

Our Lady's Templemore Cumarsáid

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Newsletter October 2018

Welcome from the Principal

I am delighted to introduce the October edition of Cumarsáid. The academic year 2018/2019 got off to a great start with success for the class of 2018 in the Leaving Certificate Examinations. We congratulate our past pupils and wish them continued success in the future.

At the end of August students and teachers from Our Lady's were delighted to act as volunteers during the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland. The volunteer group was involved in stewarding and they also acted as umbrella bearers for the Ministers of the Eucharist during the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park. This was a wonderful experience for all involved.

Music and song filled the corridors of Our Lady's during the first term as we prepared for our annual school musical. Congratulations to the cast and production team of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" on a wonderful show.

Our first year students have made a huge impression in the short time they are with us. The contribution of the first year students to the musical was remarkable and our first year hurlers were crowned champions at the First Year League final in Dr. Morris Park on 9th October.

As a school we continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. Students in all year groups have engaged with the Learning to Learn programme and are committed to realising their goals. The extra-curricular programme continues to flourish with students excelling in sport, debating and music. We look forward to continued success in the coming term.

Beannacht Dé oraibh go léir.

Patricia Higgins

High Achievers

Congratulations to Brian Gleeson, who achieved 6H1's in his Leaving Certificate results in 2018. We wish Brian happiness and success as he embraces Third Level education in UCC.



Leaving and Junior Certificate students of 2018

Congratulations to both our Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students on their results. Pictured with Ms Higgins and Mr Fogarty are just some of our High Achievers. Well done to you all, we are so proud of all of your achievements. We wish our the Leaving Cert class of 2018 every success in their future lives.



Papal Visit—August 2018



Welcome to our First Year Students

A warm welcome to our First Year students who have all settled in very well at Our Lady's. Our four groups, Naomh Áine, Naomh Pádraig, Naomh Éanna and Naomh Bríde, under the guidance of their year head Ms Caroline O'Hara and class tutors, Ms Alice Cooney, Ms Tara Talbot, Ms Denise Flannery and Ms Emily Bergin are making new friends and memories.



OPEN EVENING



Thursday

22nd November 2018

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‘Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’



It was full houses and standing ovations all round for Our Lady's fantastic production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". Audiences at each performance were left singing, clapping and wanting more! The inclusion of over forty 5th and 6th class students from local primary schools made for a memorable opening scene with Joseph singing that famous number "Any Dream will Do". It certainly gave that "Aw- factor" and the children looked like they were enjoying every minute of being on stage. All the principals were well cast and gave strong performances - as we've come to expect

from Our Lady's shows. Ben Collins in the lead role as Joseph was simply superb! His singing, acting, interpretation were top - class. No stranger to big roles, this one particularly suited him perfectly and his beautiful singing of "Close Every Door" left audiences "wowed"!!

The wealthy Egyptian Potiphar (played by Jack Nevin) brought charm and humour to the show. Jack oozes stage presence and it was obvious he enjoyed his role. Jack also plays the role of Simeon (one of Joseph's eleven brothers) His "Benjamin Calypso" song was a real show - stopper -with lots of energy and fun!

Emma Grant (another experienced performer) was very convincing as the "beautiful but evil" Mrs Potiphar. A show like "Joseph" of course relies very much on how well the story is told. In this regard, Our Lady's production was in safe hands with exceptional performances by all five narrators (Claire Maher, Niamh Dunne, Sinead Ryan, Aisling Meehan and Ciara O'Brien.) They relayed the story with clear singing, beautiful harmonies and warm expression.

Shane Ryan gave a great performance as Jacob and Joseph's brothers were super with strong singing and acting. This "band of brothers" certainly gave a convincing and at times very comical performance. Their big numbers proved very popular with audiences - "Those Canaan Days" (solo part well sung by Adam Sage) and "One More Angel in Heaven" (Lovely singing also from Daniel Tuohy). The remainder of the brothers are played by Jonah Ryan, Kyle Whelan, Oliver Adlum, Tomas Gleeson, James Grey, Beni Váradi, Colm Gleeson, Jack Nevin and Eoin Kelly - many of these are only first and second year students!) Jennifer Sargent (as the baker) and Aoife Shelly (the butler) sang their solo pieces faultlessly. Great credit is due to director / choreographer Therese Maher for her wonderful choreography throughout. All dance moves were executed with confidence and ease - the mega mix at the end of the show was brilliant. Special mention here must go to the brothers wives whose lovely singing and acting was complemented by their graceful dancing (in particular for "One More Angel" and the tango in "Those Canaan Days") The wives were played by Anna Ryan, Aoife Shelly, Rachael Burke, Emma Grant, Caitlin Black, Coloma Carnicer Stone, Caroline Cormack, Naomi Conlon, Leah Walsh, Laura Fogarty and Geena Quinlan. Oliver Adlum was top class in his role as Pharaoh and stole the show on occasion with his brilliant Elvis numbers!

