

JUNK KOUTURE 2021

It has been a year full of challenges but our TY students have met them head on and have successfully completed and entered three amazing recycled fashion designs into Junk Kouture 2021. All groups recently had their photo shoots in Templemore Town Park. These entries show off each teams creative talent in using 100% recycled items to create wearable fashion.

Congratulations to Sarah Hogan, Molly Nevin and Naomi Conlon of 'Bloomin Bright' on their beautiful creation. Their inspiration for the dress was nature. The girls used bright colours to represent that there are brighter days ahead. They mostly used recycled plastic packaging to make the flowers and used old wire hangers to make the hoop skirt. Well done to Elliemay Fogarty and Jennifer Sargent on their beautiful creation entitled 'Flight and Fancy'. The girls used a huge variety of recycled material, such as peacock feathers, used coffee capsules, reused metal shavings and different fabrics from local charity shops. Finally congratulations to Laura Fogarty, Saoirse Kelly and Kiera Butler on their beautiful creation entitled 'A Vintage Journey'. It is Made from lace, baby wipes, book pages and wrappers. We are delighted to announce that all three costumes have secured places in the Regional Finals.



'A Vintage Journey'

'Bloomin Bright'



'Flight and Fancy'



A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION IS CELEBRATED AS MARY BYRNE RETIRES FROM OUR LADY'S

Ms. Mary Byrne who hails from Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow spent thirteen years teaching in Beaumont in Dublin. She commenced her teaching post at Our Lady's in 1999, where she flourished and added immense colour and creativity to the life of our school and students for twenty one successful years.

Many students will recall having a conversation with Ms. Byrne regarding a portfolio piece and how to commence it. Ms. Byrne was able to see the completed version in her artistic mind, and thus could provide easily, alternative ideas and creative and diverse possibilities to enable the final piece to be most reflective of the individual student's skills. This indeed was an art in itself.



Ms. Byrne involved herself in Junk Kouture annually, assisting and guiding students as they created dresses from recycled materials.

She gave of her time generously to the annual school Musical, assisting with and guiding the painting of various backdrops.

Her contribution always enhanced the annual Graduation Ceremony, as she guided the artistic completion of various banners and creative memories.

She assisted in the fundraising for the trips to Shanghai for our students. Indeed she too travelled with our students to Shanghai University in 2019.

She helped out with St. Patrick's Day parades, YSI projects and designing Bodhrans completed in woodwork class. The list is endless.

Above all she was always available with materials and ideas, coloured sheets, scissors, markers, any item that each subject department needed immediately for a project. Just a knock on the door, and you had the materials in hand.

We are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Byrne. We will miss her unique contribution very much, her individual and creative presence in all aspects of life, her close eye for detail and of course her original colourful and eclectic attire.

Above all, we will miss her presence and support always as a friend and colleague. We wish Mary the very best in her retirement together with her husband Pat and her three boys, Shane, Phelim and Padraig. We hope that they will have many happy times in Garrykennedy and Castlebawn on the shores of Lough Derg.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK



As part of Active School's Week activities such as badminton and basketball were available to students each morning. All junior students enjoyed exploring a variety of different sports including NFL Combine. As

part of the event, students who completed the 30km Strava challenge, received a prize.

During this week, students were also treated to an ice-cream. Other events included some Religion classes completing a reflection in the Town Park. It was an excellent week all round.



Welcome from the Principal

I am delighted to welcome you to the summer edition of Cumarsáid. 2021 has brought many challenges to our world, our country and our homes. The government and all members of society have been forced to continue to respond to the evolving situation. The constantly changing circumstances have been likened to "building a plane while flying it".

I take this opportunity to compliment students and staff at Our Lady's on the heroic efforts which they have made to ensure continuation of quality teaching and learning this year. It is important not to underestimate what we have achieved in the face of adversity. During the past five months students and staff have exhibited tremendous commitment and dedication and they have succeeded in overcoming obstacles placed in their way. The past year has been a time of learning for all of us as we got to grips with digital technologies and upskilled in the use of MS Teams. The flexibility, resourcefulness and adaptability shown by staff are worthy of great praise. The resilience and determination of students are an inspiration to us, and I want to wholeheartedly congratulate all our students on their successes this year.

