, Daniel Murphy, Sean Healy.
 Middle Row: Aoibhín O'Raw, Sophie Harrison, Clara Devine, Raymond Tang, Cian Larkin Woulfe, Tailte May, Emma Dooley, Amaia Dempsey Lerchundi, Lindsay Baker Kerrigan, Aoife Kernan, Isabel Garland.
 Front Row: Kirsty Leith, Hannah Molony, Cian Devine Prendergast, Aoife Cloughley, Abigail Greene, Eva Gannon, Andrew Palmer, Lynn Duke, Danny Reilly.
 Absent: Tom Farrelly.

3C



Back Row: Luke O'Brien, Cian Milofsky, Zachary Breen, Felim Kelly, Michael Dolan, David Aspil, Tony Zheng, Robert Clarke.

Middle Row: Colin Jackson, Charlotte King, Louise Dukes, Mark Perham, Ellen O'Gorman, Victor Bell, Séamas MacLochlainn, Megan O'Byrne, Yasmeen Sinan, Oisín Moodliar Walsh.

Front Row: Claire Austen, Alannah Carragher, Richard Gannon, Emma McNeilly, Amanda Ko, Rachel Delaney, Luke Murphy, Jasmine Pickett.
Absent: Allyn Lee.

3P



Back Row: Rónán Weber, John Joe Irwin, Jack Killeen, Elliot Chambers, Daragh McDonnell, Dmitry Boykiv, James Twamley, Joshua Hogg.

Middle Row: Shannon Young, Eva Martin, Eleanor Conheady, Aisling Whelan, Robert Deegan, Laoise Brophy, Andrew Jones, Bethany Thompson, Emma Watts, Dylan Lewis, Byron Cunningham.

Front Row: Philip Emo, Ellen McCullough, Ailish Long, Saoirse O'Mahony, Scott Wallace, Jessica Smith, Lucy Holden, Susanna Wyse Jackson, James Macken.

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 Middle Row: Ruth Ferguson, Phoebe Comerford-Flynn, Leah Tuohy, Beatrice Doyle, Griffin Gillanders, Chloe Manahan, Evie McClafferty, David Phelan, Hayley Blair, Eoghan O'Byrne.
 Front Row: Eva Tyrrell, Rachael Kaye Mellor, Róisín Cormac-O'Hara, Thomas McNulty, Roberta McCune, Emily O'Reilly, Kate Squire, Jessica Neville.
 Absent: David Brusey, Hugh Hackett.



Back Row: Felim O Cleirigh, Killian Elwood, Rónán Dowling Cullen, Eoin Feely, Kian Wilson, Neil Dunne, Mark Daly, Andrew Courtney.
 Middle Row: Jonah Clegg, Dearbhla Moroney, Conor Prendergast, Lucy Barlow, Harry Griffin, Rebecca Shaw, Áine Hughes, Alexandra Da Silva Talaia, Bróna Murphy.
 Front Row: Haneefa Carrim, Alice de Forge, Elizabeth Gageby, Eva Kelly, Kyle Campbell, Orlagh Kearney, Laura Power, Emily Ní Riain.

3W



Back Row: Fionn McCarthy Purcell, Marcella Nikolova, Wesley Wright, Darragh Butler, Tom Harris, Edward Bergman, Tara Barnes, Shane Richardson.
 Middle Row: Marika Gentile, Stephen Crosby, Emma O'Malley, Alessandro Macari, Isabelle Geraghty, Evan Burrowes, Maya Devine.
 Front Row: Laura Dunne, Rachel Donnelly, Nadine Burke, Grace O'Marcaigh, Saoirse O'Donoghue, Ellen Mullooly, Aisling O'Kelly, Liam Weitz.

4F



Back row: John Murphy, Sam Brown, Luke Barry, Fionn MacManus, Andrew Manning, David Howard, Sam Keating, Shane Harrington.
 Middle row: Ruth Connell, Jack Sheridan, Chloe Doyle, Julie O'Brien, Lorcan Daly, Andrew Manning, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Matthew Drennan, Darren Snodgrass, Shannon Baker.
 Front row: Ruby McLaughlin Callan, Saoirse Forde-Morrin, Laura Rankin, Áine Kenna, Nathanael O'Leary, Hannah Tully, Katie Maguire, Emer Brennan.

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Back Row: Dylan Quirke, Karl Kinch, Joe Donnelly, Luke Bannister, Seán Keary, Oisín Faust, Justin Bradish, Adam McCann, Gavin Murphy.
Middle Row: Ross Conolly, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan, Clodagh McGinley, Gráinne Jordan, Naoise Farrell, Sarah Carson, Lauren Hudson, Gráinne O'Reilly, Leah Stafford, Cian Tobin.
Front Row: Julianne Stewart, Daniel Holder, Seán Shanley-Mee, Jack Byrne, Amy MacWilliam, Reshaylia Naidu, Samira Ayevea, Laura Dowling.



Back Row: Hugh Sweetnam, Allen Joy, Rupert Adams, James Christle, Robert McLoughlin, Patrick O'Hare, Lauren Jackson, SORCHA O'RAW.
Middle Row: Peter Campbell, Lara Butler, Ciara Feely, Ken Edgeworth, Feargal Kavanagh, Grace O'Donnell, Suzanne Gray, Andrew Ryan.
Front Row: Jordan Shaibe, Jennifer McAuley-Doherty, Alison Kinlan, Megan Byrne, Laoise Darragh, Conor Christodoulides, Zoe Reichental, Daragh Higgins.

4L



Back Row: Alex Lodola, Paul Harris, Robert Dunleavy, Jamie Laycock, Richard Bismilla,
Johnny Kehoe-Roche, Daven Casey, Donal Naylor.
Middle Row: Andrew Howell, Jamie O'Brien, Laura Heaton, Caroline Lahiff, Grace Whelan, Tim Browning,
Mike Dolan, Ruth Mawhinney.
Front Row: Ann-Marie Finn, Robert Stitt, Jessica Cooper, Meg O'Connor, Heather Baldwin, Amy Byrne,
Emma Webster, Maebh Brennan.
Absent: Catherine Fleming, John Swanwick.

4M



Back Row: Jamie Morris, Danny McAvinue, Jack Walsh, Robert Beverland, Ross Dooley, Mark
Ryan, John Deering, Zephann Kavanagh, Craig Kennedy.
Middle Row: Stephanie Johnson, Abigail Donnelly, Jack Taylor, Tim Jones, Patrick Adye Curran, Ryan
Evans, Tim Neenan, Mark Delaney, Emma Murphy.
Front Row: Emma Butler, Sarah Fox, Robin Hayden, Sarah Mulhere, Ailbhe Carney, Chloe Bevan, Zoe
Smart, Grace McCarthy.
Absent: Annie Keane.



Back Row: Ray Ardill, Oisín Keenan, Daragh Kiernan, Alex Liddicoat, Patrick Devine-Prendergast, Evan Cunningham, Shane Smith, Luke Thompson, Lorcan O'Byrne, John Savage, Ryan Cardiff-Free, Padraig McDonagh Fox, Ross Keogh, Naoise McTeirnan, Isaac Dempsey, Marianne McClafferty.

Sixth Row: Mark Carragher, Sam Evans, Richard Beverland, Andrew Mooney, Zak Milofsky, Jake Hurley, Ciaran Maher, Sam Treacy McGee, Cathal Butler, Conor Greene, Ryan Gallagher, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Mahon McCann, Ben Sherwood, Pavel Nikeryasov, Jack McCann.

Fifth Row: Emma Duke, Dominic Guilding, Andrew Shaw, Ing-Mar Lim, Gavin Campbell, Ryan Byrne, John Walsh, Andrew Young, Cian Pawle-Bates, Paul McCarthy, Ben Gregory, Rupert Chambers, Dean Kilroy, Owen de Forge, Ryan Foley, Conor Spain.

Fourth Row: John Hackett, Daniel Baronetti, Alex Brohoon, Gavin Power, John Love, Zion Delaney, Kate Barlow, Fiadh Gregg, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Siobhan McManus, Wesley Bishop, Christopher Knocker, Philip Halton, Niall Donnelly, Jamie Ralph.

Third Row: Ben McNeilly, Ann Barrett, Lili Nolan, Lisa Doyle, Katherine Barrett, Claire Hallissey, Ella Furey, Ciara Green, Amber Graham, Niamh Smith, Attilia Geaney Rea, Kate Somers, Chloe Deacon, Rebekah Donnelly, Holly Kane O'Brien, Laura Byrne, Florence Bradish, Cian Butler.

Second Row: Gavin Rothwell, Gillian Chapman, Leah Sheridan, Hannah Foley, Emma Lucas, Lia McCann, Evie McCullough, Anthony Manly, Brian Kennelly, Caoimhe Neville, Ciara Margolis, Elaine Smyth, Zoe Shields, Aisling Reilly, Amy O'Regan, Eamonn Weitz, Conor Ryan, Darragh Kirwan.

First Row: Hannah Ridgeway, Ciara Dudley, Vicky Love, Esme Moloney, Ellen Baldwin, Aoife Wright, Lauren Tully, Caoimhe Cassidy, Hayley Jackson, Jennifer Long, Marite Colón-Berlingeri, Lucy Burns, Eimear Ní Bhroin, Ciara Dowling.

Front Row: Kristina Malone, Kamala Falkiner, Ms C Walker, Ms M Burrowes, Mr B Kinsella, Mr G A Forrest, Mr T Gill, Mr D Miller, Ms G Fitzgerald, Ms R Missen, Sara Buttanshaw, Megan Quirey.



Back Row: Tom Clancy, Darragh Twomey, Kristian Chisholm, Neil Cosgrove, Conor Sexton, Sylvan Benaksas, Fabian Mak, Kári Andrésson, James Hennessy, John McNulty, Mitchell Peace, Oisín Hogan, Mark O'Kelly, Jack McGrath, Kenneth Mason.

Seventh Row: Elodie Christle, Judith Harrington, Robert Styles, Denis Casey, Cian Noone, Ryan O'Malley, Gavin O'Toole, Daniel Kernan, Jim Fogarty, Cian Dowling Cullen, Jack Molony, Ethan Conroy, Adam O'Malley, Ciaran Flaherty, Colm Finlay, Samuel Lunn.

Sixth Row: Ferdia Soper MacCafradh, David Fox, John Seagrave, Jamie Elliott, Will Rolfe, Conn Loane, Aidan O'Byrne, James Kinlan, Niall Burke, Luke O'Donnell, Brendan Murray-Byrne, Luke Hudson, Tomas McCune, James Connell, Stephen Reid, John Bradish.

Fifth Row: Ciarán Bradish, Ian Crimin, Harry Jones, Oisín Devilly, Tom Moore, Adam Heaton, Joseph Finn, Shane Walker, Karl Huggard, Stefano Fuscuardi, Daniel Turner, Ian Sheridan, Jordan McQuaid, James Fleming, Peter Adye-Curran, Kunal Kapoor.

Fourth Row: Sarah Grehan, Aoife Moroney, Kate Hanley, Fiona Mitchell, Zoe Dolan, Anna Keary, Una Keller, Aisling Darby, Niamh Kearns, Rebecca Dalton, Leanne McDonnell, Lauren Walsh, Michael Treacy, Niall O'Callaghan, Cormac Jordan, Mark Deegan.

Third Row: Niamh Moran, Emma Feely, Alice Somers-Donnelly, Sarah McKenna Barry, Kirsten Kinch, Abby Schmidt, Lauren Wade, Rachel Burke, Morwenna Gentile, Alannah Burdon, Niamh Murphy, Jane Ward, Rebecca Garland, Sophie Collins, Ellen Cunningham, Nicole Connolly.

Second Row: Lisa Sheerin, Emma Devine, Katelyn Fagan, Rebecca Tully, Sophie Wann, Sarah Howell, Leah Byrne, Mara Barrett, Elizabeth McGuinness, Maeve Daly, Sofia E. Fusco, Beth Dakin, Jessica Meeke, Deborah Burke, Áine Cormac-O'Hara.

First Row: Alice Cosgrave, Emily Atinson, Ms Ni Chonchubhair, Mr Hilliard, Mr McNamara, Martha Barber Hume, Mr G A Forrest, Dr Whitford, Stephen Alexander, Mr McBride, Mr Prendergast, Ms Quinn, Jennifer Rynne, Chloe O'Brien.



PRINCIPAL'S INTERVIEW

Would you like to tell the *Erasmian* and *Diocesan Times* a little about yourself?

I was born to Irish parents in London and was brought up in Dublin, the eldest of a family of four children. We lived in Rathmines and Rathfarnham so I attended Kildare Place School and then came to The High School for my secondary education. It was a very straightforward decision as far as my parents were concerned as my family has enjoyed a long-standing connection with the school. My mother and her three sisters were educated at the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls; and one of my aunts subsequently completed her teaching practice at Harcourt Street under the guidance of Dr Ralph Reynolds having been an undergraduate at Trinity College, Dublin. In due course, my younger brother and two sisters followed me through The High School; we all thoroughly enjoyed and benefited enormously from the experience of being educated here.

After that I went on to Trinity College, Dublin where I studied History and Geography. I had a wonderful time at university and it was certainly worth all the hard work to get there. I enjoyed the wide range of academic and intellectual stimulation afforded by college life and became very involved in music and sport. I sang in the Chapel Choir throughout my time there, became involved with College Singers, and was Honorary Secretary of the University of Dublin Choral Society for a number of years. I also played rugby for Dublin University Football Club. We reached the McCorry Cup final in my Junior Freshman year and I captained the U19 XV as a Senior Freshman. I have equally happy memories of opening the batting in College Park for Dublin University Cricket Club 2nd XI with another High School past pupil, Russell Fennell, son of a highly-competitive sports enthusiast and former Deputy Principal at HSD, Mr R H Fennell. I also ended up playing hockey as a social activity and was fortunate to be part of a talented Dublin University Hockey Club 3rd XI team that won the Leinster Cup.

What are your favourite pastimes?

Sadly, there is not a great deal of spare time to enjoy compared with university in this job! I do like listening to music of all sorts and I also enjoy reading non-fiction: mainly politics, history, literary criticism, and current affairs. I'm always keen to support our sports teams by watching the rugby, hockey, and cricket fixtures at HSD when I get the chance. If there is a moment left after that I try to spend time with my wife and family and do a little exercise.

What was your first impression of the school from the perspective of Principal?

Broadly speaking, my first impression was one of reassuring familiarity. The grounds and property appeared to have changed very little over the years with the obvious exceptions of the new Technology Building and the Music Centre. However, it soon became clear to me that the Board of Governors at The High School had also worked hard over the years to maintain and improve the existing facilities.

How has the school changed from when you were a student?

The school has changed in terms of built space. In my time the Music Centre was a tractor shed, there was no purpose-built archive, and the pavilion area has been developed and extended. The new state-of-the-art floodlit Astro turf hockey pitches are a particularly impressive development. In general, there is more built space now and the school offers an excellent resource for students. There has been a generational change among the teaching staff since I was a student here and many have now retired. However, I have been greatly encouraged by the strong example of professional excellence set by my colleagues on the staff in every area whether teaching, administrative, ancillary, or catering.

What are the major objectives on your agenda for High School in the next year?

Well, I plan to focus on mastering the job to the best of my ability in the next year. I'll be listening and learning in order to understand precisely how things work in the school while doing that. It is clear that events here or in the wider world may require me to make a series of changes depending on developments. However, the main focus will be on achieving excellence in education by focussing on the academic and pastoral welfare of every pupil at the school.

Which superheroes did you grow up with and did you have a favourite? (This year's *Erasmian* theme is comic book superheroes!)

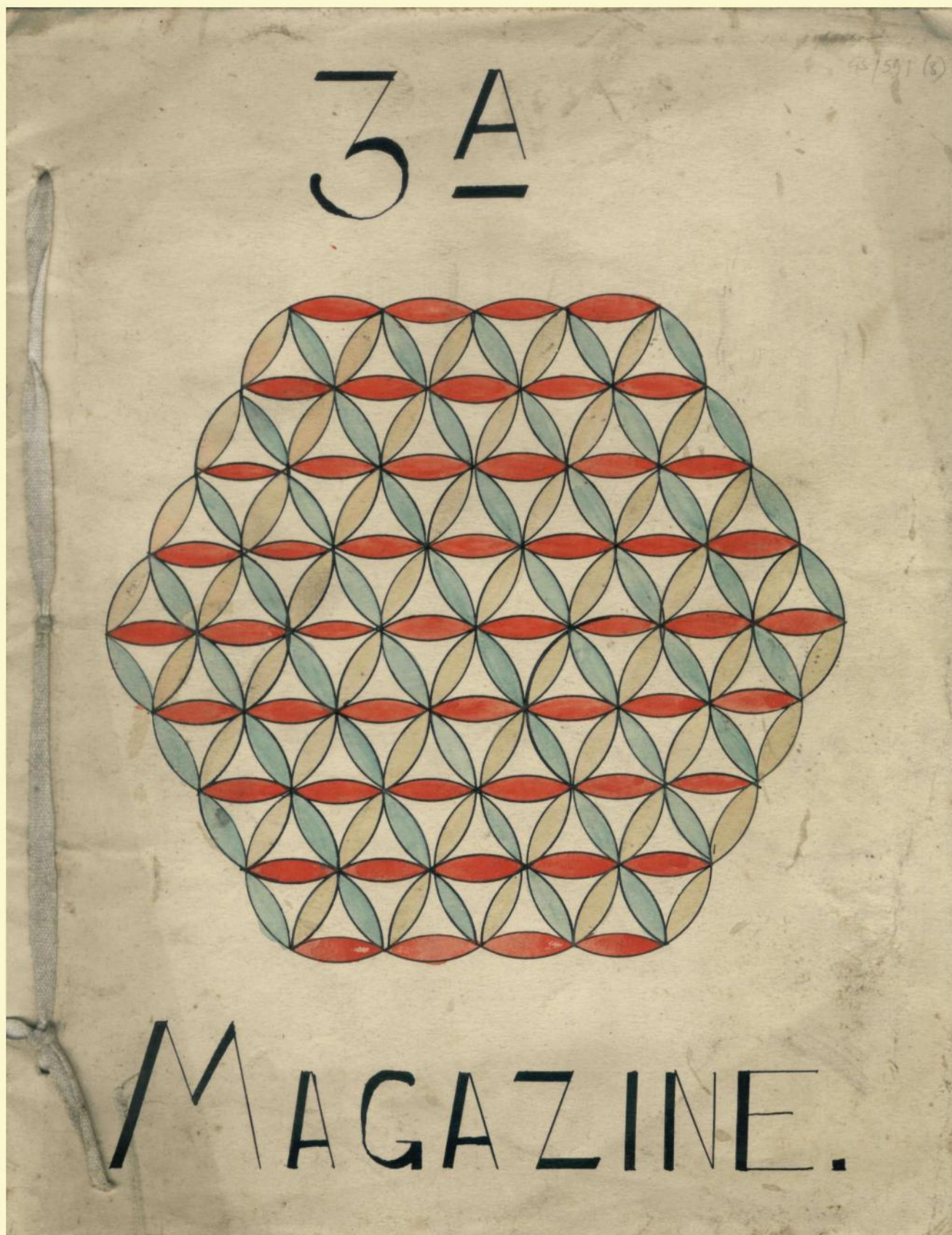
I didn't have a huge interest in imaginary superheroes growing up. I probably remember Superman, Spiderman, and Wonder Woman most clearly. My five-year-old son is pretty keen on Spiderman so recently I've become reacquainted with the world of superheroes. I don't think my nine-year-old daughter is as keen on cartoon characters as he is.

Were you involved in anything like the *Erasmian* and *Diocesan Times* when you were here at school?

Yes, I was - although it was not quite on the same high-brow level as the *Erasmian* and *Diocesan Times*! It was a satirical magazine called *Incubus* (incorporating *Succubus*) to give it its full name. It was a fairly scurrilous rag with plenty of intelligent humour which was never cruel but had a definite satirical edge. I was involved in its production but it was not as prestigious a publication as the *Erasmian* and *Diocesan Times* - more low-key and sold in aid of various charities, if I remember correctly. I don't know if any copies survive in the Archive. The *Erasmian* and *Diocesan Times* has certainly developed since I knew it in its black-and-white format as new technologies have become more readily available.

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Head Boy Report

It was near the end of August when I woke up to two missed calls on my phone. When I rang the number back and it was the High School switchboard, I was very confused as to what was going on. I was asked to come in to talk to Mr Duffy. I thought he had got the wrong name when he offered me the position of Head Boy but I was honoured to be offered the place and accepted. I was sad to see Mr Duffy retiring especially as he had given me this opportunity, but Mr Forrest was very encouraging and helpful when he arrived. I was delighted to find out Martha had been given the head girl position because I knew she would be perfect for it.

Our first job as prefects was to meet the new first years on their first day and show them around the school. We were introduced to a system where each prefect was in charge of looking after a group of first years. The system turned out to work very well and all prefects seemed to be good friends with their group.

Martha and I had to create two rotas. One for the cleaning of the common room and the other for the prefect duties that had to be performed each morning. Thankfully, we had no hassle with everyone taking their turn at cleaning. Everyone left the common room in a somewhat clean state. The jobs each morning consisted of ringing the assembly bell, taking lates and manning other doors. Needless to say these duties were carried out perfectly every day.

Prize day was the first big event that the prefects were involved in. Martha and I talked to the governors and other guests while the other prefects slaved away directing cars in the freezing cold and directing people to their seats. I think Martha and I came out with the best job that time.

The carol service was the next event and I would like to give credit to all those involved as it lived up to its usual standards. Thanks to the prefects again because they were a massive help in the smooth running of the event. Martha and I both had to read to the congregation. It was nerve wracking, but the idea of the food waiting for me to eat at the school got me through it.

As I type this I look forward to the Annual Ladies Dinner to which Martha and I have been invited. All in all I had a great year and it was such a privilege to be Head Boy of The High School and to be part of this school. To all the staff who have helped me throughout the six years, I greatly appreciate your support, academic and sporting alike. I would like to thank Mr Davies and Mr Duffy for the opportunity to take the position. I would also like to thank Dr Whitford, Mr Forrest and Mr Davies for all their support throughout the year. To finish, I thank all the prefects for their hard work throughout the year and also thanks to the entire Sixth Form who, although they gave both me and Martha some stress at times, it was a great year and it would not have been the same without any of you. The last six years have been unforgettable and I wish you all the best in the future.

Stephen Alexander, 6P.

Prefects



Head Girl Report

Well it's been a very busy year to say the least. When I was offered the position as Head Girl by Mr Duffy in August I definitely didn't expect the year that was in it. Needless to say I was incredibly honoured to be offered the opportunity.

The prefects' first task was to introduce the first years and their parents to the school. We were each given a small group of first year buddies and gave them a tour of the school. I don't know who was more excited, the first years or us.

We all arrived back to The High School with an atmosphere that was very different from the one we left the previous May. A lot of the older staff members had retired over the summer and were replaced with newer models. Stephen and I were given the task of doing up two rotas, a simple list of names for the common room cleaning rota and a complicated Excel one for the prefects' morning duties. Thankfully Stephen, being the computer whiz that he is, agreed to do the complicated one.

Helping out at last year's sixth years Debs reception was the prefects' next job and thankfully it all ran smoothly. Stephen and I then had the task of putting together our own Debs committee. Luckily there was huge interest and I'd like to say a big thank you to Niamh Kearns and all the Debs committee for the amazing work they put in over the year. They really did a brilliant job.

In October, Zion parish celebrated its 125th year and I was honored to be asked to read at the ceremony. Following this there was the annual prize day. While the rest of the prefects escorted parents and guests to their seats and directed traffic, Steve and I were chatting away to members of the Board of Governors in the staff room. We nodded and smiled (while sweating under our jumpers) as they discussed current affairs and the like. Once again the prefects carried out their tasks magnificently and everything went according to plan.

Stephen and I had a brief rest then until the Remembrance Day commemoration, in November, when we were called upon to lay wreaths on behalf of the student body. The carol service was the next big event. A small group of prefects took the collection. Once again everything ran smoothly and we all tucked into mince pies back at the school after the service.

This year I was very privileged to take part in the school's first Mental Health Awareness Week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Forrest for allowing me to speak about my own experiences at junior assembly and to thank Ms Hutchinson-Edgar and Abigail Donnelly for their support.

I presumed that everything would quiet down from then until graduation but the sudden death of Helen Kane took us all by surprise. Her death shook the entire school community. I have no doubt however that her smiling face will forever be remembered fondly in the halls of The High School. I went along with a number of other prefects to Helen's funeral service and they were once again on hand at Helen's memorial service in Zion church to do whatever needed to be done.

A few months later as we began arranging for graduation, the school underwent a whole school inspection. Stephen and I, along with other students met with the inspectors from the Department of Education and Skills to tell them what our impression of the school was. We all breathed a sigh of relief as we waved goodbye to the inspectors, as well as the Leaving Cert oral examiners. The next week Steve and I found ourselves in Denis the Menace and penguin suits for the PPU Hockey Challenge. Our pride barely intact we set our eyes towards the end of the year.

We attended The High School and Diocesan PPU ladies dinner. We were wine and dined and even managed to win the raffle. I wish to give a big thank you to the PPU for the invitation.

I now have had time to reflect on my busy year as well as the amazing six years I have had in this school. Although, a lot more time consuming than I originally thought, the position as head girl has presented me with so many wonderful opportunities.

I would like to say a big thank you to Dr Whitford, Mr Forrest, Mr Davis, Mr O'Brien, Mr McDonnell, Ms Garvey, Ms Carty, Mr Egan and everyone in the office for putting up with us. I'd like to thank Steve for being a good friend as always. But mostly I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and especially the students for everything over the last 6 years. Although I am excited to head onto college next year I will truly miss the laughter and the kind heartedness of High School. I have no doubt that I will see many of you again in the future and I wish the Head Girl next year the best of luck!

Martha Barber Hume, 6CW.

PREFECTS 2011/12

BACK ROW: PETER ADYE-CURRAN, CIAN DOWLING CULLEN, KÁRI ANDRÉSSON, STEPHEN ALEXANDER (HEAD BOY), OISIÍN HOGAN, JAMES FLEMING, NEIL COSGROVE.
ROW 3: COLM FINLAY, JAMIE CONNELL, CONOR SEXTON, JUDITH HARRINGTON, ROBERT STYLES, KRISTIAN CHISHOLM, ZOE DOLAN, JOHN BRADISH.
ROW 2: THOMAS MOORE, CONN LOANE, DENIS CASEY, LAUREN WALSH, REBECCA TULLY, DEBORAH BURKE, SARAH MCKENNA BARRY, JANE WARD, ANNA KEARY.
FRONT ROW: EMMA FEELY, REBECCA GARLAND, EMILY ATKINSON, ALICE SOMERS-DONNELLY, ELLEN CUNNINGHAM, NIAMH MURPHY, RACHEL BURKE, MARTHA BARBER HUME (HEAD GIRL), EMMA DEVINE.



MS HORAN INTERVIEWED BY ANDREW SHAW AND JOHN WALSH

Erasmian: First off, what do you think of The High School so far?

Ms Horan: Well, I love it! The students are great; it's a great group of academic students, with a high level of exam results. Great!

Erasmian: Have you any memories that stand out from your first day teaching here?

Ms Horan: Nothing stands out from my first day, but I suppose I was just struck by the attention the students gave to their work.

Erasmian: Any embarrassing moments?

Ms Horan: Not myself, but last year one of the sixth years forgot himself in class and called me 'mammy'! *"Grins broadly"*

Erasmian: Have you had any interesting or unusual jobs before teaching?

Ms Horan: Other than the usual summer jobs as a student, nothing really, I came straight into teaching.

Erasmian: What sparked your interest in studying and teaching languages?

Ms Horan: I think it was just the immersion of it, hearing people around me speaking and conversing in foreign languages, tourists or even out shopping.

Erasmian: What did you think of languages while in school?

Ms Horan: Well, when I first started learning French, there was a great emphasis on being able to speak, right from first year. My teacher was just back from living in France, and her speaking so fluidly had a big impression on me. She did lots of role-playing and dialogue; I used to love memorising dialogues and just speaking!

Erasmian: With all these continental languages, have you been keeping up with Eurovision?

Ms Horan: It's Jedward representing us this year, isn't it? We were on a German trip to Berlin during the Easter holidays with a first and second year class and Jedward were on the plane! The first and second year classes are all big fans, all I know about Jedward would be through them! They're good fun but not much musical ability!

Erasmian: Where would be your ideal place to live?

Ms Horan: Chamonix, a village at the foot of the Alps. Live there and you could have a view of Mont Blanc, as well as Les Dents du Medil!

Erasmian: Have you any interesting hobbies or pastimes?

Ms Horan: Skiing and mountaineering. I used to play the piano, but not to a very high level!

Erasmian: You may choose one superpower, what do you pick?

Ms Horan: To do away with the last class on a Friday evening!
"Grins broadly"

Erasmian: If you could pick one actress to play you in a film, who would it be?

Ms Horan: Meryl Streep. She's my favorite.

Erasmian: Who's your favorite artist/musician?

Ms Horan: My favorite musical artist would be Mozart. In terms of painting of course it would be Leonardo da Vinci.

Erasmian: To finish with a classic, what three things would you bring with you if stuck on a desert island?

Ms Horan: Firstly family. My husband and three kids; There's a book called 'The Power of Now' by Eckhart Tolle, I would take that. Oh and I would take... Mozart's Complete Collection, with of course something to play it on!



DR BUDD,
MR RYAN,
MS DOYLE,
DR BRUSEY,
MS KING.

MS DOYLE INTERVIEWED BY CHLOE DEACON, CLAIRE HALLISSEY, HOLLY K O'BRIEN, REBEKAH DONNELLY

Erasmian: Hey Miss! You ready for a grilling?

Ms Doyle: Oh dear, go on then...

Erasmian: So first question. How you are finding teaching in The High School?

Ms Doyle: I love it! Nicest school I have ever taught in, the staff and the students (especially the students) are great!

Erasmian: Which is your favourite year to teach?

Ms Doyle: 5th Year!?

Erasmian: Who do you hang out with in the Staff Room?

Ms Doyle: Em well Ms Bergin, Ms Goulding, Dr Brusey and Ms Quinn.

Erasmian: Who's your BFF teacher?

Ms Doyle: Ms Bergin!!

Erasmian: What's your favourite thing to cook or bake?

Ms Doyle: I'm not really into baking or cooking outside school (*giggles*), but I like cake decorating. I probably prefer the textiles aspect of the subject than the cooking.

Erasmian: Have you taught anywhere else before here?

Ms Doyle: Yes, last year I worked in the Gael Colaiste in Carlow through Irish (*rolls eyes*)!

Erasmian: Where did you go to school?

Ms Doyle: In Carlow.

Erasmian: So were you or weren't you a good student?

(Awkward pause)

Ms Doyle: Well...ehmm...not really! I got in trouble for chatting and the odd practical jokes but I was never sent home or anything like that!

Erasmian: If you had to have a dinner date with one of the male teachers who would you choose and what would you cook for them?

Ms Doyle: (*Outburst of laughter and face reddening*) Em...(*stays speechless for a few moment*) Well I don't really know them all that well just yet so can't really choose but I know I definitely would NOT cook. I'd make them take me somewhere! Don't want them thinking that just because I'm a Home Ec Teacher that I will cook all the time.

Erasmian: If you had to eat one meal for the rest of your life what would you choose and why?

Ms Doyle: Something vegetarian because I am a bit weird about meat.

Erasmian: What are your hobbies?

Ms Doyle: Going out, shopping, reading, and travelling.

Erasmian: Who is your celebrity crush?

Ms Doyle: Brax from Home and Away (not that I watch it!).

Erasmian: Are you a Dog or a cat person?

Ms Doyle: Neither, I HATE Animals!!

Erasmian: Is there a competition between you and Ms Bergin for the title of Best Home Ec teacher?

Ms Doyle: She has that one hands down!! She's the best Home Ec Teacher I have ever worked with! (*Nawwwhhh*)

Erasmian: White or Dark Chocolate?

Ms Doyle: Milk...?

Erasmian: Coke or Pepsi?

Ms Doyle: Orange...



TERMUN

THE MUN CREW
AT TERENURE.

On the 24th of September 14 students from The High School took part in the 2011 Terenure College MUN. This was the first MUN conference of the year. The High School was representing Ireland and France. The topics debated included conflict in Afghanistan, combating child soldiers and cyber warfare along with many more.

As always High School was outstanding in their committees with two students being awarded the Distinguished Delegates. Nathanael O'Leary (4F) was awarded a Distinguished Delegate in the Human Rights Committee and Lia McCann (5DM) was awarded a Distinguished Delegate in the Security Council.

Nathanael O'Leary, 4F.

A Midsummers Night's Dream
There once was a Midsummer's Night
But everyone just got a fright
Cause Demetrius complained
And Lysander's love waned
And Oberon just watched the Sight

Sorcha Ni Néill, 1MC.

Poem
Games are so much fun,
Monopoly's a good one,
Twister is fun too

Tennis is good craic,
In hockey I am a back,
Jogging is so cool.

Swimming is a blast,
In running I am quite fast,
Games are so much fun.

*Anna Fleming, 2J,
and Paige Leavy, 2J.*

Haiku
The Rugby World Cup
It's very intense and quick
I hope Ireland win

Stephen Greene, 2J.

Cruel Games
He slowly crumpled,
His heart pounded in his chest,
Fear engulfing him.

Such a hard, cruel fate,
Survival of the fittest,
He was the loser.

He felt tears well up,
They spilled over his bruised cheek,
He brushed them away.

Bullying victim,
To him, daily agony,
To them, just a GAME.

Susanna Wyse Jackson, 3P.

Rivers of Darkness

Rivers of darkness, run down the rocky form,
of an old man's weathered face,
at the oldest part, new streams are born,
ageing, they run their only race.

Colm Finlay, 6H.

POEMS

Spring:
The Animated Season
The sun rose and was shining
The roses were blooming
And the birds were singing
The trees were tall
And the leaves were green
The water from the well
Shone beneath the warm sun

Marie-Augustine Daillet, 1C.

The Hockey Match

In the bright sun light
Which will soon turn to dark
This will be a fight
We will make our mark.

Our centre forward passes the ball
The ball goes left and right
The whistle blows at the fall
As the ball took flight.

Their left forward got the ball.
They broke through our defence
But they made an epic fail
This feeling was intense

Drip by drip the rain came down
Point by point it came a draw
The rain came down in drowns
Between us there were no flaws.

As the end came nearer
It came to a long corner
As the ball hit the net, we were the winners
We celebrated. The hockey match was no more.

Marika Gentile, 3W.

THE SIMON FUN RUN

On Saturday the 8th of October nearly 100 students and teachers as well as two chickens from The High School assembled in the Phoenix Park determined to out run the other participants in the Dublin Simon Community Fun Run.

At the starting line deep muscle stretches, tightening of laces, chugging of energy drinks and game faces came on as the race began. A whopping 2km of jogging into the race, I had to admit defeat and power walk. Some minutes later an energetic Mr Giles breezed by me, disappearing into the distance leaving nothing behind but the memory of him speeding athletically by, sporting a stylish headband.

The sense of achievement upon crossing the 8km finishing line was magnified by the fact that we all knew that we had raised money for such a worthy charity. The Dublin Simon Community (founded by a group of Trinity College and UCD students in 1969) aims to give people with nowhere to stay a place to call home while also supporting people in maintaining their homes. The charity has expanded over the years and now provides emergency accommodation, addiction treatment and help for people trying to leave the streets of Dublin city behind. Their main fundraising event, The Dublin Simon Fun Run, is the longest running charity event in the Phoenix Park.

The fastest time by a High School student was recorded by Jack Scollard of 2G who came in 24th place overall in a time of 19 minutes and 44 seconds. At the end of the race we were met by Mr Forrest who wished to congratulate us and also kindly presented us with exclusive caps embroidered with the High School crest.

The great news that only reached us in May was that High School had won the Simon Fun Run Perpetual Trophy for being the school to raise the most money on the day. We had raised €3,500. Congratulations to everyone who took part and we hope for an even bigger turn out next year. A very big thank you to Ms Hutchinson Edgar for her patience and time spent organising registration and sponsorship money.

Aisling O'Reilly, 5RM.



NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NAAAA...CHICKEN!!



SOME FUN BEFORE THE RUN.



WILL-POWER.



GREEN LANTERN MEETS HUMAN TORCH.



CAN THEY FINISH? (THEIR CANS?)



SCHOOL SPIRIT.



READY, SET, GO!



TEACHERS AT THE READY.



YEAH, NDC DO SPORTS TOO...



RUN MR GILES RUN!



MEDALS ALL ROUND.

HSD WINS PERPETUAL TROPHY

On Saturday October 8th 2011 nearly one hundred High School students took part in the Dublin Simon Fun Run. The annual event which takes place in the Phoenix Park every autumn has long been supported by the school and this year was no exception with the school raising 3,500 euro for the Simon Community. The Fun Run is always a very enjoyable event and The High School was one of the most visible schools taking part this year; approx one hundred students had signed up and on the day they turned out to have fun, complete the race and support this very worthwhile charity. Some students dressed up in Chicken suits – you know who you are – some wanted to achieve a fast time and many just wanted to finish the race whether running, jogging or walking everyone was a winner that day. The fastest time by a High School student was recorded by Jack Scollard of 2G who came in 24th place overall in a time of 19 minutes and 44 seconds.

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STUDENTS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTING THE FUN RUN TROPHY WITH MS HUTCHINSON-EDGAR.

ABOUT THE SIMON COMMUNITY

DUBLIN SIMON COMMUNITY WORKS TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN DUBLIN. THEY PROVIDE SERVICES AT ALL STAGES OF HOMELESSNESS AND ENABLE PEOPLE TO MOVE TO A PLACE THEY CAN CALL HOME. THE ORGANISATION WAS FOUNDED BY A GROUP OF TRINITY AND UCD STUDENTS IN 1969. THEY BEGAN BY PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED SOUP AND SANDWICHES TO PEOPLE WHO WERE SLEEPING ROUGH IN DUBLIN CITY CENTRE. THEY STILL PROVIDE THE DUBLIN SIMON SOUP RUN, 365 NIGHTS OF THE YEAR BUT NOW THEY ALSO HAVE A RANGE OF SERVICES REFLECTING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS IN DUBLIN.

