



Loreto Newsletter

Christmas 2008

“175” News

The Fashion Show took place in the Shelbourne Hotel on 10th November. Guests enjoyed a drinks reception followed by the fashion show and a spectacular raffle organized by the 6th years. It was a hugely successful and enjoyable evening, which raised €14,418! Sincere thanks to Ms. Maher, Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Purcell & Ms Travers and to the 6th year Fashion Show Committee. Their hard work and dedication ensured a fabulous event. Thank you also to Mrs. Adrienne Costello for sourcing the fantastic goody bags and to Mrs. Siobhan Brady and the team of 6th years who organized all 400! Thank you to all parents, staff, pupils - past and present for supporting the evening. Well done to all the students for participating in the sponsored run around the Green on 19th November. Everyone received a commemorative T-Shirt and a medal to mark the occasion. €10,307 was raised. It would not have

been possible without Mrs. Barton who put an enormous amount of time into the planning and execution of the event and ensured that every student was involved. Thank you also to Ms. Crinion and the parents who assisted on the day.

The “175 “ school photograph is now hanging outside the Assembly Hall and is a wonderful memento of this special year.

Well done to Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Purcell who ran the Dublin Marathon and raised €1,055.

Sr. Noelle Corscadden, Principal of the Junior School, spoke to the students in November about Loreto Limuru. The girls got a wonderful insight into the lives of their counterparts in Kenya. Suzanne Lawlor and Susan O'Driscoll also spoke about the work that is carried out in the more familiar Temple Street Childrens Hospital. It was a great opportunity for the girls to see w

hat is involved in their “175” charities.

Our next event is “Carols by Candlelight” on 19th & 20th December. We had an overwhelming response for tickets and Iníon Ní Ainle kindly agreed to put on an extra night, which booked out just as quickly!

The Charity Ball tickets for 31st January are now available from the school for €135 each. Tables of 12. E-mail libraryloretogreen@dublin.ie should you wish to reserve.

Our fundraising figure currently stands at €27,008 We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, staff and pupils for their support to date.

This article was submitted by Ms. Maverly who very modestly does not mention her own extraordinary contribution to all the events!

“175 Diary”

31st January Charity Ball - Shelbourne Hotel

3rd March School Concert - National Concert Hall.

1st May Golf Classic - Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links

10th May Family Sports Day - Iveagh Gardens.

Please visit our website: www.loretothegreen.ie for reports & photos of our events.

Swipe Cards!

Don't forget to swipe in every morning when you come into school. This is very important for our records.

Home Economics Transition Year

On 25th November Ms. Joy Barry from Kitchen Complements gave a fabulous demonstration on icing Christmas cakes to all the Transition year classes. She showed the girls how to use white icing and

went on to demonstrate how to make penguins, choir boys, Christmas trees, snowflakes and even reindeers from sugar paste. The demonstration was hugely interesting and enjoyed by everybody.

The challenge now is for the transition year students to replicate these pieces on their own Christmas cakes. I'm sure they will be very successful!

JPIC Justice Peace & Integrity of Creation

World AIDS Day



The 1st December was a busy day in Loreto on the Green as the JPIC group tried to raise awareness for World Aids Day.

There was no red nail varnish this year...this year every student and staff member tied a red ribbon to the school railings. It drew a lot of attention from the public! Hanna Lucey and Eva Cullinan prepared a PowerPoint presentation to show each year group before they tied their ribbon. The 5th and 6th year religion classes held a prayer service to remember all those with HIV and AIDS.

Bravo!

The French debating team is entering the 3rd round of the competition in mid December in the Alliance Francaise, against Kings Hospital, Palmerstown.

Trip to Brussels

“Clare Dunne and I, Cathy McAndrew, had the honour of representing our school community when we travelled to EU headquarters in Brussels, from the 10th to the 13th of November. We travelled alongside ten other students from schools across Leinster to lobby the EU about the all important 8 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and it is safe to say we had not only a productive but thoroughly enjoyable week. Armed with a petition of over 5,000 signatures from our families, schools and parishes we set off for the Belgian capital. While in Brussels we met with various lobby groups who taught us how to push our agendas successfully to the European Parliament. We engaged in spirited debate with students our own age from the international school

in Brussels. We had the opportunity to meet with a non-governmental organisation called Plan International who specify in the deliverance of the Millennium Development Goal relating to universal primary education.

During the week, we also attended a parliamentary hearing on the abolition of child labour globally. But perhaps the most exciting and motivational meetings of all were our scheduled meetings with MEPs Mairéad McGuinness and Proinsias De Rossa. Both MEPs were truly inspirational in their positive attitude towards achieving the goals in time for the target date of 2015. Clare and I were particularly enthralled and inspired by Mairéad Mc Guinness. Sincere and honest, her clear passion for Ireland and its citizens lit up her animated debate.