The theme of our Graduation Ceremony this year was courage for the future. My wish for all of you is that you will face the future with great hope and courage. The roll out of the vaccination campaign and the reopening of society herald brighter days ahead. I extend my good wishes to you for the summer. May you enjoy a safe and fruitful summer break.

Beannacht Dé oraibh.

Patricia Higgins

Return to School Dates

25th August – Staff Induction

26th August – First Years

27th August – 2nd & 5th Year

30th August – All students

STUDENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

Well done to our TY mini-company "Fog Off" on winning the "Best Branding Award" at the Tipperary Regional Finals. Group members Jonah Ryan, Adam Parry Power, Darragh Scully and Stewart Smyth designed a product that keeps fog off glasses while wearing face coverings. Special congratulations to Adam Parry Power who was the lucky winner of a Samsung tablet.



CEIST

Student Council members from TY, 5th year and LCA1 attended an online CEIST Leadership conference. CEIST CEO Clare Ryan spoke to schools from all over Ireland about the message of hope in challenging times.

Professor Luke O' Neill spoke to the students and answered questions regarding Covid-19 and how we are slowly beating the virus. It was an enjoyable experience and interesting to hear the opinions and thoughts of students in other CEIST schools around the country.



DCU LANGUAGE COMPETITION

Congratulations to Aileen Bourke in TY who won 1st Prize in the "comic strip category" in the 2021 DCU Language Competition (French). There were about 300 entries in the competition.

The title of the competition was "Expressing yourself in Covid times". Aileen had to create an inspiring comic strip in French that shows why she loves languages and how she kept up her language skills in French during the lockdown. Aileen won an iPad and her work will be showcased on the DCU webpage.



TY MURAL

TY students created a beautiful wall mural along the canteen corridor of Our Lady's. They attempted to capture the positivity and resilience that gets us through tough and challenging times, such as these Covid times. The concept behind the mural was to explore their own projected images through selfies. Students considered how a selfie can express friendship, comradie, being connected, mindful and staying well... through the lens of a camera despite the restrictions of face masks.

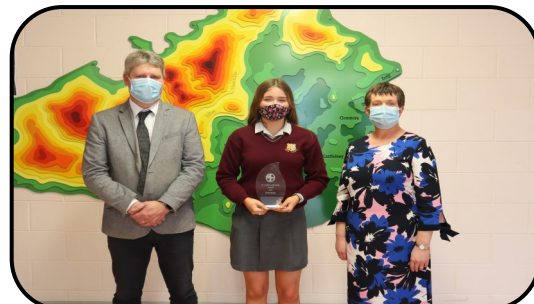
The students' ideas and images were then projected on to the wall and the mural emerged from there. The students involved in different aspects of the project had the honour of signing their own names to the wonderful creation. This T.Y 2021 Mural is indeed a positive and much admired addition to our school. It is a beautiful reminder of how we can always find ways to connect with and support each other during difficult times. Well done and thank you to Art teacher Mr. O'Hara and all involved!



