



Our Lady's Templemore



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A Message from the Principal

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter. As we move towards the mid point of the school year the past four months have been an exciting and fulfilled time for all at OLT. September saw LC results, new students with their parents/guardians and the resumption of the extracurricular programme.

Students were busy with sports, music and everything in between. The first term culminated with the return of our musical *Aladdin* which was a huge success for all in our school community. Over the past few weeks we have engaged in our Erasmus Project, completed term assessments, Junior Cycle results were issued and the student council has been active promoting the voice of students to improve our school community. I congratulate and say well done to all our students, I admire the commitment of their teachers who leave no stone unturned to ensure that every student who attends our school gets a fair chance.

I take this opportunity to wish all in our school community, parents/guardians, students, teachers and families a happy Christmas and a healthy and fulfilled new year.

Paul Fogarty, Principal

Leaving Certificate Students of 2022

At Our Lady's Templemore, Paul Fogarty, principal, sends his congratulations to the Leaving Certificate and Leaving Cert Applied students of 2022 on their excellent results.

The staff of Our Lady's Templemore are very proud of them all and wish them every success in their future. The success of Our Lady's Leaving Certificate students was a just reward for the hard work of students and the commitment of teachers during the past two years. The class of 2022 managed a very challenging situation and

showed their friendships, community spirit and support for each other throughout their time in Our Lady's. Pictured with Mr Paul Fogarty (Principal) and Ms Martina Butler (D.P) are just some of our students who achieved 500+ and 600+ points.

Congratulations to Gillian Fogarty, who achieved 613 points in her Leaving Certificate results. We wish Gillian happiness and success as she embraces Third Level education in Mary Immaculate College.



Paul Fogarty (Principal), Marton Varadi, Daniel Tuohy, Niamh Lawlor, Erin McMullen, Michael Delaney, Byran Bourke, Martina Butler (Deputy Principal). Front: Jack Johnston, Emma Cody, Neassa Towey, EmmaJane Coss, Gillian Fogarty, Tommy Martin



Martina Butler (Deputy Principal), Gillian Fogarty and Paul Fogarty (Principal)



New beginnings for our first years

In September, our cohort of first year students enjoyed team building and wellbeing activities. An afternoon of team activities on campus gave all our students a chance to build new friendships while having some fun outdoors.



Opening School Year Celebration

On Thursday 29th of September, first year students celebrated their first opening school year Mass in The Church of the Sacred Heart, Templemore. It was wonderful to celebrate this new chapter with them! Thank you to all involved, the readers, those who lit candles and to our religion department who helped organise it. A special thanks to Fr Dominic who celebrated our Mass with us.



Cairdeas

Cairdeas is Our Lady's peer mentoring programme which runs each year, it links 1st year students with a mentor from the senior school. This year our 1st years got a really warm welcome on their first day as their 5th year mentors came back to school a few days early to meet with students, organise fun activities and a school trail for them. Since then, students have gotten to know their mentors a little better through organised activities and informal chats during lunchtime.



TY Trip to Delphi

Our Transition Year pupils travelled to Delphi, Co. Mayo in September. Each student had an opportunity to do all activities which included surfing, team tasks, zip and trek, archery, climbing and abseiling. Everyone returned having really enjoyed the three days away. While there were a few tired bodies there was a great sense of achievement among the group.



ACTIVITIES

Our Lady's offers a great variety of extra curricular and co-curricular activities to all students. There is something to appeal to all tastes. During lunch students can partake in a variety of sporting activities such as camogie, hurling, soccer and basketball. Also available are science, music, art and computer club. It is great to see our students having the opportunity to keep active and make new friends.





Open Evening

Our Open Evening was held on Thursday 24th of November. It was a resounding success. We were delighted to welcome pupils and parents to our vibrant learning community and to showcase our students and our school.



Junior Cycle Results

Congratulations to all our Transition Year, LCAI and 5th year students on their wonderful Junior Cycle results. This is a reflection of all of their hard work and dedication. It is indeed a great stepping stone as they head into senior cycle. Well done to all involved.



Aladdin - School Musical

This year's school musical 'Aladdin' certainly lived up to everyone's expectations. With over 120 students on stage, we were treated to an extravaganza of colour, humour, elaborate dancing, beautiful singing and a high standard of acting. It was full houses and standing ovations every night which was no less than this exceptional group of performers deserved. Congratulations to the entire production team and to all students involved. An absolutely super show!



Erasmus

This term Our Lady's took part in an Erasmus Programme, based on the theme 'Multiculturalism in a school setting with a view to increasing awareness and building acceptance of difference'. As part of the project, we welcomed three schools from Malta and another from Spain. We were also very fortunate to welcome

the Secretariat for Catholic Education in Malta.

As part of our Erasmus experience we were delighted to host a conference which looked at Multiculturalism in a Catholic School. Students and staff along with invited guests enjoyed inspirational presentations by Dr. Andrew McGrady and Dr. Aiveen Mullally.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Well done to all the students from Our Lady's who prepared a shoebox as part of the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Special congratulations to our 5th year John Paul II students for organising it. This is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty



SPORT AT OUR LADY'S



U16.5 Munster Champions

Congratulations to Our Lady's U16.5 hurlers who were crowned Munster Champions. The team won the Corn Sheamais Uí Dhonnchu against John the Baptist Community School, Hospital. Jamie Ormond (Captain) was only delighted to accept the cup on behalf of his team mates.



Harty Cup

Our Dr Harty Cup team are now into the last eight of the competition. En route to the quarter final they have played against Pobail Scoil Na Tríonoide, Youghal, Thurles CBS and St Francis College Rochestown. The quarter final is scheduled to take place on January 11th.

Athletics

Well done to Our Lady's athletes who competed in the Tipperary Post Primary Schools Cross Country championships in Thurles. Congratulations to Rhys King, Levi Kunos, Roy Doran and Darren Conroy who came third in the intermediate boy's team event.



Ladies Football

It has been a busy but very successful time in Our Lady's for the ladies football teams. Our Lady's have entered a Senior team in the C Premier division, a Junior team in the B division and a second Junior team in the D division.

SENIOR LADIES FOOTBALL

The Senior Ladies football team have performed impressively and have qualified for the quarter final play-off against Mount Mercy College, Cork city which is hoped to be played before Christmas. We wish them every success in the game.

JUNIOR LADIES FOOTBALL

With more than 55 junior girls representing the school in Ladies football we entered 2 teams into the league. Our Junior B girls have qualified for the Munster quarter final and is awaiting confirmation of their opposition. The Junior D team are gaining experience with each game, made up predominantly of 1st and 2nd year students. The girls have qualified for the knock-out stages of the competition.



Camogie

Our Lady's Senior and Junior Camogie teams had a very promising start to the year. Good wins for our Juniors saw them through to the Munster Quarter Final. They came up against a tough St. Augustine's team. Both teams fought hard, and the first match ended in a draw. The replay was another excellent display, but unfortunately the team didn't come away with the win. Our Seniors got to the Munster Quarter Final. A tight battle, but unfortunately it wasn't to be for our girls. A good year and more to come for these two teams.