THE DUBLIN SIMON FUN RUN IS THE LONGEST RUNNING CHARITY EVENT IN THE PHOENIX PARK AND IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR THE DUBLIN SIMON COMMUNITY.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE FUN RUN REGISTRATION WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ENTRY INTO THE RACE, A FUN RUN GOODY BAG INCLUDING A FUN RUN T-SHIRT, AND YOUR OWN PERSONAL CHIP SO YOU CAN TIME YOUR RACE.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT INCLUDES:

€25 WILL PROVIDE OUR ROUGH SLEEPER TEAM WITH AN EMERGENCY PACK FOR SOMEONE SLEEPING ON THE STREETS. THESE PACKS INCLUDE A BACK-PACK WITH A BUILT IN SLEEPING MAT, A SLEEPING BAG AND A RAIN JACKET.

€50 WILL PROVIDE A PERSON WITH A BED, FOOD AND A PLACE TO SPEND A SAFE AND SECURE NIGHT IN ONE OF OUR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.

€100 COULD PROVIDE A HOME STARTER PACK FOR THOSE WHO ARE MOVING INTO THEIR OWN HOME.

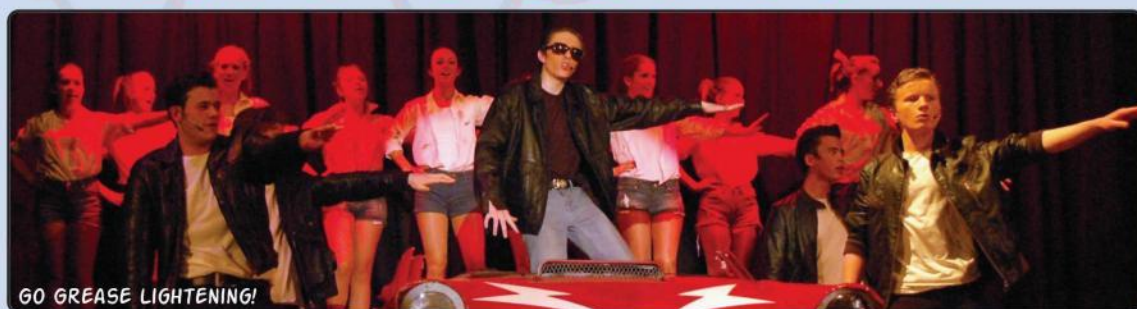


Mix six months, long nights, early mornings and non-stop dedication and what is the outcome? Grease! Another year, another play – but little did we know, we were all in for a shake up.

Large shoes were left to fill with the retirement of Ms Milne, but Mr Gill's directorial debut couldn't have fit them more comfortably.

It all began at the end of May, and excitement quickly arose as each student was given the opportunity to get involved – whether it be in lighting, set design, ticket sales or acting.

5TH YEAR PLAY REVIEW



Summer passed and the 2011 School Term commenced and with it so did preparations for the annual 5th Year Play. Auditions were quickly underway but the selection process wasn't so easy. With numerous auditions came an abundance of talent, but little by little the selection process was weaned down to a Final Sixteen – The Cast!

Next we gathered together an equally impressive chorus and, led by Jessica Buttanshaw, dance rehearsals were underway. Not an easy job with more than 30 chorus members, but box step by box step each dance was perfected.

Meanwhile, rehearsals were in full swing. With scripts distributed, lines were learnt and, with the guidance of our director, the cast assumed their character's identities. Each cast member showed unadulterated dedication. With some rehearsals running up until just after 10pm, they all managed to keep a smile and work up to their full potential.

Break time, after school, late night, holiday and weekend rehearsals. The cast and chorus never gave in and strode towards utter perfection.

But behind the curtain, four of the most important groups worked tirelessly. The Art Team, led by Hannah Foley; the Construction Team, led by Mark Carragher; the Stage Hands, managed by Ray Ardill, and the Wardrobe Team, led by Lia McCann. The Art Team opened their imaginations to incorporate as much Grease as they could into their designs

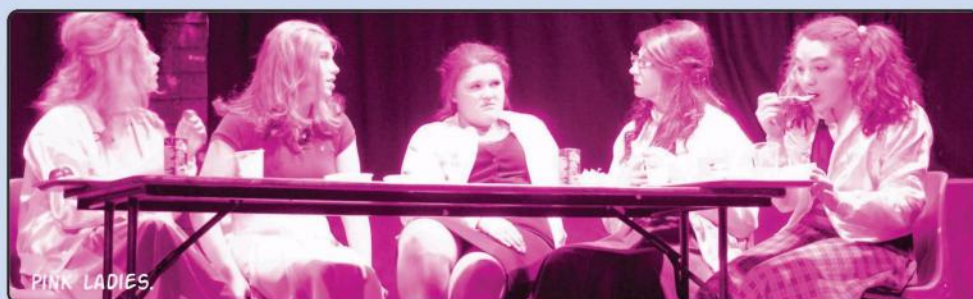
and, working alongside the Construction Team, managed to design authentic sets, each tailored to its own scene. A special mention must be made to Mark Carragher and Mr Gill for their work on our very own Grease Lightning. They rewired, revamped and transformed the car into its former glory. The stage hands were responsible for setting up each set and placing microphones and props – a vital and

technical rehearsal passed and finally the night came.

Nerves were high back stage. Make up was applied and hair was Greased. Fifteen minutes to curtain ticked apprehensively away until five minutes remained, and finally the moment arrived; the moment more than 70 students had worked for – Showtime.

The Band, comprised of Sam Killeen, Isaac Dempsey, Anthony Manly and Aisling Reilly, led by Ms Bourke, belted out the first bars of 'Grease is the Word'. The cast and chorus got into position and we were off.

The show was an explosion of song and dance. Breaths were taken away by stunning performances from all the cast, each actor assuming their character's identity, in personality, style and accent. The flawless performance from the Chorus mixed with an excellent performance from Evan Cunningham, Eugene, John Savage, Johnny Casino, Aisling O'Reilly, Ms Lynch, Emma Duke, Teen Angel, John Hackett, Vince Fontaine, and the Band,



necessary job for a successful, realistic and authentic experience for the audience.

Lastly the Wardrobe Team need to be mentioned. They worked relentlessly, with great success, hand making outfits from bed sheets, pillow cases and toilet rolls. The strong team of seven, gave up their own time – acquiring materials, fitting for sizes and sewing multiple skirts and tops to fit each character individually. Another special mention must be made to Lucy Burns and her trojan work on the wardrobe team, hand making a large majority of the outfits single handedly.

As time flew by, the days began to count down. What was three months became one week. A dress rehearsal and tedious

transported the audience straight back to 1978.

Three shows later, the final scene came to a close and eventually, encore after encore, the curtain, reluctantly, closed. Adrenalin was still running, but after the last 'a wop ba-ba lu-mop' from Evan Cunningham, it was over.

On behalf of all the cast I would like to thank Ms Walker, for all her assistance throughout rehearsals, Ria Czernjak, our singing coach, Sandra Duke, for her wardrobe assistance, Ms A Stevenson, Ms T Jones, Mr C Rankin and, of course, Sarge, Brendan and Tommy for the patience and time they gave us.

The 5th Year Play was a experience which we all greatly appreciated and enjoyed. We strongly recommend to all students to try their best to get involved in future years.

*Lorcan O'Byrne, 5DM,
Student Producer and Director.*



DOODY'S BIG SOLO.



MR GILL, CALM AS ALWAYS.



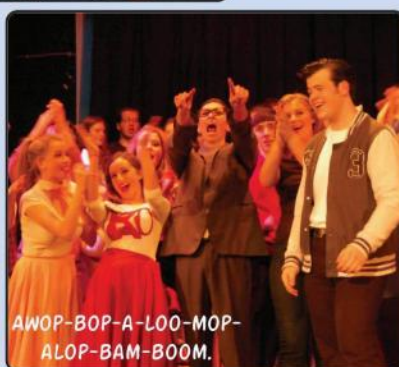
SLEEPOVER SONGS



THE LADS GET READY FOR THE FIRST NIGHT OF THE PLAY.



PUMPED UP KICKS.



AWOP-BOP-A-LOO-MOP-
ALOP-BAM-BOOM.



MARTY'S BALLAD.



GETTING STUCK
IN HOLLY!



"YOU'VE
CHANGED"

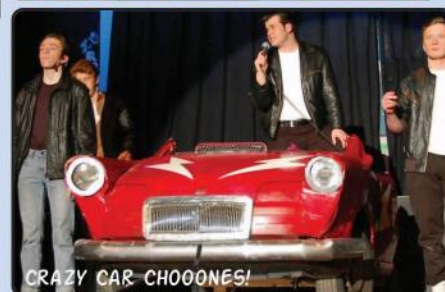
PRE SHOW NERVES
AND SMILES



DIRTY DANCING.



TEEN ANGEL



CRAZY CAR CHOOONES!



THE GANG.

FLASH MOB FOR GREASE

ON WEDNESDAY THE 9TH OF NOVEMBER A GROUP OF FIFTH YEARS HELD A FLASH MOB TO ADVERTISE THE UPCOMING FIFTH YEAR PRODUCTION OF GREASE. THE FIFTH YEARS SURPRISED STUDENTS AT JUNIOR BREAK AS THEY BURST INTO THE REYNOLDS HALL WITH THE TUNE 'WE GO TOGETHER' BLARING OUT

OF THE SPEAKERS. A GROUP QUICKLY GATHERED AND STARTED DANCING AND HOLDING UP SIGNS ANNOUNCING THAT TICKETS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. AS A RESULT OF THIS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN TICKET SALES WERE A HUGE SUCCESS.





ELLA O'LEARY WATSON.

DEBS



MEGAN RAYNER.



DANIEL LINEHAN.



DHRUV
KAPOOR
AND JESSICA
SARGEANT.



ELLEN CARNEY AND KIRA MULHERE.



PATRICK
DENNIS AND
SUZANNE
O'CONNOR.

LEAVING CERT ART TRIP TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY, THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND THE HUGH LANE GALLERY

On a rainy Tuesday morning on the 29th of November, 50 slightly damp 5th and 6th Year Art class students met with Ms Galligan, Mr Draper, and Ms Rogers in the atrium of The National Gallery in Merrion Square to begin a day of visits to a museum and two of the biggest galleries in Dublin. These visits to the exhibitions are part of the Leaving Cert Art History course. For each of the exhibitions we visited we had worksheets in which we were to answer questions on specific pieces and do some quick sketches. These worksheets got us to look at specific pieces to answer questions as well as giving us space to fill in our own thoughts on some pieces we found interesting.

Our first stop was The National Gallery in which we were able to see many of the artists and their works which are part of our History of Art course. It was very beneficial to be able to see the paintings in real life as we were able to take much more of the paintings in. The texture, the real size and the true colours, are always slightly different when captured on film for our textbooks. Because the National Gallery has so many works we only had time to go to the particular ones we were studying. These included works by Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, Van Gogh and Jack B Yeats. The National Gallery has an entire Yeats collection, which allowed us to individually pick any one to study during the visit. Visiting the National Gallery was a great opportunity, as it allowed us to see works by a number of the artists we are studying within the short amount of time we had and because we were able to focus on specific paintings it really gave us time to observe and study the paintings in person, as well as answer specific questions on the paintings and to have some time to try sketching some of the paintings.

Our next stop was The National Museum of Ireland on Kildare Street, which houses archaeological pieces. There were pieces included in the exhibition from the Bronze, Iron and Stone Age which we also study at the beginning of our Leaving Cert course. The collection in the Museum is richly vast and extensive with very beautiful artefacts, so again we had to be focused on specific pieces. We were able to view amazingly intricate pieces of jewellery from the Bronze and Iron Age, which although were smaller in person were no less spectacular. We paid special attention to the way they were presented, lit and displayed, as much work goes into the presentation of the pieces in order to present them to the viewers in the best way to give an all round view from multiple angles. Looking at how these exhibitions are laid out, where and how pieces are displayed as well as other things such as information given, is all very important in understanding the art we study. Taking the time to take note of these things helps us understand the exhibition and the pieces better, and also gave us more of an appreciation for the experts who take time and effort to lay out the displays just right. Again, we also had some chances to draw some of the pieces such as brooches and the Ardagh Chalice.

After a quick break for some lunch our final stop of the day was the Hugh Lane Gallery. The Gallery is located in Charlemont House, located on Parnell Square North opposite the Garden of Remembrance, just off the top of O'Connell Street. Charlemont House was built in 1763 as a city residence for Lord Charlemont and designed by Sir William Chambers. The building was sold to the government in 1870 and later became the home to the Hugh Lane Gallery. We again met with all of the teachers in the foyer and were split into our groups to visit different parts of the Gallery. Very luckily for us Ms Rogers has worked in the Hugh Lane gallery for a number of years and was able to give us our own tour. It was very interesting to be able to hear much of her knowledge of all of the pieces as well as her own thoughts and observations on them. The first part of the gallery housed a small collection of stained glass pieces. The small alcove they were displayed in was very unique in order to show the glass through the best light possible. It was very dark except for the hundreds of little LED lights which illuminated the panes of coloured glass. The main piece being The Eve of St Agnes by Harry Clarke which is similar in style to the stained glass piece found in our

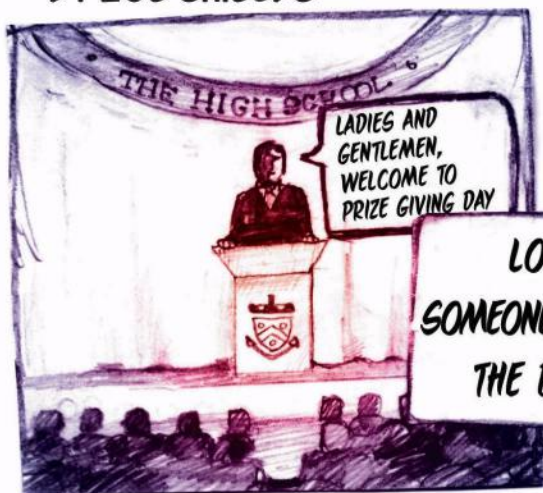
school just outside the Reynolds Hall. Next we got to see some paintings by the Impressionists. Seeing these paintings in person was much more of a different experience as depending on how close you were, you saw the painting differently each time or you would notice something new. We also had the chance to see the studio of Francis Bacon. This small studio room and its entire contents were brought over from London to Dublin, with a special team of archaeologists and conservationists who surveyed and mapped out every square inch of Bacon's studio. They mapped out every space and the location of every object in the room. All items were brought over, even including the dust! Over 7000 items were found and catalogued, no minute detail being spared, they even included the paint splatterings and markings on the walls, ceiling and doors. Towards the end of the tour we had some time to study any painting we wanted to, getting time to make notes and observe it.

Overall the trip was a great opportunity and was a hugely enjoyable day out. We really got to learn a lot through our visits, getting much out of each visit in the relatively short amount of time we had for each gallery. And on behalf of all of the students who were taken on the trip, we would like to thank all of the teachers for taking the time to arrange and take us on the trip, as we were hugely appreciative of all their work.

Kate Barrett, 5RM.

PRIZE DAY

BY ZOE SHIELDS



LOOK!
SOMEONE'S STOLEN
THE BOOKS!



HE'S FLYING!



STOP RIGHT
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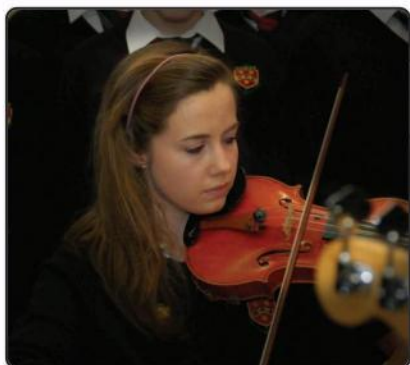


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NEXT TIME...



Prize Day 2011

and Parents' Evening



Prizes 2010 - 11

(Subjects taken outside the normal school curriculum are not counted when calculating prizes. Anyone wishing to know how prizes are awarded may speak to the Prize Day co-ordinator. The decision of the school is final and no correspondence will be entered into.)

SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 2011

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Rachel Ferguson

Rathgar National School

School Scholarships:

Ben Quirey

Rathfarnham Parish National School

Melanie O'Donovan

Rathfarnham Parish National School

Aela O'Flynn

Stratford National School

Philip Motyer

Rathfarnham Parish National School

Yuliya Mikulchyk

St Colmcille's National School, Knocklyon

Music Scholarship:

Alexander Durac

Rathgar Junior School

David-James Donnelly

Bishop Galvin's National School



YULIYA MIKULCHYK, PHILIP MOTYER, AELA O'FLYNN, MELANIE O'DONOVAN, BEN QUIREY.



CLODAGH CURRAN, WILLIAM LE BAS, ORLA PERDUE, JOHN DOHERTY, EMMA CANNING.



ALEXANDER DURAC



CLARA DEVINE, JASON COSGROVE, MOLLY WHELAN, AMY LOGAN, RITCHIE BURBRIDGE.

FORM 1

Class Prizes:

1- F

Emma Canning, John Doherty

1- G

Orla Perdue, William Le Bas

1-J

Clodagh Curran, Ritchie Burbridge

1-RE

Amy Logan, Molly Whelan

1-RN

Jason Cosgrove, Clara Devine

Progress Prizes:

1- F

Stephen Ardill, Hannah Burke

1- G

Billy Iland, Sibéal Devilly

1-J

Jennifer Coady, Niall Alsafi

1-RE

Koleman Angle, Alannah O'Reilly

1-RN

Sophie Harrison, Raymond Tang



SOPHIE HARRISON, RAYMOND TANG, ALANNAH O'REILLY, NIALL ALSAFI, KOLEMAN ANGLE.



JENNIFER COADY, SIBÉAL DEVILLY, HANNAH BURKE, STEPHEN ARDILL, BILLY ILAND.

FORM 2

Class Prizes:

2C

Séamas MacLochlainn, Tony Zheng

2P

Susanna Wyse Jackson, Johnjoe Irwin

2T

Hayley Blair, Chloe Manahan

2TO

Dearbhla Moroney, Rónán Dowling Cullen

2W

Maya Devine, Marcela Nikolova

Wilfrid Lowry Progress Prizes:

2C

Colin Jackson, Emma McNeilly

2P

Philip Emo, Shannon Young

2T

Hugh Hackett, Evie McClafferty

2TO

Harry Griffin, Orlagh Kearney

2W

Aisling O'Kelly, Nadine Burke



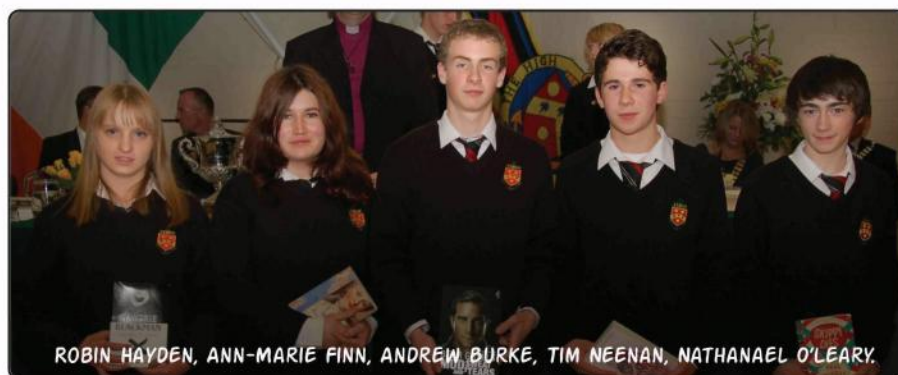
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HUGH HACKETT, SHANNON YOUNG, PHILIP EMO, EMMA MCNEILLY, COLIN JACKSON.



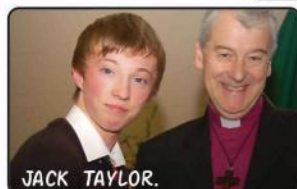
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OISÍN FAUST.



STEPHANIE JOHNSON.



JACK TAYLOR.



EMMA MURPHY.



JIM CHRISTLE.

FORM 3

Rogers Memorial Prize (best overall in Form 3):

Oisín Faust

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Stephanie Johnson

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize:

Emma Murphy

Classical Studies:

Jim Christle

Civic, Social & Political Education

- Parents' Association Prize:

Nathanael O'Leary, Tim Neenan, Andrew Burke,

Ann-Marie Finn, Robin Hayden

English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:

Laura Dowling

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:

Clodagh McGinley

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Caroline Lahiff

German - German Government Prize:

Oisín Faust

History - Casserley Prize:

Emma Butler

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:

Ailbhe Carney

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:

Seán Shanley-Mee

Mathematics - Dillon Prize:

Oisín Faust

Materials Technology (Wood)

- Parents' Association Prize:

Oisín Faust

Music - Diocesan School Prize:

Jack Taylor

Religious Education- Parents' Association Prize:

Peter Campbell

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:

Ann-Marie Finn

Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize:

Rupert Adams



ANNA KEARY, MARTHA BARBER HUME.



CHLOE DOYLE, SARAH MULHERE, CIAN TOBIN, CIARA FEELY, SARAH CARSON.



PETER CAMPBELL.



SUZANNE GRAY, PATRICK O'HARE, JOHN MURPHY, GRÁINNE O'REILLY.



SEÁN SHANLEY-MEE.



LAURA DOWLING.



CLODAGH MC GINLEY.



CAROLINE LAHIFF.



RUPERT ADAMS.

FORM 5

Mitchell Scholarship
(best overall in Form 5):

Judith Harrington

Class Prizes:

Cian Dowling Cullen, Conor Sexton, Peter Adye-Curran, Anna Keary, Jennifer Rynne, Sophie Wann, Lauren Walsh, Emma Feely, Mark Deegan

Montgomery Awards

Physics

1st - Colm Finlay

2nd - Sam Lunn

Biology

Joint 1st - Anna Keary

Joint 1st - Martha Barber Hume

2nd - Jane Ward



JENNIFER RYNNE, PETER ADYE-CURRAN, CONOR SEXTON, CIAN DOWLING CULLEN.



JANE WARD.



ANNA KEARY, MARK DEEGAN, EMMA FEELY, JUDITH HARRINGTON, SOPHIE WANN.

FORM 6

(Normally a pupil is eligible for only one of the first six awards below)

High School Exhibition:

(best pupil in Form 6 who enters TCD)

Seraphim Dempsey

John Thompson Scholarship:

Hannah Browning

Glorney Exhibition and Cup:

(next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education)

Aisling Naylor

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil who enters further education in Ireland)

Sean-Tee Lim

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Robert Emo

John Bennett Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Eve Roseingrave

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:

(best pupil who studies Engineering at TCD)

Daniel Linehan

Accounting:

Clodagh Sleator

Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize:

Sean-Tee Lim

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Robyn Carey

Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize: Aisling Naylor

Business - S.S. Evans Prize: Hugh Macken

Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize: Robert Emo

Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize: Hannah Browning

Construction Studies - Parents' Association Prize:

Simon Jackson

Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize: James Sadlier

English - Bessie Bury Prize: Naoise Dolan

French - McNay Prize: Jack Doyle

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize: Eve Roseingrave

Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Finn Murphy

German - German Government Prize: Sandra Farrell

History - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Dhruv Kapoor

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:

Megan Rayner

Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize: Eve Roseingrave

Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize: Robert Emo

Music - Diocesan School Prize: Sophie Lee

Physics: Cliona Rogan

Spanish - Ray White Memorial Prize: Jessica Buttanshaw

Design and Communication Graphics - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Sean-Tee Lim

Class Prizes: Mollie-Kate Richardson, Ellen Carney, Conor Broderick, Ryan Kirwan, Matthew Smyth, Cian Ó Néill, Laura Mills, Katie O'Brien, Maeve Sweetnam

Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize: (Prefect who has made the most helpful contribution to school life) Robbie Carson

P.P.U. Debating Medal: Zoe Dolan

McDonnell Prize for the Arts: Rebecca Tully - for her involvement in the 5th Year Play and Orchestra

Foundation Day Initiative Award

Cormac Jordan- Cormac has been a member of the Student Council for a number of years and for the last two as Secretary. He undertook a huge amount of work as Secretary, worked very diligently and was exceptionally dedicated to his job. The members of the Council who served with him were always greatly encouraged by the positive manner with which he carried out his duties.



SERAPHIM DEMPSEY.



SEAN-TEE LIM.



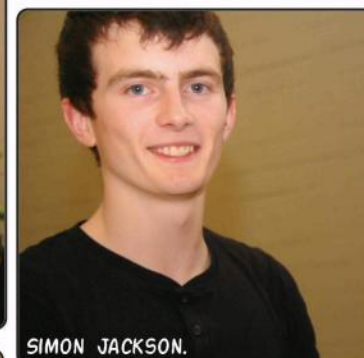
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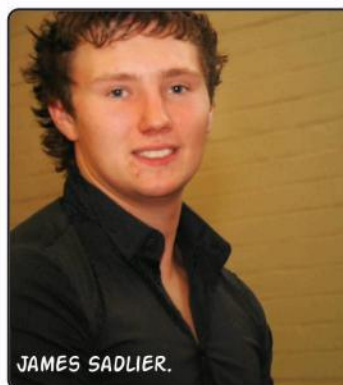
HUGH MACKEN.



HANNAH BROWNING.



SIMON JACKSON.



JAMES SADLIER.



NAOISE DOLAN.



JACK DOYLE.



FINN MURPHY.



DHRUV KAPOOR.



SOPHIE LEE.



JESSICA BUTTANSHAW.



ROBERT CARSON.



ZOE DOLAN.



CONOR BRODERICK, CIAN O'NEILL, RYAN KIRWAN, ELLEN CARNEY, MOLLIE-KATE RICHARDSON.



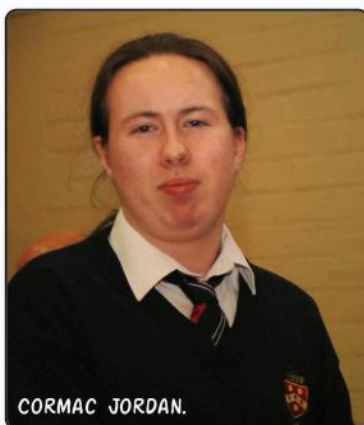
MAEVE SWEETNAM, KATIE O'BRIEN, LAURA MILLS.



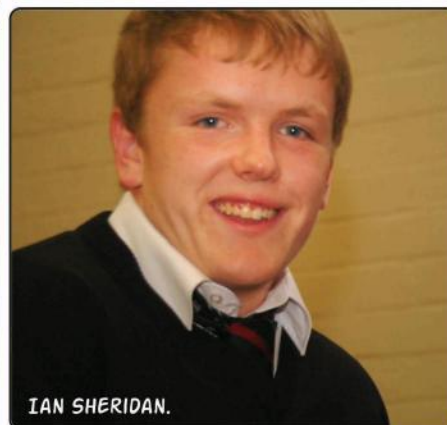
REBECCA TULLY.



CLIONA ROGAN.



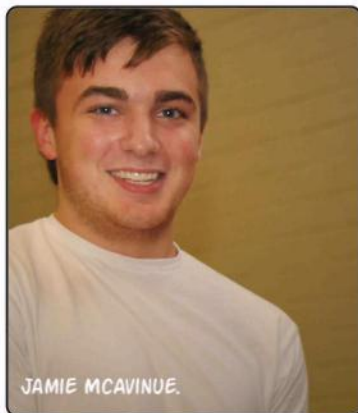
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IAN SHERIDAN.



MARIANNE MCCLAFFERTY.



JAMIE MCAVINUE.



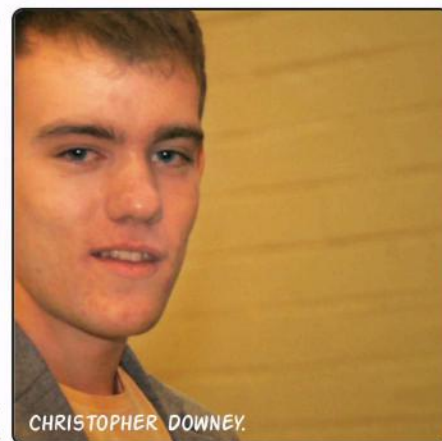
KATIE O'BRIEN.



CONOR SEXTON.



LEANNE MCDONNELL.



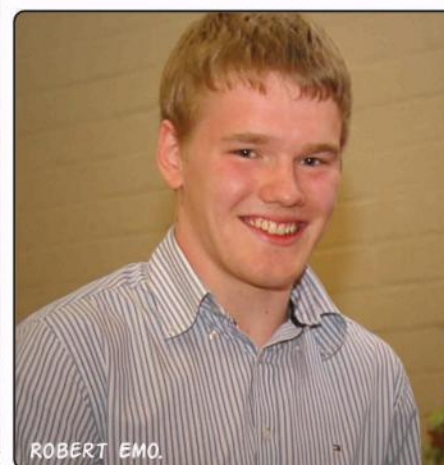
CHRISTOPHER DOWNEY.



SIOBHAN MCMANUS.



SHANE O'DONOGHUE.



ROBERT EMO.



EVE ROSEINGRAVE.

Past Pupils' Union Awards

The following awards are made to the pupils who are considered to have made the best contribution to the school. In the case of the Head Boy and Head Girl the award is automatic and in the case of the other two awards a vote of staff and Form 6 pupils takes place from which the Head Boy and Head Girl are excluded.

Head Boy: Robert Emo

Head Girl: Eve Roseingrave

Jean Scott Trophy: Jessica Sargeant

Old Boys' Cup: Finn Murphy



DAVID PRIESTMAN, FINN MURPHY, JESSICA SARGEANT, JULIE KIRKHAM.

Gaisce-President's Award - Bronze

Ardill, Raymond
Baldwin, Ellen
Barlow, Kate
Barrett, Ann
Barrett, Kate
Beverland, Richard
Burns, Lucy
Burrowes, Luke
Butler, Cathal
Butler, Cian
Byrne, Ryan
Campbell, Aaron
Campbell, Gavin
Cardiff-Free, Ryan
Carragher, Mark
Cassidy, Caoimhe
de Forge, Owen
Deacon, Chloe
Delaney, Zion
Dempsey, Isaac
Devine Prendergast, Patrick
Dowling, Ciara
Doyle, Lisa
Evans, Sam
Falkiner, Kamala
Flaherty, Peter
Foley, Ryan
Furey, Ella
Green, Ciara
Hurley, Jake
Jackson, Hayley
Kabadaya, Abdelaziz
Kennelly, Brian
Kiernan, Daragh
Kilroy, Dean
Kirwan, Darragh
Liddicoat, Alex
Long, Jennifer
Love, John
Love, Vicky
Lucas, Emma
Quirey, Megan
McCann, Jack
McCann, Lia
McClafferty, Marianne
McCullough, Evie
McDonagh Fox, Pdraig
McManus, Siobhan
Manly, Anthony
Ni Bhroin, Eimear
Nolan, Lili
O'Byrne, Lorcan
O'Regan, Amy
O'Reilly, Aisling
Power, Gavin
Quirey, Megan
Ralph, Jamie
Reilly, Aisling
Ridgeway, Hannah
Rothwell, Gavin
Savage, John
Shaw, Andrew
Spain, Conor
Smartt, Eric
Smyth, Elaine
Treacy-McGee, Sam
Tully, Lauren
Weitz, Eamonn
Young, Andrew

TRANSITION YEAR AWARDS 2010-2011

Young Entrepreneurs Scheme

Kate Barlow
Alex Brohoon
Sara Buttanshaw
Ryan Cardiff-Free
Mark Carragher
Caoimhe Cassidy
Gillian Chapman
Zion Delaney
Philip Halton
Tim Harding
Daragh Kiernan
Christopher Knockner
Alex Liddicoat
John Love
Ciara Margolis
Mahon McCann
Marianne McClafferty
Esme Moloney
Pavel Nikeryasov
Lorcan O'Byrne
Jamie Ralph
Hannah Ridgeway
John Savage
Leah Sheridan
Ben Sherwood
Eric Smartt
Andrew McKay

Memorial Business Award

Mark Carragher
Tim Harding
Christopher Knockner
Jamie Ralph
Eric Smartt

Judo Awards

Bishop, Wesley
Brohoon, Alex
Butler, Cian
Byrne, Laura
Campbell, Aaron
Chambers, Rupert
de Forge, Owen
Dudley, Ciara
Gregory, Ben
Halton, Philip
Hurley, Jake
Kiernan, Daragh
Kirwan, Darragh
Lim, Ing-Mar
Long, Jennifer
McCann, Jack
McCann, Mahon
McCarthy, Paul
McManus Siobhan
Mason, Niall
Moloney, Esme
Neville, Caoimhe
O'Reilly, Aisling
O'Sullivan, Eamonn
Ryan, Conor
Sherwood, Ben
Smith, Niamh
Smith, Shane
Weitz, Eamonn



TY CHARITY CHALLENGE THE 70 FT

ON THE 22ND OF DECEMBER HALF OF 4TH YEAR WENT TO SANDYCOVE BEACH TO GO SWIMMING IN AID OF ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL. THE DAY INVOLVED US JUMPING INTO THE WATER WHICH WAS VERY COLD. NONE OF US WORE WETSUITS, WHICH WAS A FAIRLY BRAVE THING TO DO. AFTER WE GOT OUT OF THE WATER THE TEACHERS HAD HOT CHOCOLATE AND BISCUITS WAITING. WE ALL GOT DRESSED AND POSED FOR A GROUP PHOTO BEFORE WE ALL HEADED FOR THE BUSES. IT WAS A GREAT DAY OUT AND IT WAS FOR A GREAT CAUSE, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE TEACHERS THAT ACCOMPANIED US AND MADE THE DAY POSSIBLE.

KARL KINCH, 4B.



FORTH YEAR CHARITY CHALLENGE SUGARLOAF CLIMB

ON THE 22ND OF DECEMBER HALF OF 4TH YEAR CLIMBED THE SUGARLOAF TO RAISE MONEY FOR BANARDOS. JOHN FROM BANARDOS CAME WITH US. WE ARRIVED AT THE SUGARLOAF AFTER GETTING THE BUS FROM SCHOOL. THE FIRST PART OF THE WALK WAS QUITE EASY BUT AS WE TRAVELLED FURTHER UP IT BECAME STEEPER. JUSTIN BRADISH HEROICALLY REACHED THE TOP FIRST CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY EVERYONE ELSE.

WHEN WE REACHED THE TOP WE BLEW UP SOME BALLOONS AND RELEASED THEM FOR PHOTOGRAPHS. AFTER RESTING FOR A FEW MINUTES AND POSING FOR SOME MORE PHOTOS WE BEGAN OUR DESCENT. AFTER A QUICK JOURNEY DOWN WE BEGAN OUR BUS RIDE BACK TO THE SCHOOL.

LUKE BANNISTER, 4B.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2011

Adye-Curran, Seán	Maguire, Shauna
Anglim, William	McAvinue, Jamie
Beardsley, Gary	McCann, Cillian
Blennerhassett, Karen	McCarthy, Joan
Boyce, Caolán	McDonagh, Cian
Brennan, Johnny	McElvaney, Maresa
Broderick, Conor	McGarry, Lauren
Browning, Hannah	McGinley, Neil
Brownlee, Sheila	McHugh, Chloe
Buttanshaw, Jessica	Meijer, Daniel
Byrne, Jennifer	Mills, Laura
Campbell, Graham	Moran, Colm
Campbell, Lee	Mulhere, Kira
Carey, Robyn	Murphy, Finn
Carney, Ellen	Murphy, Lynn
Carson, Robert	Naylor, Aisling
Clarke, Daniel	Nugent, Maoliosa
Cosgrove, David	O'Brien, Eiméar
Cosgrove, Kate	O'Brien, Katie
Cripps, Amy	O'Byrne, Eva
Daley, Megan	O'Byrne, Ronan
Deane, Alex	O'Donnell, Rona
Deering, Paul	O'Donoghue, Shane
Dempsey, Seraphim	O'Leary, Niall
Dennis, Patrick	O'Leary-Watson, Ella
Deverell, Amy	O'Marcaigh, Kate
Dolan, Naoise	Ó Néill, Cian
Downey, Christopher	O'Reilly, Shane
Doyle, Jack	O'Rourke, Emma
Drakeford, Christopher	Patterson, Jessica
Dunleavy, Emily	Pearson, Laura
Dwyer, Emmet	Quirke, Sarah
Emo, Robert	Rayner, Megan
Esghyer, Sammi	Reina, Aisling
Farrell, Julie	Richardson, Mollie-Kate
Farrell, Ryan	Rogan, Cliona
Farrell, Sandra	Roseingrave, Eve
Forsythe, Laura	Ryan, Nicola
Foster, Patrick	Sadlier, James
Gallagher, Troy	Sargeant, Jessica
Gamble, Geoff	Sheehan, Keri
Gaynor, Mark	Sleator, Clodagh
Halpin Duffy, Rose	Smith, Diarmuid
Harman Conlon, Samuel	Smyth, Matthew
Harrison, Pdraig	Spoor, Catriona
Hogg, Emma	Spray, Rachael
Hughes, Alan	Stein, Andrew
Jackson, Simon	Stevenson, Ian
Jones, Daniel	Sweetnam, Maeve
Kapoor, Dhruv	Swords, Mark
Keating, Sarah	Sykes, Michael
Keleghan, Mark	Twamley Levins, Aislinn
Kennedy, Joshua	Warren, Seán
Keogh, Jennifer	Watts, Stephen
Kirwan, Ryan	Weekes, Alan
Lee, Sophie	Whelan, Dean
Leith, Michael	White, Eleanor
Lim, Sean-Tee	Whooley, Shane
Linehan, Daniel	Wiler, Joshua
Lowther, Ronan	Wilson, Patrick
Lucas, Sarah	Wynne, Stefanie
Lynch, Megan	Young, Alan
Macken, Hugh	

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2011

Acheson, Zoe	Jordan, Gráinne
Adams, Rupert	Kavanagh, Feargal
Adye Curran, Patrick	Kavanagh, Zephán
Ayeva, Samira	Keane, Annie
Baker Kerrigan, Kyrie	Keary, Seán
Baker, Shannon	Keating, Sam
Baldwin, Heather	Kehoe-Roche, John
Bannister, Luke	Kenna, Áine
Barrett, Eva	Kennedy, Cormac
Barry, Luke	Kennedy, Craig
Bevan, Chloe	Kinch, Karl
Beverland, Robert	Kinlan, Alison
Bismilla, Richard	Lahiff, Caroline
Bradish, Justin	Laycock, Jamie
Brennan, Emer	Lodola, Alex
Brennan, Maebh	MacManus, Fionn
Brown, Sam	MacWilliam, Amy
Browning, Tim	Maguire, Katie
Burke, Andrew	Manning, Andrew
Butler, Emma	Mawhinney, Ruth
Byrne, Amy	McAuley-Doherty, Jenny
Byrne, Jack	McAvinue, Danny
Byrne, Megan	McBride, Daniel
Campbell, Peter	McCann, Adam
Carney, Ailbhe	McCarthy, Grace
Carson, Sarah	McElvaney, Ben
Casey, Daven	McGinley, Clodagh
Christle, James	McLaughlin Callan, Ruby
Christodoulides, Conor	McLoughlin, Robert
Connell, Ruth	McQuaid, Sara
Connolly, Ross	Mollereau-Campbell, Victoria
Cooper, Jessica	Morris, Jamie
Daly, Lorcan	Mulhere, Sarah
Darragh, Laoise	Murphy, Emma
Deering, John	Murphy, Gavin
Delaney, Mark	Murphy, John
Dolan, Mike	Naidu, Reshaylia
Donnelly, Abigail	Naylor, Donal
Donnelly, Joe	Neenan, Tim
Dooley, Ross	O'Brien, Jamie
Dowling, Laura	O'Brien, Julie
Doyle, Chloe	O'Connor, Meg
Drennan, Matthew	O'Donnell, Grace
Dunleavy, Robert	O'Hare, Patrick
Edgeworth, Ken	O'Leary, Nathanael
Evans, Ryan	O'Raw, Siorcha
Farrell, Naoise	O'Reilly, Cassia
Faust, Oisín	O'Reilly, Gráinne
Feely, Ciara	Quirke, Dylan
Finn, Ann-Marie	Rankin, Laura
Fleming, Catherine	Reichental, Zoe
Forde-Morrin, Saoirse	Ryan, Andrew
Fox, Sarah	Ryan, Mark
Gray, Suzanne	Shanley-Mee, Seán
Harrington, Shane	Sheridan, Jack
Harris, Paul	Smart, Zoe
Hayden, Robin	Snodgrass, Darren
Heaton, Laura	Stewart, Julianne
Hebblethwaite, Niamh	Stitt, Robert
Higgins, Daragh	Swanwick, John
Holder, Daniel	Sweetnam, Hugh
Howard, David	Taylor, Jack
Howell, Andrew	Tobin, Cian
Hudson, Lauren	Tully, Hannah
Jackson, Lauren	Walsh, Jack
Johnson, Stephanie	Webster, Emma
Jones, Tim	Whelan, Grace

CAREER PROJECT AWARD

Lorcan won first place in the Transition Year category of the National Career Skills Competition 2011 for his outstanding study on nursing. For this, he received an Apple iPad, and €1,000. The prize was presented by Sean Sherlock TD. Well done Lorcan!



