

## SPORTS AT OUR LADY'S

### SPIKE BALL BLITZ

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April TY's held a Spikeball Blitz in Our Lady's school gym for pupils from St. Joseph's NS, St Colmcille's NS, St Mary's NS and Castleiney NS. This was organised by 11 of our TY girls under the guidance of their teacher Ms Rachel Kelly. It followed a 6 week training course in Spikeball which took place in each of the above schools. Everyone had lots of fun and really enjoyed the day.



Ms Patricia Higgins and Ms Rachel Kelly presenting medals to Molly Walsh, Kerry McCormack, Shona McBride, Ciara Kennedy, Emily Keane from St Josephs NS Templemore who were overall winners at the spikeball blitz.

### GAISCE ADVENTURE JOURNEY

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of April 16 students from Our Lady's Templemore participated in the Gaisce Adventure Journey.



This is an essential part of their activity in achieving their Bronze and Silver awards. The activities took place in The Shannon River Adventure Centre in Roosky Co. Roscommon.

### BEST OF LUCK

Best of luck to Kieran McCartney (3yr year) who has been selected to attend the European Amputee Football Federation Junior Camp in Poland from 3<sup>rd</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> July.



### U14 GIRLS FOOTBALL BLITZ

Our Lady's under 14 Girls football team won the TLGFA PPS U14 blitz which was held in Rockwell on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.



### CLASS OF 2018

We wish the class of 2018 every success in the Leaving Certificate and in everything they do in the future.



### ATHLETICS – MUNSTER TRACK AND FIELD

The Munster Track and Field was held in Castleisland Co Kerry on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of May. Well done to all of our athletes who took part. The results from the day are as follows: Neassa Towey 2nd 200m, Conor Ryan 1st 800m and 3rd 1500m, Jimmy Mullen 2nd high jump. All these have qualified for all Ireland's which is an outstanding achievement to do in individual events.



### RETIREMENTS

We would like to wish Ms O'Regan, Ms O'Dwyer, Ms Brennan and Ms Fitzpatrick happiness, good health and good luck in their retirements. Enjoy the freedom your hard work and dedication has earned.



### Welcome from the Principal

I am delighted to introduce the summer edition of *Cumarsáid*. Following a very busy term students in first, second, Transition Year and Fifth year have commenced the end of year examinations. This week our third and sixth year students will attend tuition blocks where final preparations will be made for the State Examinations.

The school year 2017/2018 brought some exciting developments at Our Lady's including the establishment of the Learning to Learn programme and the introduction of a Chinese module in Transition Year. We were delighted to receive the PDST Wellread National Award in November. Other highlights from the school year include student participation in Junk Kouture, Siansa Gael Linn, BT Young Scientist and a number of weeklong awareness events. A busy sporting calendar facilitated student participation in hurling, camogie, badminton, basketball, ladies football and athletic competitions.

As another school year draws to an end, I take this opportunity to wish third year and sixth year students the very best of luck in the State Examinations. I extend my good wishes for a lovely summer holiday to students, staff, parents/guardians and members of the local community.

Beannacht Dé oraibh.

Patricia Higgins

### CHINESE AT OUR LADY'S

Currently, 22 of about 730 secondary schools in Ireland have adopted the Chinese module into their curriculum. 2017 saw the first year of Our Lady's introduction to Mandarin Chinese language classes for Transition Year students. Our Lady's was fortunate enough to be granted a Chinese teacher Ruiyun Xu from Confucius Institute UCC who taught our Transition Year students Mandarin Chinese in both Pinyin and Chinese characters. The Culinary Art of Chinese cooking and the Martial Arts of Tai Chi were very popular. Indeed the students enjoyed traditional calligraphy, and the art of Papermarche, as well as singing Songs in Chinese.

This initiative hopes to welcome the Chinese language as a short course for the new Junior Cycle in the coming years. Next year, Our Lady's will continue to offer Chinese as a module for the Transition Year students with the hope of strengthening links between China and Ireland. In fact this year four of our TY students travelled to Shanghai on a language and cultural visit. So Mandarin at Our Lady's is definitely a welcome initiative.



