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# Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is looking forward to the summer holidays. This year the children participated in 8 themed weeks, played 12 different sports, were involved in over 20 trips out of school, took part in countless workshops and engaged in learning through a great range of different methodologies. We have brilliant pupils who are willing to throw themselves into any activity and try their best! Thank you to our teachers and SNAs for organising so many wonderful initiatives on top of the curriculum in our school.

We have made great progress this year in introducing the new Maths curriculum, embedding the language curriculum, introducing new STEM and IT equipment, updating communication systems, forming a Students' Council, and improving the building and grounds. Our autism class has now been opened for two years and it is a great success with 6 extremely bright and happy pupils who integrate with their peers every day. Thank you to our teachers and SNAs for working tirelessly everyday.

Next year, we plan to update our digital learning plan and introduce more of the new Primary Curriculum. We will set new School Self Evaluation targets and ask you to help us with this by filling in surveys and giving feedback.

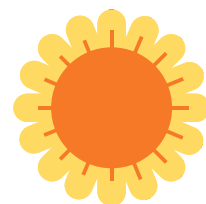
Thank you to our Parents Association and its Chairperson Emily Kane for organising so many lovely activities this year. You volunteered so much time and energy. The Summer Fair was a beautiful day bringing our school community together to celebrate. Thank you Emily, Marsha and the rest of the team.

Thank you to Rosemary, Irene, Ange and Mark for keeping our school such a lovely place to work.

Lastly, thank you to Linda for keeping the ship afloat from the front office every day.

I hope you all have a lovely summer holidays.

Robbie Murphy  
Principal





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## SPORT



Congratulations to our 6th Class Basketball team winning the South Dublin Basketball Schools League! A huge achievement!



Cycle training in Marlay Park!



6th Class also won a GAA competition with local schools in Scoil Naithí!

Our Athletics Team represented the school so well at Santry! They were super. Well done Girls!



Our Lady's Girls' NS



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## STEM



4th Class engaged in the Steps Outreach Engineering Programme and had great fun with @Mark\_thescienceguy!



## Ice Cream Van!

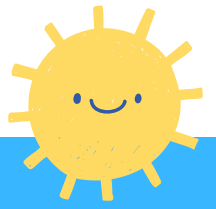


Everyone enjoyed an ice cream last week!





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## Outdoor Classroom!



Lovely to see students enjoying the quiet of the Outdoor Classroom!

## Neurodiversity Week



We had a wonderful week celebrating neurodiversity! We did lots of teaching and learning about neurodiversity and how to include everyone in our school. Thank you to our Inclusion Committee for organising.

School Social Media Account



Instagram - ourladysgns.  
Please follow us!

Website: <https://www.ourladysgns.ie/>

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## Anti-Bullying

We are an Anti-Bullying School. We teach the message of kindness and inclusion everyday. It is part of our culture and daily lives here in Our Lady's.

We fly the Cineáltas flag outside of our school to remind ourselves of kindness every morning.

## Parents Association

Thank you to Emily and Marsha, Chair and Vice-Chair of the PA. Both will be stepping aside next year. You have put a lot of work in this year. Thank you for working with us and supporting our schools. Our Lady's is very lucky to have such an active parent body and the PA does amazing work behind the scenes. Thank you to all involved.

## Smart Watches / Trackers / Communication Devices

Please note we are currently updating our mobile phone policy soon. It will now include Smart Watches / Trackers / Communication Devices. We ask that these stay at home please.

With parental consent and in exceptional circumstances we will allow children to keep them in school bags until 14:30 each day. They must be turned off and left in the school bag during school hours.

## 6th Class Graduation

We had a beautiful Graduation Ceremony for our 6th Class this week. We wish them all the best as they transition to some very lucky secondary schools! Well done 6th Class!





# Student News



## Trip to St Enda's Park

On the 16th of May the 6th class went to St. Enda's park. While we were there the main thing we did was go to the Pádraig Pearse museum. When we were there we saw many cool and interesting things such as books from the 1800s to the table where Robert Emmet was beheaded!