MR P IRWIN, LORCAN O' BYRNE, 5M AND MRS T JONES.



RESHAYLIA NAIDU, 4G.

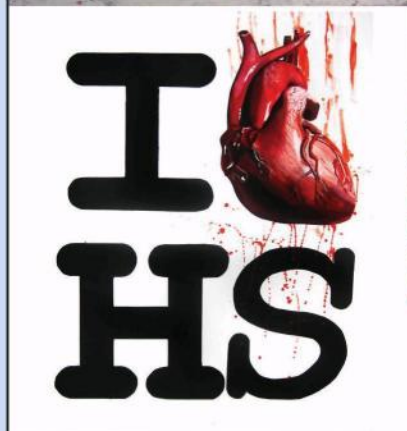


JOHN DEERING, 4M.



SARAH MULHERE, 4M.

CONOR SEXTON,
6CW.



KENNETH MASON, 6CW.



PETER FLAHERTY, 5MB.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR ART PRIZE WINNERS



SLAPPIN' DA BASS.



A TRUE GENTLEMAN.

Mock Election



EVERY VOTE COUNTS.



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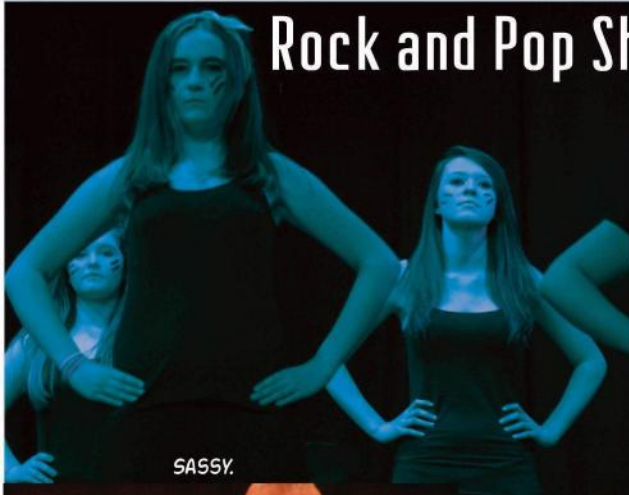


AWAITING THE PAPERS TO COME IN.



MAKING THE ALL IMPORTANT DECISION.

Rock and Pop Show



SASSY.



ACOUSTIC SESH.



A SOULFUL BALLAD.



THE LADS ROCKIN' OUT.



GIMME DAT FUNKY BEAT!



A STERLING PERFORMANCE AT THE ROCK POP SHOW.



Library Christmas Art Competition

This year the competition revolved around the theme of "Love came down at Christmas", the first line of a well-known carol. The winners were as follows: Most Original Entry – Evan Cooper (2G); Nearest to the theme – Jack Scollard (2G); Most Artistic – Melanie O'Donovan (1B); and Best Drawing – Marie-Augustine Daillet (1C).

Congratulations to those who entered the competition.

Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal

Mr Barry and Mr Irwin ran the Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal with a group of 4th year students. The aim of this project is to give a gift filled shoe box to children in poorer countries. This shoe box is possibly the only gift these children will receive this Christmas. The group of Transition Year students promoted this project during assembly. They also advertised it in the weekly newsletter and through regular classroom announcements.

The group took a trip to the Team Hope warehouse in Sandyford. Here the team were split into groups. Some of the tasks carried out at the warehouse were to check that each box had the correct money, the boxes were checked for things that were not suitable for the children or export (e.g. toy guns, liquids etc.). After that the half filled boxes were combined to make up full boxes.

Then the boxes were sent to quality control where they were inspected and sealed. The boxes were then packed into larger boxes, sealed and stacked. The large boxes were now ready to be taken by the truck to the airport.

The boxes from The High School were sent to Africa. The Transition Year team would like to thank all who supported this project.

Nathanael O'Leary, 4F.

CAROL SERVICE



THE ORCHESTRA.



IT'S ABOUT TO GET VIOLINT.



CIARA AND LISA SINGING.



EVAN BURROWES READING.



2ND YEARS AT THE CAROL SERVICE.



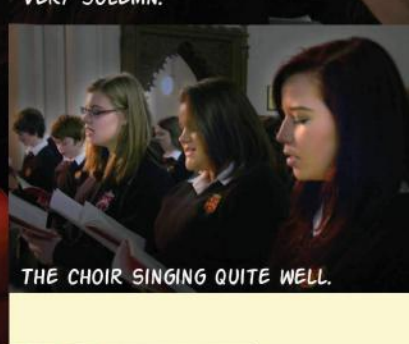
VERY SOLEMN.



A READER.



SUPER BASS.



THE CHOIR SINGING QUITE WELL.



FROM THE ARCHIVES:
THE COVER OF 'RED
& BLACK' MAGAZINE
FROM 1894, A PRE-
CURSOR OF THE
ERASMIAN, ALL HAND
WRITTEN AND HAND
DRAWN.

SPRING TERM
JAN - MARCH



Term Two

CHARLES DICKEN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY WAS CELEBRATED



HSD GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS TRAVELLED TO ITALY TO VIEW THE WONDERS OF THE ITALIAN LAND



A watercolor illustration of a superhero character in a red suit and mask, flying through a blue sky with clouds. The character is holding a red heart. In the background, there is a yellow building and a green landscape.

A DAY WAS CELEBRATED

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CHARLES DICKENS

The anniversary of Charles Dickens' 200th birthday was celebrated in the library in February this year. There was a large range of entertainment provided using the dramatic arts; exciting quizzes, and of course the eloquent and incisive words of Charles Dickens himself. Everyone was warmly welcomed to the library to experience the wonderful world of English literature for themselves.

We would like to thank Mrs King for her hard work in helping us to launch this project.

*Ella Schmidt, 1R,
and Sorcha Ni Neill, 1MC.*



MRS KING WITH ALL-OF-'ER PALS.



CHECK YO'SELF.



MAN VS CANDLE: A
BATTLE OF WITS.



SLEEPING ON THE JOB.



FARMER LAD.



A WEDDING FOR THE AGES.



MULTITASKING.



CAKE.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

From the 3rd to the 5th of February I attended the European Youth Parliament (EYP) Leinster Regional Conference which took place in St Michael's College. EYP is designed to actively involve young people in the workings of society. It encourages independent and socio-political thinking and facilitates the learning of crucial social and professional skills. Today EYP is one of the largest platforms for political debate, intercultural encounters, and the exchange of ideas among young people in Europe.

During the three-day long conference I actively participated in a variety of activities. On Friday evening we had team building as a committee. Saturday morning saw the Opening Ceremony, where the session was officially opened by the Board; made up of the president and three vice presidents. We then started our

committee work where we discussed the topic of our resolution with the aim of finding the best solution. After a long day of arguing and debating we got to loosen up during the session disco where everyone was dressed as explorers (including pirates, conquistadors and Dora). Sunday was dedicated to the General Assembly. Each committee's resolution was debated upon by the other committees and was ultimately passed or failed.

Looking back I realize that a lot more happened than just writing a resolution and debating it. On Friday I met my fellow committee members; teenagers with completely different interests, opinions, lives and friends. Our only connection was that we had all chosen the same topic to work on and all I could think was, "How in the world are we ever going to be able to



agree on anything? Let alone write a resolution together?" However, after just a few hours of spending time together, we turned into a team and got to know each other better than we ever imagined we could.

This was my first ever EYP session and was one of the most unique and special experiences I have ever had. Sometimes I feel frustrated, like there is no hope, that the world will always be segregated and divided and there is nothing I can do about it. EYP proved me wrong.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Keegan, who signed me up for EYP, and everyone involved in organising EYP and making it such an enjoyable experience.

Jordan Shaibe, 4HE.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT
PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN DES JEUNES
ÉIRE IRELAND

LEAVING CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO ITALY



REMAINS OF POMPEII - MOUNT VESUVIUS IN THE BACKGROUND.



GROUP AT SOLFATERA - A VOLCANIC CRATER IN SOUTHERN ITALY.



SEA STACKS OFF THE ISLAND OF CAPRI.

On Saturday, 11th of February Mr Rankin, Ms Wilson and Ms Fallon departed to Rome with 17 students from 5th and 6th Year on an early morning flight. When we arrived we stopped at Herculaneum – a city which was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. Seeing the completely preserved city was extremely impressive.

After that we drove to our hotel in Sorrento and checked in.

The next day we went to the Solfatara crater where we were met with the fumes of the sulphur leaking from cracks in the ground called fumaroles and hot, bubbling mud pools. The tour guide had us jump and throw boulders at the ground to feel the ground vibrate under our feet and to hear how hollow it was where the magma chamber was. Some areas had only 10m of thin resistive crust between the surface and the magma beneath. Our next stop was the Olive Grove and we were shown the olive oil production and how mozzarella cheese is made. We then got to sample the cheese on a homemade pizza. For dessert we got chocolate pizzas which were a delightful treat.

That night there were terrible thunder storms and even snow, which was the first time in 27years it had snowed and the local Italians weren't used to it. On the third day we went to Pompeii to see the interesting and fascinating sights of the city that were destroyed by Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. Because of the snow we could not climb Mount Vesuvius and instead we took the Hydrofoil to the island of Capri where we ate expensive but delicious ice cream and watched the lovely cliff views and Amalfi coastline. On the last day we went to Rome to see the Colosseum and other historic landmarks.

It was a truly brilliant experience and was a very practical way of studying for the Leaving Certificate geography course. On behalf of everyone who got to experience this once in a lifetime opportunity we would like to say a big thank you to Ms Wilson, Ms Fallon and Mr Rankin for organising the trip and opening our eyes to the wonders of Italy.

*Ciara Green, 5DM,
Ella Furey, 5CW,
and Lili Nolan, 5RM.*

FAIRY TAIL

By Orla Perdue, 2G

Once upon a time a fairy was born like every other week but this fairy was different, she was born with a tail. Baby Lucinda didn't mind her tail but everyone else did. All the mothers were concerned about her and so-called friends made fun of her. They laughed and jeered at her and when they were older sneered things like "If she were any good at magic she would enchant the tail away." While Lucinda wasn't very good at magic, her mother had taken her to the best enchantress in the land but even she couldn't get rid of the tail.

So Lucinda grew up hating her tail more and more with each taunt until one day she had enough. It was a Wednesday, eighteen years after Lucinda had

been born. The insults were no worse than normal but something inside Lucinda just snapped. She couldn't take it anymore and she didn't have to. She was old enough to leave home and live her own life. Lucinda ran home and grabbed her wand, some food and a blanket. She only stopped to leave a note for her mother, the only one who didn't pity her because she of her tail. Lucinda set up camp in the enchanted forest. She tried to magic up a shelter but - as per usual - her wand had failed and instead of a tent, she made a big dent in the ground. Lucinda sat in the dent and fumed at herself "why did she never complete magic college? Why did she run away completely unprepared? Why..." She stopped. There twenty feet above her was a baby bird teetering on the edge of its nest. It was going to fall. "Good." Lucinda thought bitterly "Too many birds anyway." The bird fell, letting out a single high pitched chirp. Lucinda couldn't sit and watch. She forgot her own troubles and dived to catch the baby bird.

Sitting on the soft green moss holding the tiny bird all the anger and bitterness fell away-as if the ground had sucked it out of her- and Lucinda returned to her calm and thoughtful self. She got out her wand and enchanted the bird to float up to its nest. She was standing directly under it in case it should fall but it didn't.

Also in the forest that day - undergoing a similar experience- was Prince Aivery, trying get away from the taunts of his brother. He heard a high pitched peep and ran toward it. He saw Lucinda looking calm and beautiful with a wild rose in her hair. The prince feeling confident in the serenity of the forest walked up to her and introduced himself. Lucinda almost fell down. The moment the prince had stepped out, she had caught her foot under the root of a tree. This was not the kind of thing you could explain to the man second in line to rule Nelther Land! Prince Aivery rushed over to help her. Her ankle was badly sprained so the prince insisted on carrying her back to his castle, despite Lucinda's protest. With her arms around his neck, Lucinda was carried by the future ruler of Nelther Land and with each step she knew she loved him. Prince Aivery was the same. He promised her to marry him someday. They

courted for over a year and Lucinda loved him more and more however there was a little thought niggling at the back of her mind, the tail. She hated it, everyone else hated it and she was sure Aivery would too. On a summer night - exactly a year after they met - Prince Aivery finally fulfilled his promise to himself. "Will you marry me?" Lucinda almost said yes. She loved Aivery and he loved her. He could give her and was everything she had ever wanted, but she had a tail. Things were different when you had a tail. "I have to tell him," she thought "I can't just say no and leave without giving an explanation." Yes I'll tell him and he'll be horrified and banish me to the forest or something. But she could live with that, just knowing she hadn't hurt Aivery. "There's something I have to tell you" whispered Lucinda "What is it my darling?" questioned the prince. Lucinda's eyes started to well up. "I know I should have told you earlier... But I..." She bit back a sob "I have a tail." Lucinda shut her eyes and waited for his anger. When nothing happened she slowly opened her eyes. She saw Aivery standing in front of her smiling with something that looked like relief in his eyes. "No it couldn't be relief," she thought. "Must be, I don't know hate? Malice?" Her eyes were full of tears after all. She wiped her eyes. Yes it was relief but "Why?" As if Aivery could read her mind he spoke. "Oh heavens be praised! I thought you were breaking up with me! "Why?" Asked Lucinda. "Because" Aivery looking a little sheepish "I have a tail too!" Aivery grabbed her and twirled her around. "So?" He asked, "Will you marry me?" "YES!" Lucinda cried "So you don't think it's horrible that I have a tail?" asked Aivery smiling. "Of course not! Do you hate mine?" Aivery laughed "No!" They were married one month later and because his brother moved to Cerecuse, Aivery became king and Lucinda his queen. They grew old and had two beautiful tailed children. They lived happily ever after, safe in the knowledge that from then on all fairy tales accepted fairies with tails!

The End

PUPPETS



MORWENNA GENTILE.

HARRY JONES.



EMMA FEELY.



LIZZY MCGUINNESS.



AOIFE MORONEY.

PUPPETS MADE FOR THE LEAVING CERT CRAFT EXAM 2012, BASED ON THE THEME 'AN INSECT'.

On Friday the 24th of February, The High School arrived at Wesley College for another MUN conference. At this conference The High School was representing Morocco, Australia and the UAE. The topics up for debate included killing of outlaws in cold blood, the power of oil companies, bio-terrorism in food, and the rights for females from infancy. The security council took a trip to the Dun Laoghaire Town Council buildings for their last resolution.

So after a long weekend of trying to destroy the Aran islands and sending chickens to the moon, The High School was outstanding once again with Laura Burns, Lia McCann and Zoe Dolan all being awarded distinguished delegates in their committees.

Nathanael O'Leary, 4F.



ROB STYLES AND LIA MCCANN ADDRESSING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.



SIOBHAN PARKINSON SPEAKING TO FIRST YEARS.

Siobhán Parkinson has written over twenty fiction novels since 1992 for children, young people and adults.

She has been shortlisted nine times for the Bisto Book of the Year Award and has won it on one occasion. She has received the Bisto Merit and Honour Book awards four times, two IBBY Honours, many White Ravens, and most recently, an Oireachtas award.



GETTING THEIR GROOVE ON.

Cad is brí le hÉire? Faoi láthair, tá muintir na hÉireann gaolmhar le cultúr beoga: spórt, ceol, rince agus go háirithe, an teanga. Creidim go cuid dár n-oidhreacht í an Ghaeilge. Is teanga ársa, saibhir í. Inniu, tá Gaeilge an-taitneamhach le foghlaim mar gheall ar TG4 agus daoine cáiliúla ar nós Des Bishop. Deirtear go bhfuil gaelscoileanna ag méadú chomh maith agus mar gheall ar na cúiseanna seo, tá athbheochan ag teacht. Ba chóir dúinn ár dteanga agus ár gcultúr a cheiliúradh i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Is Éireannach mé agus tá mé bródúil as sin.

Lisa Doyle, 5RM.

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE



SUSANNA WYSE JACKSON. RINCE ÁLAINN SA HALLA AN REYNOLD.



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GAVIN ROTHWELL. A RIGHT SPORTING LAD.

THRILLS AND SPILLS WITH MS BERGIN'S HOME ECONOMICS



ED APRONS IN THE MIX 2K12.



TIMOTHY HARDING, 5BK
AND NIAMH SMITH, 5CW.



ANDREW
MOONEY, 5CW
AND JOHN LOVE,
5GF.



MARIANNE
MCCLAFFERTY, 5BK
AND KAMALA
FALKINER, 5MB.



WESLEY BISHOP,
5GF AND CHLOE
DEACON, 5BK.



MEGAN CREATING
A CUTE
COLOURFUL
CATERPILLER
CUSHION.



DEARBHLA
MAKING A
CUSHION.



ANDREW
MOONEY, MAKE
ME A SAMMICH!



ELLA AND
REBEKAH
FINISHING OFF A
VERY
SUCCESSFUL
JAM.



MARK SMYTH,
1W.



LAUREN STYLES,
1B.



AMY BOWKER,
1MC.



CIA MCELVEEN-WALSH, 1W.

COOK'S CORNER

Sultry Brownies

(aka an Oreo inside a cookie and brownie)

First of all preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4. Line a 25cm square baking tin with greaseproof paper.

Cookie Layer:

Ingredients

- 225 g butter, softened
- 200 g white sugar
- 220 g packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 10 ml vanilla extract
- 375 g all-purpose flour
- 5 g baking soda
- 10 ml hot water
- 3 g salt
- 335 g chocolate chips
- 1 packet of Double Stuffed Oreo Cookies

Directions

Cream together the butter, white sugar, and brown sugar until smooth. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Dissolve baking soda in hot water. Add to batter along with salt. Stir in flour, chocolate chips. Place your cookie mix one layer on the baking tin. Place Double Stuffed Oreos in lines over the the layer of cookie.

Brownie Layer:

Ingredients

- 250g unsalted butter
- 200g dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids), broken up
- optional: 75g dried sour cherries and/or walnuts
- 80g cocoa powder, sifted
- 65g plain flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 360g caster sugar
- 4 large free-range or organic eggs

Directions

In a large bowl over some simmering water, melt the butter and the chocolate and mix until smooth. Add the cherries and nuts, if you're using them, and stir together. In a separate bowl, mix together the cocoa powder, flour, baking powder and sugar, then add this to the chocolate, cherry and nut mixture. Stir together well. Beat the eggs and mix in until you have a silky consistency. Pour the brownie mix on top of the layer of cookie and oreo.

Leave in oven for
20 - 25 minutes.

Enjoy ;)



MACBETH

THURSDAY 15TH MARCH

In October we were told that there would be a trip in March to the Civic Theatre, Tallaght to watch a performance of Macbeth by The Second Age Theatre Company. Although the performance seemed very far-off, before we knew it, March had arrived. On Thursday the 15th, four Forms took their seats in the theatre just as the curtain opened to a slow-motion fight scene with Radiohead's "Videotape" playing in the background. This timeless classic can be difficult to follow at the best of times, yet the actors performed in such a way that we were all able to follow the plot. The witches prophesy that Macbeth will be made King of Scotland. Although Macbeth is reluctant about this, his wife desires the kingship for him and wants him to murder Duncan (the current king)

in order to obtain it. The result is a blood soaked story of revenge and thirst for power in which Donalbain so rightly sums up "There's daggers in men's smiles" emphasising the betrayal between the characters. The small cast of eleven were excellent actors. Battle scenes were vivid and believably violent, with a plentiful supply of red sand used instead of blood. A unique feature of the play was the entrance of the characters into a scene; they did not simply appear but posed in the wings before entering in slow motion.

Overall, it was a highly enjoyable trip and we would like to thank the teachers involved for taking the time to organise it.

Aisling O'Reilly, 5RM.



FRENCH QUIZ

VENREDI LE 23 MARS, QUATRE ÉTUDIANTS - ZAK MILOFSKY, MEGAN QUIREY, AISLING REILLY ET ABBY SCHMIDT ONT ASSISTÉ À UN QUIZ ORGANISÉ PAR L'ASSOCIATION DES PROFESSEURS DE FRANÇAIS À L'ALLIANCE FRANÇAIS. Mlle STEVENSON A ACCOMPAGNÉ L'ÉQUIPE.

C'ÉTAIT UNE TRÈS BONNE SOIRÉE AVEC BEAUCOUP DE CONCURRENCE! LES QUESTIONS ÉTAIENT SUR LA FRANCE ET LA LANGUE FRAN AISE, NOUS ÉTIONS TRÈS CONTENTS PARCE-QUE NOUS AVONS ÉTÉ QUATRIÈME.

MEGAN QUIREY, 5DM.

Helen Kane

My name is Gavin, and I have had the privilege and pleasure of knowing Helen since day one of my 5 years in High School. Every single time I talked to Helen there was a smile on her face. The joy she shared with people was like glue; it stuck with you. In the midst of a bad day, her ever-present cheerfulness was all you needed to put a smile back on your face. Every moment that I engaged with Helen, always resulted in some sort of light hearted banter. It was this mix of joy, humour and kindness that made her the life and soul of High School.

Helen was so much fun to be around. A dull moment was never to be found when she was close by. Lots, and I mean lots, of fun was enjoyed when we were graced by her presence. She herself had fun in whatever she did, and others shared in this fun when they joined in with her. Helen loved practical jokes. She particularly liked sharing these jokes in Library, where she was so highly regarded by all her library pals. One dull winter's morning, some unsuspecting students and the Chief Librarian were opening the school library. Upon unlocking the door in the midst of the dim light, much to our shock we noticed what we thought was a human like figure sitting comfortably in the Chief Librarian's chair. Immediately the lights were turned on, to discover what had happened. With trousers and a jumper sellotaped into place, and a balloon sitting at the top of the chair for his head, the chair was then strategically turned around so that at first glance one might be led to believe that the Library's night porter had been sitting, locked in the building all night. Never for a second were we unsure of who had done this, we knew immediately that it was our pal Helen. The Librarian and I still haven't gotten over the shock of opening up on that memorable day!

Helen was also a photographer; she was always ready with her camera to snap up a few shots. In actual fact Helen had a fondness of finding the most embarrassing photos of people that she had taken and then keeping them. Just when you thought you were safe, a dangerously embarrassing photo would be strategically placed on the wall of the Library, often referred to as the wall of fame.

Before the Christmas Holidays, I was aware of a noticeable lack of mistletoe in the Library this year. The Chief Librarian (or CL) conveniently informed me that last year's piece had gotten lost. I then mentioned this issue of importance to Helen and without saying anything else; I left her to conjure up a plan. So on the

final day of the Christmas term, when we opened up the Library in the morning, there above the Chief Librarian's chair was a tremendous piece of mistletoe dangling from the roof, with sparkling tinsel attached of course. This proved quite a stir in the Library that morning, and I daren't mention what happened under that festive plant, for fear of embarrassing The CL and other members of staff.

Helen was a terrific person for encouraging people. She never put anyone down, or spoke down to anybody. It was this attitude that made it impossible for anyone to not be cheered up by her smile. She uplifted everybody that spoke with her. Students were in awe of how she could be so positive all the time, and singing her praises about how she was the smiler in residence in the school.

To say that Helen lived life to the full would be an understatement! Raring with energy and enthusiasm, she was always ready to lend a hand to whatever needed to be done. She was a perfect example of how to mix working diligently with having a real laugh too. I believe the awesome gusto that Helen approached life with should be adopted by us all, as a testament of what an incredible person she was. Helen Kane has left an outstanding legacy, which goes to show how she lived life as it should be, lived to the absolute max.

Needless to say there are just so many more attributes that Helen possessed, I think I'd need to write for days in order to pay just tribute to them all.

Helen brought laughter and smiles to the multitudes, and I hope many will still feel her warmth and kindness through the people that knew her. Her family should be immensely proud of her, and I thank them for letting us share what Helen had to offer to our lives. I am so grateful for having an opportunity to know Helen, as she has impacted my life and many, many others around me also. She was a blessing to my life and the life of The High School.

I think if we were to all remember Helen's motto of 'keep smiling', we as individuals, our school and our world would be a much brighter, better place, thanks to our pal Helen.

Gavin Rothwell, 5CW

HELEN, FRIEND & COLLEAGUE

Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright, Helen you were the sunshine of each day.
The echo of 'Good morning The High School' - so bright will always remain.
The Library committee cheered with delight on special days
When camera clicked - then photos hung over my head
Laughter - how we laughed together - the fun
Do trees remember who pass under? Zion Road the waiting walnut tree,
Helen you were the special friend of each day - your smile so bright.
The gentleness of Heaven is on the sea - The Forty-Foot, Sandycove, Dun Laoghaire Pier.
Your love for each day - sweet day, sea waves, Curracloe beach,
Footprints in the sand walking into the unknown.
You made this world a better place.
It was wonderful to have such a special and treasured friend.

Valerie King, Librarian.



HELEN

I went for an interview in High School on the day the school was breaking up for Christmas Holidays in 1999. I was welcomed by a young lady and brought into the waiting room. I remember thinking to myself 'what a lovely friendly girl!'. It was Helen. She had only joined a month previous. That first impression never dimmed or diminished over the twelve years we worked together.

Helen cycled in every morning to school and home again in the evenings. Never mind what the weather was like! She would

sometimes have to defrost her fingers and toes when she arrived in! While we were sitting in traffic along the Dodder Road you could see Helen coming along on the cycle path, wearing that distinctive orange jacket! She would always give you a big wave if she saw you.

We enjoyed that first cup of coffee in the morning. First one in would make sure the kettle was on! We also enjoyed the mornings after the Board Meetings. Sometimes sandwiches were left over which John very thoughtfully would bring over to the office. I would get the nod from Helen that 'brekkie was served' and we would all mill into those delicious sandwiches, blissfully ignoring the fact that some of them were a little dried out and curling up at the edges!

Helen was the most good-humoured person; I don't think any of us ever saw her in bad form. If she was worried about something you would never know— she just put on a cheery smile and got on with life. Even if she was in the middle of doing something she would stop to help. She was incredibly patient and had time for anyone who called asking for help. Some mornings she wouldn't have had a chance to take her coat off when she would be asked to help clear a jam in one of the photocopyers.

Helen was the voice and face of High School. I have lost count of the number of people who commented on 'that lovely cheerful lady on the phone' when they were transferred to me. She was the first point of contact when parents called into the

school. Everyone received a warm welcome! She looked after the students and nothing was ever too much trouble for her.

I smiled when Gertie her mother in law, recalled Helen and the toast. Helen took the later lunch and sometimes we would be coming back up the stairs to the office after lunch when we would get a very strong smell of burning toast....! We would find Helen hanging out the window with a smoking toaster in her hand — desperately trying to prevent the fire alarm from going off, though she wasn't always so successful! One morning just as the Leaving Cert and Junior Cert exams were due to start, Helen decided to put on some toast. This time the fire alarm did go off. Helen and Debbie had to run like mad down to both the exam halls to let the superintendents know it was okay!

Helen was so involved in all aspects of school life:

- She was responsible for all the office stationery and requisites.
- She helped organise the Junior Cert Party with the Parents' Association.
- She was the point of contact when the 'Book People' called.
- She presented the Leaving Certificate results with Debbie when the students called to collect them on Leaving Cert Results Day. Always at the ready with the tissues!
- She substituted at very short notice to go on a school trip to Slovenia when one of the participating teachers became ill. On that trip a couple of the girls were homesick as it was their first trip away. Helen made sure to take them under her wing — they enjoyed the trip so much so they didn't want to go home at the end!
- She was a participant in the Winter Charity Swim in mid December every year in the 40 Foot, along with Transition Year students and other members of staff. Even the year previous when we had the coldest winter ever, was not enough to deter them. Donations went to St Luke's Hospital. Sometimes it was so frosty and the ground was so cold under their feet that the water almost felt warm in comparison.
- Helen was the special photographer for all the events happening in the Library.
- She assisted Valerie King and Pat Saville with the distribution of prize letters and book tokens for the annual prize giving.
- She would always help prepare for the Board and Management Meetings. Helped too at our Christmas reception in the staff room.
- Helen was fun but more importantly

funny and often mischievous, often playing small practical jokes on all of us to put us in a better mood. The office, of course always maintained the highest professional outward appearance but it was a place that was fun for us because of her. She always had a humorous spin on whatever woes we were going through work wise, never moaning (too much) about the thousands of envelopes to stuff, her super slow then super fast computer, the endless lost locker keys or confiscated phones. Her solution to these and other problems was best illustrated by Christmas in the office when it simply exploded with tinsel, making sure nobody got too stressed over the holidays.

• She also kept Sellotape in business! If any parcel needed to be wrapped — Helen was your girl. Not one little centimetre of brown paper would be left untouched.

• Helen was well known for her love of perfume. Her favourite was Eternity. She would often 'test' perfumes when visiting Boots chemist in Nutgrove on her lunch break, and arrive back to school in a cloud of lovely perfume, though some times she might have been a little over zealous with the spray!

Scouting was a big part of Helen's life too.

Valerie O'Keeffe was a great friend of Helen's and a fellow scout leader. I asked Valerie about Helen's time in the Scouts. On behalf of Valerie and the 146th Firhouse Cub Pack here is a little resumé about Helen's involvement in the scouts:

- Helen volunteered to assist as a Cub Leader in 2004 with the 146th Firhouse Cub Pack when an appeal went out for new leaders to the parents. It was the first indication of that part of her nature to help people as much as possible — if she could. Helen quickly became a major influence thought the section. She soon became Group Leader.
- She loved Cubs and the cubs loved her.
- The whirlwind of her enthusiasm, positive attitude and genuine friendship was infectious to all who had the pleasure of her leadership. She was a friend to all. When Helen discovered she could also light fires and burn things, it was a match made in Heaven! Though she didn't drink much tea or coffee she would always have the kettle on the fire as it was an excuse to keep the fire going.
- Whether it was high diving off the pier in Carlingford, burning the last log in Larch Hill or singing the 'Poor meat ball' at campfire our memory will always include her smile, gentle tone, and the devilment in her eyes!
- She was also presented with the Meritorious Award by The Scouts Association of Ireland in 2006, just two years after joining!
- Her ability to be a friend, leader, mother, nurse and confidante to the children under her care made her an exemplary role model to those in her charge.
- Her passing has only highlighted how much she influenced all in the 146th Firhouse Group and we regret we never will have the opportunity to thank her for all she did.

What did Helen not do?

She didn't do baking! On a special occasion some time ago Helen presented us with this beautiful homemade chocolate cake. We couldn't believe it — it was so delicious! We were even asking for the recipe! We laughed when she told us who the real baker was Trish Bergin, the Head of our Home Economics Department!

Most importantly Helen was a great colleague and a wonderful friend to us all — of that there is no doubt.

She touched so many lives in such a very positive way.

*Jeanne Sadlier,
Principal's Secretary.*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Every year 4th Year students do three weeks Work Experience, one in November and two in March. Here Laura Rankin tells us about her week working in Google.

GOOGLE WORK EXPERIENCE 2012

As a transition year student, being able to experience working life outside the classroom is one of the most useful and worthwhile opportunities during the year.

My first two weeks of work experience were at an outside broadcast company and on a farm in Cork, but I was lucky enough to complete my third and final week of placement at Google Ireland. As Google is a huge multinational company it was quite daunting becoming one of their 2500 employees for the week! I was unsure as to what exactly I would be doing, but it all became clear on the first day. I was working with the Google shopping team carrying out various tasks and assignments each day. Some of the assignments were feedback based while others were more practical. During these I was lent a smart phone and tab to carry out my work on, as well as a laptop for the week.

I was also in the privileged position of being able to shadow various other teams on their duties around the Google offices. On the first day, I was shown all the security features of Google not only in Ireland, but also across Europe. On the last day, I assisted the kitchen crew on their morning routine in the various buildings, and saw where all the free food came from! These are things that most Google employees don't get to do, which made it even cooler!

At the end of the week, I made a presentation to our team of twenty people about my week and shared my thoughts on Google as a workplace etc. It was only after this that I was really able to take advantage of the fuss ball tables, beanbags, massage chairs and Xboxes that I had been waiting for all week! The happy feeling within the offices really shows through the people working there, not only because of the amazing buildings, but also because of the good work ethics. It is because of this healthy working atmosphere that I loved my time at Google.

Work experience is a unique opportunity to develop work and personal skills that will stay with you for your whole working and personal life.

Laura Rankin, 4F.

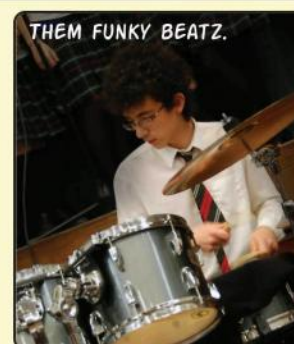
MUSIC IN ASSEMBLY



GREASE IS THE WORD.



ALICE DE FORGE SINGING.



THEM FUNKY BEATZ.



AI SLING ON THE BASS.



VLADIMIR ON VIOLIN.



THE LADS SHREDDING.



BIG VIOLIN.



FRENCH HORNS.



GUITAR IN ASSEMBLY.



ZOE DOLAN ON TUBA.



GIRLS SINGING IN ASSEMBLY.



CONCENTRATING CLARINETTISTS.



ZOE SHIELDS, 5RM.



ANNA MAYS, 2G.



ROBBIE KELLEHER, 2G.



JESSICA MILLER, 2G.



ALISON MOONEY, 2G.



ORLA PERDUE, 2G.



JACK SCOLLARD, 2G.



CIARA DUDLEY, 5CW.



MEGAN QUIREY, 5DM.



EVIE MCCULLOUGH, 5DM.



KATE HUNTER HANLY, 2G.

a unique, beautiful and fun medium of art, which produces a different result each time and is definitely worth the time and effort that they require.

BATIK Batik is the technique of using wax and coloured dyes to create a design on cloth. It was first practiced hundreds of years ago in Java, Indonesia as part of their ancient tradition. Some of the finest batik cloth in the world is still made there today. In Malaysia, batik has become a national identity and flourishes in the arena of fashion where batik attire is worn for both formal and informal occasions. The use of batik has also extended from clothing to everything from home furnishings and table cloths to handmade crafts.

In Java, traditional colours included indigo, dark brown and white. This is due to the fact that the natural dyes that were most commonly available were in indigo and brown which represented the three main Hindu gods Brahma, Vishnu and Siva. Certain Batik patterns were only to be worn by nobility, such as wider stripes or wavy lines of greater width which indicated higher rank. Batik is also practiced in Malaysia, Japan, China, Azerbaijan, India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Nigeria, Senegal and Singapore.

The process to create Batik includes four main processes: waxing, dying, scraping and/or ironing. The design desired is drawn out in pencil on the material first of all and then the cloth can be stretched across and pinned to a wooden rectangular frame. The areas you want to keep white are covered in wax, which then prevents the dye from entering that area of the material. The fabric is then dyed one colour, the areas you want to remain that colour you cover in a layer of wax. This process can be repeated up to eight times using different colours and waxing off those areas to remain that colour, gradually adding darker colours. Colours can also be hand painted, in place of whole dip dyes. The wax can also be cracked, by scrunching up the fabric, which allows some colours to seep through. Creating fine lines and giving a tracery like effect. Finally the wax is either scraped off or ironed off, which melts the wax off. Batik is a

Kate Barrett, 5RM.



AMY CONNOLLY
AND MARIE-
AUGUSTINE
DAILLET.

CONOR TISDALL AND JORDAN PEARLE.

JESSICA SMITH.



ING-MAR LIM,
OWEN DE FORGE.

LIA MCCANN, MEGAN QUIREY, AISLING
REILLY, EIMEAR NÍ BHROIN.



HAYLEY JACKSON, PHILIP HALTON,
FLORENCE BRADISH.

GAVIN ROTHWELL,
WESLEY BISHOP.

