

# Our Lady of Mercy College

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SCHOOL YEAR 2018/19

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"Worry does not take away tomorrows troubles, it takes away today's peace"

Reflection for the New Year

We wish all in the School Community a prosperous 2019

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# Career Ready Graduation

Some of the 6th year students who graduated from the Career Ready Programme (2016-18). Front Row: Anna Murray, Jennifer John, Shannon Smith, Nicole Keller Back Row: Grace Benham, Alex Fagan, Helen Raftey CEO Junior Achievement, Wiktoria Klak, Mr Niall Ring Lord Mayor, Ellen Beirnes, Dean Rock Dublin GAA player, Louise Acedera. The school is delighted to continue its' involvement with Junior Achievement







## Junior Certificate & Leaving Certificate Awards

Pictured left is Amy Bulger who got the award for best LC results 2018. She is studying Health & Society, BSc in DCU and right is Cara Flanagan Walsh who got the best Junior Certificate results. Well done to both students. Thanks to the Parents Association for sponsoring these Awards.



TYs with the shoe boxes containing gifts they helped to collect as part of the **Shoe Box Appeal**.
43 shoe boxes were given to Team Hope.

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## Market Day

Well done to all involved in this years Market Day. The hall was a buzz with a terrific stands and buying and selling. 1st Place winners as follows:

Junior: JMC Beauty; Jade O Neil Brady, Christina Geraghty, Mia Massey

Intermediate: KSNK Stones; Karina Donohue, Shauna Walsh, Nicole O

Neill, Katelyn McHugh

Senior: Blanimals: Mariah Aviles, Niamh Keenan, Abby Conolly, Elena Acevedo, Eulette Cabansay.

Well done to 5.1 Enterprise Class who organised Market Day. They organised a non uniform day and had hot chocolate on sale raising £1,055 for the

Irish Cancer Society.









## Cultural Day Movie – Coco.

This year's Cultural Day movie was the animated film Coco - Despite his family's generations-old ban on music, young Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colourful Land of the Dead. After meeting a charming trickster named Héctor, the two new friends embark on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history. This film was chosen as it gives an insight into the Mexican celebration of "The Day of the Dead". As November is the month to Remember in the Catholic Church, it was good to make connections with another culture and gain an understanding of their celebrations. The film was enjoyed by all 1st and 2nd Year students.

### TY News

Career Ready Programme. Recently the Career Ready mentors met with the students in the school. Over the next eighteen months they will meet regularly as part of the programme. Thank you to all the Mentors who have volunteered.

#### Lunchtime Yoga.

Over the month of November, both students and staff enjoyed Yoga during lunchtime on Tuesdays.

#### **Future Leaders**

This year the TY students are involved in the GAA Future Leaders programme. We are very excited to be one of 300 hundred schools in the country involved in this new initiative.

#### Other News

The students enjoyed a trip to Carlingford for an overnight bonding trip in August. This was followed by a trip to the Ploughing Championships in September. They started off their Drivers Education programme with a trip to the Axa Roadsafe Roadshow in October. They have also completed a Junior Achievement programme called Success Skills and had workshops from the Irish Wheelchair Association, the Autism Society and See Bothar to name but a few. They ran a successful School Bank during November and twelve students travelled to London on Dec. 6th last as part of the Career Ready Programme.

U19 Badminton team who had a wonderful win playing against Mount Anville, last November

L to R Louise Acedera,, Karylle Cabreza, Khim Puri, Michaela Raagas

## St Vincent de Paul Food Appeal

Class 5.3 thank all who contributed.





Futsal Team, Oct 2018

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## European Studies European Youth Event Strasbourg 2018

On the 29th May 2018, 7 students from this school got the opportunity to travelled to Strasbourg, France with Ms. Sweeney to attend the European Youth Event 2018. Two other school from Ireland also travelled joined us for this event, Adamstown Community College and King's Hospital College. The European Youth Event is an event initiated by the European Parliament. It was set up in 2014 and their aims are to activate citizenship among the young people of Europe. The event took place over two days, the 1st and 2nd June.