### Registration Evening

20 August 2018

### Return to School

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
Staff Development

24<sup>th</sup> August  
First Years

27<sup>th</sup> August  
2<sup>nd</sup>, TY, & 5<sup>th</sup> Year

28<sup>th</sup> August  
All students



# Senior Cycle Awards



Leaving Certificate recipient 2017  
Conor Shanahan



Sr Geraldine French  
Recipient Dariya Bazhenova



Sr Rosario German Recipient  
Davina O'Flaherty



Junior Certificate recipient 2017  
Grainne Hennessy



5th year subject award recipients



CEIST Award Recipient  
Davina O'Flaherty



6th year subject award recipients



Sr Helen Kennedy recipient Marie Kennedy  
Dr Jim O'Shea recipient Ben Collins



International Award Recipient  
Dariya Bazhenova



Sr Catherine McCauley recipient Christina Brennan  
Br Edmund Rice recipient Liam Nolan



LCA1 award Stephen Maher  
LCA2 award Shane Monahan



Music Award Recipients  
Niamh Kennedy & Cheyenne Stewart



5th yr student of the year Conor Ryan  
6th yr student of the year Brian Gleeson



Sportsman of the year Award  
Andrew Ormond & Christina Brennan



Debating Award Recipient  
Caoimhe Delaney



Attendance awards  
Brian Gleeson & Martin Ryan

## JUNIOR CYCLE AWARDS



## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Marie Kennedy and Niamh Hogan, 5th year students who will accompany The Cashel and Emly Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as Youth helpers.



## TRANSITION YEAR IN OUR LADY'S

### ECOLOGICAL TOUR OF LOUGH BOORA

On Monday 14th TY students enjoyed a trip to Lough Boora Discovery Park, Co Offaly. The group was given an ecological tour where they learnt about the flora, wildlife and biodiversity at Lough Boora. They also completed a 15km cycle around the park. Such a fantastic way to enjoy the natural beauty of our country, which is right at our door step.



### ROAD SAFETY COURSE

Our TY students took part in road safety programme on Tuesday 1st of May, in LIT Thurles, as part of the Government's Road Safety Strategy. The course was organised by RSA Ireland in conjunction with Thurles Gardaí. It provided our students with an overview of road safety for pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and motorists.



### TRIP TO DUBLIN

In April our TY students had a very enjoyable trip to Dublin. In the morning they were given a guided tour of the Aviva Stadium which was followed by 'Matilda: The Musical' at The Bord Gáis Energy Theatre.



## FIRST & SECOND YEAR TRIPS

First year students went on the annual 'reward trip' on Tuesday 22nd May and had a fabulous day out at Farran Woods Forest Adventure Centre in Cork.



In February our second year students headed off to the Kippure Adventure Centre in Blessington, Co. Wicklow on a team building day.



## KIERAN IN TOP 20 IN IRELAND IN MICROSOFT WORD

Kieran Moynihan, a TY student, receiving his National Finalist Certificate from Billy Breen Prodigy Learning in Microsoft, Dublin. Kieran was one of the top 20 students in the country who received the award for his results in the Microsoft Word Exam.



## TY TRIP TO SPIKE ISLAND

On Thursday 10th of May our TY students had a fantastic trip to both Spike Island and The Titanic museum in Cóbh, Co. Cork. The students loved the visit to the prison and treaty port where they got a chance to walk around and explore the old prisons.



## TY GERMAN AND CHINESE PRIMARY SCHOOL CLUB

In May our German and Chinese Club held their final day with local 5th and 6th class pupils from Clonmore NS, St Mary's NS, Colmcille's NS, St Joseph's NS and Barnane NS. The pupils enjoyed ten weeks of immersion into German/Chinese language and culture. Well done to all students involved! Viel Spaß De.