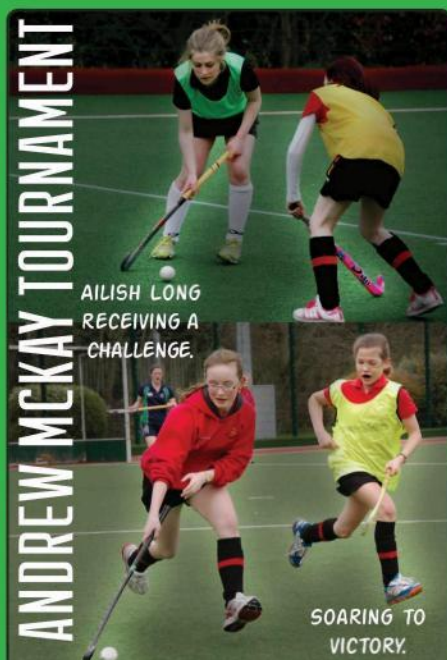
MOCK INTERVIEWS

For a few weeks the Fifth Year forms were preparing for the mock interviews in their careers classes. The mock interviews took place on the evening of Monday, 26th March. They were a great opportunity for all of the Fifth Year students to meet with people who work in careers similar to the ones which the students are interested in and gain some all-important interview experience.

I think I speak for everyone in saying that we all benefitted hugely from our interviews. I should like to pass on our sincere thanks to all who were involved in organising the evening and also to the interviewers who took time out at the end of their working day to work with us. I would recommend all students who take part in the interviews over the next years to be thorough in their preparations and remind them that, as so often with things like this, you will get from it as much as you put into it. "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined, as you simplify your life, the laws of the Universe will be simpler" — Henry David Thoreau.

Raymond Ardill, 5DM.

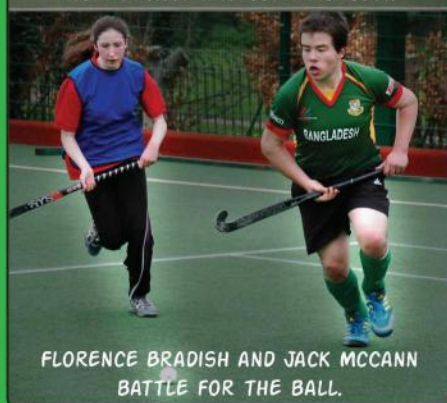
LOLLIPOP DAY



AILISH LONG
RECEIVING A
CHALLENGE.



SOARING TO
VICTORY.



FLORENCE BRADISH AND JACK MCCANN
BATTLE FOR THE BALL.



"SUPPORT OESOPHAGEAL CANCER FUND" - EVERYONE DOWN AT THE LIBRARY.

On Wednesday the 29th we had the honor of inviting Mr Allen Early for World Book Day to talk to us about his new book, "Arthur Quinn and the World Serpent". It's a fantastic adventure book and is now up in the library. If you like stories about giant snakes and Viking gods this book is for you. "Arthur Quinn and the World Serpent" is about a young boy who discovers a big secret underneath the streets of Dublin. He weaves old Viking stories into the modern day world.

Allen Early let us make up our own god and we came up with lots of interesting ideas. He was very inspiring and we really enjoyed his visit. We hope he comes again. Be sure to look out for his next book, I'm sure it will be just as good as this one.

*Ella Schmidt, 1R,
Sorcha Ní Neill, 1MC,
and Abigail Nolan, 1R.*

WORLD BOOK DAY



ALLEN EARLY IN
THE DEMO.



ALLEN EARLY PRESENTS HIS BOOK.

Lollipop Day is an annual event that raises money for the Oesophageal Cancer Fund. The idea is to raise oesophageal cancer awareness and to highlight the association between difficulty swallowing and oesophageal cancer. On this day the Library Committee sold

lollipops and promoted awareness, raising the substantial amount of €500.

Thank you to Mrs King and the committee who organised this charitable event.

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

This year has been a great success for the school orchestra. As it was my first year as orchestral leader I was very excited for the year ahead. The orchestra grows by number every year and this year in particular we saw an enthusiastic group of talented first years join.

We began to rehearse the repertoire for the annual prize giving ceremony every Tuesday after school. As soon as prize giving was over out came the Christmas carols. The carol service and the mince pies in the school are always much anticipated by the orchestra members.

As well as the major performances throughout the year the orchestra also performed several times in assembly.

The high point of the year was definitely in March when the orchestra won the Wesley Feis! This was a great achievement for the orchestra considering there was a record number of schools competing and we also played Dambusters March, the same piece our rivals Wesley College played! Everyone played brilliantly and the win was well deserved. It was also special for me and the other sixth years as it nicely bookended our time in High School, the last time we won the competition being when we were in first year!

We closed the year by performing the Dambusters and a Beatles Medley in the annual summer concert. The year has been a great success for the school orchestra and I've no doubt the year ahead will be just as successful!

Anna Keary, 6NB.



ABOVE: HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA JUNIOR CHAMBER GROUP WHO RECEIVED A HIGHLY COMMENDED IN NEWPARK MUSIC FESTIVAL.

LEFT: FORM 3 MUSIC CLASS WHO WENT ON A TRIP TO SEE THEIR SET WORKS IN THE NATIONAL CONCERT HALL THIS YEAR.

DIE BERLINER REISE VON NIAL ALSAFI

Am 28. März 2012 bin ich mit meinen Klassenkameraden nach Berlin gefahren. Die Reise war spannend und informativ. Meine Deutschkenntnisse sind jetzt viel besser als vorher.

Am ersten Tag haben wir eine kurze Tour durch Berlin gemacht. Es war sehr interessant und gut. Dieser Tag hat sehr lang gedauert weil wir um vier Uhr Morgens aufgestanden sind.

Am zweiten Tag haben wir ein Museum besucht. Am Abend sind wir Bowling gegangen. Es machte viel Spaß.

Am dritten Tag haben wir den Reichstag gesehen und wir sind in die KaDeWe gegangen. Das ist ein grosses teureres Kaufhaus. Ich habe viele Geschenke gekauft. Am Abend haben wir den Fernsehturm besucht. Es war unglaublich gut!

Am vierten Tag sind wir nach Potsdam gefahren. Wir sind schwimmen gegangen. Es war affengeil! Am Abend sind wir ins Kino gegangen. Wir haben "Die Frau in Schwarz" gesehen. Es war unheimlich komisch!!

Am letzten Tag waren wir sehr traurig denn es war der letzte Tag. Wir sind nach Checkpoint Charlie gegangen. Es hat lange gedauert aber es hat sich gelohnt.

Jeden Abend haben wir in einem kleinen Restaurant in der Nähe von unserem Hotel gegessen. Das Essen war unheimlich lecker.

Ich hatte eine Menge Spaß während dieser Reise und Alles hat sehr gut für uns geklappt. Ich lernte eine Menge neue Information. Ich freue mich schon auf der nächsten Reise.

Vielen Dank Lehrer!!

GERMAN PRESENTATIONS



A RIVETING PRESENTATION.



SPEAKING ABOUT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE.



READING ALOUD.

OUR GROUP THAT WENT ON THE TRIP TO GERMANY IN FEBRUARY STARTED WORKING ON OUR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS WHEN WE ARRIVED BACK IN DUBLIN. THE IDEA WAS TO CHOOSE A TOPIC THAT HAD INTERESTED US WHILE IN BERLIN. WHEN THE PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED WE HAD TO PRESENT THEM IN THE LIBRARY FOR SEVERAL TEACHERS INCLUDING MR FORREST AND MRS KING. PRIZES WERE AWARDED FOR THE TOP THREE PROJECTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK MS HORAN AND MR GILES FOR TAKING THE TIME AND ENERGY TO ORGANISE THE PRESENTATIONS.

1ST PLACE
SHANE O'REILLY, 1W
2ND PLACE
NIAL ALSAFI, 2J
3RD PLACE
ALANNAH O'REILLY, 2RE

GERMAN TRIP

ELLA FUREY INTERVIEW

1) When and why did you start rowing?

I started rowing in August 2011 for the President's Award. I turned up at Commercial thinking they'd just show me around the place, but instead they showed me the technique needed and they got me into a boat.

2) What are you training for?

We have lots of races throughout the year in loads of different places around Ireland, but the most important would be the Championships in July in Cork, where they last over a couple of days!

3) What Club do you row for?

I row for the Commercial Rowing Club in Island Bridge.

4) How often do you train every week?

I train 6 days a week.

5) How long is each of the training sessions?

They change from day to day. On a normal day during the week I will train for 2 hours. Then on Saturdays I have 4 hours of training and I have Sundays off.

6) What do these training sessions involve?

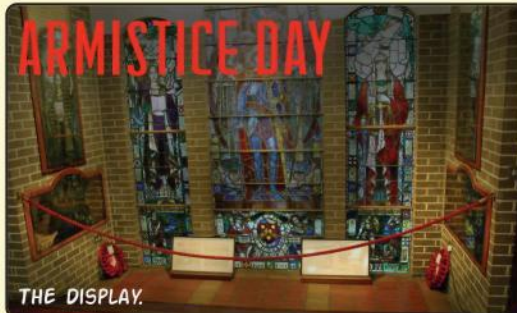
On Monday and Wednesday, after warming up I do an hour on the ergometer (an indoor rowing machine), in 20 minute slots! On Tuesday and Thursday I run to warm up and then do an hour of weights (because I'm sooo MACHO). On Friday we go out for a row, and Saturday is spent rowing in Islandbridge or on Blessington Lake.

7) How early are your training sessions?

On Saturday mornings training usually starts at half seven. But on days that we have races, I would usually have to get up anywhere between 3:00am and 6:00am. Sometimes though we would leave the night before the race and stay over in a hostel.

8) Does rowing affect your social life?

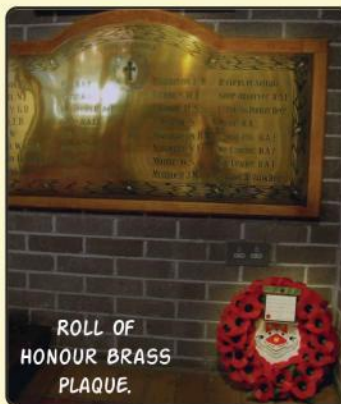
Even though rowing is on in the morning, by the time its finished I'm too tired to go out, and I have to catch up on my homework. Being that busy every weekday means I don't get as much study as I need done; and I cant spend as much time with my friends as I want to.



THE DISPLAY.



MARTHA BARBER HUME.



ROLL OF
HONOUR BRASS
PLAQUE.



STEPHEN ALEXANDER
PLACING WREATH OF POPPIES.



HEAD GIRL
AND HEAD
BOY AT
ASSEMBLY.

The Breakfast Club

As with every year, for the Business option in Fourth Year, one of the main parts of it was creating a business and running it for half a year. This year some Fourth Years were involved in the Breakfast Club selling different kinds of food, like Poptarts and cereal bars, and drinks like apple juice and coffee every morning until a quarter to nine. They bought all the produce they sold with their own money and all the money that was raised went straight to charity.



MR FORREST ADDRESSES ASSEMBLY.

PI DAY



ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH 2012 THE SCIENCE CLASS OF 1R WENT UP TO THE LIBRARY TO CELEBRATE PI DAY. THEY TOOK PART IN COMPETITIONS AND THE WINNER GOT TO CUT ONE OF THE TWO DELICIOUS PIES THAT HAD THE SYMBOL OF PI ON THEM MADE BY MRS. KING HERSELF. THE 14TH OF MARCH IS USED TO CELEBRATE PI BECAUSE THE FIRST THREE NUMBERS OF PI ARE 3.14. PI DAY WAS NOT JUST TO CELEBRATE PIES; IT WAS TO CELEBRATE THE GREAT MATHEMATICAL NUMBER THAT IS 3.14159, THAT IS, PI. THE NUMBER WAS USED TO ANSWER THE MATHEMATICAL QUESTION: "WHAT IS THE AREA OF A CIRCLE?" PI IS WRITTEN AS THE GREEK LETTER FOR P.

DEARBHLA FORDE-MORRIN, 1R.

FROM THE
ARCHIVES:
GOOD AND BAD
DREAMS FROM
'RED & BLACK'.

SUMMER TERM APRIL - MAY



This Easter, a team of sixteen students and five teachers were sent out to Nepal for ten days to build houses for two families as part of Habitat for Humanity's Global Village project. This was the first time an Irish team had ever been sent to Nepal. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organisation whose aim is to eliminate poverty housing, here at home in Ireland as well around the world. Habitat's vision is "a world where everyone has a decent place to live." They want to make decent housing a matter which is more widely acknowledged and have more action to solve this problem. Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 and has helped more than two million people in over 90 countries. Nepal is a landlocked country located between India and China. Nepal's diverse and breathtaking landscape is the home of the highest point of earth, Mount Everest (Sagarmatha in Nepali). The beautiful Himalayan Mountains can be seen throughout Nepal however, with more than 240 peaks all over 20,000 feet.

Our journey began in April 2011 when the team was selected from the large number of applicants, giving us eleven months to fundraise the money needed. Each team member has the same total to reach, which varies from country to country, this year we needed to raise €3300. We collected our money in many different ways from quiz nights, bag packing, coffee mornings, races and football tournaments to name just a few. Raising the money was no easy task, the constant and generous support of family, friends and all that helped out being hugely appreciated, and played a vital role in helping us reach our goal!

After many months of anticipation the day of departure had finally arrived. We met in Terminal 2 in Dublin airport at 2pm on Friday the 30th of March to begin our journey of flights. Our first flight was to London Heathrow, our next flight then to Doha and on into Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. We stayed overnight in Kathmandu, having time to take in the city the next day for a short while before catching our final flight to Jhapa, where we would stay for the next week. Jhapa is the easternmost district of Nepal. Filled with beautiful rice paddy fields, vast tea plantations and mountains rising up all around, Jhapa was very different to the busy urban city of Kathmandu we had seen just hours before. We were warmly greeted at the small Jhapa airport then we arrived at our hotel by bus and got settled in.

The next morning we were ready for our first day of work, which started at 9am. Our sites were 45 minutes away, our bus taking us there every day. We had a welcome ceremony at the first site we arrived at, both the Nepalese and Irish having a chance to introduce themselves. All of the locals were very friendly to us. Welcoming us into their community, giving us flower necklaces and a tika mark on our foreheads. We were then divided up into two sites, the other being about ten minutes away and we were thrown into work. Our tasks to begin with were sawing the bamboo rods to the lengths needed for the walls, cutting the bamboo into panels and cleaning the bamboo using the Kukri knife, a traditional curved Nepalese knife similar to a machete. Many of the locals came to watch, some joining in to help, the family were also there helping every day. These tasks kept us busy for the next few days, the new task of weaving the bamboo to form the walls being introduced next. We had lunch in a local restaurant everyday about fifteen minutes from the site, providing us with delicious and different local food every day. The first day of work was tough, not yet having acclimated to the 30+ degree heat, but everybody put everything into the work, excited to get the building well and truly underway. We also had breaks before and after lunch, during which we were given snacks of local types of cookies or crisps and mango juice, which became a new favourite of ours. During our breaks we also had fun with the locals, learning some Nepalese words and phrases and even some dance moves. Everybody (especially the children) got some laughs out of it.



SHOPPING AROUND BOUDHANATH STUPA.



HEARTILY WELCOMES FOR OUR TEAM.



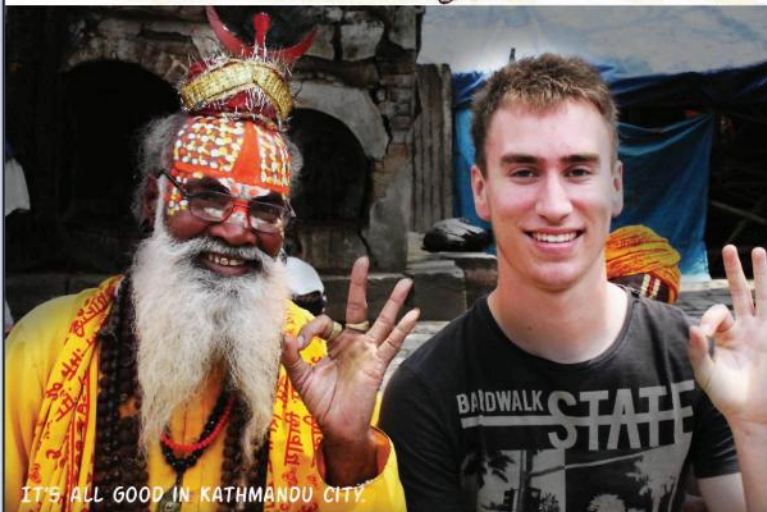
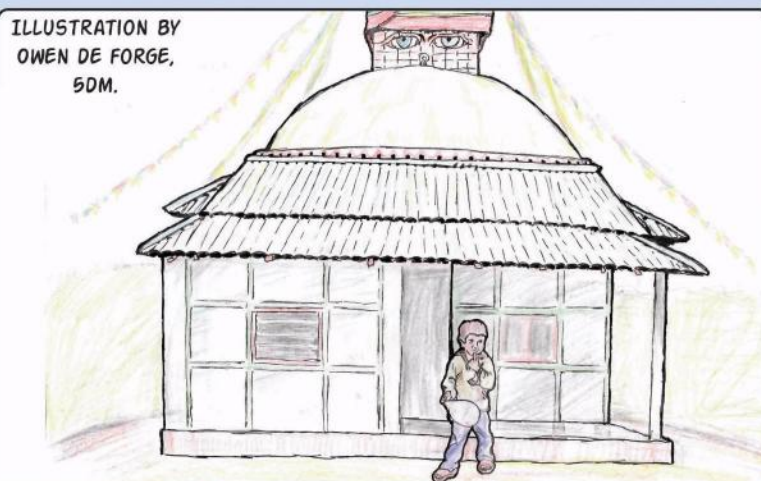
SINGING ALL THE WAY HOME.

We finished work every evening at 5pm and would return back to our hotel to get changed and have dinner. Pretty quickly we realised we'd have to work out a system for using the power and the water, having caused the power and water to go out multiple times for the first couple of days. We had dinner every night in the restaurant on the top floor of our hotel which gave us a 270 degree view of the area around the hotel. The view amazed us even more at night during the storms, as the lightening illuminated everything outside. After dinner every night we had our meeting, in which we discussed our positives and negatives and sometimes played empire.

On our third day in Jhapa, we were supposed to visit a local school. Due to the storm the previous night however, the children were not attending school. The teachers of the school kindly came in to meet us. The teachers were very eager to learn about us and Ireland. They asked about what we all did, about the education system and about our culture. After that, we listened to the local teachers talk about Nepal and its education and culture. The teachers were very passionate and proud about their country and heritage, but were still aware that Nepal like many other countries had improvements that needed to be made. Their strength and confidence were displayed through their speeches, showing they are ready to do their bit to help make the difference. We then sang Ireland's Call and preformed some Céili dancing for them. They sang their national anthem and two other songs, one ending in dancing in which a few of us joined. They also told us a traditional Nepalese poem, and asked us to tell them an Irish poem. Patrick O'Hare was always willing to perform improvised with a very good poem, translating it to show a deeper meaning.

On the last day of building we were determined to finish as much as we could of the houses. Everybody pushing themselves knowing it was our last chance to build. After we finished building, we stayed on site and had a party with the children. We had balloons, lollipops, stickers and face paint. All ages took part, everybody enjoying the fun. There was some more dancing, both sides showing off their moves. On Easter Sunday, the 8th April, we had our house dedication day. The morning started off at site B, where there was a big welcome. The house had been decorated beautifully and all the locals were dressed for the occasion. Laura Rankin was chosen from her site to do the honours of cutting the ribbon and to make a short speech on behalf of the team. There were then lots of photos, including some for the local newspaper. Our next stop was the local school again, where we presented them with a set of football jerseys and two footballs. The students all came out to watch, some trying on the jerseys for the photos. Our final stop was site A, where the dedication ceremony took place. As soon as we got off the bus, we were greeted by a huge welcome. There were more people than there were seats! The site was done up beautifully for the dedication with balloons and banners. Before we even sat down all the girls of the team were whisked into a room in the house, where the women braided hair ornaments into our hair and did our nails for us. Next up were speeches from all involved, from our team, Habitat Nepal, Sahara Nepal, as well as the family. All the speeches reflecting just how far we'd come in the short space of time and how much it meant to all involved. Next up was the ribbon cutting and speech, done by Kate Barrett. Followed by a few more short speeches. During the ceremony we were spoilt with gifts, receiving the tika mark multiple times that day too. After the final photographs in front of the house we began to say our goodbyes. Nobody wanted to leave, making sure to get pictures with everyone. As we departed from the site all the locals lined up and we shook hands with them, all the women giving us so many flower petals, we could barely hold on to them all! After many goodbyes and much waving we left on our bus and went back to the hotel. We had a lovely last lunch in our hotel and then went straight off to the airport. We said our final goodbyes

ILLUSTRATION BY
OWEN DE FORGE,
5DM.



IT'S ALL GOOD IN KATHMANDU CITY



SMILES ON SITE 1.



TIKKA MARKS AND FLOWERS AFTER THE DEDICATION CEREMONY.

to our Habitat hosts and took our last glimpses of the amazing Jhapa countryside.

That evening we arrived in Kathmandu and went out for dinner. The open roof restaurant gave us an interesting but amusing experience when the rain hit, trying to navigate the restaurant so that we stayed under the cover of the roof so as not to get drenched. We had our final meeting that night, afterwards talking about our experiences as a whole and reflecting on how it has affected us. The next day we had the chance to explore some of the tourist sites in Kathmandu. Getting to visit some temples and sites including Swayambhunath (better known as the Monkey Temple) and Kathmandu Durbar Square where we saw the Karmali, a living goddess. She is a little girl who lives and is educated in the temple with her parents to care for her. We also had a chance to get a bit of shopping in towards the end of the day, which involved a lot of running and bartering to get in all we could in our short space of time left. After our long day of site-seeing, we had our final team dinner and then it was straight off to Kathmandu airport that night to begin our journey back home. We were sad to leave our beautiful host country, but happy that we had made a difference in quite a few people's lives and that we would never forget the experiences we'd had. On the plane back to Dublin airport the girls who got saris changed into them and put in their hair ornaments and the guys put on their traditional Nepalese hats.

On behalf of all the students on the team, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of those who helped us on our journey to reach our goal. The time, money and effort that were put in are what made the difference for us and we couldn't have done it without you! A massive thank you also to the teachers Ms Thorpe,

Mr Carolan, Mr Hilliard, Mr Malin and Ms Lanigan, who were with us and supported us every step of the way. Giving us their time and effort to help us get to Nepal. We couldn't have done it without you and we will never forget this amazing opportunity that you gave us!

Kate Barrett, 5RM.



'N SYNC AND THE BACKSTREET BOYS ALL DAY EVERY DAY.



SMILES ALL 'ROUND AT SITE TWO DURING THE DEDICATION CEREMONY.



SIFTING SAND.



GETTING HAIR AND NAILS DONE UP FOR THE DEDICATION.



'KIDDING' AROUND WITH THE KUKRI KNIVES.



UP LOLLIPOP GIVES US HIS ELUSIVE SMILE.



TEAM IRELAND!



"WHAT IT'S NOT A HAT!?"



MAKING A SPLASH ON SITE TWO!



FAR LEFT: SUPERHERO MOVES ON THE LAST DAY OF BUILDING.



ABOVE: WEAVING WONDERS FROM THE SITE HOME TO THE FASTEST STRIPPER IN THE WEST!

LEFT: TROUBLE WITH TRADITIONAL NEPALESE TOPI HATS.

On Monday the 9th of April, a group of 4th year students made their way through Dublin airport during the early hours of the morning, to catch a flight at 7:15am to Munich. After a two hour flight we touched down in Munich, feeling tired but looking forward to the next few days. We were met by our coach driver outside the airport. We collected our tour guide en route and began our tour.

We did a walking site-seeing tour of Munich. Our first destination was the Deutsches Museum, which had a variety of attractions ranging from World War II era planes, to the evolution of the telephone. We arrived at our hostel at six o'clock that evening; it had been a long day. The hostel was very modern, comfortable and catered for all of our needs during our stay.

After a good night's rest, we had breakfast and began our journey to Obersalzberg. We visited the Obersalzberg Documentation Centre, a common holiday retreat for Hitler in 1923. We did an audio-guided tour which was very interesting; it told us about the war in great detail. When we were all set to go, we hopped back onto the coach and made our way to Berchtesgaden Salt Mine. We put our "stylish" jumpsuits on, as it was quite cold in the mine and we began our descent. The mine was great fun altogether; it showed us all the components needed to mine and there were also slides throughout the tour, it was a lot of fun.

As soon as we were finished we went straight back to the coach, Ms White had us on a very tight schedule. From the mine, we went to Salzburg, Austria. Salzburg is a beautiful city of winding, cobbled streets and Tyrolean architecture surrounded by snow-capped, majestic Alpine peaks. We wandered around the city and visited some popular attractions. After two hours we left for the hostel.

On the Wednesday we had our usual breakfast, setting ourselves up for probably the busiest day of them all. We got a train and a bus to our first destination, Dachau, a concentration camp. We met with our tour guide and entered the gates of the camp. Our guide gave us a detailed synopsis of what life was like in the camp. Although sad, it was constructive to see what so many people had gone through.

Then we got back to the bus and went to the BMW museum. The museum was huge! And really worth going to, all of the cars and motorcycles were really cool. After staying there for about two hours, we travelled to our final activity, which was swimming in the Olympic swimming pool. The diving boards were massive but some braver than others (Cian and Oisín) jumped from the highest board! Although they probably lost a few years from the stress of doing it.

We walked back to our hostel, had dinner and went to bed exhausted. On our last day we all packed our bags and checked out of the hostel to go on the final activity of the trip, which was a visit to Allianz Arena. This stadium in Munich seats 69,000 spectators and is home to the football giants, Bayern Munich. We went on a guided tour and saw places such as the conference room, the tunnel and even the dressing rooms. We ended the tour in the gift shop and bought souvenirs from the stadium.

We had the afternoon free for shopping and then we made our way back to the airport to catch our flight at 8:20pm.

On behalf of all the students, I would like to thank Ms White for the organisation of the trip and Mr Keegan and Mr Rankin for taking us.

Daniel McBride, 4HE.

TRANSITION YEAR TRIP TO MUNICH GERMANY





Ski Trip



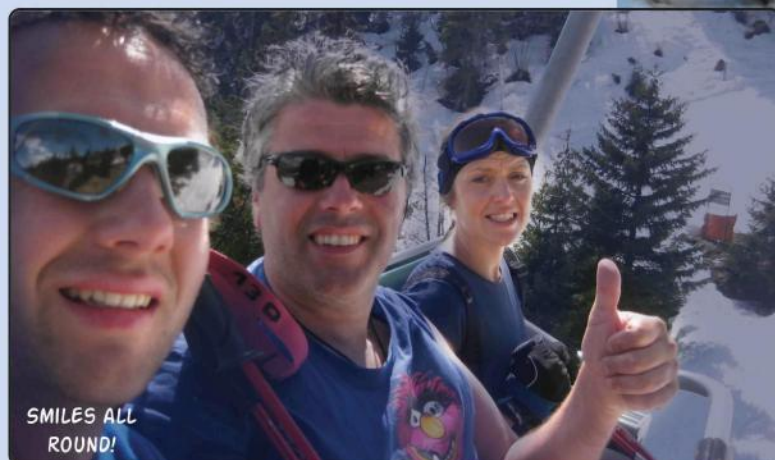
SMILING SWEETLY IN SNOWY SWITZERLAND.



ALL THE 2ND YEARS ENJOYING THE...SUN?



STEADY AS SHE GOES!



SMILES ALL ROUND!



THE LAAAADS.

ON THE 30TH MARCH, TWENTY STUDENTS AND THREE TEACHERS GOT THE SCHOOL BUS TO DUBLIN AIRPORT. WE WERE ALL REALLY EXCITED BECAUSE IT WAS OUR FIRST TIME SKIING OR SNOWBOARDING.

AFTER A TERRIFYING BUS JOURNEY UP THE MOUNTAIN WE ARRIVED AT HOTEL CENTRAL RESIDENCE IN LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND. EVERY DAY WE HAD FOUR HOURS OF SKIING/ SNOWBOARDING LESSONS WITH A TWO HOUR LUNCH BREAK IN BETWEEN. OUR INSTRUCTORS, YANIS AND OLIVER, WERE REALLY NICE AND ENCOURAGING SO WE IMPROVED EACH DAY.

EVERY NIGHT WE HAD A DIFFERENT ACTIVITY ORGANISED, SUCH AS ICE SKATING, SWIMMING, TABLE QUIZ AND CINEMA. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK MS GOULDING, MR FLYNN AND MR MCBRIDE FOR MAKING THE TRIP SO ENJOYABLE.

*SOPHIE HARRISON, 2RN,
AND AISLING O NEILL, 2F.*

Kerry Trip

We were up bright and early on the Friday morning to prepare ourselves for the full days hike ahead of us. It was very windy and we got a fair few showers as well as we set off up the Hags Glen. Our next obstacle was the vertical climb of the infamous Devil's Ladder. We set off in single file, making sure our foot placements were secure and trying not to knock down any rocks onto the unfortunate person behind us!

Eventually, we managed to scramble our way to the top of the Ladder to emerge at the beautiful scenery that was there to greet us. While we were having our lunch the wind began to pick up speed and soon everyone was searching in their bags for those vital hats, gloves and scarves.

The final part to our climb was a zigzag path of steep continuous climbing. As we got closer to the top, everyone began to pick up the pace in eagerness to finish the climb. Soon enough we were standing on the highest point in Ireland. Everyone took in the wonderful views and we also had time for a quick photo - to prove we had actually made it! All too soon, we began our descent down the mountain and make our way back to the bus.

I would like to thank all the teachers for taking time out to bring us down to Kerry and for bringing us up and down the mountain safely.

Niamh Hebblethwaite, 4F.

TOP: DESCENDING
DOWN THE "DEVIL'S
LADDER".
ABOVE: THE
PERFECT VIEW!

GROUP AT THE TOP - HIGHEST POINT IN IRELAND AT 1038M.

READY FOR THE ASCENT!

ON TOP OF THE WORLD CARRAUNTOOHIL!

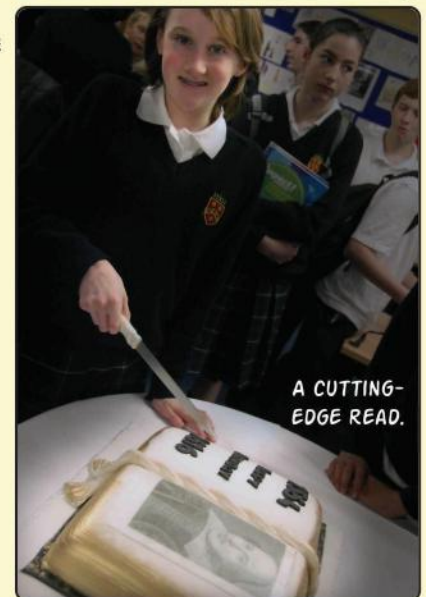
SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY

On the 23rd of April Shakespeare's birthday came around once again. We had been planning to celebrate his birthday for months and when it was time a lot of thought and effort went into designing the quiz, making the cake, putting out the books and decorating the cabinets. Over that week classes came in to learn about Shakespeare and his works. On that Thursday we came in to cut the cake and everyone enjoyed it. It was a fun and memorable day for all of us. A big thank you to Mrs. King for all your effort in organising this day!

Catherine Harris, 1R.



ABOVE:
IS THIS A CAKE
I SEE
BEFORE ME?
(I'M REALLY
SORRY).



HOLOCAUST TALK

On Thursday the 3rd of May, 4th year students and 5th and 6th year history classes were fortunate enough to get a talk from Tomi Reichental about his time in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. He told us about his village in Slovakia and how things there gradually changed. He and his family went from being individuals to only having a Jewish identity. His description of the slow progression from being a normal person to an outcast truly highlighted for us how easily these sorts of horrors can start.

He talked about having to go and stay with his aunt and attend a Jewish school as he was no longer allowed to go to the one in his town. He eventually had to stop attending that school as well. He reminded us constantly of when the deportations began, it was Slovakia that asked the Nazis to take these people, and it was in fact the only country during World War Two not occupied by the Germans that allowed its people to be taken to these camps.

The most important and hardest part to listen to came next. He told us how himself, his mother and brother left his father (who stayed behind to look after the family farm) to go to another village under false names to escape persecution. His father was taken not long after this, but was one of three men to escape from the train bringing them to one of the camps. Tomi, his brother and mother however were discovered and taken to Belsen. They spent seven days in a cattle car with tens of thousands of other people with barely enough room to stand.

At the age of nine Tomi had his freedom and rights as a human being taken away from him because of his religion and ethnicity. He was in Belsen from 1944-45. He went through extreme starvation and cold. He had to watch others die around him in their thousands. He was lucky to have survived. He is truly an impressive individual to have not only gone through that ordeal, but to constantly remember it and brave talking about it to others because he realises the importance of stopping anything like this from happening again.

We as students could not be more grateful for him sharing his story with us and making sure we kept in mind the importance of accepting everyone no matter what our differences are. As Mr Reichental reminded us the Holocaust started with whispers not murders.

Elaine Smith, 5RM.

JUNIOR DRAMA

ON MAY THE 10TH 2012 JUNIOR DRAMA PUT ON THEIR PRODUCTION OF GEORGE ORWELL'S ANIMAL FARM. WE HAD BEEN WORKING HARD FOR MOST OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO MAKE IT A SUCCESSFUL EVENING. WE MET FOR PRACTICE EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 4 O'CLOCK TO 5 O'CLOCK. NOT ONLY DID WE WORK HARD WE HAD A LOT OF FUN MESSING AROUND, PAINTING THE SET AND BUILDING THE WINDMILL.

OF COURSE THIS PLAY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT MS WALKER (DIRECTOR) AND MS GALLIGAN (PRODUCER).

WITHOUT THEM NOTHING COULD HAVE BEEN DONE. AS IT GOT CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE PLAY THE PRESSURE WAS BUILDING, AND WE WERE ALL NERVOUS BEFORE THE SHOW. THE PLAY WAS A SUCCESS AND EVERYBODY ENJOYED THEMSELVES. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK: MR GILL FOR SOUND, MR RANKIN FOR LIGHTING, MR DRAPER, MS BROWNE, MS LYONS AND MR WARDELL FOR BACKSTAGE AND MAKEUP AND FINALLY MS STEVENSON FOR REFRESHMENTS.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO CAME AND SUPPORTED.

ABIGAIL NOLAN, 1R.



TAKING A BOW AT THE END OF A GREAT PLAY.



THE FARM ANIMALS GATHER AROUND.



DIS-GRUNT-ALED PIGS.



BARNYARD FUN.



THE COWS AND HORSES WONDER ABOUT THEIR FATE.



MILL-ING AROUND IN THE FARMYARD.



PIG-TAILS AND PIGLETS.



CLOVER AND MOLLY.

MS FALLON SHOWING THEM HOW IT'S DONE!



MATTHEW PEARSON RUNS LIKE LIGHTNING.



SPORTS DAY

JUMPING TO NEW HEIGHTS!



SPOT THE ODD ONE OUT!



HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HAND!



FLY LIKE A BUTTERFLY, STING LIKE A BEE!



GOING FOR GOLD.



DEAN STOLE MY SHOES!



HARDER THAN IT LOOKS!!



PREPARING THE PITCHES FOR SPORTS DAY IS NO EASY TASK.



FLIPPIN' EXCITED.



READY, AIM, FIRE!



Patois

Un patois est une langue officieuse, essentiellement orale, qui désigne les langues minoritaires parlées. Les patois en France, appelés aussi langues régionales, sont constitués du Breton, du Catalan, de l'Occitan et du Corse.

Le Breton est une langue d'origine celtique. Les britanniques l'ont apportée en France au milieu du moyen-âge. Le Breton ressemble aux langues galloises. Le Breton est devenu la langue de la classe ouvrière. Avant les années 60, la langue Bretonne n'était pas enseignée dans les écoles. Ce n'est qu'après les années 70 que les écoles de Dinan ont commencé à enseigner en Breton. Aujourd'hui, Le Breton n'est pas une langue officielle de la France mais, depuis 2008, la constitution a reconnu le Breton comme "langue officielle de la région de Bretagne" appartenant au patrimoine de la France. Le Breton est parlé en Bretagne et dans la région du Nord-Ouest de la France. Aujourd'hui, plus de 200 000 personnes parlent cette langue.

Le Catalan est une langue romane qui ressemble à l'Occitan. On nomme langues romanes les langues issues du «latin vulgaire». La langue est originaire de l'est des Pyrénées. Depuis 2001, Le Catalan est une langue officielle dans les Pyrénées-Orientales (sud de la France). Le Catalan est aussi parlé en Espagne, en Italie et c'est la langue officielle de la région d'Andorre. Aujourd'hui, plus de 11 millions de personnes parlent cette langue dans le monde dont 125 000 personnes en France.

L'Occitan est une langue d'origine latine proche du Catalan. Pendant la période médiévale, la langue occitane s'est propagée dans la plupart de l'Europe et est devenue célèbre. Cependant avec l'arrivée du pouvoir royal, les territoires occitans ont décliné et la langue aussi. Pendant la révolution française, les langues officieuses ont été aussi menacées. Les militants occitans s'appellent les occitanistes. Ce sont eux qui ont tentés de réintroduire la langue dans les écoles. Elle est parlée comme première langue par un million de personnes en France, en Italie, en Espagne et au Maroc. Selon UNESCO, la langue est considérée aujourd'hui comme gravement menacée!

Le Corse descend du Latin. Il est originaire de l'Italie médiévale : la Toscane, Pise et la Corse génoise où la langue était langue officielle jusqu' en 1859 pour ensuite être remplacée par la langue française. De nos jours les Corses continuent à promouvoir leur langue et leur culture. Le Corse est parlé et écrit dans toute l'île et en Sardaigne du nord. La Corse recense plus de 300 000 habitants en 2012. Dans le monde, plus de 400 000 personnes parlent cette langue.

Découvrez quelques mots de ces langues officieuses !