Overall, the week in Brussels was a once in a lifetime experience and we are very proud to have represented family, school community and locality to such an extent. As a group, our aim was to make the deliverance of the Millennium Development Goals not just an agenda for politicians but for the public too.

We wanted our voices to be heard. This fantastic opportunity gave each of us, the public, a chance to say what we feel and stand up for what we, as a community believe in. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who supported this truly worthwhile cause and signed the petition.

Cathy McAndrew

Student Council

The new student council is now up and running and the ideas are pouring in. One of the challenges for this year will be running a campaign to encourage students to be more energy efficient in school and at home. Fundraising for

the “175” charities will also be a big part of the council’s work this year. Our first fundraising endeavour took the form of a hot chocolate morning on 11th December which was very successful. Thanks to everyone who got in-

involved. It is envisaged that the student council will mark the “175” anniversary in some way. We are currently still at the planning stage so watch this space!

2nd Year Retreats

All the Second Years went to Benildus Pastoral Centre in Stillorgan for their annual Retreat. Students got the opportunity to spend meaningful time together outside of the school environment. The

Centre provided a relaxed atmosphere with a friendly, welcoming and experienced team. A spiritual dimension permeated all the activities and the students were encouraged to believe in their own self

worth. The themes of Faith in God, Faith in Self and Faith in Others formed the cornerstone of the Retreat experience. The girls really enjoyed themselves and the whole experience was both fun and thought provoking.

Debating

Congratulations to Maeve Brady & Lorna Danaher who have qualified for the finals of the Oxford Schools Debating Competition taking place next March in Oxford. Good Luck!

Poetry

Well done to all who participated in the National "Poetry Aloud" Competition. Special congratulations to Daisy Maguire (2M) who got through to the semi-finals.

Grandparents Mass

The 4th Years invited their grandparents to visit Loreto to partake in a celebration of the Eucharist followed by refreshments in November. It was a special occasion for students and grandparents alike and Fr. Jim Noonan kindly shared his words of wisdom.

Music Department News

Music Committee: the Music Department would like to welcome the Music Committee for 2008 - 2009; Hannah Scaife, Sarah O'Connor, Máire Ní Chearbhaill, Emer Murray, Hazel Quinn, Kate Wickham, Juliet Dodd, Doireann Roantree, Ordharnait Lambe, Sarah Kelly, Fionnuala Brady, Ciara Ennis, Emily Brady and Aisling O'Neill-Halligan.

Our monthly lunchtime concerts have been a great success. It is great to see such talent and we know there is more to come. We would encourage any budding musician to speak to a member of the music committee and perform at one of the upcoming lunchtime concerts. We congratulate them and commend the music committee on their hard work to

date, it looks like it's going to be a great year!

Congratulations to Emer Dalton and Alannah Keogh our new folk group leaders. We have had two Masses so far this year. It was lovely to see so many friends and family present. Well done to the Folk Group whose music added so much to the liturgy. We hope to see you all at masses in the New Year.

Applications are now being accepted for the "175" concert in The National Concert Hall on 3rd March 2009.

Auditions will take place in the New Year. All details are on the application forms.

On Thursday 4th December members of Ceiliúr went Carol singing outside BT2 in aid of Temple Street's "Give a Gift Campaign" The girls were complimented on their beautiful singing and wonderful Christmas spirit. Thank

you to all who took part.

Carols by Candlelight: We look forward to one of our favourite events of the year—our Christmas Concert. This year it will be a very special occasion and is being held in the Peppercannister Church. The school orchestra and Ceiliúr will perform a selection of Christmas Carols and songs. Due to the great interest in this year's concert there will be two performances on 19th and 20th December.

Our annual school Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 23rd December in St. Annes Church on Dawson St at 10am. It is always a lovely occasion and a wonderful way to begin the Christmas holidays.

Science Week

Science week was celebrated in school with various events. Classes took part in puzzles and quizzes which proved great fun for all.

1st years designed posters with excellent scientific content which have been on display on the science corridor.

1st Year Poster Competition Winners:

IB Megan McGuinness, Rebecca Begley, Doireann O'Brien & Stephanie Currie

IG Alice Byrne & Isobel Cunningham, Aoife Gregg & Anna Rose Fullen

IM Sarah Jane Houston, Rebecca O'Connell, Dearbhla Murphy, Ailbhe Clarke

IT Megan Maher, Naomi Conway, Marita Staunton & Naoise Gaffney.

Congratulations to all, a very high standard was achieved.