When some students took an interest in attending this event in France, Ms Sweeney decided to apply for the European Parliament and received funding for the trip. We were also invited to attend another event held by the European Parliament, known as Euroscola which was running on the same weekend. Euroscola shows young people the perspective of an MEP by bringing 600 students into the European Parliament for the day to discuss relevant topics such as immigration, Global Warming etc. We were divided into groups to work under different topics then had come together in the European Parliament to present our ideas in front of all the other groups, our motion was then voted on by everyone. During this event we learned a lot about what each MEP's roles is and the work that is put in to making a decision in the European Parliament.

Throughout the week we were lucky enough to have the opportunity to participate in various activities in the city. On the first day of our trip went to Europa Park, which is a huge theme park located in Rust. We also went sightseeing around the city, visiting the Cathedral located in the middle of Strasbourg city. We also took a boat tour around the city which informed us the history behind the city of Strasbourg. Overall it was an excellent experience and has made me more aware of what Europe means to me. By Karylle Cabreza



aths Week took place from the 15th to the 19th of October this year. Over the course of the week we had numerous activities going on throughout the school. On Monday during lunchtime we invited students to watch a Maths related programme in the demonstration room which students found very interesting. On Tuesday we played a game called Countdown and we had bingo on Wednesday in the library. On the last day of the week we invited the 1st and 2nd year students to play a maths quiz and, along side these activities, we had a Guess the Sweets in the Jar competition and a Co-ordinate Map Orienteering game. *By Andreea Susan* 

Thanks to **Bank of Ireland** the school was very busy last November as well as working with TY students on their school bank other classes availed of 5 different workshops.

Financial Literacy for Junior Cycle
Financial Literacy for Senior Cycle
Business Start Up
Online Safety & Cyber Security

(V and Interview Skills

#### SPORT UPDATES

The first year **Futsol** team reached the Dublin finals after winning the school based tournament that we hosted.

The junior **Gaelic** football team remains unbeaten after two comprehensive victories. The senior team has been training very hard since the beginning of September. This hard work was been evident in an excellent display from the ladies in their first match, looking forward to building on this performance.

The **basketball** team are looking forward to up-coming friendlies.

**Badminton** teams have enjoyed successes in their league games.



Sweeney out side the EU Parliament.



#### ETWINNING

We were delighted to receive both the National and European awards again this year for our European Studies ETwinning projects.

These projects were in collaboration with various other countries around Europe through our online platform and also through video calls using our interactive whiteboard.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the projects, creating emagizines, radio bulletins and even poetry. ETwinning creates an awareness of the importance of Europe to us but also making our students aware that by working together we can make a change.

The students have been doing such outstanding

work that our National Support Service, Léargas sent a film crew in to our school to capture some of the great work taking place in European Studies eTwinning class.



## Science Week

Well done to all who took part in the activities which included a science show & tell.

Poster Competition winners: Aveena Abraham, Ayse Ferengizbilge, Abi Walsh, Nicole Prejban (pictured below).

Table Quiz Winners: Team No 1, Gabriele Acedera, Lucy Hutchinson, Aveena Abraham (pictured below), Elena Gonzalez-Casanova,

Jasmine Mc Glynn. Team 17, Rebecca Doherty, Fiona Nelmida, Rebecca Dun Arujo, Kayleigh Lawlor





#### Student Leadership/ Volunteerism

The school played host to students & leaders from other CEIST schools who were volunteering at the World Meeting of Families last August. Well done to all our students for helping out.

The Student Council thank all those who contributed articles for this newsletter.

## Culture Week

Culture Day & Friendship week is the

time during the school year when all the students celebrate each others nationalities and wilfully explore beyond their own. The dances, the music, the outfits, the enthusiasm and the love, all combine to show the absence of division and discrimination and portray a beautiful symphony of different cultures.

It was a wonderful week where diversity was celebrated and unity is encouraged mainly because there can be a lack of togetherness in our modern world. We want to thank everyone that participated, the performers, the MC's, the DJ's, Student Council and Ms Offiah who helped the week run smoothly.

By Praise-el Ani



A selection of photos from Culture day