ENGLISH	FRENCH	OCCITAN	CORSICAN	BRETON	CATALAN
car	voiture	veitura	carozza	gweturiou	vago
hello	bonjour	bonjorn	bonghjorna	dez-mat	-
to watch	regarder	ater	agguarda	dremmel	-
baby	bébé	boutchou	cinnu	babig	nado
bike	vélo	becust	bicicletta	marc'houran	bicicleta
grandmother	grand-mère	bonne-maman	-	-	avia
grandfather	grand-père	bon papa	-	-	avi
children	enfants	pitchous	figiulanza	bugala	fillets
friend	ami	colleague	amiacciu	kamarad	amic
to burn	bruler	cramer	abbuschja	kizhier	-
cat	chat	cata/gata	misgiu	-	gat
dog	chien	cana	cane/cani	chas	gos
dessert	dessert	farinettes	fruta	dibennou-pred	postres

LIBRARY REPORT

THE LIBRARY HAS ENJOYED A VERY EVENTFUL YEAR. WE STARTED WITH THE COMING IN OF THE NEW FIRST YEARS (ALWAYS A GOOD TIME). WE HAD A VERY BIG CELEBRATION FOR THE BIRTHDAY OF CHARLES DICKENS. EVERYONE LOVED IT AS WE HAD MANY QUIZZES AND FUN THINGS TO DO. LOTS OF PUPILS GOT INVOLVED IN READING HIS LITERATURE AND SOME EVEN READ THE FULL, UNABRIDGED VERSION!

NEXT WAS PI DAY WHICH WAS EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL. THE LIBRARY WAS BUZZING WITH MINDS TRYING TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE THAT IS MATHS. THERE WAS ALSO A SWEET SIDE TO THE CELEBRATION AS MRS KING MADE TWO PIES HERSELF WHICH WERE SHARED BETWEEN THE CLASSES.

THEN, A MOST MOMENTOUS TIME IN ENGLISH LITERATURE, WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY! EVERYTHING IN THE LIBRARY WAS A HOTBED FOR SONNETS AND GROUNDBREAKING USES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. THERE WAS A MULTITUDE OF QUIZZES AND EVEN A MUSICAL INTERPRETATION OF MACBETH DONE BY PUPILS FROM 1R. TO TOP IT ALL OFF THERE WAS A MAGNIFICENT CAKE WITH A LAYER OF ICING AND TWO BOOKS, COMPLETE WITH AN EDIBLE PICTURE OF SHAKESPEARE HIMSELF!

ALL IN ALL IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR AND ON BEHALF OF THE FIRST YEARS I'D LIKE TO THANK MRS KING FOR MAKING THIS A GREAT FIRST YEAR. SHE HAS HELPED US IN ALL WE NEEDED AND IS ALWAYS THERE TO GIVE US A GOOD BOOK TO PASS THE TIME.

SORCHA NÍ NÉILL, IMC.

En mi opinión, el español es uno de los idiomas más influyentes del mundo. Es el idioma oficial de veintiún países y es hablado por quinientos millones de personas.

La cultura de España es muy diversa, con muchos dialectos hablados en las diferentes regiones, el catalán y el vasco son sólo dos de ellos.

Ha habido muchos pintores famosos españoles como Diego Velázquez, Pablo Picasso y Salvador Dalí. España también ha producido a los cineastas de renombre internacional Luis Buñuel y Pedro Almodóvar.

Gastronomía española es también muy importante, siendo el hogar de el Bulli, uno de los mejores restaurantes del mundo hasta el año 2011 cuando se cerró después de cuarenta y siete años de actividad. Hay muchos platos famosos españoles como la paella, tortilla española, los churros con chocolate y el gazpacho.

La cultura española me interesa mucho y su estilo de vida es agradable, por estas razones, el estudio español es siempre una experiencia agradable.

Spanish



MRS KING
WELCOMES ALL
TO THE LIBRARY.

THE LIBRARY
CREW.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The student council of the term 2011-2012 first convened in early September, where following a short series of political speech and debate, the council elected its executive committee. Robert Styles was chosen as vice-president and Gavin Rothwell as secretary, both personages proving to be both industrious and pro-active. It was also agreed that the council would meet both more regularly and more consistently than in previous years, sitting every second Wednesday in the early morning.

From the beginning, an impetus was put on increased interaction with the school's senior management who agreed to meet with the council's executive each term, three times as often as in previous years. A number of issues were pressed, some materialising immediately, while others were to be brought up again at later stages but never to become redundant and forgotten.

One notable triumph was the holding of two non-uniforms days in a year as opposed to the single non-uniform day of all the previous years, raising money for various charities including cancer research. The council also managed to implement a re-introduction of Heinz ketchup in the cafeteria as well as getting the motor-cycle shed cleaned up from its prior state of disrepair. In terms of the long run it has also been agreed with the Rincipal and Administrator that new, roomier lockers will be installed. Other achievements include: Sixth Years are now allowed to eat their lunch outside the common room, new bag racks have been installed on the B and C floors and new toilet seats are being bought.



FIRST YEAR LIBRARY PRIZE WINNERS
JEREMY COTTER, 1R - BEST READER IN FIRST YEAR,
SORCHA NI NEILL, IMC - OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO
THE LIBRARY, REBECCA FOX, 1R - MOST IMPROVED
READER IN FIRST YEAR WITH MR D MILLER -
CO-ORDINATOR OF ENGLISH.

In addition, the council is now officially recognized, as the primary channel of communication between the staff, the student bodies and in the school charter. It is my hope and expectation that in years to come, the council will avail of its already strengthened position within the school and to seek to further empower the body and to continue working for the common good of all students.

Colm Finlay, 6H, President.



BACK ROW: JACK MCCANN,
CATHAL BUTLER, ROBERT STYLES,
COLM FINLEY, GAVIN ROTHWELL,
MATTHEW TANNAM-ELGIE.
FRONT ROW: CORMAC JORDAN,
MARTHA BARBER HUME,
KATIE O'CONNOR, LUCY BURNS,
SUSANNA WYSE JACKSON,
MEGAN O'BYRNE, MARIKA GENTILE.

GREEN SCHOOL

The Green School has been working tirelessly in the background all year. We met every two weeks on Thursday mornings before school; we discussed green issues and made every plan to increase the amount the school recycles as well as ways to involve more classes and members of the school community.

Just after Christmas we ran a poster competition for first and second years, who had the challenge of putting our green slogan "Glas agus Glan, Green and Clean" on to a poster. We received many entrants and it was a tough decision but in the end the winners were Joe Byrne and Rachel Ferguson both 1W. Their posters can be seen on notice boards all around the school.

Another successful event run by the committee was the school clean up. It was part of An Taisce's National Spring Clean Campaign; Ireland's biggest anti-litter initiative. A group of ten students and teachers cleaned up all around school grounds and collected around seven bags of recyclables and seven bags of general rubbish.

Finally in co-ordination with some of the CSPE classes we are continuing to encourage you to bin all your rubbish! New recycling bins should be up and running so look out for them in the corridors and Reynolds Hall and use them properly!

The Green School Committee is always evolving and new members are always welcome! None of it could be done however, without the teachers involved, Ms Hutchinson-Edgar and Ms Missen, so on behalf of the committee I would like to say thank you to them and to all the CSPE classes who let me interrupt their classes on numerous occasions so as to give announcements, your time and attention was all very much appreciated!

Lia McCann, 5DM.



IN THE THICK OF IT.

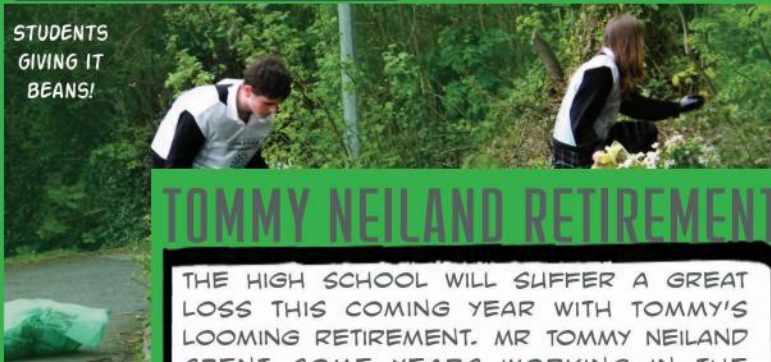
COMMITTEE REPORT GREEN SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY



CHIPPER
TEACHERS.



CLEAN UP
UNDERWAY.



STUDENTS
GIVING IT
BEANS!



THE TEAM READY FOR ACTION!

TOMMY NEILAND RETIREMENT

THE HIGH SCHOOL WILL SUFFER A GREAT LOSS THIS COMING YEAR WITH TOMMY'S LOOMING RETIREMENT. MR TOMMY NEILAND SPENT SOME YEARS WORKING IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN RATHGAR BEFORE BEING APPOINTED AS HEAD OF SECURITY HERE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2000.

TO ME, TOMMY WAS THE CHEERY MAN THAT WOULD DRIVE US TO OUR MATCHES AND WISH US LUCK. EVERYBODY'S FAVOURITE PART OF THE RETURN TRIP WOULD BE THE INEVITABLE DETOUR THROUGH MCDONALD'S OR SPAR. THROUGH THESE TOMMY BECAME WELL LOVED AND RESPECTED AS HIS EXCUSES WERE THAT WE WERE STOPPING TO "CELEBRATE" A WIN OR TO "CHEER US UP" AFTER A LOSS.

"SARGE REALLY KEPT US GOING THROUGHOUT THE YEARS." TOMMY TOLD ME AS HE THOUGHT BACK ON THE LAST 12 YEARS. "AND THIS YEAR'S SIXTH YEARS WERE THE BEST I'VE SEEN. I PRAISED THEM AT THE MIDTERM BECAUSE THEIR COMMON ROOM WAS SO CLEAN. IT ONLY TOOK ONE DAY TO FIX UP INSTEAD OF 3 OR 4 LIKE SOME OTHER YEARS." IT WAS ALWAYS NICE TO SEE TOMMY SMILING EVERY MORNING AS HE WALKED THROUGH THE SCHOOL, THIS WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY EVERYBODY. THERE AREN'T ENOUGH WORDS TO SAY HOW MUCH YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION HAVE MEANT TO US. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT TOMMY!

AI SLING O'REILLY, 5RM.



ROCK POP 2

DANCERS.



ACOUSTIC SESH.



SINGIN'.

WHUT?



ZOE DOLAN, LUCY BURNS, MIKE DOLAN, LIA MCCANN.



ROCK/POP BAND.

DANIEL HOLDER
SURVEYS THE SCENE.



DEBATING REPORT

We had an eventful year in Debating. As usual, we competed competitively in the Concern Debates competition and finally we got a result that went our way; we recorded our first win in the competition when we defeated St Louis while opposing the motion that 'GM foods are a necessity in the developing world'.

Three new competitions were undertaken as well. Naoise McTiernan and I took part in the Leinster Denny Debates competition in UCD. We were opposing the motion that 'Financial reward should be giving for good results', and Naoise succeeded in passing through to the next round of the competition which took place in Trinity College.

On the ninth of March, a team composed of Lucy Burns, Mike Dolan and I had a great day in Dublin Castle taking part in the Model Council of the European Union. We were representing Italy and were debating a proposal that a financial transaction tax should be introduced. We had the chance to interact with other students from schools all over Ireland, and even got to meet the Italian ambassador! The day was very informative and enjoyable.

Mike and Lucy also represented the High School in The Wesley Shield Debating Competition. In probably one of the hardest competitions of the whole year, they had the difficult task of debating different topics having, had only five minutes to prepare their argument!

At the end of the year, we held our internal debating competition which ended in a tie between Mike Dolan and Naoise McTiernan. On behalf of everyone who took part in debating I would like to thank Ms Hutchinson-Edgar for all the time she gave up every Tuesday lunchtime to debate with us and prepare us for competitions. I would also like to thank our two wonderful captains Zoe Dolan and Lucy Burns for leading us through all the Concern Debates!

Lia McCann, 5DM.

Portfolios



JORDAN McQUAID

Firstly, keeping to the theme of this year's yearbook, who is your favourite superhero?

Has to be Batman.

Nice choice! When did you first become interested in art?

Since I was eight. I used to draw my dog a lot.

What kind of art are you interested in?

I really like comic books and animation.

What artists, modern or historical inspire you and who is your favourite?

Woah, I'm not sure. I'm trying to get away from the cliché artists such as Picasso or Salvador Dalí. I really like Damien Hirst.

Is there any specific style or medium that you prefer to use?

I mainly use pen and pencils. I also like using pen with watercolour painting.

If you could make a painting using any type of food as the medium, what would you paint and what food would you use?

Actually I have already done something like that! I painted a cow's skull using gravy. It's ironic.

What do you think of the art department the school has to offer?

It's really good. The teaching here is really great, especially Mr Draper and Ms Galligan.

Do you have any advice for students wanting to create a portfolio for college?

Definitely try it if you are interested in art. If it feels like work to you then you should give up because you know it is not for you. It should be something that you enjoy and a release from school and homework.



WILL ROLFE

Z: FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DOING PHOTOGRAPHY?

W: ABOUT FIVE YEARS.

S: WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO PHOTOGRAPH, LIKE WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

W: THINGS IN THE NEWS LIKE WAR ZONES, I'D LIKE TO DO JOURNALISM PHOTOGRAPHY.

Z: WHAT HAVE YOU DONE SO FAR?

W: SOME COMMERCIAL SHOTS, FURNITURE, STUFF FOR ARCHITECTS, SPORTS...

S: WHAT CAN YOU DO IN SCHOOL TO DO WITH PHOTOGRAPHY?

W: WELL THERE'S LEAVING CERT ART CLASS AND THE TEACHERS ARE REALLY HELPFUL WITH PORTFOLIO.

Z: IF YOU WERE A PAPARAZZI WHO WOULD YOU STALK?

W: EMMM... KARL PILKINGTON.

S: WHAT'S THE MOST INTERESTING PHOTOSHOOT YOU'VE DONE?

W: PROBABLY THE SCHOOL RUGBY ONE, THAT WAS FUN.

Z: WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR AFTER YOU LEAVE SCHOOL?

W: GO TO IADT DUN LAOGHAIRE TO STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY, THEN LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND TRAVEL THE WORLD TAKING PHOTOS! THEN A JOB IN PHOTO-JOURNALISM.

S: OK, NOW WE HAVE A QUICK-FIRE ROUND SO WE'LL SAY A WORD AND YOU HAVE TO SAY THE FIRST WORD THAT COMES INTO YOUR HEAD.

CAMERA - PICTURES.

PHOTOS - PEOPLE.

PHOTOSHOOT - LIGHT.

MUSE - ...INTERNET.

MODELS - ATTRACTION.

SCENE - EHHHH BEAUTIFUL.

What is your ideal job? Does it involve art?

Yes, anything creative really. Animation is really good. I got into 3D Model Making and Digital Design, sort of like Wallace and Gromit. I like stop motion and filmography.

Day or Night? Night.

Pencil or Pen? Pen.

Rugby or Soccer? Definitely Rugby.

Cat or Dog? Dog.

Marvel or DC? Marvel.

McDonalds or Burger King? Ehm.. salad!

Sports or Sleep? Sports.

Guitar or Piano? Piano.

Simpsons or Futurama? Futurama.

Tupac or Biggie? Oh this is controversial... I'll have to say Tupac.

MORWENNA GENTILE

Have you always been into art?

Yup, since forever! I remember once when I was five, my Mum bought a scrapbook to put photos in one day and she left it on the table, I just assumed she had bought it for me to draw in, so I grabbed all my pencils and filled the book with hundreds of rainbows and mermaids!

What made you decide to do animation?

In forth year, my friend introduced me to Japanese anime, and we both became obsessed! I realised that I want to be able to make my own animations, to tell my own stories. I always knew I wanted to do something in art, but I also knew it had to be a well structured job, like a discipline with rules and that's animation.

Why did you choose IADT?

Over the summer of 5th year I went to an animation portfolio class in IADT and it was an amazing experience. I got a really good insight into to how life would be like at the college and I could definitely see myself going there. It's a beautiful place and I think that's really important for an art college, to give a really nice atmosphere.

How long did your portfolio take?

Well, I knew I had to start a portfolio when I was in 4th year but thanks to my good friend procrastination I didn't really start doing any work to go in it until end of 5th year. That's not to say I wasn't practising drawing and filling notebooks with preparation artwork for those two years, but I do regret not starting earlier, because it puts huge amount of stress on you during 6th year. I was so pushed for time towards the end that I literally did not go to sleep the day before the portfolio was due.

What was in your portfolio?

2 storyboards

Life drawings

Character designs

Pictures of my two Puppets

4 note books: Character design, Life drawing, Storyboard and General Media

What was it like when you found out your portfolio result?

It was really crazy. There had been some confusion with the emails, he had sent the wrong emails to some people but not others, so when I read the second email saying the same as the first, 600/600 in both my courses, I really did not believe it, I assumed he'd sent me a wrong email again! I sent back an email but he didn't response for a while, so I spent a day wondering if it was right or not. I got a text in English class saying it was right and I ran up to Ms Burrowes and told her! It still never really sunk in, and only recently my mum and I were driving and talking about it and suddenly I just burst into tears of happiness. It means so much to me because it was such a dream, an aspiration that I had set to reach, to keep me determined but had seemed so unreachable, now that I have got it I feel like I can do anything!

What is your favourite animated movie?

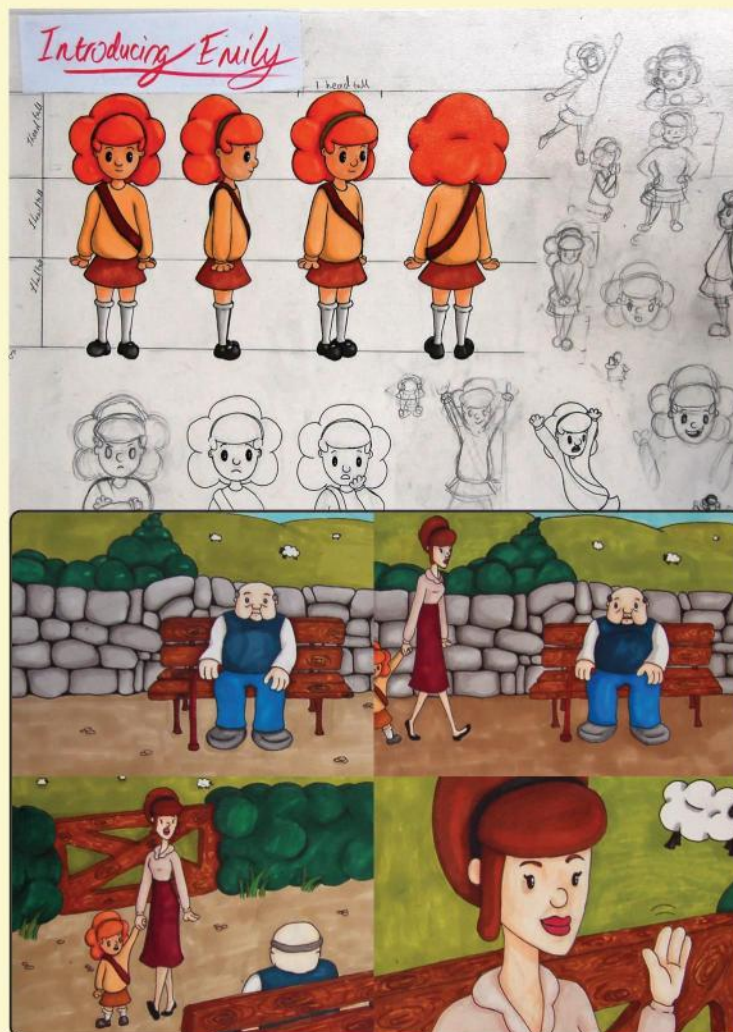
Eh, there are way too many to chose from! I love Studio Ghibli's *Howl's Moving Castle*, Disney's *Tangled* and *Tarzan* and Dreamworks *Flushed Away*. I watch animated shows all the time and I can't wait for summer to watch more!

Where do you see yourself in 5 years time?

Travelling to Japan with an animation degree and finding an awesome job! My dream is to eventually work in Studio Ghibli or Disney!

Have you got any advice for anyone else trying to get into animation?

Start early. Enjoy your storyboards, they're the best part, make a story and a character you really love, don't rush them, and get a definite style going. Go onto Deviant Art online and get inspired! Listen to teacher's advice, Ms Kilane, Mr Draper and Ms Galligan really helped me through it all. Keep notebooks all the time; draw your doodles in a character design book, not in your Irish book! Draw random people on the bus in a life drawing notebook; just make sure they don't catch you! Most of all, as they say in Japanese, *Ganbatte!* Do your best!



ANNALISE MURPHY INTERVIEW

Annalise Murphy is a past High School Pupil and is representing Ireland in on the Olympic sailing team in London this summer.

Tell us a bit about your time in High school, what was your favourite subject and who was your favourite teacher?

I left High School in 2008, I loved my time in High School and miss all my teachers and friends. My favourite subject was art and I had loads of great teachers but having Mr Kelly for Maths and Physics in 5th and 6th Year was brilliant.

What age were you when you started sailing and what was your first race?

My parents sailed so I sailed with them when I was really young but I didn't really start properly until I was nine. My first race was a junior regatta in Dún Laoghaire, it was inside the harbour but I won it and was pretty hooked from then on!

What is your favourite boat to sail and why?

I really enjoy sailing on boats with a group of people as you tend to have a good laugh. Last summer I did the Dún Laoghaire regatta in a SB3 with three of my friends and I really enjoyed it. I do like the Laser Radial which is the boat I sail but it's not very fast.

What did you have to do to qualify for the Olympics?

For the last three years I have deferred my degree in college to sail full time as I knew that to try and qualify for the Olympics would be a big ask. In sailing only one person from a country can go to the games so in May and June of 2011 we had Irish team trials at two world cup events. Both of those events went really well. I came ninth and third in them. I then had to wait until December for the World Championships to qualify Ireland for a place in the Olympics. I finished sixth overall so made the standard which was pretty surreal. It still hasn't sunk in!

What has been the biggest highlight of your sailing career?

Winning the Under 21 World Championships in 2009, finishing third at the Olympic Venue World Cup, coming sixth at the 2011 Worlds and qualifying for London 2012.

What has been the biggest disappointment?

Losing the bronze medal and ending up sixth at the 2011 Worlds in the last five minutes of the last race. It was heart breaking.

Any embarrassing moments?

I think I am the queen of embarrassing moments, I always try to do skilful manoeuvres in training and half the time I end up falling out of my boat or capsizing and my coach always manages to get these on video.

What are you looking forward to most in the Olympics?

Competing to the best of my ability so I have no regrets; the opening ceremony and when the sailing is over and I get to go up to London to see all of the other sports. Perks of being an athlete is you don't need tickets! :)

How often do you train and what does this training involve? What do you do with your free time?

The boat I sail is the Laser Radial and it's a really physical boat so I have to be pretty strong and really fit to sail it. I spend five days a week sailing. My sailing training varies from two hours to four hours and I do things like boat handling, speed work and practice races. I then have three weights sessions in the gym and I also do cardio training five days a week which can be anything from an hour of hill sprints to four hours of cycling. I get one day off a week where I tend to sleep for most of it!

I don't get much free time as I have to train so much, but with sailing I have got to go to some amazing countries so after big competitions I try to spend a few days seeing the place.

Has your personal/social life suffered because of the sailing commitment?

When I chose to sail full time in 2009 to try and qualify for the Olympics I knew it would have a big effect on my personal life. When I am home I try to catch up with all my friends but I am normally pretty busy so I have to plan when I go and see everyone! I am definitely looking forward to going back to college to have some more time to socialise!

What is the hardest thing about sailing?

There are so many variables in sailing. You have to deal with the weather, your own equipment and other boats. The wind can do funny things which is pretty hard to predict!

Do you have any advice to those looking to take up sailing or compete in any sport at an Olympic level?

Sailing is an awesome sport because you can enjoy it at any level and when you're not on an Olympic campaign the social side of it is brilliant! For anyone trying to get to an Olympic level of a sport, it's an amazing experience and you will meet so many nice people from different countries! You can have huge highs and lows though which can be hard as one day you love what you're doing and the next day you hate it, but the hard work is worth it in the end and the good outweighs the bad.



ANNALISE MURPHY
COMPETING IN
THE OLYMPIC
GAMES AT
WEYMOUTH
HARBOUR ON
JULY, 2012.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OLYMPIC 4TH PLACE
HEARTBREAKING STUFF BUT THE HIGH SCHOOL IS SO
PROUD OF YOU! ALL THE BEST FOR RIO.

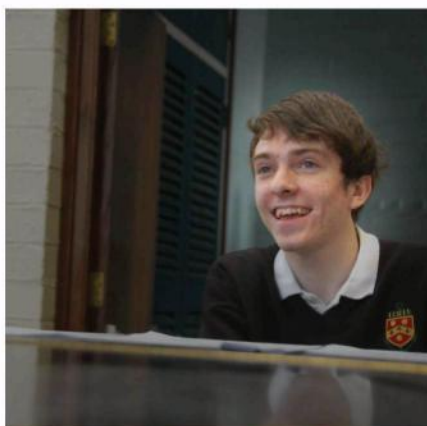
I would like to say a huge thanks to Annalise for taking time out of her busy schedule to do this interview and to wish her all the best in her future competitions, and offer our congratulations for all she has succeeded so far, from everyone here at The High School.

Lia McCann, 5DM.

SUMMER CONCERT REPORT

THE SUMMER CONCERT TOOK PLACE ON 16TH MAY THIS YEAR, AND WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. WE HAD MANY TALENTED PERFORMANCES ON THE NIGHT ALL OF WHOM WERE INTRODUCED UNIQUELY BY OUR OUTSTANDING COMPERES REBECCA TULLY AND GAVIN ROTHWELL (BOTH ALSO PERFORMED). THE NIGHT INCLUDED BOTH PERFORMANCES FROM THE SCHOOL CHOIR, WITH "YOLANDA" BY PINK MARTINI, AND FROM THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, PERFORMING "DAMBUSTERS MARCH". THE NIGHT ENDED WITH MANY GOODBYES TO THE 6TH YEAR PUPILS WHOSE LAST SUMMER CONCERT THIS WOULD BE. THE NIGHT WAS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED BY EVERYBODY AND WE'RE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S. WE'D LIKE TO THANK MS BOURKE, MS WHITE AND MS MOONEY FOR ALL THEY DID TO ORGANISE THIS EVENT.

EMMA DUKE, 5BK.

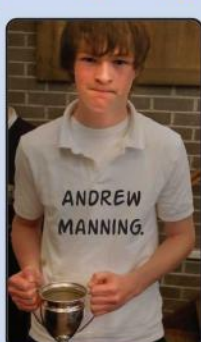


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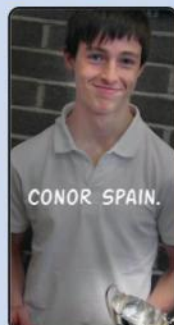
SPORTS WINNERS



RYAN BYRNE.



ANDREW MANNING.



CONOR SPAIN.



SENIOR B GIRLS CRICKET CHAMPIONS.



SPORTS DAY, SENIOR WINNERS.



EYES ON THE PRIZE.



SMILES!



JUNIOR SPORTS DAY WINNERS.



JENNY LONG.

HANNAH RIDGEWAY.

JOHN SWANWICK.

CONOR RYAN.

SOUTH AFRICA TOUR

On Thursday 8th June Fourth and Fifth Year rugby boys arrived at Dublin Airport and were slightly delayed when Mr MacNamara had some "small" difficulties with his passport. In the spirit of leaving stragglers behind he was forced to get the next flight over a few days later. We then flew to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates on a seven hour flight and, with a bit of a break in the airport, soon caught our next eight hour flight to Johannesburg (or what we would come to call Joburg). Next there was a short flight to Cape Town.

We finally arrived in Cape Town early on Friday morning after a long 23 hour flight set to an amazing backdrop of mountains and blue skies. After settling into our hotels it was soon time to travel to the Junior Rugby World Cup to watch some intense rugger and give our hand to cheer on Ireland.

The next day we travelled to the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town to do some shopping before catching a ferry to Robben Island, which was where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. There we were given a guided tour of the prison block escorted by an ex-prisoner of the apartheid regime.

The next day was the beginning of us playing rugby. We played a club called Busy Bees in, what for us, was intense heat, but we powered through with Aaron Campbell scoring three tries and Robert Berverland putting in some impressive hits, all spurred on by the long awaited arrival of the one and only Mr McNamara. Winning our first match started us off on our South African ruggers experience which we continued over the next day, playing the proud African Jan Van Riebeeck School. They were physically bigger than us and despite all our players giving it their all; we were narrowly beaten in a match that defined our potential rugby standard.

A few injuries were sustained, including Aaron Campbell, the star of our previous match who needed treatment in hospital. The 2nd XV played against Pneil Rugby club in Franschhoek, with the first team watching on due to injuries giving the lads a rest day. The 2nd XV played a superb match, after conceding two early frees from a very strong and competitive Pneil team, came back controlling the rest of the match scoring two great tries from rolling mauls which the Pneil team couldn't defend. A great first win for the 2nd XV.

We had another flight the next day to the much sunnier Durban, and after checking into Umdloti beach resort there was some

well-earned down time before our match against Pinetown High School the following afternoon. The match was played in hot weather and for the first time we played for each other. We once again put our bodies on the line against a physically bigger team. We finished up with a narrow loss after some great work put in by both the pack and backs.

The next morning we packed our bags for an early start to the Ezulwini Game Lodge. We drove around Hluhluwe Game Reserve on a desperate hunt to see some lions and we later had lunch on the hilltop camps with a view of the entire game reserve.

Towards the end of the trip we travelled to a Zulu village called Shakaland and after learning about their culture and heritage we were allowed to practice their traditional fighting and try their traditional dance with them. It was really interesting.

Sleeping in rooms with up to 22 meant that at night it was hard to get sleep for our early start at 6:30am. We travelled back through Durban en route to our next match against Hillcrest High School. This match was disappointing when our hopes fell and when we let our hearts take over the match instead of using our brains. Due to small errors and our incapability of converting opportunities to points, we lost our early lead and fell behind leaving our players frustrated and coming close to ruining the atmosphere of the trip. That night we had dinner with our girl's hockey team which helped lift our spirits.

The next day was spent in Shakaland waterpark and the beach with the warm Indian Ocean. We took our last internal flight to Joburg the next morning and on the way to our hotel we stopped off at Loftus Versfeld, the home of the Super 15 Blue Bulls. Finally arriving in our accommodation at Pilanesburg National Park we were given the afternoon to relax before the next day's trip to a market and the extravagant Sun City, after which we relaxed by watching The European Championships. We had an early morning wake up call to squeeze in a trip to the largest shopping centre in Africa and a drive through Soweto, the best known township in South Africa before leaving for home.

Overall it was an amazing experience and great fun was had by everyone there. We'd like to thank all the parents and teachers who were involved in making this trip possible.

Tim Harding, 5BK.



SOUTH AFRICA HOCKEY TOUR

On 7th June 2012 we boarded the first plane that would take us halfway across the world to Abu Dhabi, before arriving in South Africa at Cape Town International Airport. Our tour group comprised of thirty-one girls, Ms Jones, Ms Goulding, Ms Rugg, Ms Rellis and our tour guide, Sean.

We arrived at Franschhoek Lodge early on the morning of the 8th of June. Despite lack of sleep, we went straight to watch the Ireland U20's match against England where we met up with the Rugby Tour. This match was definitely a highlight for most of us and we later found out our face-painting and chanting were seen and heard on screens back home!

Over the next few days we stood at the edge of Cape Point, witnessed Ms Rugg chatting to penguins, and played matches in the township of Langa where we interacted with the children. We also got a high intensity training session in Stellenbosch University (the less fortunate of us having to endure the sessions with face paint on) where we later played our first astro matches against the leading South African province side that day.

On the 12th June we arrived in Cape Town and stayed in the beautiful 'Cape Suites' hotel. During our stay here we travelled across to Robben Island where we were given an interesting tour of the prison by an ex-prisoner. It was an extremely worthwhile day, especially the boat ride home when certain people decided to voluntarily soak themselves. We also got the opportunity to take cable car up to the top of Table Mountain which was incredible. The next day we played matches against Jan Van Riebeck High School. Originally the majority of us weren't too happy with the news that we would be playing on grass, but both our teams came out with great results. During our stay at Cape Suites, we also spent a lot of time at the Waterfront, where unfortunately we also almost lost Siobhan McManus to a fall because of an eye-catching ferris wheel - the giant rock below her went unnoticed.

Next we travelled to sunny Durban where we were staying in apartments on the edge of the Indian Ocean. Here we visited Ushaka Marineworld and Theme Park, played matches against Durban Girls' College and also at Hillcrest High School where we met up with the Rugby Tour again. At Hillcrest both teams got good results, Kate Barlow's 'goal of the tour' meant the 1stXI won 2-1 and Ms Rellis' ten minute span on the pitch contributed to the 2ndXI drawing a good game.

Finally we were onto the long awaited safari. We stayed at a game lodge in Ezulwini and went on safari the next day. We saw buffalo, rhino (to Ms Goulding's delight), antelope, elephants and tonnes of zebra. The last stop altogether was the Zulu village where we experienced traditional Zulu culture and dance. It was a very entertaining stay and definitely worthwhile travelling the length we did to get there! We sadly waved goodbye to our tour the next day and began our long travel home.

We want to say a huge thank you to everybody that contributed to organizing this amazing trip, especially to Ms Jones, Ms Goulding, Ms Rugg and Ms Rellis who made sure we never had a problem and took such good care of us over there! Also a huge thank you to all the schools that hosted us, our bus drivers Henri and Ronnie, and last but not least our tour guide who stuck with us the whole time - we love you Sean! It was the trip of a lifetime and we are all so grateful.

Evie McCullough, 5DM.



HAPPY OUT!



HAVING FUN IN THE SUN.



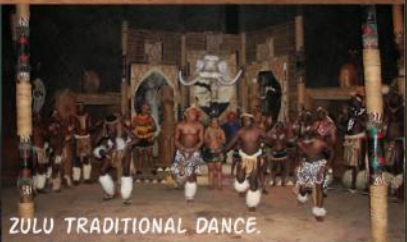
INTERACTING WITH THE LOCALS AT LANGA TOWNSHIP.



GIRLS HOCKEY GROUP AT THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.



LUKE BANNISTER HAVING HIS HEAD SHAVED TO RAISE MONEY FOR SOUTH AFRICA.



ZULU TRADITIONAL DANCE.



ZEBRA CROSSING.

LEAVING CERT



KATE HANLEY, 6CW - POSTER.



NIAMH MURPHY, 6H - POSTER.



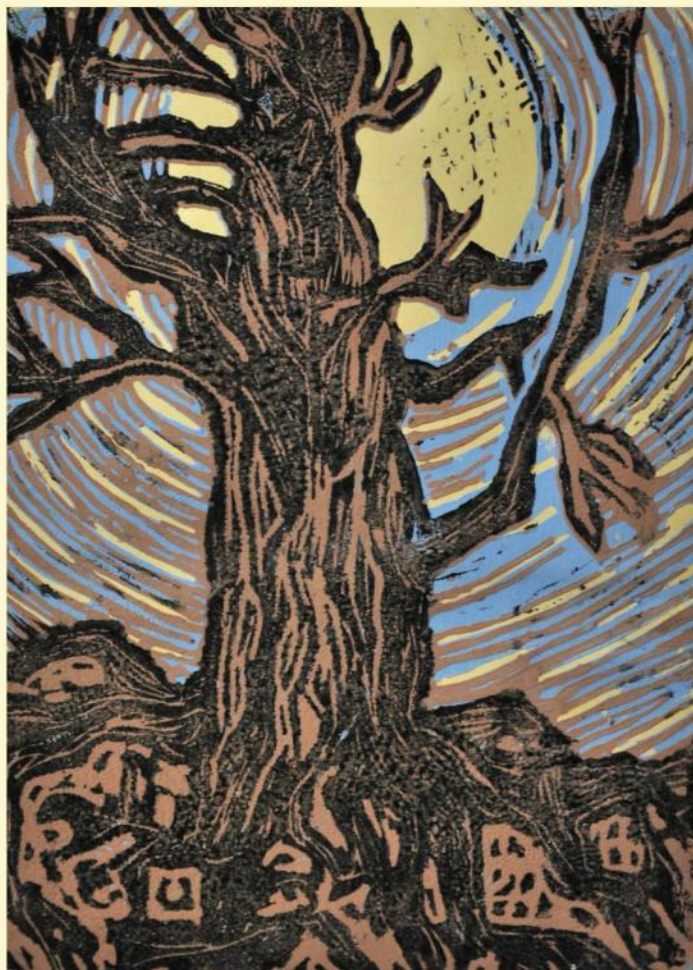
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UNA KELLER, 6H - POSTER.



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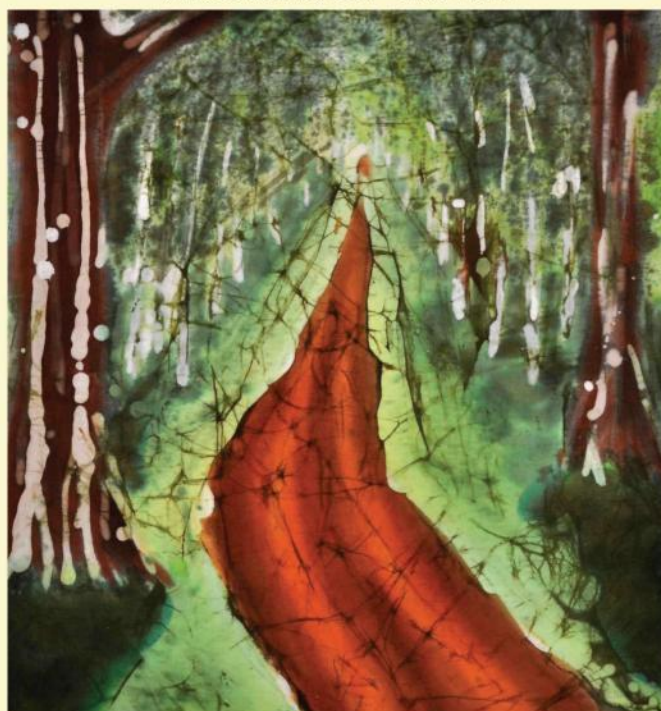
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BETH DAKIN, 6LM - BATIK.