The museum itself was really cool to be in, since it's been standing for a bit over 200 years. The Pearse Museum was originally a school for boys that Pearse was renting for £500 back then. Though 1 pound back then would be more than €1000 nowadays.

After the museum we went out to the rose gardens for lunch. After a bit a game of rounders was started and we stayed in the gardens for the rest of the day and then went back to the school.

Overall the museum was very interesting to see and is a great thing to visit if you're in Dublin.

By Amy 6th Class

## J.E.P

Over the past few months Our Lady's 6th class took part in Junior Entrepreneur (J.E.P).

It took a lot of work to get to the sales week. First students had to split into groups of 2-8 people. The groups then had to pitch their business idea to the "Dragons" -Ms Ryan's friend, her husband and our principal Mr Murphy.

There were lots of great business ideas but ultimately "Bracelet Bliss" and "J.E.P jewelry" won and would be turned into businesses. Nyah's "Rua Goodie Bag" was also chosen to sell for a special limited time. There were lots of great business ideas that didn't win including "Mega Mix" a pick and mix bag, "Body glow" selling body wash products, "Lips and scrubs" selling lip products and "Pawsome Packs" a box of fun stuff for you and your pet and so many more business ideas. Since the business ideas were so similar the two classes decided to team up.

A few weeks before sales week the two 6th classes started advertising, financing, buying and making stock. Then it was sales week. We sold bracelets for €2.00 and earrings for €1.50. It got crazy but it was lots of fun and nearly everyone bought a piece of jewelry.

Altogether 6th class raised €500.20 for the Laura Lynn foundation and Nyan raised €50 for the D.S.P.C.A. On behalf of the whole of 6th class we want to thank everyone who bought or even supported our small businesses.

By Eimear and Tori 6th Class

## Important Dates

28th August 2024 - School reopens





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## Trip to Pearse Museum



On the 16th of May we went to Pearse Museum by bus. When we got there we played rounders. It was fun! Then we had morning break. After that a nice lady called Carmel brought us inside.

We put our bags down. Then we went upstairs and she told us a lot of interesting stuff. After that, she showed us more of the house. Then we went into a big room with a stage in it and a piano. Alana played the piano and then Leila and Megan sang a song. It was good fun.

Then we saw a butcher block and were told that a man called Robert Emmet was beheaded on it which was very sad. After that we went down to the basement and saw lots of stuff. Then we went out and played more rounders with the other class and had some lunch.

Finally, we left to go to get the bus and go back to school. I really enjoyed my day.

Thanks to Ms. Ryan and Ms. O'Neill for this active, fun day!

Nelly  
6th Class

## Trip to the National Basketball Arena

On Monday, the 20th of May, both 6th Classes went on a trip to the National Basketball Arena.

We went to play our final against St. Raphaela's and I was very excited! Some parents and teachers drove us there. When we got there, we started warming up. Then we started playing.

Everyone played really well and we won our match by 7 points. They gave us all medals and we also got a trophy for our school.

On the way back, Linda kindly bought me and Lacy-mae ice-creams and they were delicious!

Because we played so well, when we got back to school Mr. Murphy announced that the whole school would have no homework. It was a really fun trip and a really good win!

Megan  
6th Class





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## De La Salle Open Day by Darcy 5th Class



Firstly, we all came into school. After that we met up with Ms Morgan's class and all went out to get on the bus. There was a bus mix up! We went back to school to play a short game of rounders. After about ten minutes the bus came back and we were on the way!

The trip was about ten minutes long. When we arrived they gave us name tags and told us what we were going to start with. We went to home economics. We decorated either cupcakes or cookies. We could use buttercream and fondant. We then went over to a maths class. We played a maths game using dice and multiplication.

Later on we went to PE and played a game about evil bananas where there are six people with yellow bibs. The people with yellow bibs tag the others and if you get caught you have to get untagged by two different people. We also played rock paper scissors in hoops and picked up the cones. A game where you are in groups of two and one of you stands on a cone and you throw a bean bag to the one on the cone.