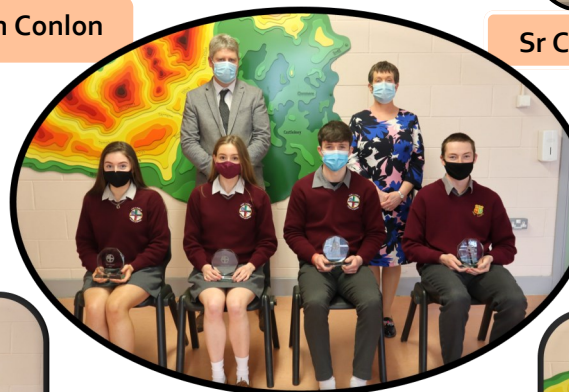
Senior Cycle Awards



Br Edmund Rice Award—Eoghan Conlon



Sr Catherine McCauley Award—Aoife Shelly



Tutor Awards—Kirsty Quinlan, Aoife O'Neill, Luke Ormond and Kevin Sheedy

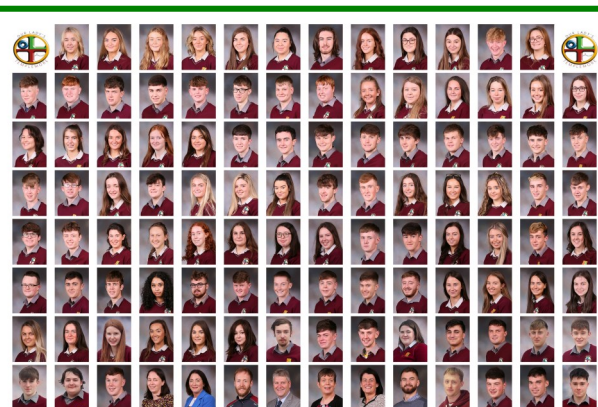


Spirit of LCA2 Award—Emma Walton



CEIST Award—Anna Ryan

**Class of
2021**



We wish the class of 2021 every success in the Leaving Certificate and in everything they do in the future.

Graduation Ceremony



Our Virtual Graduation Ceremony commenced with a prayer service which was followed by a conversation with Lauren Guilfoyle. Lauren provided some good advice which will stand students in good stead as they transition from their teenage years into adulthood. To view our virtual graduation please visit our website www.ourladystemplemore.ie



JUNIOR CYCLE AWARDS



1st year Platinum Award Recipients
Gergely Nagy, Liam Dunphy, Ava Jordan, Orfhlaith Bergin, Mikealla Fox, Rachel Lee, Zoe Maher



2nd Year Platinum Award recipients
Lincoln Robinson, Adam Tynan O'Connor, Keira Patterson, Erin Hassett, Ella Fogarty, Madison Moloney & April Glasheen



3rd year Platinum Award Winners -
Fiona Bourke & Aisling Kennedy

TRANSITION YEAR IN OUR LADY'S

Despite the public health restrictions our Transition Year students have managed to stay active this term TY classes have enjoyed many activities including, a trip to Lough Boora, a movie making workshop, the Reptile Haven experience, a team building activity day and driving workshop.

On 13th May, TY students travelled to Lough Boora. They enjoyed a walk around the lake and completed a scavenger hunt. A wonderful day was had by all and it was topped off with a rewarding ice-cream.

Movie Magic provided a very interactive workshop. TY students had the opportunity to make their own short film using green screens, sound equipment and video editing software. Each group of TY students was given free range on their choice of genre. A week later, students enjoyed the premiere of their movies during an Oscar Award Ceremony.



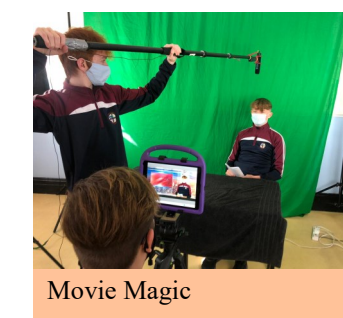
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Movie Magic



Lough Boora



Reptile Haven

Transition year students took part in Zumba fitness classes. They were taught dance skills which tested their rhythm and coordination. It was interactive and suited everyone's capabilities.

TY students thoroughly enjoyed The Reptile Haven Experience. They were exposed to a variety of reptiles such as corn and cobra snakes, geckos, and lizards. Their instructor explored the habitat, feeding habits and origin of the reptiles with the group. Students and teachers alike were given the opportunity to hold the reptiles. It was educational and enjoyable for all.

TY students took part in a workshop with Woods Driving School. Their instructor, Jenny helped prepare the students for their theory test. Students looked at car safety, rules of the road along with the dangers of drink and drug driving.



Reptile Haven

TY students had a team building activity day with Go Beyond Adventure. They were tested on their problem solving, teamwork, leadership, and physical capabilities. The sun was shining down on Our Lady's pitch. It proved an ideal first day back to school after lockdown.



Woods Driving School

In conjunction with our Cairdeas Programme, some of our TY students, under the guidance of Ms Denise Flannery, ran an online quiz for first year students. It proved to be a very successful event.

1 Nore: 1st Bobbie Gleeson, runner up Liam Dumphy.

1 Lee: 1st Ben Keeshan, runners up Niall Delaney and Bill Finn.

1 Suir: 1st Liam Collins, runners up Anna Larkin and Carra Barry Kennedy.

1 Shannon: Joint 1st Andrew Murray and Rhys King, runners up Paddy Hoare and Levente Kunos.

1 Avoca: 1st Meadhbh Mulrooney, runners up John Cleere and Ava Jordan.



First Year Online Quiz