SPORTS

SPORTS CAPTAINS 2010-2011

CRICKET - BOYS
DHRUV KAPOOR

CRICKET - GIRLS
CLIONA ROGAN

TENNIS - BOYS
IAN SHERIDAN

TENNIS - GIRLS
MARIANNE
MCCLAFFERTY

ATHLETICS - BOYS
CONOR SEXTON

ATHLETICS - GIRLS
SIOBHAN MCMANUS

BASKETBALL - BOYS
JAMIE MCAVINUE

BASKETBALL - GIRLS
LEANNE MCDONNELL

HOCKEY - BOYS
SHANE O'DONOGHUE

HOCKEY - GIRLS
KATIE O'BRIEN

RUGBY
CHRISTOPHER DOWNEY

SCHOOL TROPHY WINNERS 2010-2011

ATHLETICS
CORNICK
400 METRES - SENIOR BOYS
ETHAN CONROY

CUNNINGHAM POINTS
- JUNIOR BOYS
LEE TUCKER

HUGHES 415 GIRLS 100M
ELEANOR CONHEADY

DIOCESAN STAFFPOINTS
- JUNIOR GIRLS
CHARLOTTE KING

HUTCHINSON 800 METRES
- SENIOR GIRLS
EMMA MURPHY

MAGILL 100 METRES
- JUNIOR BOYS
VICTOR BELL

MATHERS POINTS - FORM 1 GIRLS
CHRISTINA LYNN

MOORE 200 METRES
- SENIOR BOYS
SAM TREACY MCGEE

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION 100
METRES - SENIOR GIRLS
KATE BARLOW

SLOAN LONG JUMP
- SENIOR BOYS
CONOR SEXTON

SOUTHAM 800 METRES
- SENIOR BOYS
ETHAN CONROY

TAYLOR 100 METRES
- SENIOR BOYS
CONOR SEXTON

TAYLOR POINTS - SENIOR GIRLS
SIOBHAN MCMANUS

TRIVERS HIGH JUMP
- SENIOR BOYS
CONOR SEXTON

WAR MEMORIAL POINTS
- SENIOR BOYS
CONOR SEXTON

WHYTE SENIOR BOYS
FIELD EVENTS
CONOR SEXTON

BADMINTON
FACTOR
JUNIOR BOYS
MARK DEACON

HENNESSEY
SENIOR BOYS
NIALL O'LEARY

JUNIOR GIRLS
SUSANNA WYSE
JACKSON

SENIOR GIRLS
EMMA MURPHY

EVANS JUNIOR
MIXED
HAYLEY BLAIR
/MARK PERHAM

CANOEING
BROAD CURFORM 1
TIM ROWLEY

CANOEIST
OF THE YEAR
BEN MCNEILLY

JUNIOR LIFFEY CUP
SAM TREACY-MCGEE

CRICKET
DAVIES SECOND 11
DEAN KILROY

DAWSON FORM 2
- BOYS
HUGH HACKETT

DE VERE SHORT
BATTING - BOYS
DHRUV KAPOOR

HANLY FIELDING
- BOYS
SEAN WARREN

HOCKEY
NEVILLE DAVIN
SENIOR BOYS
SHANE
O'DONOGHUE

DIOCESAN
MINOR GIRLS
AILISH LONG

KAREN EPPEL
SPORTSMANSHIP
FIADH GREGG

JEAN SCOTT
JUNIOR GIRLS
JENNIFER LONG

JEAN SCOTT SENIOR
GIRLS
MAOLÍOSA NUGENT

MURRAY JUNIOR BOYS
DAVID HOWARD

RUGBY
DAWSON FORM 2
DARAGH MCDONNELL

DE VERE SHORT
PLAYER OF THE
YEAR
CIAN MCDONAGH

TURNER MOST
DESERVING TEAM
CIAN MCCALLSLAND
(415)

EVANS PLACE 8
PEOP
IAN SHERIDAN

SOCCER
SHIELD LEAGUE
JAMES SADLER

TABLE TENNIS
EVANS
IAN STEVENSON

TENNIS - GIRLS
JAGOE
JUNIOR GIRLS
EMMA MURPHY

SMITH SENIOR GIRLS
EVIE MCCULLOUGH

TENNIS - BOYS
HARCOURT
JUNIOR BOYS
ADAM LINNON-
COLLERY

SEALY SENIOR BOYS
CONN LOANE

MINOR BOYS
MARK PERHAM
WHITE
PHILIP EMO

SWIMMING
LIFFEY SENIOR
CIARÁN BRADISH

DODDER JUNIOR
JOHN SWANWICK

JOHN PHILIPS
SURVIVAL
ESME MOLONEY

ATHLETICS



AIDAN LEE.



ATHLETICS SENIOR SQUAD

BACK ROW: MS HUTCHINSON-EDGAR, EMER BRENNAN, JOHN MURPHY, CONOR SEXTON,
SAM TREACY MCGEE, EMMA MURPHY, CHLOE DOYLE, MS FALLON.
FRONT ROW: NIAMH MORAN, ABIGAIL DONNELLY, SIOBHAN MCMANUS, ABBY SCHMIDT,
NIAMH MURPHY.

JOHN DEERING.



LORCAN DALY.



ATHLETICS JUNIOR SQUAD

BACK ROW: ANNA CULLEN, LUCY HEALY, PHILIP BRADISH, WILL LE BAS, RYAN BARID, PHILIP MOTYER,
ELLEN O'GORMAN, LEE TUCKER, CHARLOTTE KING, KIRSTY MEIJER, MS HUTCHINSON-EDGAR.
MIDDLE ROW: VICTOR BELL, FELIM KELLY, BRIAN REILLY, RUTH FERGUSON, AELA O'FLYNN,
ILONA ADAMS, CLODAGH CURREN.
FRONT ROW: JACK SCOLLARD, RORY DUFFY, CATHERINE HARRIS, CÍA MCELVEEN-WALSH, ELLA SCHMIDT,
DANIEL MURPHY, VLADIMIR SINT.



KATE BARLOW
SHOWING THEM
HOW ITS DONE.



FOLLOW THE
LEADER.

CROSS COUNTRY



CROSS COUNTRY

BACK ROW: NIAMH MORAN, EMMA MURPHY, SHANE HARRINGTON, DANNY MCAVINUE, JAMIE LAYCOCK, SAM KEATING, CIARRAN MAHZ, DONAL NAYLOR.
MIDDLE ROW: MS HUTCHINSON-EDGAR, BOBBY MCCUNE, RUTH FERGUSON, RYAN BAIRDE, MATTHEW TANNON ELGIE, PHILIP BRADISH, PETER CAMPBELL, NATHANIEL O'LEARY, BRIAN KENNELLY, SAM TRACEY MCGEE, MS FALLON, MR IRWIN.
FRONT ROW: ULTAN MAGUIRE, JACK SCHOLARD, EVAN COPPER, KATHERINE LANDY, HALEY WARD MCKENNA, MARIA HUNSTON, IIONA ADAMS.

CROSS-COUNTRY GIRLS

BACK ROW: NIAMH MORAN, EMMA MURPHY, SIOBHAN MCMANUS, EVIE MCCULLOUGH.



BADMINTON

SENIOR GIRLS

BADMINTON SENIOR GIRLS

EMMA LUCAS, CHLOE DEACON, EMMA MURPHY, VICKY LOVE, MR FLYNN.

This year has been one of the most successful in the Senior Girls Badminton League. Compared to the other years where we have reached the final and unfortunately lost, with much determination we won the Dublin League by topping our section beating St Joseph's Cluny in the semi-finals by a small margin and Gormanston College in the finals, a school that beat us in the final two years ago.

As we had come out on top in the Dublin League we advanced to the Leinster finals in Baldoyle Badminton Centre. The competition was very tough and the matches were played in a round robin against the four teams that were Moate Community School from Westmeath, Coláiste Mhuire from Kilkenny, St Brendan's College from Offaly and Wilson's Hospital from Westmeath and Kildare. We were defeated by a very strong side from Coláiste Mhuire. We all received plaques and were very happy to get that far to reach the Leinster finals and to eventually, after many years, win the Dublin League.

On behalf of the team we would like to thank Mr Flynn and Ms Williams for coaching us throughout the year and encouraging us throughout all of our matches.





BADMINTON JUNIOR A GIRLS
LEAH TUOHY, SUSANNA WYSE
JACKSON, HAYLEY BLAIR,
ELIZABETH GAGEBY.



BADMINTON JUNIOR B GIRLS
MARIKA GENTILE, RUTH FERGUSON,
MAYA DEVINE, EMMA WATTS,
SHANNON YOUNG, EVA KELLY.

JUNIOR GIRLS

The Junior girl's badminton teams have had a great year. We played a wide range of matches against schools including St MacDaras, Mount Sackville, Wesley, Our Lady's and Holy Faith Clontarf. Unfortunately we narrowly missed making it into the knock-out stages of the league, but we played well and really enjoyed ourselves. A big thank you to Mr Flynn and Ms Williams, and to the hardworking teams who helped make this year so successful!

Susanna Wyse Jackson, 3P.

MINOR A GIRLS

A few weeks ago, the Minor A girls badminton team played in the All-Ireland Final in Gormanston College. Getting there was very tough. First, we qualified for the Dublin Final where we beat Our Lady's Templeogue and from there we qualified for the Leinster Final, beating Coláiste Mhuire, Holy Cross and Our Lady's once again. Finally we played in the All Ireland Final in a tough group with Connacht, Ulster and Munster. Overall we finished in 3rd place.

We would like to give a huge thanks to the coaches, Mr Flynn and Ms Williams. Also thanks to the supporters who came to watch. This was a great day and a brilliant achievement.

Amy Connolly, 1C.



BADMINTON MINOR B GIRLS
MARIE-AUGUSTINE DAILLET, CATHERINE
HARRIS, AMY BOWKER, RACHEL FERGUSON,
DEARBHLA FORDE-MORRIN.



BADMINTON MINOR A GIRLS
RUBY KEATING LEVINS, AMY BOWKER, AMY CONNOLLY,
AELA O'FLYNN, SOPHIE KEATING.



BADMINTON MINOR C GIRLS
GRAINNE DOWLING, SORCHA
NINEILL, DEARBHLA FORDE-
MORNE, RHIANNA YOUNG.



BADMINTON MINOR D GIRLS
BACK ROW: EVA EARNER, DEBORAH DEEGAN, ANNIE BRENNAN, GEMMA
BOVENIZER, YULIYA MIKULCHYK, EMMA TAYLOR, KATIE WYSE-JACKSON.
FRONT ROW: ALANNAH SHIELDS-MCGOVEREN, ORLA PERDUE.



**BADMINTON
JUNIOR A BOYS**
CHARLIE CARE,
ADAM LUNNON
COLLERY,
MARK PRIM,
MARK DEACON.



**BADMINTON
JUNIOR B BOYS**
ROBERT DEEGAN,
DARRAGH HIGGINS,
TONY ZHENG.
ABSENT:
RONAN WEBBER,
DAVID BRUSEY.



BADMINTON MINOR A BOYS
JACK LYONS, RONAN O'BYRNE,
HARRY KING, DAVID O'BRIEN.



BADMINTON MINOR B BOYS
DANIEL CURRAN, HARRY MACDONALD, MILO O'SULLIVAN,
SEAMUS BRACKEN, LIONEL DEVERELL, MATT SISSON.



THE GAME IN ACTION.



THE TEAM



READY TO PLAY.



SERVE.



POISED TO SERVE.

BASKETBALL



BASKETBALL SENIOR BOYS

BACK: MR MALIN, FABIAN MAK, LUKE THOMPSON, KÁRI ANDRÉSSON, MAHON MCCANN, MITCH PEARSE.
FRONT: FERDIA SOPER MACCAFRIDH, DANNY MCAVINUE, EAMONN O'SULLIVAN, CIARAN MAHER.
ABSENT: RYAN O'MALLEY.



BASKETBALL 2ND YEAR BOYS

BACK ROW: AARON HUNT, LEE TUCKER, DAVID EGAN, NEVOJSA CVETKOVIC, WILL FUREY, JASON COSGROVE, RAYMOND TANG, MR MALIN.
FRONT ROW: NATHAN SELIGMAN, CIAN MCCAUSLAND, BILLY ILAND, DANNY RIDER, CIAN LARKIN WOULFE.



BASKETBALL U16 BOYS

BACK ROW: DAVID EGAN, WILLIAM FUREY, NEBOJSA CVETKOVIC, SHANE HARRINGTON.
FRONT ROW: NATHAN SELIGMAN, KEN EDGEWORTH, JASON COSGROVE.
ABSENT: DARAGH HIGGINS, FEARGAL KAVANAGH.

BASKETBALL 1ST YEAR BOYS

BACK ROW: DAVID JAMES DONNELLY, NAOISE LAW, HARRY KANE, RONAN O'BYRNE, DARA TURPIN, MYLO O'SULLIVAN, MR MALIN.
FRONT ROW: HARRY CRIPPS, HARRY MCDONNELL, KEVIN FLAHERTY, DANIEL CURRAN, SAM DUFFY.
ABSENT: DEAN LOPONGO.

GO! SHOOT
YEAH!





BASKETBALL SENIOR GIRLS

BACK ROW: AINE CORMAC O'HORA, ABBY SCHMIDT, LEANNE MCDONALD, REBECCA DALTON, UNA KELLER, KATE HANLEY, SAMIRA AYEVA, MICHAEL CRITCHLEY.

FRONT ROW: DEBBIE BURKE, LAURA DOWLING, RACHEL BURKE, CHLOE O'BRIEN, ABIGAIL DONNELLY.

YEAH BASKETBALL
YEAH!



BASKETBALL 3RD YEAR GIRLS

BACK ROW: AMANDA KO, EMMA WATTS, NADINE BURKE, TARA BARNES, MARCELLA NIKOLOVA, LAOISE BROPHY, RACHEL DONNELLY, ELIZABETH GAGEBY, REGOR DAVIVAS.

FRONT ROW: BOBBY MCCUNE, LOUISE DUKES, ALICE DE FORGE, BETHANY THOMPSON, AISLING O'KELLY, LAURA DUNNE, ROISIN CORMAC O'HARA.

ABSENT: EMMA O'MALLEY, ÁINE HUGHES.



BASKETBALL 2ND YEAR GIRLS

BACK ROW: HALEY WARD MCKENNA, SOPHIE SHIELL, ELLEN DOWNEY, KATE O'ROURKE, FREYJA ANDRÉSDÓTTIR, ANNA MAISE, TAILLIE MAY, AOIFE DOMICAN, SIBÉAL DEVILLY, LYNN DUKE.

FRONT ROW: ALANNA SHIELDS MCGOVERAN, ANNA CULLEN, ILONA ADAMS, MAIRÉAD O'GORMAN, JENNIFER CODY, ORLAITH GREHAN.

ABSENT: AISLING O'NEILL, SORCHA O'CONNELL.



BASKETBALL 1ST YEAR GIRLS

BACK ROW: REBECCA FOX, YULIYA MIKULCHYK, ELLEN JACKSON, SARAH MULLOOLY, MEGAN O'BRIEN, MAELY LIM, MIYANKA NAIDU, MEGAN MILLETT, NATALIE KO, REGOR DAVIVAS.

FRONT ROW: ELLEN TUCKER, KATIE WYSE-JACKSON, ANGELA TANG, SAIRSE KEAVEN, JOY SHERWOOD, FIONNUALA MULLEN, GEORGIA GRANT.

ABSENT: KATIE WEAVER, CAMILLE CHRISTLE, WILLOW BREEN, MIA JENNINGS.



CRICKET

SENIOR BOYS

The 2012 season didn't get off to a great start, with three losses in school competitions.

Firstly an away loss to StColumba's on a waterlogged pitch. The game was a low scoring one with High Schools big hitter Ian Sheridan hitting some big balls. Good bowling at times was let down by an unprepared side in the field.

Second game was away to the now cup winners Belvedere (who I would like to congratulate on their 35th Senior Cup win). High School side was severely weakened with many top players missing. Belvedere's team was too strong and High School's young team was sent home very early.

The High School had two fixtures in two days against Wesley and the Past Pupils. From this Stephen Reid, Kunal Kapoor and Aaron Campbell came out of their retirement to play in the final games. As captain I also tried to recruit some junior players for future years.

As a team we tried to enjoy the Wesley game as much as we could. Wesley batted first and put good runs on the board. Stephen Alexander (Head Boy) rolled back the years of his bowling career taking some wickets. We bowled Wesley out and went in to bat not expecting what was going to be thrown at us. Early losses lead to Stephen Reid being at the core of High School's batting, hitting some big balls and enjoying himself at the same time.

After three losses the senior players had a point to prove against the good opposition that are the Past Pupils. They batted first and we started well, Stephen Alexander in the wickets again. Past Pupil's big hitters came in and they marched to 160 retiring at 23 overs with a hint of cockiness and sympathy. The High School batted extremely well with Mooney, Jackson, Sheridan and Campbell all doing a good job. Rolfe with some questionable shots got himself up 74 bringing the team up to the 120s. In came Alexander and the rest of the tail. Some good shots from Alexander kept High School in the game. A huge 6 from Zion Delaney brought us only a few runs away. Junior Oisín Walsh scored a run off the last ball for us to win, and end the season on a high.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank the two Coaches, Mr Malin and Mr Walker. Also to Gladys Gourley and the Catering Staff for making the teas for the Past Pupils game.

Although the last couple of years haven't been successful there will always be good memories, beating cup winners, fun Past Pupil games and great unexpected individual performances. Hopefully in years to come High School can bring the Senior Cup home again and with that I wish future teams all the best.

Will Rolfe, 6BM, Captain.



CRICKET SENIOR 1ST XI BOYS

BACK ROW: JACK BYRNE, LUKE BANNISTER, JUSTIN BRADISH, ROBERT BEVERLAND, DANIEL MCBRIDE, TIM JONES, MR MALIN.
FRONT ROW: ANDREW MANNING, PATRICK ADYE-CURREN, STEPHEN ALEXANDER, ING-MAR LIM, ANDREW MOONEY, CIAN TOBIN, RYAN EVANS. ABSENT: WILL ROLFE, IAN SHERIDAN.



CRICKET SENIOR 2ND XI BOYS

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, SEAN SHANLEY-MEE, ANDREW MANNING, ROBERT BEVERLAND, DANIEL MCBRIDE, CRAIG KENNEDY, LUKE BANNISTER, TIM JONES.
FRONT ROW: JOHN KEHOE-ROCHE, PATRICK ADYE-CURREN, JUSTIN BRADISH, RYAN EVANS, JACK BYRNE, CIAN TOBIN, LUKE BARRY.



CRICKET JUNIOR BOYS

BACK ROW: MR MCCAUGHEY, COLIN JACKSON, HUGH HACKETT, JAKE O'DONNELL, RÓNÁN DOWLING CULLEN, ANDREW JONES, LUKE KEHOE ROCHE.
FRONT ROW: TOM MCNULTY, OISIN MOODLIAR WALSH, CONOR PRENDERGAST, OISIN MCEVOY, ANDREW PALMER.

U14B BOYS

The Second Year B Cricket team had a great first match versus King's Hospital winning comfortably which set the standard for the incoming season. We played several matches only losing one to a strong Wilson's Hospital side by two wickets.

We reached the final of the U14 league and were up to play Castleknock but due to restraints we now have to play this at the beginning of the term in September.

On my behalf I would like to thank all the players who played for the team including Joe Prendergast and Conor Empey from first year.

I would have to say the three players that stood out in the matches were Alistair Ridyard as wicket keeper who kept us in all of the games, Joe Prendergast who bowled superbly against St Columba's College and Billy Iland who made a great action catch. (Editor's note: and modest too!)

We have battled hard to reach the final and will show respect for our opponents, win or lose we are happy to have achieved a place in the final.

A very special thanks to Mr Walker, Mr Malin and Ross Johnson for all their help in training the team.

Billy Iland, 2G, Captain.



CRICKET UNDER 14 A BOYS

BACK ROW: MR WALKER, DANNY SYKES, CHARLIE KERR, CIAN LARKIN WOULFE, MATTHEW RIDGEWAY, JOHN DOHERTY, NATHAN SELIGMAN, LUKE KEHOE-ROCHE.
MIDDLE ROW: CIAN WARREN, BILLY ILAND, OISIN MCEVOY, ANDY PALMER, JACKSON BARRY.
FRONT ROW: DANNY REILLY, AARON HUNT.

CRICKET U14 B BOYS

BACK ROW: MR WALKER, DANIEL SYKES, CHARLIE KERR, CIAN LARKIN WOULFE, ROBBIE KELLEHER, NATHAN SELIGMAN, ALISTAIR RIDYARD.
MIDDLE ROW: CIAN WARREN, JACKSON BARRY, BILLY ILAND, AARON HUNT, LUKE KEHOE-ROCHE.
FRONT ROW: DANNY REILLY, JOHN DOHERTY.



CRICKET FIRST YEAR A BOYS

BACK ROW: MR LEVIS, JACK LYONS, MARK TOBIN, JACK O'GORMAN, JACK IREDALE, JAMES ANDERSON, RORY O'CONNOR, ANDREW IRWIN, MR HILLIARD.
FRONT ROW: RYAN BAIRD, JOSH ROSNEY, CONOR EMPEY, BOBBY HACKETT, JOE PRENDERGAST, ADAM RUFLI, CRAIG WHELAN.





CRICKET FIRST YEAR B BOYS

BACK ROW: MR LEVIS, MARK TOBIN, JACK MCKENNA, ROSS MACWILLIAM, RONAN O'BYRNE, JACK IREDALE, TIM KAYE MELLOR, RORY O'CONNOR, SHANE O'REILLY, MR HILLIARD.

FRONT ROW: MARK DEERING, HARRY KING, JOSH ROSNEY, ANDREW IRWIN, CRAIG WHELAN, DANIEL CURRAN, ALEXANDER DURAC.

SENIOR 1ST GIRLS

From the start of the season our goal was to win the league. After our first match against St Columba's it was looking very hopeful - we only had to chase 15 runs. Our second match against Mount Anville also made us look good; this time we were chasing about 30 runs. We played Mount Anville again in a friendly and trashed them getting 107 runs in 16 overs. Unfortunately, the game got rained off before they attempted to beat us. The last match of the league was against Wesley. If we won this match we were into the final. This match was more of a challenge but we still won, which meant we were into the final against Rathdown.

In the final we batted first and got 109 runs (in which Jenny Long got her half century!), we then went on to defend them. The game got tough in the 17th over and it was a 50:50 chance of who was going to win. But our team shone through and got a wicket, which now meant we only had to get one more wicket to win the game. We won the game in the last over when Laura Rankin got our last wicket. The whole team played a stormer in that match and not one ball went by without some encouragement. The umpires said it was the loudest match they'd ever been to and that was all thanks to us and our team spirit. I would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr Levis on behalf of the team for all their hard work; we couldn't have got so far without you! I would also like to say thanks to all the girls on the team you all put in so much effort and hard work and it certainly didn't go unseen. The senior one division won't know what hit them next year!

Hannah Ridgeway, 5MB.



CRICKET SENIOR GIRLS

BACK ROW: CIARA DOWLING, RACHEL DELANEY, LIA MCCANN, LAURA BYRNE, EMMA MURPHY, CHLOE DEACON, MEG O'CONNOR, AISLING O'REILLY, ELLEN BALDWIN, KAMALA FALKINER, MR FITZPATRICK.

FRONT ROW: MR LEVIS, CAOIMHE NEVILLE, NIAMH HEBBLETHWAITE, HANNAH RIDGEWAY, JENNY LONG, LAURA RANKIN, ESMÉ MOLONEY.
ABSENT: ELLIE CONHEADY, ELLEN MCCULLOUGH.



CRICKET JUNIOR A GIRLS

BACK ROW: MR LEVIS, RACHEL DELANEY, AILISH LONG, LEAH TUOHY, AINE HUGHES, GRACE O'MARCAIGH, MR FITZPATRICK.
FRONT ROW: HANEEFA CARRIM, LAURA POWER, ELLEN MCCULLOUGH, CHARLOTTE KING, ALANNAH CARRAGHER, ELLIE CONHEADY.

JUNIOR BS GIRLS

This year the Junior Bs had a very successful season. Our first match was against Mt Anville. Our batting improved throughout the game and we set a score of 198 runs for Mt Anville to beat. The team's only player who plays cricket in Merrion, Emma Canning, was a great asset in this match getting a total of five people out. The final score was 198-25 runs. We were delighted with our win and were ready for the next match.

We trained harder than ever once we heard that, should we win our next match, we would go through to the semi-final. That next match was against St Andrew's. In the fielding side of the game we did better, getting a total of six wickets, but when it came to batting we had golden ducks, and even diamond ducks! We were all shocked at how sharply our batting levels had dropped, but it was all thanks to our number one batter, Jessica Miller who won the game for us. With those two wins, we knew we could take on the next team in the semi-final. However, Mount Sackville couldn't field a team, so they forfeited.

The team didn't know what would happen next. We got the shock of our lives when Mr Levis said proudly 'We're through to the final!'. The day of the final soon came. We were ready.

We played Alexandra College in the final. They batted first and made just forty runs on a very wet day. Kirsty Meijer got four wickets and won girl of the match as a result. We reached the target of 41 comfortably, for the loss of just one wicket. So we had won the league and were absolutely over the moon!

On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Mr Levis for coaching us this year. Hopefully we will do just as well next year!

Kate Hunter-Hanley, 2G.

U13 GIRLS

This year the cricket season started in April with clumsy batting and bowling balls backwards but after a few training sessions with Dr Budd and Mr McNamara, we were ready to play our first match against Wesley. Although we played very well we were unfortunate and lost. However we learned a lot about the game and the rules.

Next we played Mount Anville, Alexandra College and our final match was against Aravon. We played really well and were showing great skill. We were winning, but we had to forfeit.

We had lots of fun this year and can't wait for next year. On behalf of the cricket team we would like to thank Dr Budd and Mr McNamara for all their excellent coaching and encouragement during the season.

*Lauren Fitzpatrick-Kiely, 1MC
and Ruby Keating Levins, 1MC.*



CRICKET JUNIOR B GIRLS

BACK ROW: MR LEVIS, MICHAELA RYNNE, EMMA CANNING, JESSICA MILLER, ELLEN DOWNEY, MOLLY WHELAN, ALISON MOONEY, MR FITZPARTICK.
FRONT ROW: ZOE MANNING, KATE HUNTER HANLEY, AMAIA DEMPSEY LERCHUNDI, AMY BYRNE, KIRSTY MEIJER, EMMA DOOLEY, LINDSAY BAKER KERRIGAN.



CRICKET FIRST YEAR A GIRLS

BACK ROW: MR MACNAMARA, SOPHIE KEATING, AMY BOWKER, MAELY LIM, KYLA O'DWYER, MIYANKA NAIDU, DEBORAH DEEGAN, DR BUDD.
FRONT ROW: ELLA SCHMIDT, SAOIRSE KEAVENY, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, DEARBHLA FORDE-MORRIN, GRÁINNE DOWLING.



GIRL'S 1ST YEAR B CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR MACNAMARA, EVA EARNER RYAN, RHIANNA YOUNG, ELLEN JACKSON, LAUREN FITZPATRICK KIELY, REBECCA FOX, FIONNUALA MULLEN, JOY SHERWOOD, DR BUDD.
FRONT ROW: TRINA BOVENIZER, CATHERINE HARRIS, EMMA TAYLOR, SORCA NÍ NÉILL, SOPHIE HAYES, ABIGAIL NOLAN, GEMMA BOVENIZER.

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NATHANIEL O'LEARY,
MELANIE O'DONOVAN,
DR WHITFORD.



HOCKEY SENIOR 1ST GIRLS

BACK ROW: ALI MEEKE, MAEVE DALY, ELLIE CONHEADY,
SIOBHAN MCMANUS, EMMA MURPHY, KATE BARLOW,
LUCY BARLOW, DEBBIE BURKE, MS JONES.
FRONT ROW: SARAH FOX, AILISH LONG, JESSICA MEEKE,
JENNIFER RYNNE, JENNIFER LONG, EVIE MCCULLOUGH,
SAOIRSE O'DONOGHUE.
ABSENT: LIA MCCANN.

Ailish Long, Jessie Meeke, Saoirse O'Donoghue, Evie McCullough and Jenny Long showed true grit and nerve in stepping up to take their penalties and each one succeeded. Lia McCann performed outstandingly in goal, keeping Mount Sackville from scoring.

Following that we played King's Hospital in the quarter finals, although it was a tough match we won 2-0. That win set up a crunch semi final against our nemesis Alexandra College in Three Rock Rovers. A great crowd of supporters turned up to cheer us on, but unfortunately on the day we didn't perform at anything near our potential. We were well beaten although the final score line 5-1 did not reflect our efforts.

Alexandra College went on to win the league and cup and then later, the All Irelands – some consolation in losing to such worthy champions.

As a result of being semi finalists of the cup we qualified for the Claudia Tierney Cup. We played Rathdown in the first match and took a brilliant last minute short corner strike from Miss Reliable Jenny Long to send us to the final with a 4-3 win.

The final was also played in Three Rock Rovers and again, against our "friends" Mount Sackville. They were certainly keen on seeking revenge following their cup exit and we trailed 1-0 down until a last minute cracker from Saoirse O'Donoghue

prevented us from losing. It was definitely an exciting match with both teams giving it everything they had. In the end it was down to 'one on ones' again. We made hard work of it, but thanks to a sudden death save by Lia McCann and under the cool head of Jenny Long, we managed to pull off a nail biting victory much to the relief of our coaches, Ms Jones and Ms Meeke, and our loyal band of supporting parents and students.

It was a brilliant season and I'd like to thank Ms Jones and Ms Meeke for all their hard work training us throughout the season, and also to the team, for being so dedicated. I think we can agree that our hard work paid off and it was definitely the most enjoyable season I have had in my years at The High School. It was an honour to captain such a great team.

Jennifer Rynne, 6LM.

HOCKEY

SENIOR 1ST GIRLS

It was definitely a year of "what nearly was" for the Senior 1stXI, but it was still a brilliant season – our best for some years now, I think everyone will agree with that.

Having managed some excellent results in the league, we lost out narrowly in our top four playoffs. But it was in the cup that we really showed our best form. For the sixth years on the team it was their last chance at winning something at a school level.

We started the league well with high scoring wins against Holy Child and Loreto Foxrock. Unfortunately for us two results cost us our place in the semis – losing to Alexandra College away, right at the end in a match we really should have won – and then a draw with Mount Sackville at home in a game we also should have won. Our last league match was against Wesley, winners promised a place in the semi final, but unfortunately it did not go our way and we set our focus on the cup.

We began with a convincing 7-1 over Our Lady's Grove. We then had to play Muckcross away and dug deep to come back from 2-0 down to win 3-2 when Saoirse O'Donoghue hit the backboard with an excellent strike just minutes from the end to set up our next match against Mount Sackville. It was a very close encounter and ended up going to penalty 'one on ones' – such drama in terrible conditions.

SENIOR 2NDS

This year, the Senior 2ndXI were a great team to play with. There was a good mix of players and once we got used to playing together we worked well as a team. Our training sessions were always fun, even when we had to do hardcore fitness! We drew a tough group in the league, which included Muckross, Mount Sackville and Mount Anville. Despite our hard work, we were disappointed to find ourselves on the wrong side of the results against these schools. But we didn't give up and we played a brilliant game against St Andrews and it was safe to say we gave them a tough match. While we didn't find much success in the league, we gained more experience playing visiting teams from outside Dublin. Villiers School in Limerick requested to play us, as did a Scottish school on tour. We found these matches really enjoyable. For our last match of the season, we went to Kilkenny College, where we drew 1-1 and had a lovely dinner together. This trip was one of the highlights of the season, as we all got on so well by that stage. We would like to thank Mr Levis for coming with us. I would like to thank Ms Jones for the effort she always puts in to organising the season every year and for coaching us. I hope we made her proud this year. I would also like to thank the whole team, I am happy that my last year of hockey in school was with you all. It was a privilege to be captain of this team and to get to know you. I wish you all luck next year and I will be rooting for the 2nd's in next year's league!

Alice Somers Donnelly, 6LM.



HOCKEY SENIOR 2NDS GIRLS

BACK ROW: HAYLEY JACKSON, LAURA RANKIN, HANNAH RIDGEWAY, ELLEN BALDWIN, ESME MOLONEY.

FRONT ROW: FIADH GREGG, CAOIMHE CASSIDY, AMY O'REGAN, ALICE SOMERS DONNELLY, ZOE CHOY-O'BYRNE, ZOE REICHENTAL, MS JONES.



HOCKEY SENIOR 3RD GIRLS

BACK ROW: LILI NOLAN, HOLLY KANE-O'BRIEN, REBEKAH DONNELLY, KATE BARRETT, CHLOE DEACON, EMMA FEELY, SUZANNE GRAY, CLAIRE HALLISSEY, SARA BUTTANSHAW.

FRONT ROW: AINE KENNA, FLORENCE BRADISH, CIARA DOWLING, NIAMH MURPHY, EMMA LUCAS, VICKY LOVE, LAUREN TULLY.



HOCKEY SENIOR 4TH GIRLS

BACK ROW: MR LEVIS, CIARA DOWLING, ALISON KINLAN, SUZANNE GRAY, FLORENCE BRADISH, CIARA FEELY, RUTH MAWHINNEY, RESHAYLIA NAIDU.

FRONT ROW: AINE KENNA, CHLOE DOYLE, LEAH STAFFORD, LAUREN HUDSON, GRACE MCCARTHY, HEATHER BALDWIN, CATHERINE FLEMING.

SENIOR 3RDS

The Senior 3rdXI had a very enjoyable year, though not quite managing to win the league we did have some moments of greatness including some great goals from our forwards.

We also had some very convincing wins in our friendlies which showed us that our dedication in training was paying off. The team got on very well due to some intense team bonding sessions. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Levis for organizing the matches (and sometimes showing up) and bringing fun to our training as well as his passion from the sidelines, which was greatly appreciated by our team, though I'm not sure this was appreciated by our opponents (or their refs!).

Niamh Murphy, 6H.

SENIOR 4THS

This year we had a very enjoyable season. We had a tough start in the league but as we advanced further we won matches against Wesley, Holy Child Killiney and Mount Sackville which meant we did well in our league. We all really improved as individuals as well and as a team. We had so many good laughs and it was always good craic playing together.

I would like to thank my team and our coach Mr Levis for all his hard work and support throughout the season.



HOCKEY JUNIOR A GIRLS

BACK ROW: MS KEARY, AMY BYRNE, RACHEL KAYE MELLOR, EMMA CANNING, CHARLOTTE KING, LUCY BARLOW, ELLIE CONNEADY, GRACE O'MARCAIGH, MEG O'CONNOR, SAIRSE O'DONOGHUE. FRONT ROW: ALANNAH CARRAGHER, LAURA POWER, HANEEFA CARRIM, AILISH LONG, ELLEN MCCULLOUGH, JULIENNE STEWART, RACHEL DELANEY.

HOCKEY JUNIOR B GIRLS

BACK ROW: MS KEARY, KATE SQUIRE, HAYLEY BLAIR, EVA MARTIN, EVIE MCCLAFFERTY, SARAH MULHERE, SAIRSE O'MAHONY, AMY MACWILLIAM, MAEBH BRENNAN. FRONT ROW: EMER BRENNAN, CLAIRE AUSTEN, EMMA MCNEILLY, NIAMH HEBBLETHWAITE, DEARBHLA MORONEY, JULIENNE STEWART, AINE HUGHES.



HOCKEY JUNIOR C GIRLS

BACK ROW: ALI MEEKE, EMILY NI RIAIN, LEAH TUOHY, ELLEN O'GORMAN, AISLING WHELAN, REBECCA SHAW, ELIZABETH GAGEBY, BRONA MURPHY. FRONT ROW: CHLOE MANAHAN, SHANNON YOUNG, MEGAN O'BYRNE, SUSANNA WYSE JACKSON, JESSICA NEVILLE, MAYA DEVINE, ELLEN MULLOOLY.



(MOUNT)
TEMPLE RUN.



MCCULLOUGH IN ACTION.



QUICK TURN ABOUT.



IS IT A BIRD?
IS IT A PLANE?
NO IT'S
FRENCHIE!

MINOR A

This year the Minor As started training in September. As the team was predominantly the same players as last year, apart from two skillful First Year additions, we all knew each other's strengths.

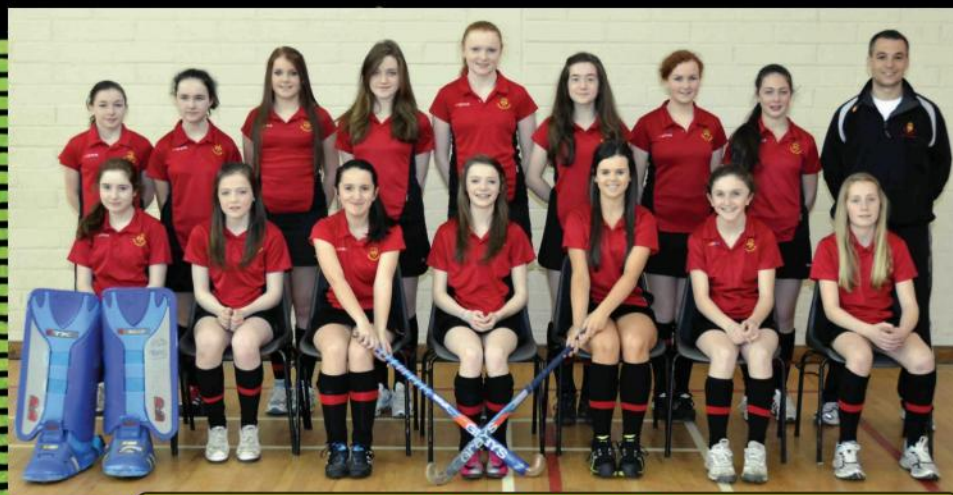
We played a few challenge matches and soon the league started. We played King's Hospital at home for our first league match. Our team put in a huge effort and we beat them 2-0. This win boosted our confidence and we continued on to draw with a very strong St Andrews side with some great individual and team performances. Unfortunately, we lost to Our Lady's Terenure and Muckross and we found ourselves out of the running and the league. We finished the league on a high however, beating Alexandra College 1-0, with a last-minute goal.

Our cup campaign started and we were set to play St Columba's College. It was a tough match but we continued on to the second round with the first years proving to be great assets. Unluckily, we were drawn to play away to Mount Anville.

Although we trained hard and everyone gave one hundred percent on the day, it wasn't enough and we got knocked out. For the rest of the season we just played challenges in which we beat Wesley and Mount Sackville.

On behalf of the team, I'd like to thank Mr Levis for coaching us for two years and for making hockey so enjoyable.

Amy Byrne, 4L.



HOCKEY MINOR A GIRLS

BACK ROW: RUBY KEATING LEVINS, ABBIE SHERIDAN, LINSEY BAKER KERRIGAN, CHRISTINA LYNN, ZOE MANNING, EMMA CANNING, AMY LOGAN, AOIFE CLOUGHLEY.
FRONT ROW: CLODAGH CURRAN, MIA JENNINGS, KATE HUNTER HANELY, AMY BYRNE, MOLLY WHEALAN, MICHEALA RYNNE, HANNAH MALONY.
ABSENT: ISABEL GARLAND.



