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### Reflection for the New Year

*"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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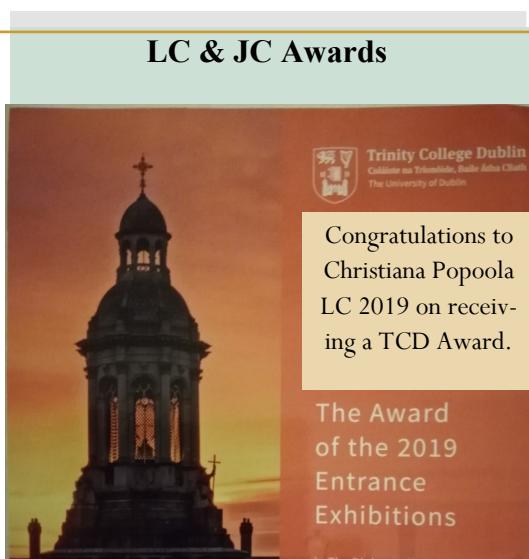
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Laura Constantine and Natalia Gill 4th yr at their stand

Congratulations to Christiana Popoola (below left) who got the award for best LC results 2019. She is studying Computer Science in TCD and to Mihaela Borta who got the best Junior Certificate results. Well done to both students. Thanks to the Parents Association for sponsoring these Awards.

### Junior Certificate & Leaving Certificate Awards



### Message from Parents Association

We hope all our families and staff had a restful Christmas and best wishes to all for 2020. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our monthly meetings and extend an invitation to all, we would love to see you there.

**Sr Antonio RSM.**



We remember Sr Antonio who recently passed away. She retired from her work as Librarian 5 years ago. Having spent 40 years in Africa working as a radiographer she retired home and came to work with us. The School Choir were pleased to sing at her funeral and they thank Mr Scott & Ms Dooley for leading them.

## 5th Years enjoy their visit to UCD



TY students enjoyed a tour of Dublin Airport. They learned about the work that goes on and about the career opportunities thanks to Ms Oxley for organising this as part of work the school is doing with the Project Management Institute



## Save the Children

It was **jumpers for joy** on Dec 13th in Mercy Beaumont as it was **Christmas Jumper Day** with money raised going to Save the Children. Thanks to all who contributed.

Students help load the **Team Hope** by loading the Christmas Shoe Box collected by students of the school. Well done to all involved.

## Art Project- Creating a Sculpture

This year Our Lady of Mercy College, have employed artist Niamh Sinnott to work collaboratively with students and staff to create a permanent work of art for the school. Niamh is a ceramic sculptor and works independently from her studio in Castlebellingham, Co Louth. She has worked with school groups around the city. The theme of the artwork reflects the gender of the school and indeed celebrates the strengths of women working together for a better world. The project wouldn't have been possible without the help of the Arts Council's Creative Engagement Project and of course the BOM of the school. The work is still ongoing but students are working hard to see its completion in the New Year.

## TY Photos



Bank training in DCU



## St Vincent de Paul Food Appeal

Class 5.3 thank all who contributed to the hamper collection and non uniform day on which €400 was raised.



## Minister Richard Bruton visits the school during Maths Week

Pictured below discussing the Problem Solving Maze with Ms Keaney, Mr Clarke and students and right holding discussions with the Student Council.



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## TESA—The Entrepreneurial School Awards

The TESA Award recognises outstanding commitment to entrepreneurship education. We are delighted to receive this award in recognition of opportunities given to our students to develop their ability to think positively, to identify opportunities to make things happen, to have self-confidence to achieve their goals and to use their talents to build a better society, economically & socially. Thank you to Junior Achievement Ireland (JAI) with whom the school has many partnerships.

Numerous Maths Week activities took place with students enjoying A Maths Themed treasure Hunt, poster competitions, table quizzes etc.

During his visit Minister Bruton judged a poster competition, met with the Eco- committee, discussed the yearly agenda with the Student Council, oversaw maths weeks games & activities as well as taking part in a Maths Treasure Hunt with first years.



## Prizewinners in Maths Week Competition.

L to R Ella Isiak, Sara Tiba, Gemma McDermott and Zarah Cahill with Minister Bruton



## Science Week

Numerous Activities were enjoyed during Science week 2019 and not just by students studying the science subjects. We had experiments/ demonstrations going on in the hall at lunchtime, science themed poster competition and on Friday 1st, 2nd & 4th year students enjoyed a table quiz organised by the Science Prefects.