Straight after PE they gave us a time to eat and gave us lollipops, Curly Wurlys, juice and water. We were also able to eat our own lunches. Then we went to Art and French where we did art and described what we did in French. We had the option of making a fish, a car, a rose, a superhero, a dog and also learned colour in French.

Later on we all went outside to split into teams for a treasure hunt. We went to a lot of places like the wood shop, science room, lounge room, library and the rugby pitches. The way we knew where to go was because there were poems and hints on the page. We ended up in the music room and because my team won first place we got jellies. We waited on the field for all of the teams to finish and we all met up.

We went back into the hall and in the hall the principal talked to us about the school. We left the hall and went out to the bus after saying goodbye to everyone. We came back to school and all had an amazing day.

I really enjoyed going to De La Salle College, meeting the students and loved the experience and definitely am thinking of going there!

## Our De La Salle Trip by Georgia 5th Class

On Thursday the 31st of May both of the 5th classes went to a De La Salle open day with some other schools. It was lots of fun!!!

Firstly, we went outside and our bus wasn't there! Turns out there was a mix up so we played rounders to kill the time. When we got there they gave us name badges. After that, we had home economics. We decorated cupcakes or cookies, you could choose. A lot of us used way too much buttercream. We also used fondant.

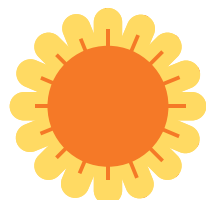
Later we did maths but in a fun way. It was a 100 square dice game. We also did a game where you had to find out how many days until a date which I don't remember. A bit later we had PE. We played frozen bananas tag and rock paper scissors. We also did breathing techniques. It was a lot of fun!

After that we had lunch. They had a table with drinks and Curly Wurlys. We all ran up to the table like it was our first time seeing food! I saw my friends from football. Soon after we had French through art. We wrote about what we painted, what we used and the colours we used in French. I liked learning French and might pick it as my language in secondary school.

Then we did a treasure hunt. My team was Me, Sarah, Lila, Grace, Galina, Megan and Molly. We had to answer riddles. While going around the school we went to Wood shop, Science, a hallway, the Secretary's office, music and the Library. My team won 2nd place! We got a fudge bar as our prize. My favourite one was the periodic table.

Finally, we got on the bus and went back to school.

Overall I really enjoyed it and the students and teachers were very nice. The school was 5 stars ★.







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## Tag Ruby Blitz

On 30th of June 4th, 5th and 6th classes took part in a tag rugby blitz in Stillorga Rathfarnham rugby club.

We arrived there at about 09:00 and were then split into 4 teams. Each team went to the pitch where they would be playing and then the matches started. There were a lot of schools there including: Our Lady of the Wayside, Our Lady's B.N.S, St. Attracta's NS, and Loretto NS.

All together we played around 6 matches and only lost one. Our tag rugby coach was there as well; her name is Emily. Halfway through the day we stopped for lunch and were cheering on our other teams. Each match was about 10 minutes long and we played 6 aside.

My team was me, Laura, Bonnie, Holly, Jaime, Rose, Vionela and Leenah. Once all of our matches were finished we got back on the bus and arrived back to the school at about 13:30.

Overall the day was really fun and everyone had a great time.

I think it was a great opportunity to play a bit more Rugby before we finished for the summer holidays and after the day I'd say a good few people will consider joining rugby.

By Siobhán 6th Class



## Green School Summer News

We want to thank you all for doing your best this year for going green. We had our 'Walk to School Week', 'Climate Action Week' and 'Walk on Wednesdays'.

We want to thank the Green Squad for doing the Green Check every week! Let's remind you what they did! Monday was 'Reducing Waste day'. We reminded everyone to bring home their food waste and reuse their bottle. Tuesday was 'Energy Efficiency'.

We checked the switches and plugs. Wednesday was 'Walk on Wednesday'! Thursday was Litter and Waste day! We reminded everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle. Friday was 'Water Conservation'. We checked the taps! A big thank you to the Litter Pickers in fifth class. They made sure that our yard was clean every day.

We have been very busy and we had a great year. Thank you all again for keeping our School Green. Enjoy the Summer and don't forget to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

JingXi and Caoilinn  
4th