HOCKEY MINOR B GIRLS

BACK ROW: HANNAH BURKE, CLARA DEVINE, SOPHIE HARRISON, ALISON BEVERLAND, JESSICA MILLER, AMY CLOUGHLEY.
FRONT ROW: LANA COTTER, EMMA DOOLY, KIRSTY MEIJER, ALISON MOONY, EVA GANNON, CATHERINE NEENAN, AOIFE KERNAN.

MINOR B

The Minor B's had a very unlucky season in 2011-2012. We unfortunately didn't do well in our league, losing 1-0 to Rathdown, 1-0 to Holy Child Killiney. We lost 3-2 to Mount Sackville, 1-0 to Wesley but won 6-0 against King's Hospital. We travelled to Kilkenny College and drew 1-1 against their team. Even after losing a few matches, Mr Levis always had helpful and encouraging words to cheer us up.

On behalf of all the Minor B's, I would like to thank Mr Levis for his coaching all year.

Alison Mooney, 2G.



HOCKEY MINOR C GIRLS

BACK ROW: LUCY HEALY, ABIGAIL GREENE, AOIBHÍN O'RAW, SÉANA BRADY, EMMA TREACY, KATHERINE LANDY, HAYLEY WARD MCKENNA, AITANA BYRNE PAREDES.
FRONT ROW: FREYJA ANDRÉSDÓTTIR, PAIGE LEAVY, ANNA FLEMING, AMAIA DEMPSEY LECHUNDI, CIARA FAUGHNAN, MARIA HUNSTON, ALANNAH O'REILLY.



1ST YEAR A

The 1st year A team didn't start off the season very well, we played Muckross Park College and lost 2-0. We had training with Dr Budd after school and Mr Levis during games and we started to improve and gained more confidence on the pitch. Unfortunately we didn't get very far in the league after losing the first few matches.

A sign of our improvement was that after losing 3-0 to Muckross Park College at the start of the year, we then played them again and drew 1-1. We lost to Loreto Beaufort and Alexandra College but won against Newpark Comprehensive School and Loreto on the Green. We were also lucky enough to be one of the few teams in The High School to travel down to Kilkenny to play a match against Kilkenny College, who hosted us very well!

We had a lot of fun at training, got on very well as a team and improved a lot throughout the season. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Dr Budd for coaching us throughout the season, turning up to our matches on cold mornings and trainings every Friday night, but mostly for making them great fun and really enjoyable. Also thank you to the team for all the fun we had during the year, and the effort we put in to make it so enjoyable.

Mia Jennings, 1W.



HOCKEY 1ST YEAR A GIRLS

BACK ROW: DR BUDD, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, SOPHIE KEATING, CAMILLE CHRISTLE, MELANIE O'DONOVAN, AMY BOWKER, MS RUGG.

FRONT ROW: CATHERINE HARRIS, MEGAN O'DONNELL(V.C), RACHEL FERGUSON, MIA JENNINGS(C), LAUREN STYLES, EMMA TAYLOR, ANNIE BRENNAN.

ABSENT: KYLA O'DWYER.



HOCKEY 1ST YEAR B GIRLS

BACK ROW: DR BUDD, AISHA TUOHY, SINÉAD DUNNE, AELA O'FLYNN, SARAH MULLOOLY, LISA COSGROVE, GRÁINNE DOWLING, MS RUGG.

FRONT ROW: DEBORAH DEEGAN, AMY CONNOLLY, MARIE-AUGUSTINE DAILLET, MEGAN O'BRIEN, DEARBHLA FORDE-MORRIN, EMILY SMARTT, ELLA SCHMIDT.

1ST YEAR C

This year the 1st Year Girls C hockey team consisted of many people that had never played before. We started off not being able to hit the ball (I was going to compile a list of our hockey mistakes, but Dr Budd had said I should keep my review under ten pages!) but towards the end we had gotten much better.

Lots of enthusiasm plus a great team coach (thanks to Dr Budd) equals a winning team spirit. We trained hard and tried our best which paid off soon after we got our first win against Our Lady's.

We have all improved so much from the start of the year and I think we will all keep improving, getting better year after year. We have all really enjoyed the season and can't wait for the next.

If winning isn't everything, why do they keep the score?

C'mon team "C". Bring on next September!!

Sian Bolger, 1B.



HOCKEY 1ST YEAR C GIRLS

BACK ROW: MS RUGG, KATE O'SHEA, ELIZABETH BOYD, MAELY LIM, LAUREN FITZPATRICK KIELY, MIYANKA NAIDU, JESSICA SMITH, JOY SHERWOOD, SORCA NÍ NÉILL.

FRONT ROW: ABIGAIL NOLAN, GEMMA BOVENIZER, TRINA BOVENIZER, SIAN BOLGER, CÍA MCELVEEN WALSH, SOPHIE HAYES, AOIFE MCBRIDE.

SENIOR BOYS

The Senior Boys hockey team had a successful year reaching our first final of note since the Senior Cup final a few years back. Also this season the team age was very young with the core of the team coming from 3rd Year, which makes this season an even better achievement.

The season started off with the league back in September with training on Monday evenings in preparation for our league match against King's Hospital. We won the match 3-2, with a great performance by our captain Stephen Reid who scored two goals. The other goal was scored by David Howard. Up next was the long trip all the way out to Howth to play Sutton. We unfortunately lost a very tight game 3-2, Sutton scoring the winner with only a few minutes left. It was devastating after playing well for 90% of the match. We won our next couple of league games; highlight would be beating Wesley 3-1. This set up a league semi final against Mount Temple in High School on a Wednesday afternoon. Temple started better and it took us a few minutes hit our stride, but when we did we performed very well, especially Daragh Butler who worked tirelessly on the wing until his day was curtailed by a nasty head wound received in an off the ball incident with a Mount Temple player. Stephen Reid scored the first goal to settle the team's nerves. In the second half we were under pressure for a large portion of it, but our defence held firm and after some good work at the top of the D by our forwards, Ryan O'Malley was able to hit home a sweetly struck reverse to seal the deal and set up a League Final against St Killian's. The next game was against St Killian's in the Senior League Final that was played on a cold Wednesday afternoon. We dominated throughout the whole match, having chance after chance either through a short corner or open play with David Howard and Will Rolfe both putting in Trojan efforts. But unfortunately we couldn't score and St Killian's snatched a 1-0 win in the cruellest of fashion, scoring from a short corner with a minute to go.

After Christmas there was the Senior Trophy first round. We were drawn against Sutton. So we made the journey out to Howth again, hoping to exact revenge for the league loss earlier in the season. We started off very well with some good passing and play down the wings, especially on the left. We scored the first goal through some good play in midfield but Sutton replied straight off tip due to a lapse in the defence. We continued to play well after the setback and were rewarded with a second goal to give us a 2-1 lead at half-time. Sutton started strongly in the second half, but we soaked up their pressure and got a third goal to give us a two goal



HOCKEY SENIOR BOYS

BACK ROW: MR KEEGAN, DARRAGH BUTLER, KILLIAN ELWOOD, RYAN O'MALLEY, JOHNNY MCNULTY, KÁRI ANDRÉSSON, CONOR SEXTON, HUGH HACKETT, JAKOB O'DONNELL, MR FITZPATRICK.
FRONT ROW: KUNAL KAPOOR, KIAN WILSON, DAVID HOWARD, STEPHEN REID, OISÍN WALSH, ANDREW JONES, JACK KILEEN.

advantage. Sutton pressed for another goal and eventually scored two in quick succession to tie the game at 3-3. Both teams attempted to find the winner and eventually Sutton found it with two minutes to go through a short corner after extended pressure on our D. We pressed for an equaliser in the dying minutes and nearly sneaked an equaliser in through Will but unfortunately it hit his foot. Our season ended with PPU match in which we unfortunately lost 3-1.

I'd just like to say thank you on behalf of the team to Mr Fitzpatrick, Mr Wilkinson and Rob Devlin for coaching us during games and after school for giving up their time throughout the season and for making the season enjoyable.

Jack McCann, 5RM.

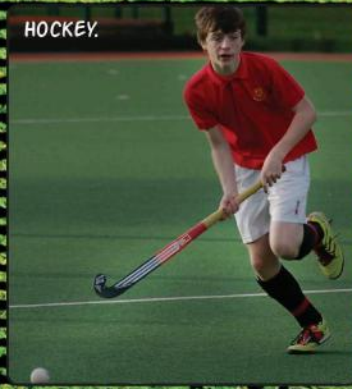


CONCENTRATING WHILE HITTING BALL.

CONOR SEXTON.



HOCKEY.



ROSS MACWILLIAM.



RYAN O'MALLEY IN A STICKY SITUATION.

JUNIOR BOYS

This year the Junior Boys hockey team had a mixed season. We came third in the league, just missing out on a place in the league final, losing to Sutton in a match to see who came second. When the cup game came around we had Kilkenny in the first round. Unfortunately we lost, but we will take a lot of good things from this season. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr Keegan.



HOCKEY JUNIOR A BOYS

BACK ROW: MR KEEGAN, KILLIAN ELWOOD, JAKE O'DONNELL, CIAN WILSON, BILLY O'CARROLL, HUGH HACKETT, DARAGH BUTLER, MR FITZPATRICK.

FRONT ROW: SCOTT WALLIS, TOM MCNULTY, MARK PERHAM, DAVID HOWARD, OISIN WALSH, ANDREW JONES, JACK KILLEEN.



HOCKEY JUNIOR B BOYS

BACK ROW: MR KEEGAN, ROBERT HACKETT, ZACHARY BREEN, JAKOB O'DONNELL, ROBERT DEEGAN, DAVID PHELAN, JOHN DOHERTY, MR FITZPATRICK.

FRONT ROW: BRIAN REILLY, JAMES ANDERSON, BILLY O'CARROLL, TOM MCNULTY, MARK PERHAM, ROSS MACWILLIAM CONOR EMPEY.



FIRST YEARS TRAINING HARD.



FACING TOUGH OPPOSITION.

FIRST YEARS WIN THE LEAGUE.



FIRST YEAR

We didn't get off to a great start in the season losing 1-0 to Wesley in our first match. We were persistent and finally got our first victory. By the time we entered the league and cup, we were playing very well. In the 'A' league, we had some very close matches including our 3-1 penalties win over King's Hospital before finally getting knocked out in a tough match against St Killian's. We were still going strong in the cup. After beating St Andrew's Bs, we came up against St Andrew's As (one of the best teams in the country). We were beaten in an extremely hard match. As we were knocked out of the 'A' league, we went into the 'B' league. We then beat King's Hospital in the semi-final and went on to play St Andrew's Bs in the final. We won 1-0 with a goal near the end scored by Bobby Hackett.



HOCKEY 1ST YEAR BOYS

BACK ROW: MR KEEGAN, ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN, SAM WRIGHT, ULTAN MAGUIRE, ROSS MCWILLIAM, PHILIP MOTYER, CONOR O'RIAIN, BOBBY HACKETT, MARK DEERING, MR FITZPATRICK.

FRONT ROW: ROBERT GLAVIN, JAMES DOOLEY, JAMES ANDERSON, JACK ERDALE, CONOR EMPEY, TIM KAYE-MELLOR, ANDREW BRENNAN.

JUDO



JUDO
DONAL NAYLOR,
OISIN FAUST,
JIM CHRISTLE.



JUDO
INSTRUCTOR
SHOWING THEM
HOW ITS DONE.



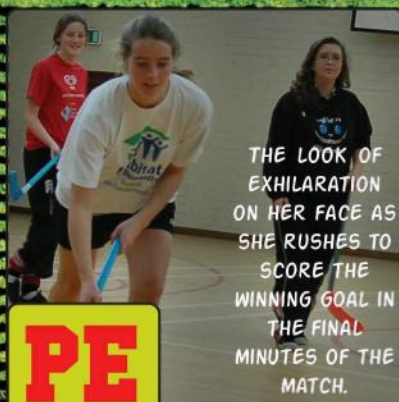
TAKING A
TUMBLE.



KAYAKING



KAYAKING
BACK ROW: MS WILSON,
MATT SISSON, TIM ROWLEY,
BEN MCNEILLY, SAM TREACY
MCGEE, NAOISE LAW,
LIAM PHELAN, MR CAROLAN.
FRONT ROW: EMMA MCNEILLY,
SAM WRIGHT, ULTAN MAGUIRE,
ELIZABETH BOYD,
PADDY O'REILLY,
ROBERT MCLOUGHLIN,
SOPHIE HAYES.



THE LOOK OF
EXHILARATION
ON HER FACE AS
SHE RUSHES TO
SCORE THE
WINNING GOAL IN
THE FINAL
MINUTES OF THE
MATCH.

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AN INTENSE
STRUGGLE FOR
POSSESSION.



LUKE O'DONNELL
ABOUT TO
STRIKE.

ORIENTEERING



ORIENTEERING

BACK ROW: CONOR SPAIN, DANNY MCAVINUE, JOHNNY KEOGH ROCHE, JAMIE LAYCOCK, DANIEL MCBRIDE, DAVID HOWARD.

MIDDLE ROW: MR. IRWIN, CIAN TOBIN, TIM MEENAN, JAMIE MORRIS, SAM KEATING, CRAIG KENNEDY, JOHN MURPHY, MICK KELLETT.

FRONT ROW:

CIARAN MAHER,
TIM JONES, SHANE SMITH,
SAM TRACEY MCGEE,
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BRIAN KENNELLY, DONAL
NAYER.

ABSENT:

ANDREW MANNING.

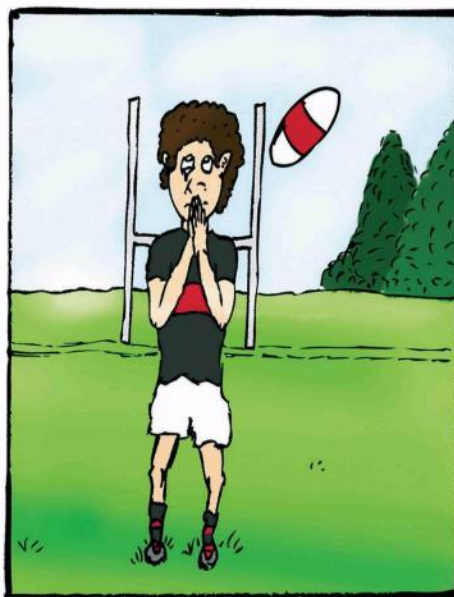
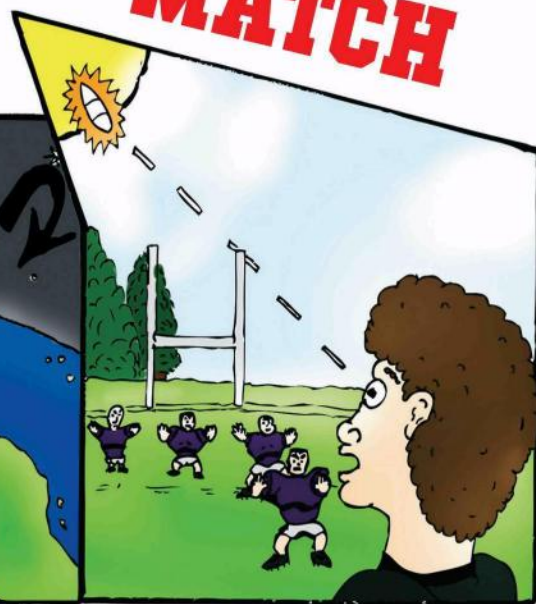
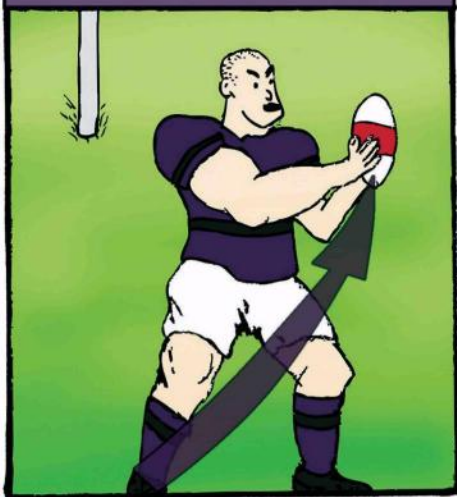


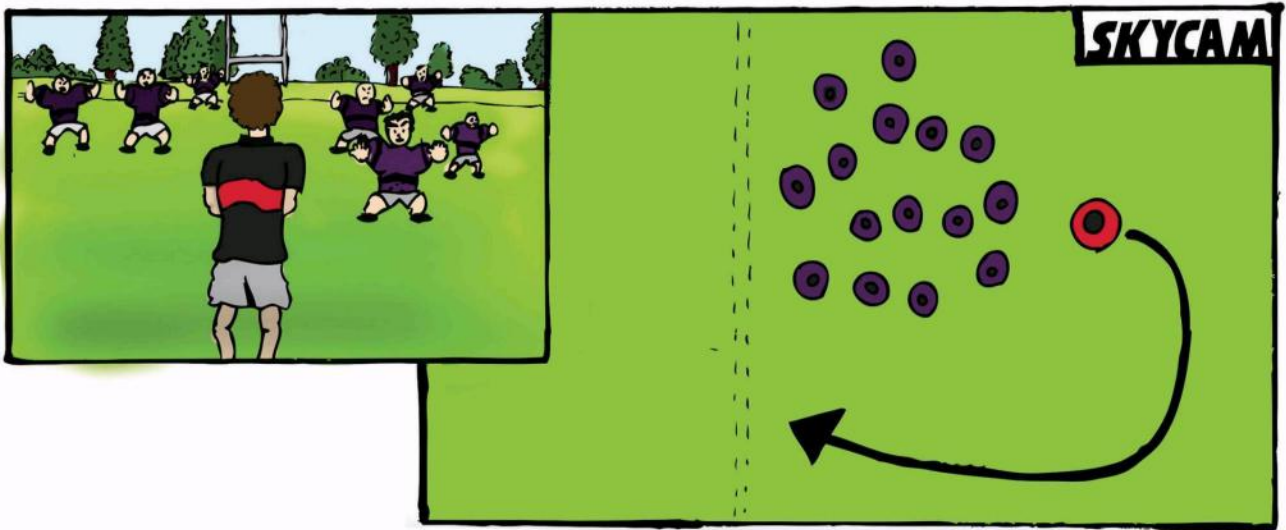
MICK. A HERO OF ORIENTEERING.

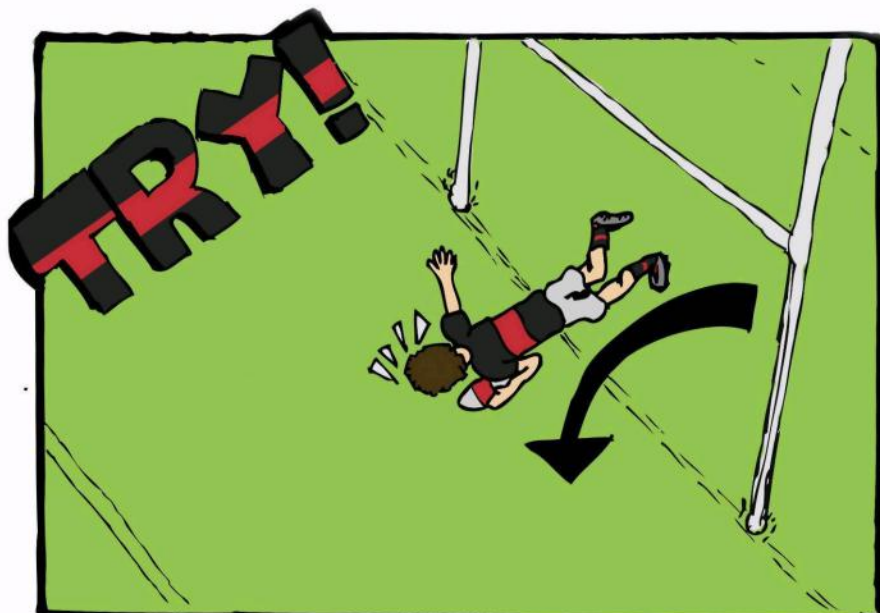
FINAL MINUTES OF A RUGBY MATCH

Last play of the game, Wood Rock College are ahead by three and are about to kick off.

RUGBY COMIC STRIP BY OWEN DE FORGE.







RUGBY

SCT

Senior Rugby is always an iconic time in a player's 6th Year stretch. This year was no different.

We began the year with pre-season training, fitness levels being of the highest order. We had a few friendlies to kick off the season, including games versus King's Hospital, Belvedere and Wesley, to get back into the mindset. We felt good about the season after putting in a strong performance against Belvedere and winning against King's Hospital. Tails up we marched into our first league fixture against CBC Monkstown, our rivals from the previous year. It was a physical and tight game as it always is against CBC and we were disappointed with the narrow loss.

Due to injuries we had an ever changing team and missing some key components of the game in the early parts of the season, we had an unfortunate run in the league. We picked ourselves up and continued to train hard to improve. The cup was what really mattered and we were determined to prove ourselves in this half of the season. Over the Christmas break we trained regardless of weather conditions. We had two fixtures booked for the Christmas break, Carrickfergus and Sligo. Despite having to play in shin deep water we played some impressive rugby against Sligo. Carrickfergus' pitch was in better shape and we walked away with a decisive victory. This victory allowed us to move into the cup fixture with confidence.

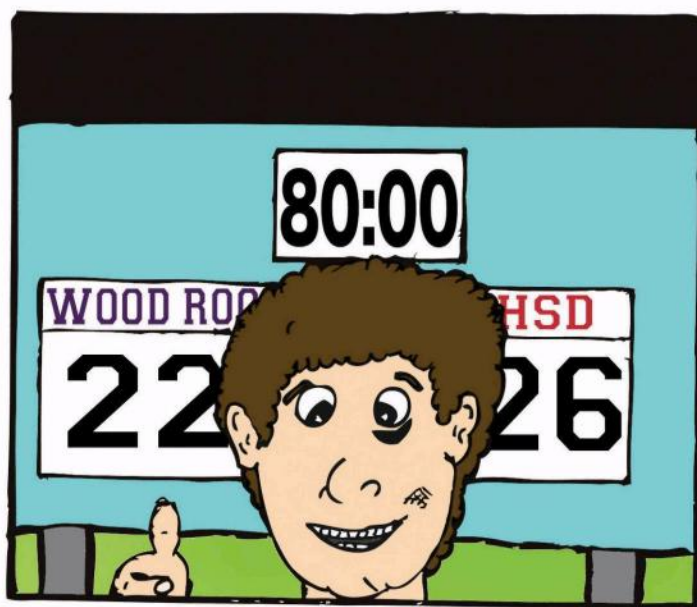
We had been well prepared for the St Conleth's game but the nerves were still a factor. We were excited to show the school what we could do. We took our time at the pitch before warming up to relax ourselves. Come kick off the pitch side was packed with staff and pupils alike. With some tense moments at the beginning and Conleth's looking like they had the momentum they got a penalty. They missed the chance to take the lead. With relief and new found fire we went on to put the game to bed and secure ourselves a well deserved 40-0 win, only achievable because of the team performance. King's

Hospital was our most impressive performance as the odds weighed against us. We hammered them upfront regardless of the fact our pack was smaller than theirs. The game was unbelievably tight as we chipped away at them the entire time. They took the lead with a lucky try and we went straight back at them. With seconds to go and only a try in it we continued to attack their defence. Camped on their five metre line the victory was almost in our grasp but it wasn't to be.

We moved into the Vinnie Murray Plate which was the competition we came so close to winning the previous year. With a very impressive team performance against De La Salle in the semi final we walked into the final with a 55-5 victory. The pressure of a final was pressing down on us again and when we heard it was Templeogue we weren't sure what to think. We treated them as any other opponent and they proved to be no push-overs. It was a battle but we finally opened the scoring. With impressive defence throughout we managed keep them scoreless while putting 27 points on them. Everyone was ecstatic with the winning of a trophy and we all felt it was well deserved considering the work we had put in.

On behalf of the whole squad I would like to thank Mr McBride, Mr O'Riordan and Mr Ryan for the coaching and dedication to the squad. Without their efforts we wouldn't have accomplished so much.

Stephen Alexander, 6P.



(we got the conversion too)

THE END



RUGBY SCT

BACK ROW: MR MCBRIDE, CONN LOANE, JOHNNY SEAGRAVE, CONOR SEXTON, ROBERT BEVERLAND, SYLVAN BENAKSAS, DARRAGH KIERNAN, NIELL COSGROVE, ETHAN CONROY, SAM EVANS, AARON CAMPBELL, MR RYAN.

MIDDLE ROW: MATTHEW MULLAN, IAN SHERIDAN, LUKE O'DONNELL, JAMIE CONNELL, STEPHEN ALEXANDER, RICHARD BEVERLAND, JAMES FLEMING, GAVIN POWER, NAOISE MCTIERNAN.

FRONT ROW: ANDREW MOONEY, PETER FLAHERTY, EAMONN WEITZ, JOHN LOVE, PAUL MCCARTHY, ALEX BROHOON.



RUGBY SENIOR 2NDS

BACK ROW: MR MCBRIDE, JAMIE RALPH, TIM HARDING, ING-MAR LIM, SAM EVANS, BEN GREGORY, OISIN KEEHAN, JORDAN MCQUAID, DARAGH KIERNAN, WESLEY BISHOP, DENNIS CASEY, DANIEL TURNER, CONOR SPAIN, MR RYAN.

MIDDLE ROW: EAMONN WEITZ, PETER FLAHERTY, ANDY MOONEY, JOHN HACKETT, MATTHEW MULLAN (CAPTAIN), PAUL MCCARTHY, NAOISE MCTIERNAN, EAMONN O'SULLIVAN, DARRAGH KIRWAN.

FRONT ROW: ALEX BROHOON, STEPHANO FUSCIARDI, JOHN LOVE, ZION DELANEY.



RUGBY PHOTO STORY

BY CIAN
PAWLE-BATES



IT WAS A CHALLENGING MATCH. WITH TENSIONS RUNNING HIGH, IT LOOKED LIKE AN UNHAPPY ENDING WAS IN STORE FOR THE TEAM...



BUT THE LADS GOT IT TOGETHER IN THE SECOND HALF AND MANAGED TO WIN THE GAME WITH A GUT-WRENCHING TRY IN THE LAST MINUTE.



UNDER 16

We began the school year looking forward to an easy year of rugby, Mr Walker had other plans. We soon learnt that every position was up for grabs and we had some surprise changes as Andrew Ryan showed his ability to perform as a hooker. Luke Bannister also put a lot of pressure on Jack Taylor to hold his place on the wing.

After working us into a team we won against Roscrea with the help of the 5th Years and a league win over Blackrock soon followed. The highlights of our season would have to include coaxing out of retirement, our own Justin Bradish, and the 7s tournaments we were entered in.

The first Umbrella 7s were in Terenure on a wonderfully sunny afternoon. The day was enjoyed by all and we made it in to the semi-final only to be knocked out by Belvedere by four points from missed drop-goal conversions. Unfortunately in a very surprising turn of events, as he had been a rock in the back line for us, our out-half was injured during the match.

We ended our season in the Old Crescent 7s in Limerick. It was a long, rainy day but we came out on top by winning our league plate. It was a rocky road to victory and not without incident, but our commitment won out and came with the reward of the plate.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Walker and Gareth Austin for taking the time to coach us throughout the year and preparing us for senior rugby next year.

John Murphy, 4F, Captain.

RUGBY U16

BACK ROW: MR WALKER, GAVIN MURPHY, LUKE BANNISTER, ROBERT DUNLEAVY, JUSTIN BRADISH, ROBERT BERVERLAND, FIONN MACMANUS, JOHN KEHOE ROCHE, CRAIG KENNEDY, RUPERT ADAMS, ALLEN JOY, DANIEL HOLDER.
FRONT ROW: JACK TAYLOR, MARK DELANEY, MATTHEW DRENNAN, TIM NEENAN, JOHN MURPHY, JACK BYRNE, ANDREW RYAN, SEÁN SHANLEY MEE, PATRICK AYDE CURRAN.





RUGBY JCT

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, SHANE RICHARDSON, FINN MASON, JACK KILLEEN, JOHNATHON CHAMBERS, DARAGH MC DONNELL, ELLIOT CHAMBERS, MATTHEW RIDGEWAY, JOHNNY KEOGH ROCHE, BILLY O'CARROLL, JOHN JOE IRWIN, DAVID PHELAN, MR KINSELLA.
MIDDLE ROW: EDDIE BERGMAN, CRAIG KENNEDY, HUGH HACKETT, FELIM KELLY, DAVID ASPIL, LEE TUCKER, LUKE O'BRIAN, RONAN DOWLING CULLEN, DANIEL MURPHY.
FRONT ROW: CIAN MCCAUSLAND, PHILIP EMO, VICTOR BELL, CIARAN HARRISON, STEPHEN CROSBY, CONOR EVANS.

JCT

The season start was disrupted a little as six of the A team had to join the JCT, however, many players took this as an opportunity to show their abilities. The team improved greatly throughout the opening weeks and all their work was rewarded with some excellent performances especially in their defeat of Terenure. Victories over CUS, Wesley and St Gerard's in the league illustrated how far the team had come over the year but losses to Gonzaga and King's Hospital meant that there would be no silverware this year. The team has shown great potential and await the challenges of the junior cup next year with great enthusiasm.





U13

When we started the season, most of the players didn't know the rules of rugby. After a couple of weeks of training we were soon getting to grips with the game. We played a few blitzes before we started to play the 15 side game. We won and lost some games (mostly winning) and drew one. We beat King's Hospital 42-12, won against Wesley, CUS and Gonzaga. We drew a hard fought match against St Andrews 15-15, and we lost our only match against the team we were going to play in the final, St Gerard's. On the 21st March we played them again in Gonzaga College. During the league campaign the only team we lost to was St Gerard's, so we knew it was going to be a tough affair. For the majority of the first half we managed to control both possession and territory, but we could not convert our chances. In the last few minutes of that half St Gerard's took control but our defence held firm. At the break we gathered in a huddle, listened

to the instructions from our coaches, and decided to give it our best shot in the second half. However, the first 15 minutes of the second half belonged to St Gerard's with only heroic defending keeping us in the game. With six minutes left we managed to force a penalty outside the St Gerard's 22-metre line. After a small bit of commotion from players and coaches it was decided to kick for the posts. Up stepped the captain to take the kick, happy in the knowledge the previous day had been spent practising this very kick. As he lined up to take the kick the large crowd gathered fell silent. Next thing a huge roar and a sigh of relief from the captain meant the kick had been successful! With only five minutes remaining St Gerard's threw everything they had at us but we defended our line and with one final effort, we bundled their player into touch and it was over. We had won 3-0, the first team from The High School to win this trophy since the 1997-98 season,

under Mr Davies. We should like to thank our coaches and everyone who supported us on the day.

It was a great year altogether for The High School's rugby teams.

We would like to thank the coaches for all their support, work and effort throughout; Mr McNamara, Mr Sheehan, Mr Hilliard, and some past pupils; Cian Twomey, Gavin Thornberry and Robert Emo.

RUGBY UNDER 13 A

BACK ROW:

MR SHEEHAN, MR MCNAMARA, JOHN BURNS, DAVID DONNELLY, NATHAN MAWHINNEY, SAM KILLEEN, RONAN O'BYRNE, JACK IREDALE, JAMES ANDERSON, MR HILLIARD.

MIDDLE ROW: JACK O'GORMAN, ROSS MACWILLIAM, CRIAG WHELAN, DAVID JAMES DONNELLY, TOM MOLONEY, SEAN BORTOLOZZO, HARRY KING.

FRONT ROW: ADAM RUFLI, RHYS BUTLER, MARK TOBIN, MILO O'SULLIVAN, TIM DOLAN, RYAN BAIRD.

*David James Donnelly, 1B
Milo O'Sullivan, 1C
and Alex Durac, 1R.*





RUGBY UNDER 13 B

BACK ROW: MR MCNAMARA, MR SHEEHAN, EGIN LYNCH, LIAM PHELAN, EGIN SCARLETT, TIMOTHY KAYE MELLOR, DAVID DUNLEAVY, HARRY KING, ULTAN DOHERTY O'BRIEN, ROBERT CLAVIN, COLM COWLARD JOYCE, MR HILLIARD.
MIDDLE ROW: ANDREW BRENNAN, PADDY O'REILLY, RYAN BAIRD, ADAM RUFLI, MILO OSULLIVAN, ELLIOT WRIGHT, JOE BYRNE, OLIVER MCLUSKIE, ANDREW IRWIN,
FRONT ROW: JACK LYONS, MARK TOBIN, CONOR EMPEY, DARA TURPIN.



RUGBY UNDER 13 C

BACK ROW: MR SHEEHAN, MICHAEL SHEEHAN, DYLAN STURDY, JACK MCKENNA, BEN MOHAN, LIONEL DEVERELL, TIMMY CHEUNG, CONOR O'RIAIN, HARRY MCDONNELL, JAMIE GLEESON DUNN, DEAN LOPONGO, MR HILLIARD.
FRONT ROW: MR MCNAMARA, JEREMY COTTOR VAZQUEZ, MATT SISSON, SAM WRIGHT, ULTAN MAGUIRE, ALEXANDER DURAC, DANIEL CURRAN, HARRY CRIPPS, MARK DEERING, SHANE KELLY.





RUGBY U14 A

BACK ROW: IFEDAYO AKINSULI, LOUIS HUGGARD, CIAN MCCAUSLAND, LEE TUCKER, MARK DEACON, MATTHEW RIDGEWAY, OISÍN GAVIGAN, STEPHAN GREENE, MATTHEW PEARSON, FERDIA O'CONNELL, AARON HUNT, MR GRIFFIN.

MIDDLE ROW: CIAN PRENDERGAST, TOM FARRELLY, LUKE KEOGH-ROCHE, ADAM SHAW, JONATHAN CHAMBERS, DANIEL MURPHY, OISÍN MCEVOY, CHARLIE KERR, CONOR EVANS.

FRONT ROW: NATHAN SELIGMAN, CIAN WARREN.



RUGBY UNDER 14 B

BACK ROW: MR GRIFFEN, SAM MOLONY, JACK WHELAN, SAM RAYNER, STEPHEN ARDILL, STEPHEN DOYLE, BEN TREACY MCGEE, SEÁN KENNELLY, DAMI BABADE, NIAL ALSAFI, JACK BURLEIGH, BRIAN REILLY, JOE KIELY FOX.

MIDDLE ROW: NATHAN SELIGMAN, ALEXANDER KENNY, LUKE KEHOE ROCHE, ROBBIE KELLEHER, CONOR PRENDERGAST, ANDREW PALMER, JACKSON BARRY, WILL LE BAS, JAKE FOLEY.

FRONT ROW: CIAN LARKIN WOULFE, ALISTAIR RIDYARD, RORY DUFFY, CONOR DUFFY, CONOR RYAN, AARON HUNT, ALEX FELLE, DANIEL SYKES.



SWIMMING

SWIMMING SENIORS

BACK ROW: MR MALIN,
DANIEL HOLDER,
JOHN MURPHY,
JUSTIN BRADISH,
ROBERT BEVERLAND,
JOHN SWANWICK,
MARK DEEGAN.
FRONT ROW:
LAURA DOWLING,
ABIGAIL DONELLEY,
CHLOE DOYLE, LIAM CANN,
EIMEAR NÍ BHRION,
LUCY BURNS, MS S JONES.
ABSENT: CIARAN BRADISH,
ESME MOLONEY.



SWIMMING JUNIORS

BACK ROW: MR MALIN,
AITANA BYRNE, ISABELLE GARLAND,
AMAIA DEMPSEY, EVIE MCCLAFFERTY,
SEAMUS BRACKEN, ROBERT JONES,
LEAH TUOHY, ELIZABETH GAGEBY,
KIRSTY LEITH, MS JONES.
FRONT ROW: ULTAN O'BYRNE,
RYAN BAIRDE, GEMMA BOHENIZER,
EVA KELLY, KATIE O'CONNOR,
ELIZABETH BOYD, MARIKA GENTILE.
ABSENT: KALYAN KOLA-CAHILL,
PHILIP BRADISH, AISHA TULHY,
DEMITRI BOYKIU, MICHAEL DOLAN,
KATIE HUNTER-HANLEY.

TABLE TENNIS

CIAN EMBRACING
THE GAME ONE
HUNDRED
PERCENT.



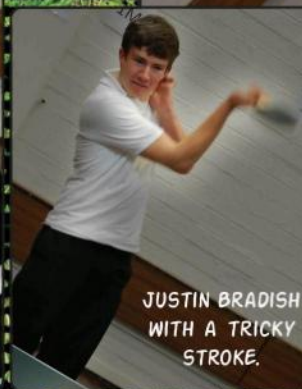
STEFANO BRINGS
HIS A GAME.



LAURA
IMMERSED IN
THE GAME.



JUSTIN BRADISH
WITH A TRICKY
STROKE.



TENNIS



TENNIS SENIOR BOYS
 BACK ROW: MR MCDONNELL,
 KEN EDGEWORTH,
 JUSTIN BRADISH, ANDREW
 RYAN, MR FLYNN.
 FRONT ROW: GAVIN MURPHY,
 MARK DELANEY, TIM NEENAN,
 CIAN TOBIN.



TENNIS JUNIOR A BOYS
 BACK ROW: MR McDONALD, CRAIG KENNEDY,
 JOHNNY KEHOE-ROCHE, LUKE O'BRIEN, MR FLYNN.
 FRONT ROW: MARK PERHAM, ADAM LUNNON,
 JOHN SWANWICK, JACK KILLEEN.



TENNIS JUNIOR B BOYS
 BACK ROW: MR. MCDONNELL, PHILLIP EMO, DAVID JAMES
 DONNELLY, MARK DEACON, LUKE MURPHY, MR FLYNN.
 FRONT ROW: DMITRY BOYKIV, BYRON CUNNINGHAM
 LUKE O'BRIEN, NEBOJSA CVETKOVIC.



TENNIS MINOR A BOYS
 BACK ROW: MR. MCDONNELL, HARRY CRIPPS, DAVID JAMES
 DONNELLY, CHARLIE KERR, ULTAN MAGUIRE, MR FLYNN.
 FRONT ROW: JACK LYONS, RYAN BAIRD, ADAM RUFLI,
 EVAN COOPER.