Caith Amach É

On Thursday 13th of September our TY students took part in an Irish Oral workshop 'Caith Amach É'. The workshop covers each of the 20 sraith pictiúir for the Leaving Cert Irish Oral Examination. The show uses a unique mix of theatrical devices such as clown, puppetry, music and audience interaction to bring the sraith pictiúir to life. The TY group, which included some of our international students had great fun on the day.



Students' Council

Our Lady's are delighted to introduce the members of this year's Student Council. The Student Council represents the voice of the students and brings student concerns to the attention of teachers and management. The members were elected by students and teachers at the beginning of the school year. Each year group is represented on the Student Council.



TY trip to Delphi Adventure Centre

Almost 90 Transition Year pupils travelled to Delphi, Co. Mayo on Wednesday, 26th September.



Each student had an opportunity to do all activities which included surfing, bog pool, team tasks, zip and trek, archery, climbing and abseiling.

Everyone arrived back in Templemore on the 28th having really enjoyed the three days away. While there were a few tired bodies there was a great sense of achievement among the group.



SPORT IN OUR LADY'S

First Year Hurling

On Tuesday 9th October our first year hurling team triumphantly brought the Corn Uí Catháin back to Our Lady's. The team played the first round in early October, where they drew with Thurles CBS before defeating Abbey CBS and Cashel. In the second round the team drew with Nenagh CBS and qualified for the final against Cashel. The lads came from behind to eventually win the Corn Uí Catháin. Indeed many of the boys were overheard saying they still remain unbeaten in an Our Lady's jersey!! Paddy Phelan

(Captain) was only delighted to accept the cup on behalf of his team mates.



Ladies Football

It was a great start for Our Lady's in both our Junior and Senior Ladies football leagues this year.

Our senior team played Presentation Clonmel in round 2 in New Inn. After a high scoring game the final result was Our Lady's 6-12, Pres Clonmel 6-3.

The Junior Ladies football started the season with a win over Loreto Fermoy. This year's Junior captain is Aoife Shelly who has proven herself as a great leader on the pitch.

The final score line against Fermoy was 4-17 to 0-6. The girls face Ursuline Thurles and Loreto Clonmel after the midterm.



Junior Ladies



Senior Ladies

Cadet and Senior Basketball

On Wednesday the 10th of October, the Cadet and Senior basketball teams travelled to Scoil Chríost Rí in Portlaoise to play in their first Midland league match. Lorraine McGinley travelled with the teams as their coach. The Cadets had a comprehensive victory winning out on a score line of 40-20. The Seniors were narrowly defeated and by 4 points on a score line of 31-27 after a hard fought comeback from 15 points down.

Dean Ryan Hurling Team

Our Lady's U16½ hurling team advanced to the semi-final stages of the Dean Ryan Cup where they played De La Salle of Waterford on Monday 22nd of October. After a tight and hard fought game they were narrowly defeated by two points.

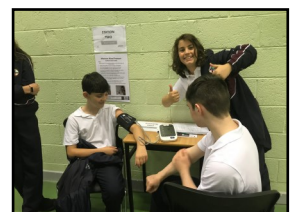


Equestrian

Congratulations to our Equestrian Team who took part in the Inter-Schools show jumping competition in Ennis on Friday the 19th of October. Representing Our Lady's were Cathal Ryan (1st yr), Amy Fogarty (6th yr), Katie Marnell (6th yr), and Byran Bourke (3rd yr). The team did very well to qualify for a jump off. In the individual competition, Bryan Bourke was placed third, while Amy Fogarty achieved fifth place.