As part of **Science Week 2019** Transition Year students took part in **SciFest@School**. They displayed and presented a variety of different projects ranging from social experiments to chemical reactions. Judges from SciFest visited each project and awarded many prizes to students at the end of the day. Our own students also got the opportunity to view each project and vote for their favourite. Well done to all Transition Year students on the hard work they put into each project.

The project titled 'What factors affect short term memory loss' impressed the judges and these students received first prize. They are pictured below with the judges and Ms Lynch.



The group who placed second investigated the amount of Vitamin C present Citrus fruits. Laura Davara Saez, Eilish Paseos, Alexandra Diaconu.

Joanna Ian Ng received a Highly Commended. Her project was an investigation into the circumstances when mould grows on bread



**Creativity is intelligence having fun.**

*Albert Einstein*



Indi Fitzgerald  
Eve Wylie  
Lily Harbourne

Emma Shine,  
Alexandra Feeney,  
Sinead Khorang,  
Eve O Rourke picture  
with judges, Paul  
Atkinson and  
Catherine Tattersall.



Alejandra Gonzalez,  
Alanna Burke, Hannah  
Tully, Natalia Gil, Jes-  
sica Lawlor

Ava Del Mar  
Mihaela Borta  
Didar Pilani



There were many other projects highlighted by judges as highly commended, for best display and for innovation.



## GAEILIC FOOT-BALL AT MERCY BEAUMONT

So far this year we have played three senior matches as well as one junior match. We have some star players, from our captains Lily Harbourne and Katie O Rourke to the wonderful Darby duo in mid-field. This year got off to a great start when we received some new jerseys and equipment thanks to Lidl. Our senior team were unfortunately knocked out in December after a massive effort against Loreto College, congratulations to all involved. The Junior team have it all to play for in the new year, watch this space!

## TY News



12 TY students are pictured in London on Dec 5th last for training as part of the Junior Achievement CAREER READY programme that the school is involved in.



## Tanagh Bonding Trip

On the 28th of August, all the 4th year students went to Tanagh on a bonding trip. In Tanagh we took part in many activities like canoeing, swimming in the lake, mudslides, a night walk, team challenges, bog jumping and we also had a karaoke. We really had a great time.

*Lily Harbourne*



Above and left: TY Students enjoy activities in Tanagh

## School Bank

On Friday the 29th November I went to DCU to get training to become a helper in the school bank. When I heard the school bank was going to be held again this year I jumped at the opportunity. I thought it would be a great opportunity to find out what the girls from previous year groups went through to get the school bank up and running. I had a great time in DCU with Adam and the other girls. We learned loads of things about DCU and how to run the school bank. We learned loads about Bank of Ireland and I would jump at the opportunity again. *Indi Fitzgerald*

## AWARDS

We are delighted that the work of students and teachers is acknowledged.

Through our work in European Studies and on e-Twinning projects further recognition was received as we were awarded a **National Quality Label 2019** by Leargas.



## Student Council

Four members were chosen to go and attend the Dublin North Regional Council meeting. This meeting includes many different schools coming together and discussing issues that are currently happening in the world and how we could make a difference. Some of the topics discussed this year were climate change and what Ireland is doing to contribute. As part of this, we shared opinions on the carbon tax, and looked at the issue from the point of view of many political parties. We also talked about Direct Provision, how they're treated and what necessary items they receive. We talked about this by having a walking debate, this way everyone got to have a say in the matter. There also was an election for the Regional Council representative.

By Eulette Cabansay



### Christmas Concert

Well done to all students and staff involved in our Christmas Concert held on Dec 10th . A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

## World Mental Health Day

As part of SPHE class with Ms Traynor, 3.1 raised money for Mental Health Ireland and spread awareness about mental health. For this event 3.1 organised a Tea and Chats day in the canteen where they invited everyone to speak about their mental health over a cup of tea. The day also involved Katie O'Rourke and Nicole O'Neill doing a speech on mental health over the intercom. Videos were also shown in class regarding the importance of speaking out. As well as career classes focusing on mental health for the week. €485 euro was raised online and through sponsorship cards. Thank you to everyone who donated. The money raised will enable Mental Health Ireland to promote positive mental health to communities all over Ireland.