2nd years enjoyed a lecture on the subject of Immunity entitled "The Wars Within" given by Dr. J Kelly (back by popular demand)

Some of the first year poems on Elements are included here showing their enthusiasm for Chemistry.

Colourless, tasteless

Non-toxic, odourless, gas,

It is helium

Naoise Gaffney

Magnesium

O magnesium,

*When lit with a Bunsen's fire,
You shine so brightly.*

O magnesium.

*Much too bright for me to see,
'cos you would blind me*

Siomha O'Connor

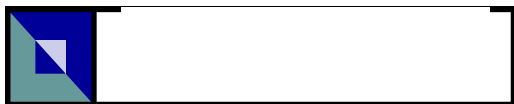
Silver Haiku

Silver is lovely

It is very expensive

I love to wear it.

Dearbhla Bolger



Model United Nations - Croydon

There is only one word that can be used to describe our trip to Croydon, London. EPIC! A group of 24 5th and 6th years arrived in Dublin Airport early on 19th October steeling themselves for the next four days of hard debating and discussing issues such as "The peaceful use of outer space" and "International co-operation to combat the world drug problem" The 6th years came out on top with two girls getting their resolution passed through committee and then passed once again in G.A.

The whole conference was a complete success and a few members even managed to get Distinguished Delegate awards! We also had a lot of fun at the themed discos, the Glow Rave night went down particularly well. On the Wednesday, after the closing ceremony had finished, the group went into London city and saw the movie "Burn After Reading" in the Odeon. Even catching the wrong tube couldn't spoil a brilliant trip. We all had the time of our lives and learned so much as well. We're looking forward to going to England again next year.

Sports Report

Swimming: The highlight of the year was the Inter Loreto Swimming Gala held at the National Aquatic Centre, hosted by the Green. Thank you to Mr. Brendan Kelly who helped organize the gala along with Mrs. Yvonne Kearns and Jane Kelly. Stephens Green once again did brilliantly. There were many medals won by our students and new records set by our girls. The 3 Relay teams performed brilliantly. The Over 16 teams came in 2nd and the Under 16 team were excellent winners! Well done all!

Basketball: The season has been busy as usual with much training and lots of games played. The seniors and cadettes have been busy, with most of their games played by now. The Seniors were delighted to welcome Clare Goggins, who has come to the Green from the United States. Clare has made a great contribution to the team so far.

Hockey: The hockey season is going very well and teams have enjoyed friendly matches and competed well in Leinster League to date. All teams are training very hard and great team spirit and skill development is evident at matches. Keep up the good work girls! Well done to Dearbhla Bolgers first year team who came first in the inter Loreto Halloween tournament. Catherine Parsons captaining a first year team finished third allowing Loreto on the Green to win best overall Loreto school. Well done to all!

Congratulations to Caroline Kelly and Sarah Redmond in 2nd Year who took part in a goalkeepers course last month. Hockey captains are working well behind the scenes to ensure that team lists are accurate and through liaising with their parent managers, goalie bag duty and refreshments are organized. Thank you to all the parent managers who have greatly helped to build school spirit on early Saturday mornings. We look forward to a fun Christmas Parent versus pupil match on 20th December.

Careers 2008/2009

Road Safety Programme

This programme has offered our transition year students in 4G & 4T an excellent opportunity to tackle the various issues of road safety. The transition year students have participated in this programme with great enthusiasm and demonstrated a mature knowledge on their awareness of drink driving, driver fatigue, speeding, road hazards, killer behaviour and being a responsible passenger. They were actively involved in the following road safety tasks:

- Discussions on video clips, real life stories, reconstructions & documen-

taries,

- Creating displays and PowerPoint presentations,
- Designing their own road safety messages,
- Taking part in driver theory tests and hazard perception tests
- Miming and role playing various road accident scenarios
- Guest Speakers - NCT talk
- An Garda Síochána talk will take place in January 2009.

New selection Criteria for Undergraduate Entry to Medicine

In 2009, undergraduate entry to medicine will be based on:

- ◇ Achieving a minimum of 480 points and meeting the minimum requirements for the programme in the same sitting of the Irish Leaving Certificate Examination
- ◇ Completing the required admissions test (HPAT - Ireland) within the 2 year period immediately preceding admission to the medicine programme.

CAO application	From mid-Nov—1st Feb 20
HPAT - Ireland test registration period	Mid Nov - 20th Jan
Date of HPAT- Ireland test	Saturday 14th Feb
HPAT - Ireland test results to candidates	22 June (after the Leaving Certificate finishes)
Collation of HPAT - Ireland test score and Leaving Cert results	12th - 16th Aug 2009
Round I CAO offers	Monday 17th Aug 2009 (provisional)