UL Fitness Testing for First Years

During this term, our first year students took part in a fitness testing program as part of their PE Class. This program was part of a study being carried out by a student in UL in relation to the fitness levels of first year students across twenty schools in Munster. The first test day involved the 20 metre shuttle run. On the second day, the students completed different fitness activities at six stations including push up and plank hold test, long jump ability, blood pressure, hand grip strength and many more. Twelve of our TY students were trained to carry out the fitness testing with the students on the day. Finally all the students were asked to complete a survey to provide feedback on the testing. Overall students found the testing very beneficial and learned a lot in relation to health and fitness.



German Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest took place at Our Lady's Templemore on Wednesday 10th October. Transition Year pupils prepared a German cultural extravaganza with German traditional music and a slide show. They had Bratwurst with Curry sauce and Bratkartoffeln with Sauerkraut, followed by Schwalderkirschtorte and Kuchen. We welcomed all first year German pupils to the event, who enjoyed it very much. We especially welcomed Fiona Kubier a pupil with us from Munich, who wore her Dirndl proudly. We also welcomed Jennifer Wulf from Munster who is here on teaching practice. Many other pupils dressed up for the occasion in traditional costumes. Molly Walsh, Ciara Kennedy, Benny Váradi, Cathal Guilfoyle and Victoria O' Donoghue were dressed beautifully. Well done to all! Thanks to Ms. Fogarty and Ms. Emily Bergin for their cross curricular experimental teaching and learning.



Trip to Munich

A group of 45 students from Our Lady's are preparing to travel on their long awaited German trip to Munich and The Obersalzberg Austrian Alpine area. This promises to be a wonderful experience with an action packed Itinerary. We would like to wish both students and teachers



travelling a happy, exciting and safe journey.



LCVP

6th Year LCVP students went on a visit to the Chocolate Garden in Tullow, Co. Carlow as part of their activities for the course. The day involved learning about the Chocolate making process, taste tests and making chocolate figures from moulds as well as learning about all the business activities of the company. A great day was had by all.

Debating

Congratulations to our senior debaters. On Monday 15th October the group travelled to UCC where they took part in round one of the UCC Philosophical Schools' Debating Competition. Each performed brilliantly with all members progressing to Round Two. Huge congratulations to Sam Devanney who progressed directly to the Quarter finals.



Maths Week

Maths week ran from the 15th of October with lots of activities taking place in the school. Our first year students took part in a maths quiz while second years competed in mad hat competition. Great fun was had by all.



Trip to Cabragh Wetlands

3 Durrow CSPE class enjoyed their field trip to the Cabragh Wetlands earlier this month. The group will use this trip to complete their project which is worth 60% of their marks in CSPE. Thank you to Ms Kiely who organised it and to Mr Hogan who accompanied the group.



Ploughing Championships

A group of 2nd, 3rd, and LCA students attended the Ploughing Championships in Tullamore. The Sheep Sheering Demonstrations, Business and Education Tent and RTE were a big hit for the boys.



LCA Visit to Templemore Garda Station

Our LCA students along with their teacher Ms Therese Boland were warmly welcomed by Garda Michelle Murphy of Templemore Garda Station on Monday 8th of October. Garda Murphy gave the students a tour of the station and also had a very informative question and answer session with her.



Enterprise Club

The Young Entrepreneurs of Our Lady's have been busy at work since September using their initiative to come up with new and innovative business ideas. Enterprise Club is a voluntary class set up for 1st and 2nd year students who wish to produce a product or service. Students can work individually or as part of a group.

Just under 10 companies meet every Monday after school from 4.15pm -5.15pm with teachers from the Business Department to work on their ideas. All groups are working diligently to have their products and services ready for Open Night to display to perspective students and parents. We wish them continued enthusiasm with their ideas and look forward to seeing their products on Open Night..

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2nd Years Dates to Remember	
Classroom Based Assessment 1	
• Art: 7 th January - 12 th April	
• Business CBA 1: 4 th March - 12 th April	
• Science CBA1: 4 th March - 12 th April	
• MFL (French/German): 29 th April - 17 th May	
• English CBA1: 29 th April - 20 th May	

3rd Years Dates to Remember	
Classroom Based Assessment 2	
• 12 th November - 7 th December - Business CBA2	
• 30 th November - English CBA2 Collection of Texts	
• 7 th December - 25 th January - Science CBA2	
Assessment Task	
• 3 rd - 7 th December - English Assessment Task	
• 10 th - 14 th December - Business Assessment Task	
• 28 th January - 1 st February Science Assessment Task	

Primary School Experience Days

9th & 16th November

Any 5th/6th class pupils interested in attending please contact

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