**College Awareness Week** is a national campaign aimed to promote the benefits of going to college and make sure students are college ready. Within this week at Mercy Beaumont we had visits from universities such as DCU, TU and Maynooth. 5th years also got a private tour and lecture at UCD. Other events include career investigation posters and general college awareness information such as a CAO talk.



Pilipino students with Mrs Offiah before their performance on Cultural Day



## Market Day & Enterprise Photos



Ugne Buivydaite , Kamilia Pastere

Well done to 5th year Enterprise Classes for organising Market Day and quiz in canteen. Good luck to the students representing the school in the Dublin Local Enterprise Competition.



### Winners on Market Day 2019

#### Junior Category:

*PiCube*: Kamilia Pastere, Ugne Buivydaite

#### Intermediate Category:

#### *Sticks and Stones*:

Maia Ursu, Emily Challanger, Adno Abdulle, Lauren Byrne and Maysan Elammari

#### Senior Category: Joint Winners

*Correx* Amy Byrne, Eilish Paseos, Alex Diaconu and Emma Spermanzan

*Papillon*: Dida Palini, Mihaela Borta, Ava Delmar

### Enterprise/LCVP Activities

As part of their Link Modules course our fifth year students went on a visit out to Tayto Park last October. This trip involved both enterprise education workshops and some team bonding activities. A very enjoyable and educational trip was had by all!



5th yr Team Building Activities in Tayto Park

Dida Palini, Mihaela Borta, Ava Delmar

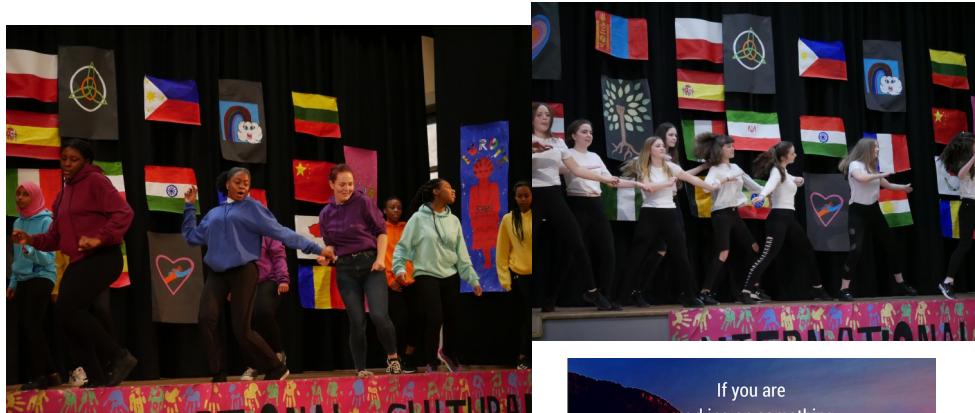
## Culture Week

The 25th to the 29th of November, 2019 marked the Friendship and Cultural Week in our school this year. It is an important week in our school where we celebrate diversity and celebrate other nationalities, which the students look forward to each year. It is a week filled with culture and friendship and this year, it was no different. Each day of the week, we welcomed the students with an announcement in a different language, this was also a friendly reminder of the different activities that were being held throughout the week.

There were several 6th year students that made announcements each morning in their different languages informing and encouraging the school to; join the language music quiz that embraced different languages from around the world, join the international kahoot quiz that educated on facts about different nationalities and watch a film which our Juniors enjoyed.

Throughout the years, students from different nationalities gathered together and spent months preparing performances for International Day which this year was the 29th of November. The girls worked extremely hard after school to compile traditional and modern dances. This is where they can wear their traditional clothing and show off their traditional dances from their country or introduce recent modern songs. Ms Offiah had started this event to celebrate the different nationalities in the school and to embrace diversity. I, as Cultural Prefect, have always looked forward to this day, as it doesn't happen in other schools. This year, we wanted to ensure that everyone enjoyed the week, felt welcomed and involved as it was Friendship and Cultural Week.

*Janice Singson, Cultural Prefect.*



A selection of the colourful performances.



## Senior Girls Soccer

**Team** who drew 4-4 against Gael-cholaiste Uí Reachrann in a recent game.



**Bas-ketball** training takes place every Thursday.

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