TENNIS MINOR B BOYS
 BACK ROW: MR MCDONNELL, ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN, JEREMY COTTOR
 VAZQUEZ, DANIEL BROWNE, JAMIE GLEESON DUNN, MR FLYNN.
 FRONT ROW: ROBERT CLAVIN, HARRY CRIPPS, DAVID JAMES DONNELLY,
 JOHNATHAN COOPER.
 ABSENT: JORDAN PEARLE.



TENNIS SENIOR B GIRLS

BACK ROW:
RUTH CONNELL,
HAYLEY JACKSON,
CATHERINE
FLEMING,
MS JONES.
FRONT ROW:
EMMA MURPHY,
AMY O'REGAN,
LAUREN TULLY.



TENNIS SENIOR A GIRLS

BACK ROW: RACHEL DELANEY,
MARIANNE MCCLAFFERTY,
SIOBHAN MCMANUS, MS JONES.
FRONT ROW: CAOIMHE CASSIDY,
LAUREN WALSH,
EVIE MCCULLOUGH.



TENNIS JUNIOR A GIRLS

BACK ROW: CLAIRE AUSTEN, MEG O'CONNOR,
LUCY BARLOW, RACHEL KAYE MELLOR, MS JONES.
FRONT ROW: ELLEN MCCULLOUGH, EMMA MCNEILLY,
EVIE MCCLAFFERTY, JULIENNE STEWART.



TENNIS JUNIOR B GIRLS

BACK ROW: RACHEL KAYE MELLER, LUCY BARLOW,
EMMA WATTS, MS JONES.
FRONT ROW: MARCELLA NIKOLOVA, MEGAN O'BYRNE,
SUSANNA WYSE JACKSON, EVA KELLY.



TENNIS MINOR C GIRLS

BACK ROW: MS GOULDING, ELIZABETH BOYD,
MEGAN O'BRIAN, DEARBHLA FORDE-MORRIN.
FRONT ROW: RACHEL FERGUSON, AMY
CONNOLLY, MARY -AUGUSTINE DAILLET.



TENNIS MINOR B GIRLS

MS GOULDING,
ABBEY GREENE, AMY BYRNE,
ANNA FLEMING, JENNIFER
CODY, CATHERINE NEENAN,
ZOE MANNING.



TENNIS GIRLS

MS GOULDING, AELA O'FLYNN, EMMA CANNING, KATE HUNTER-HANLEY, RUBY KEATING-LEVINS, SIAN BOLGER, KYLE O'DWYER.



OUTSIDE SCHOOL SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

A BIG WELL DONE TO ALL BELOW WHO TOOK PART IN REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS.

JENNY LONG (5DM) WAS SELECTED TO PLAY ON THE IRISH NATIONAL HOCKEY SQUAD.

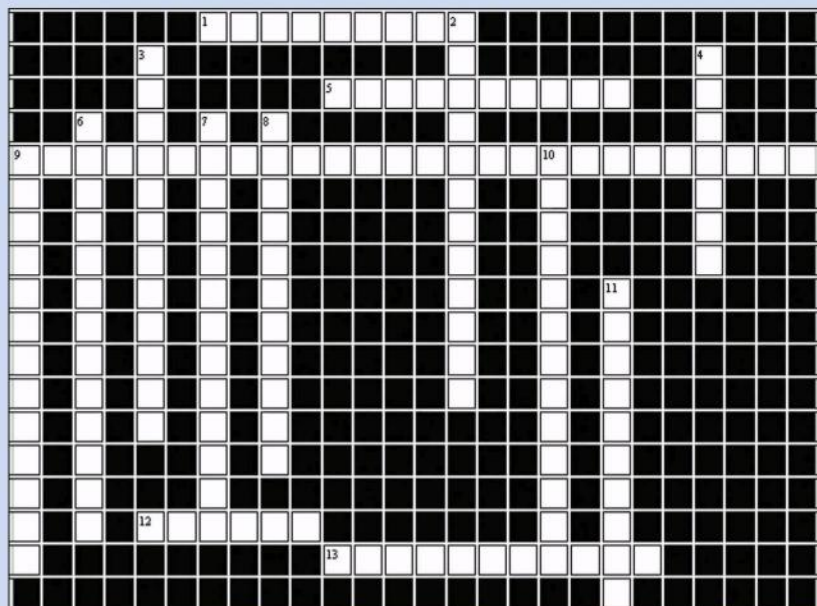
JENNY RYNNE (6LM) AND **JENNY LONG** (5DM) HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PLAY ON LEINSTER U18 HOCKEY SQUAD. **ALANNAH CARRAGHER** (3C) AND **SAOIRSE O'DONOGHUE** (3W) HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PLAY ON THE LEINSTER U16 HOCKEY SQUAD.

BETHANY THOMPSON (3P) WAS SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE EAST SCHOOLS BASKETBALL TEAM. SHE WAS PICKED FOR U16 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME SQUAD FOR 2013.

AELA O'FLYNN (1W) WAS SELECTED TO REPRESENT DUBLIN AT THE ALL IRELAND BADMINTON U15'S INTER-COUNTIES COMPETITION IN KILKENNY.

GRIFFIN GILLANDERS (3T) REPRESENTED IRELAND AT UNDER 17 LEVEL SQUASH AT THE EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN HELSINKI.





QUIZZ PAGE

Across

1. Knows the Lakes around Inisfree (2 Words)
5. Famous for 'His&Hers' (2 Words)
9. Knows a lot about the Queen (4 Words)
12. A cunning man on RTE (2 Words)
13. He 'just is' a politician (2 Words)

Down

2. A very fast man on 2 wheels (2 Words)
3. Determines what IT says (2 Words)
4. Propped up Irish Rugby (2 Words)
6. A very funny man in a cellar (2 Words)
7. 'He Sat' on the phone (2 Words)
8. The Happy Politician (2 Words)
9. The Green Policeman (2 Words)
10. The main man of the High School (2 Words)
11. Ireland's Wedding DJ of The Year 2011 (2 Words)

MR O'BRIEN'S TROLL QUESTIONS

1. What colour is the breast of the blue tits?
2. To which planet do Abbott & Costello travel in Abbott & Costello go Mars?
3. How long does morning last on the moon?
4. The Caspian Sea is the world's largest what?
5. Built on the first level of the Eiffel tower, where would you go to have a small meal in Le Restaurant de la Tour Eiffel?
6. In England, what day followed September 2nd in 1752?
7. How far down a flagpole should a flag be if it is flying at half mast?
8. Where does Juliet stand during the famous balcony scene of Romeo and Juliet?
9. What religion was Britain's only Jewish Prime Minister?
10. What type of creature was Buffalo Bill famous for killing?
11. Is the Upper Nile north, east or west of the Lower Nile?
12. It was predicted Henry IV would die in Jerusalem and he did. In which town did he die?
13. In the 1948 London Olympics, what stroke was used by the first seven finishers in the 200m breaststroke final?
14. At the time of writing, the world's population is estimated at 6,222,336,610. Approximately how many of them live on the surface of the earth?
15. Who wrote The Autobiography of Malcolm X?
16. In which city were The Plymouth Brethren founded?

17. What was the name of the character played by Clint Eastwood in the 1973 film The Man With No Name?

18. On what side of the moon is the Eastern Sea?

19. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is a trilogy of how many parts?

20. Including Queen Elizabeth II, how many Queen Elizabeths of England have there been?

The act of "trolling" is a way mocking an individual for the internal self pleasure of "pulling one over" on another person.

1. Yellow
2. Venus
3. A week
4. Lake
5. New Orleans, Louisiana. The dismantled restaurant was originally on the first level of the tower from 1937 to 1981
6. September 14th 1752 - it adopted the Gregorian calendar
7. Only the distance equal to its depth, i.e. the top edge is placed where the bottom edge should rest
8. On a floor beside a upper window. There is no mention of a balcony
9. Christian, Benjamin Disraeli was baptised into the Church of England at the age of 12
10. Bison - buffalo are found in Africa and India
11. South (it's higher - more elevated - hence its name)
12. London. He died in the Jerusalem Chapel in Westminster Abbey 1413
13. Buterfly
14. Exactly none. The actual surface of the earth, as defined by astronomers, is the outer edge of the atmosphere, about 100 miles over our heads
15. Alex Haley
16. Dublin, about 1827, by the Reverend John Darby
17. Joe
18. West. Owing to a policy decision by the International Astronomical Union
19. 5
20. 5, 2 actual queens and 3 queen consorts

1. WB Yeats
2. Stanley Woods
3. Peter Murtagh
4. Phil Orr
5. Ken Wardrop
6. Dermot Carmody
7. Dennis O'Brien
8. David Norris
9. Trevor Sergent
10. Andrew Forrest
11. David Baker
12. Ian Fox
13. Alan Shatter

BOOK OF LINES

"NEVER TRUST ANYONE WHO WOULDN'T CHEAT FOR A EURO."
- MR PRENDERGAST

"IS THAT SECOND YEAR THE ONE IN FIFTH YEAR?" - JOHN LOVE

"THIS RAIN IS REALLY WET."
- ALEX BROHOON

"DOES MS THORP HAVE OUR MATHS RESULTS YET?" - FLORENCE BRADISH (BEFORE MATHS EXAM)

"YOU LOOK NICELY NERDED UP, KUNAL!"
- MR PRENDERGAST

"LEAVE ME AND MY BAKED GOODS ALONE!" - AISLING REILLY

"I DON'T CARE IF I HAVE TO GO IN AND PUT OUT THAT FIRE MYSELF, YOU'LL BE BACK INSIDE IN TIME FOR ENGLISH"
- MR KINSELLA (DURING FIRE DRILL)

"THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A TEASPOON" - STEPHEN ALEXANDER (HEAD BOY)

"EVERY MOLECULE OF MY CAT WAS ONCE INSIDE A TIN OF WHISKAS." - MR GILL

"HE LOOKS IDENTICAL JUST LESS HAIRY"
- ZAK MILOFSKY

"YOU'LL BE EXCITED IN THE LEAVING CERT, NO, THAT'S THE WRONG WORD." - MR WARDELL

"WHEN I SAY DEFINITE I MEAN IN A JAKE KIND OF WAY, AS IN 70% SURE." - AISLING O'REILLY

"DON'T LET LACK OF INFORMATION OR KNOWLEDGE DISSUADE YOU FROM OFFERING AN OPINION."
- MR PETER PRENDERGAST

"IF YOU DON'T SWEAT, WILL YOU EXPLODE?"
- EMMA LUCAS

WITH THANKS TO COLM FINLAY FOR GIVING US PERMISSION TO INCLUDE A BOOK OF LINES IN THIS YEAR'S ERASMIAN AND HELPING WITH THE QUOTES.

FLORENCE BRADISH, 5DM.

WHOSE SHOES?



SCRATCH BOX

ARCHIVES

In keeping with the 'cartoon strip' theme of this year's Erasmian and Diocesan Times several cartoon strips are published throughout this issue taken

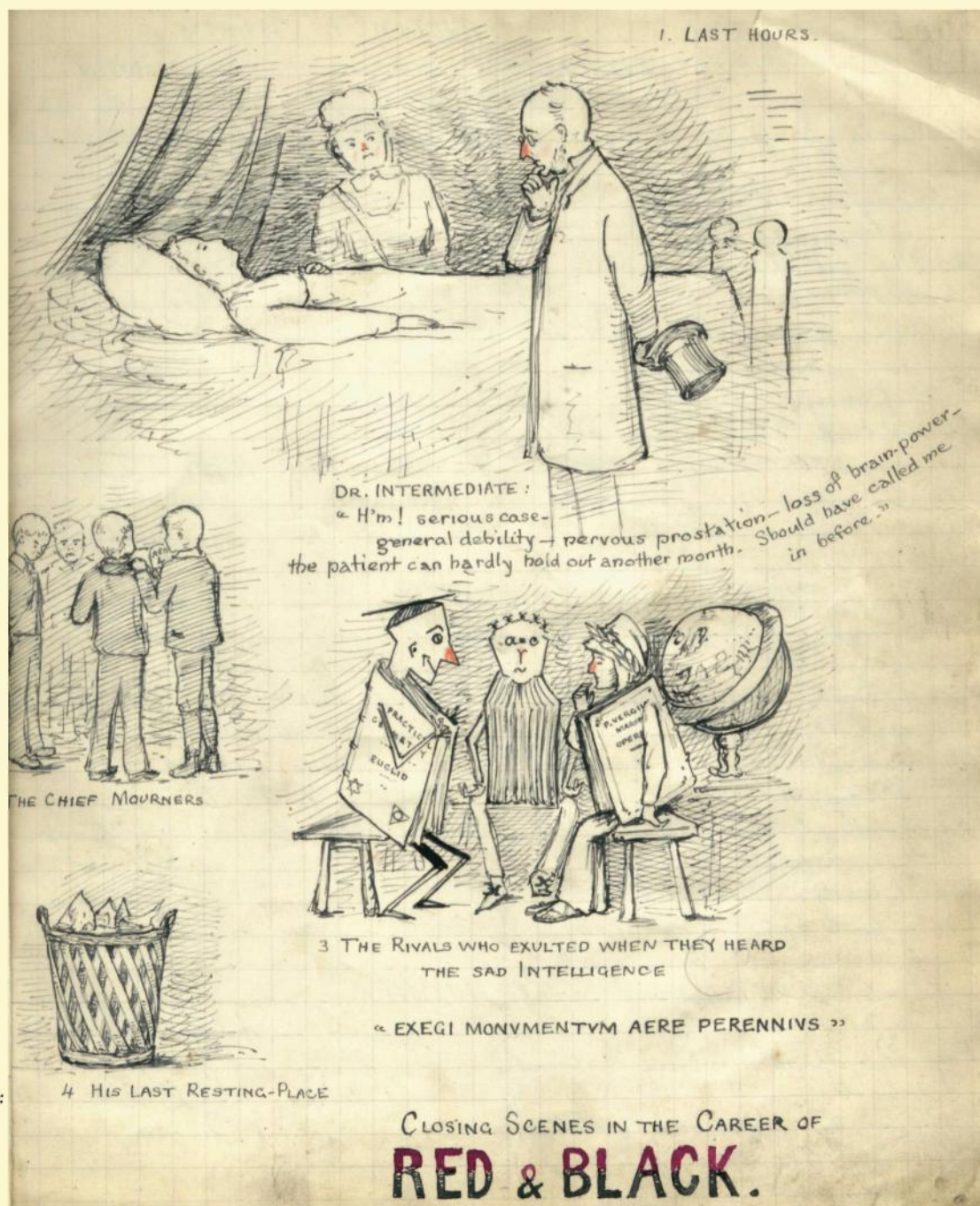
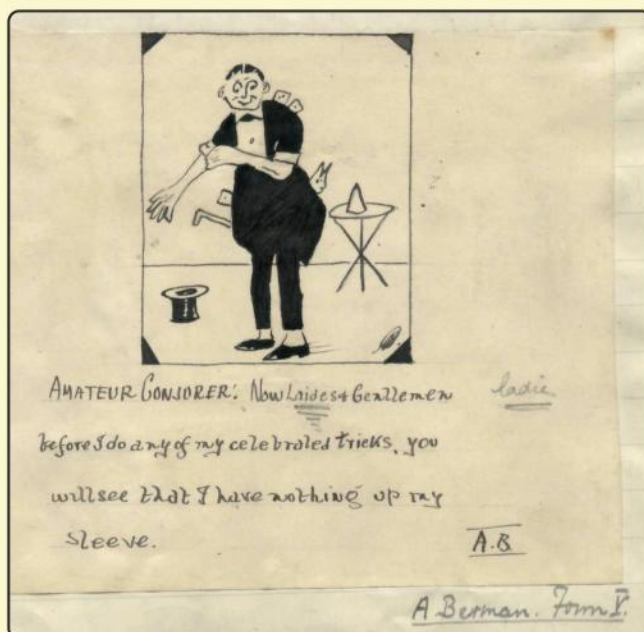
from various High School student publications. These are what we would now call zines and were issued in very small numbers, often mimeographs which was an early descendant of today's photocopy along with tipped in photographs (individual prints which include some rare cyanotypes which are blue in colour). The big difference between the cartoons is the sense of humour as most of these are just not very funny or seem completely unfunny. This just shows how humour changes through the years, reflecting contemporary society rather than being universally long-lasting. Not many cartoons today end with a punchline in Latin like the one below!

It's been a shorter year than usual in the Archive due to unpaid leave taken for a project in Finland during the Autumn Term and then a broken thumb acquired on a disastrous ski trip! Nevertheless the queries and research kept coming in. These included queries into Renmore Barracks in Galway city; questions about various characters from James Joyce's Ulysses connected to The High School; research into Blue Coat School scholarship recipients; Abbey School past pupil queries; an interesting possible donation of HSD documents from the USA which proved in the end to be a High School in New York not Dublin; English Schools queries into sites at Rathmore/Columbkille, Kill, Crossakeil/Kilskyre, Cahir, and Collon; inclusion in a Bewleys display at the Grafton St museum; and several HSD past pupil and staff queries.

I also attended a Critical Heritage Studies conference at Gothenburg University, Sweden in June, presenting a paper and screening of 9 of the 36 interviews from the project newtownhowhatwhere? Which was commissioned by DCMNR in 2005. This project utilised Archive records from Newtownsmith in Galway has been off-line for a couple of years due to government departmental changes but hopefully will be back on-line soon after the interest in the project and its role in dealing with memory, community and heritage. The conference explored the many new ways of considering heritage and offered many new connections for the Archive.

Alan Phelan,
Archivist.

ABOVE:
CARTOON FROM
THE BUDGET, 1917
RIGHT: RED & BLACK,
FEBRUARY 1895. THE LATIN
PUNCHLINE TRANSLATES AS:
'I HAVE ERECTED A
MONUMENT MORE LONG
LASTING THAN BRONZE'
- 19TH CENTURY IRONY!



W. G. (HARRY) BOOKER (1919 – 2011)

There's an old American politician named Claude Pepper who once quoted "Life is like riding a bicycle; you won't fall off unless you stop peddling".

A very appropriate description of Harry's life who for over 90 years peddled freely until the road started to rise... but typically he kept going, organising his family and affairs, or, as he would say himself, "directing operations".

Harry had a great innings, he was never bowled out, he just ran out of years!

William George Harold (Harry to most) was first educated at Belgrave Kindergarten School before arriving at The High School, in Harcourt Street.

Upon leaving school, Harry joined Thomas Heiton & Co. as their Company Secretary, before moving to Trinity College as their Accountant and where he spent most of his working life (during his time in Trinity, he became a Peace Commissioner). Early retirement saw him join the Irish Rugby Football Union with Bob Fitzgerald, his lifelong friend. Duties there included player/gear logistics, baggage master and, organising the first overseas tour by Irish Schools to Australia.

Harry brought American Football to Lansdowne Road with 45,000 watching "The Emerald Isle Classic" and was strongly associated with the FAI's return to the ground.

That was Harry's business life – turning to his private life, Harry:

- Married Rhona and who together celebrated their 60th anniversary a few months before his passing – an event proudly supported by his children, Jennifer, Melanie, Harold and David along with their families.

- Enjoyed attending church and sat on the vestries of both St. Thomas', Mount Merrion and St. Patrick's, Greystones.

- Played rugby with Wanderers F.C. where one of the memories he always recalled was the fact that he marked the great Jack Kyle at Lansdowne Road (however Harry was reluctant to mention neither what happened in the game nor whether he ever caught and tackled his hero!). Following a long time of service to Wanderers F.C., they honoured him with the Presidency of the Club in 1987/88.

- Retirement from playing but not from the game brought Harry into the Association of Referees Leinster Branch and their 50th President in 1973/74.

- Ran with Dublin University Harriers and was their President for 2 years from 1965 – once sprinted against Jessie Owens at Lansdowne Road where he came a close second to the world renowned athlete!

It may sound strange but Harry really never left The High School!!

- School Governor for 50 years
- President of the Old Boys' Union
- Ran the Old Boys' Dinners in Dublin and London for over 45 years
- Patron of the Past Pupils Union until the time of his death
- Involved with the move from Harcourt Street to Danum and the amalgamation with The Diocesan Secondary School for Girls

Retirement to Greystones set Harry new challenges, and one of the areas he set his sights on was the attraction of the Tidy Towns Committee. His intervention helped secure a number of awards and in 2007, success in winning the Best Intercity and DART Railway Station. The provision of such things as Christmas street lighting and flower baskets were attributable to Harry who even donned the suit and beard to become the local Santa Claus!

In 1974 he became a member of the Women's League of Health and Fitness – not for his fondness of the opposite sex but rather to support Rhona and organise the League's 75th Anniversary! Harry was made an honorary member for his services.

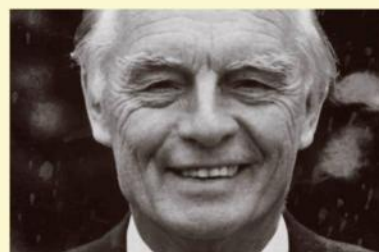
Harry enjoyed and supported all his grandchildren encouraging them "to keep their eye on the ball" and, "don't forget to shut the door behind you!". A proud grandfather as he watched Nikkie become an Irish International hockey player with now over 170 caps to her name.

Harry packed a lot into his lifetime, meeting and helping so many who recognised their appreciation by being present at his funeral. It was fitting that the Service of Thanksgiving for Harry's life concluded with the words written by a fellow past pupil of The High School, William Butler Yeats who said, "there are no strangers here, only friends you haven't met".

"Faithful to our Trust"

**Taken from Harry Jnr's
Appreciation at his Dad's
Funeral Service.**

Obituaries



**Helen
Kane**
(1967-2012)



It is with a deep sense of shock and loss that we record the death of our school secretary and receptionist, Ms Helen Kane, who died peacefully in her sleep at home in the early hours of Sunday, 4th March 2012, aged 44. We offer our sincere condolences to her husband, Bill and their children, Ami and Josh on behalf of the school community: our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Kane family at this difficult time. A book of condolences was opened at the front hall of the school during breaks on Tuesday, 20th March (and for a few days afterwards in the office) which all members of the school community were invited to sign. A moving memorial service was held as a way to remember Helen on Wednesday, 28th March at Zion Parish Church.

Helen Kane (née Cullinane) was born on Saturday, 1st April 1967. She was educated at St Raphaela's Secondary School, Ballsbridge College of Business Studies, and the University of Limerick, where she was awarded a Diploma in Business Studies and a National Certificate in Exercise and Fitness Instruction in 1985 and 1993, respectively. She gained valuable experience in the commercial sector before being appointed as receptionist, general secretary, and database operator at The High School on Monday, 29th November 1999.

It was in this context that Helen swiftly developed an excellent working relationship with staff, students, and parents all of whom responded warmly to her positive, cheerful, and energetic presence in and around the office. She soon became well known to a wide cross-section of the school community who valued her kind, considerate, and unfailingly generous spirit both as a friend and colleague. A consummate professional, who was effective and efficient in every aspect of her work, Helen was also patient, courteous, caring, and thoughtful in dealing with everyone she encountered in the course of her duties.

Helen was a practising member of the Religious Society of Friends (popularly known as Quakers) and it is clear that she lived her life in accordance with the principles of that denomination. Quakers believe that there is something of God in everybody; that each human being is of unique worth; that all people should be valued equally; and that we should concentrate on living our lives in the present. Her funeral service provided the large congregation that mourned her death with the strongest evidence of the positive impact that Helen created in every aspect of her life. I have no doubt that her example will continue to influence us here at The High School for many years to come.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The AGM was held on Monday 3rd October 2011, committee members for the year were elected as follows:

Ronan Doyle (President & Chairman), Iain Power (Treasurer), Iain Cosgrove (Secretary), Linda Evans, Brigid Hebblethwaite, Anna Devlin, Mary McDonnell, Hugh O'Neill, Peter Manly (Compass rep), Peter Smyth and Statia Somers.

We recorded a big thank you to the parents who retired from the committee having given many years of service to the association and the school; David Shaw as outgoing President and Chairman, Dawn Sweetnam as outgoing Secretary and also Kim Reichental. The Principal Mr Andrew Forrest, who was in attendance at the AGM, gave a general update to parents and responded to the various topics that were raised.

The association decided to focus on improving communications over this and next year. At the Parent Teacher Meetings we gathered email addresses of those interested in hearing from the association. We now have a data base of parent's email addresses from 1st to 6th Year. This enables us to contact parents easily with news or updates that we might have. If you wish to be added to this mail listing just send an email to the address below requesting this and we will add you to the contact listing.

We also appointed new positions to represent each year and they are:

1st Year Mary McDonnell	2nd Year Hugh O'Neill	3rd Year Iain Power
4th Year Linda Evans	5th Year Peter Manly	6th Year Statia Somers

And also: Student Liaison Peter Smyth

We would like to congratulate Mr Richard Temperley and wish him well in his new position as Chairman of the Board of Governors. We would share his wish to enhance communications with the Parents' Association and look forward to engaging with him in the months ahead. We would also like to thank the outgoing Chairman Mr Leslie Ruttle for his many years and steady hands in that position.

As usual we were involved with organising some events and they included:

• Parent Teacher meetings:

If you have attended a PTM you will be aware of our bell ringing for the time keeping and providing some refreshment while you wait for your next appointment. Behind the scenes there is a computer programme that allocates time slots and this was updated to the latest released version so fingers crossed we will iron out the inconsistencies we have experienced. Thanks to the teachers and office staff who work with us to ensure the smooth running of these meetings.

• Mock Interviews

We extend a big thank you to all of the parents who took part in the 5th Year mock interview process. It was a great day for both the students and indeed the interviewers. The numbers involved were staggering and give some indication of the work involved in organising this event. 34 school rooms with 2 interviewers in each (68 total interviewers) together with 11 Committee members, 2 guidance staff, 4 school student helpers and the 126 students who participated. In all we had over 200 people

taking part in the process. A big thanks you to Chris McNeilly for the super meal that was provided and also to the Guidance team Thelma Jones and Roisin McDonnell without whom this event would not get off the ground.

• Parent Teacher cricket match

We were blessed with a glorious day and a glorious result. Yes you guessed it the parents won this year and ended a three year run by the teachers. Thanks to Captain Eric Rankin and vice-captain Kevin Warren and all the team who played.

• Parent Talk

Mr Andrew Power Dip (Eng), BSc (Eng), MA, MBA, PgDip (Mus), CPIM, CEng, MIEI, MInstD, who is Head of the School of Creative Technologies, Institute of Art Design and Technology, gave a talk to parents entitled 'A crash course on online life for parents'. The talk looked at how young people are engaging in online communications, the positives and negatives of social networking and dealing with cyber bullying and online safety. It was an interesting and informative night for those in attendance.

The Parents Association continues to serve a very useful purpose as the conduit between the parents and the school. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the dedicated crew of the association for their continued hard work and support throughout the year.

Please keep in touch via any member of the committee, or email hsdparentsassociation@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM which will be held on Monday the 1st October 2012 at the school.

Iain Cosgrove and Ronan Doyle.

PPU QUIZ



OBU DINNER



PAST PUPILS' UNION

The past year has been a very exciting, busy and progressive year for our union! At the AGM in May 2011 when I, Julie Kirkham, and David Priestman, had the honour of being elected joint presidents of the Past Pupils' Union, a motion was passed "That there would be one single president of the union 2013/2014 and onwards". The president would then preside over a mixed dinner during their term of office and onwards.

Our annual mid-summer barbeque was held on the 22nd June 2011 in the cricket pavilion at Danum. As is almost traditional, strong winds and scattered showers prevailed. Despite the changeable weather, the BBQ was a great success with over 60 people braving the elements to attend. Many thanks to Declan Howard for the food and Robert Mitchell for the wine.

Our patron Harry Booker passed away on 21st July 2011 aged 92. Harry was a wonderful ambassador for the school and is sadly missed by all who knew him. The time, effort and commitment he put into the PPU was greatly appreciated by many over the years.

The annual golf outing took place on September 8th 2011 in the Grange golf club. Thanks to our Golf secretary Brian Priestman for all his hard work. Honours for the men's competition went to Andrew Killeen and Ann Tector for the ladies. This year's golf outing will be on September 6th 2012 in the Grange.

In September, Dave and I had the honour of attending Mr Duffy's retirement dinner. It was a wonderful evening attended by staff, past and present, some of whom had taught both of us. Of particular note, three headmasters were present; Alan Brook, Brian Duffy and Andrew Forrest, which highlighted the importance of the event.

We both attended the annual prize giving in The High School where we presented the Jean Scott trophy to Jessica Sargeant and the Old Boys Cup to Finn Murphy. The other prizes were distributed by the Most Reverend Michael Jackson. It was a most enjoyable evening.

In November, we held a table quiz in the school to help raise funds for the school hockey and rugby tours to South Africa. It was attended by pupils, teachers and past pupils. Many thanks to Wayne Sheridan for organising the questions. We raised almost €600 for the school.

Late November brings the annual Erasmian packing night for the PPU. It's a long night full of lists, stickers, letters, forms, envelopes and Erasmians. So much organisation and preparation goes into the distribution of each and every one of them – not to mention all the paper cuts! Thanks to all the committee who helped out, especially a very pregnant Victoria Singleton, our membership secretary.

In early December, we went carol singing in the Orwell Nursing Home. Thankfully, we were joined by some members of Rathfarnham choir, many past pupils, friends and their children. It was a lovely evening; I'm not sure who enjoyed it more, the residents or us! We were treated to tea and mince pies – it was a wonderful way to get into the festive spirit. Once again, thanks to Ann Tector for coordinating this lovely event.

The Men's Dinner was held, as is usual, in the Reynolds Hall on the last Saturday in January. It was a superb night to which I was delighted to be invited. Over 200 guests attended the dinner and they were entertained by Kingsley Aikins, and guest speaker Fergus Slattery, former Irish rugby international. Mr Andrew Forrest made his debut at the dinner as Principal of the school. The guests were in fine voice late into the night. Congratulations to Dave Priestman on his success.

We were saddened and shocked to hear of the sudden death of Helen Kane, the school secretary in March 2012. We offer our sincere condolences to her family and to the school.

In April, we held our annual hockey fun day in the school grounds. It started with 'sumo wrestling' then moved on to the serious matter of HSD vs PPU. Yet again, the PPU men held on to the trophy and the ladies were beaten by the HSD girls. All enjoyed hotdogs pitch-side, and a light supper in the school afterwards. Huge thanks to Chris McNeilly and all the catering staff in the school, also to Ray Walker for organising the school teams and Ann Tector and John Gillis for the past pupils teams.

The Ladies' Dinner was held on May 6th 2012 at the Grange Golf Club in Rathfarnham. The sun shone between the hail showers and we were treated to a fantastic view of the golf course. This year, for the first time, all the committee members were invited to the dinner. Head Boy, Stephen Alexander and Head Girl, Martha Barber Hume attended and said



grace before the meal. Alison Hunt, President Elect, proposed a toast to The President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins. Professor Mona O'Moore proposed a toast to the PPU and its President; Mr Andrew Forrest responded on behalf of the school, and guest speaker Emily O'Reilly (Ombudsman and Information Commissioner) gave a superb speech on behalf of the guests. Many thanks to Carole Bardon for all her help, taking all the bookings and organising the table plan. It was a great night enjoyed by all who attended.

Our AGM was held on the 16th May 2012 where Wayne Sheridan was elected as our first single President elect. Congratulations Wayne!

During our term of office, Dave and I attended many school past pupil dinners representing The High School and Diocesan PPU. It was an honour and privilege to do so. We have come to know "the chain gang" well, and have been welcomed wholeheartedly at every event. It has been a wonderful year.

The committee would like to thank Richard Graves (Hon Treasurer), John Gillis (Hon Secretary) and Victoria Singleton (Membership Secretary) for the many thankless tasks they perform throughout the year. For Adrienne Wynne, Jonny Miller, Carole Bardon and Ann Tector who finished their terms of office last May – many thanks for your support, commitment and enthusiasm. To Brian Priestman who has been elected to become the President of the Association of School Unions in September – congratulations.

We would like to wish the incoming joint presidents – John Ellis and Alison Hunt all the best for their year in office.

Julie Kirkham.

THE HIGH SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN PAST PUPILS UNION

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2011/2012

The year started with the mid-summer BBQ which was held in the school on the evening of the 22nd of June 2011. It was a great success with an attendance of 60 people. The food and drinks went down well and everyone seemed to enjoy the event.

Our first meeting started with the sad news of the death of our Patron Harry Booker. He will be remembered by all who knew him as someone who has had a great interest in the affairs of the school and PPU.

The next event was the Annual Golf Outing which took place on the 8th of September last in the Grange Golf Club and was organised by Brian Priestman. As usual it was a great day with fantastic weather but was unfortunately not that well-attended.

A table quiz was organised in the school on the 16th November 2011. Its purpose was to raise some funding for the Rugby trip to South Africa for the school. It was a great success and was very well attended. The event raised €557. Many thanks to Wayne Sheridan who organised the event.

Our annual packing and distribution of the Erasmian & Diocesan Times school magazine took place in the school on the 21st of November and was as enjoyable an event as it can be given the amount of work involved. Tea and buns were provided and as usual we sat down and sorted out world affairs for an hour.

The Annual Carol Singing in the Orwell Park Nursing Home took place on the 5th of December. Arranged by Ann Tector and attended by a large group. Many thanks to Ann for all her work in organising this event. It was attended by myself for the first time and I only now appreciate the amount of work that Ann puts into the event.

The 2011 Men's Dinner was held in the school on the 28th January and as ever the event was a resounding success and booked out as usual. Its speaker was Fergus Slattery. Given the current economic climate this will give you an idea the amount of work that was put in by John Ellis and others of the committee. The Men's Dinner made a small profit this year which has been a focus of the organising committee and well done to them for achieving this.

As with all our events it has always been difficult to balance the benefit of running some events against the cost of running them. Ideally they should make a small profit or at least break even. The committee has been focused on ensuring that this will be the case going forward.

The Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for the Gift of Sport took place in St Ann's Church on Dawson Street on Sunday the 25th of March and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Annual PPU vs High School Hockey Tournament was held on Friday the 27th of April. Once again, the gods looked down upon us as a window of sunshine occurred for the two matches. Fun was had at the Sumo wrestling before the main event. The Men beat the school 3-2 to retain the trophy for another year. The Ladies were beaten by the School 3-1.

Best Male for the School went to Shane Long.

Best male for the PPU went to Mr Hilliard. Best girl for the school went to Sarah Cox.

Best Lady for the PPU went to Eithne Seymour.

Many thanks to Ann Tector who organised the event with the school. Food was provided by the school for all who participated on the day and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The annual Ladies' Dinner was held on the 11th of May in the Grange Golf Club, it was well attended and enjoyed by all. The guest speaker was Emily O'Reilly, Ombudsman.

Just to let you all know, your committee has been working hard on your behalf and to give you a flavour of what we have been doing, in addition to the above events. Throughout the year we had about six formal PPU meetings which are held in the school Boardroom. Along with this another six or seven informal meetings were held. For example the dinner committees both Men and Ladies.

We are constantly updating our database of members and trying to reach out to non-members to encourage them into the union. A lot of effort is being made to get contact details for past pupils especially email addresses which seriously reduce the cost of postage to the PPU.

A large focus this year was on the proposed change to our constitution and a lot of work was done by the committee in bringing this to the table today. A sub-committee was set up and this would have also met five or six times throughout the year.

John Gillis, Hon Secretary.



HIGH SCHOOL & DIOCESAN PPU GOLF REPORT

The ASU Outing to Beech Park was scheduled for July 8th 2011, however on the day, the course had to be closed around lunchtime as it became waterlogged. Graham Richards had arranged a very strong squad for the July date and while numbers were down for the re arranged date of December 5th, The High School still finished in 4th place out of 11 schools.

This years outing will once again be in Beech Park on July 6th and Graham would welcome as many as possible High School Golfers to enter.

Unfortunately the PPU Annual outing in the Grange had been booked for September 8th, three days after the rearranged ASU outing, and this together with other commitments greatly reduced the numbers in attendance.

Andrew Killeen had the best PPU score and won the President's prize and the Old Boys' Cup. Other winners included David Sheppard, Gordon McCoy and Ann Tector, who won the Ladies' section.

We need to ensure we get sufficient numbers to attend this years outing in Grange booked for September 6th.

Once again, the entry fee will be capped at 65 Euros to include Green Fee, dinner and prizes. Non-golfers are welcome to attend the evening function.

Please keep a note of these upcoming dates in your golfing calendar.

The UIS Outing was on April 19th last in Milltown GC. The High School were represented by Gordon McCoy, Stew McCready, David and Brian Priestman. The outing was won by Castleknock with The High School finishing tied 11th out of 26 schools.



PPU HOCKEY MATCH VS THE SCHOOL

Date : Friday 27th April @ 4pm

The Annual Hockey Match vs the School once again began with the Sumo Wrestling on the top pitch in front of the school. This is usually enjoyed by all the boys and girls from the school. It gives them an opportunity to let off some steam and have a laugh with each other.

The Hockey matches are competitive affairs with the Past Pupils reminding the school that they can still play.

The Old Boys beat the school 3-2 to retain the trophy for another year.

The Best Male Past Pupil award went to Shane Long.

The Best Male award for the school went to Mr Hilliard.

In the Ladies' match the school beat the Past Pupils 3-1.

The Best Female Past pupil award went to Eithne Seymour.

The Best Female Pupil award for the school went to Sarah Fox.

After the prizes were presented the School supplied a meal which was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

Many thanks to Ann Tector who organised the event.



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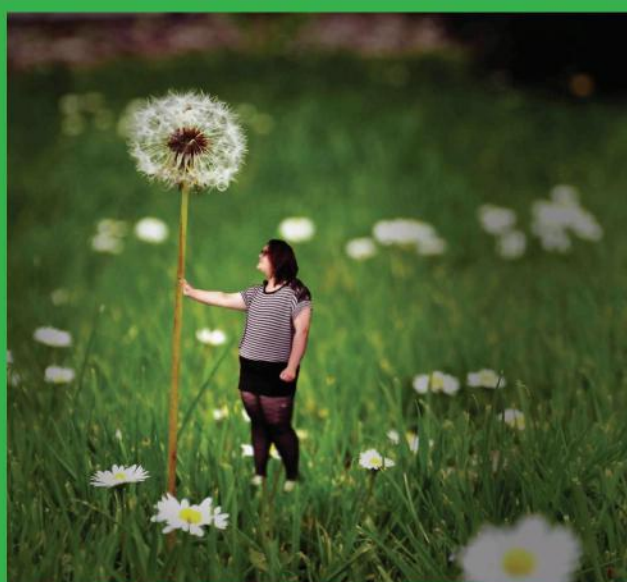
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