

Mount Lourdes Grammar School Enniskillen



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2012

Head Girl and Prefects 2012 - 2013

Congratulations to the Head Girl, Deputy Head Girls and Senior Prefects who have been appointed for the 2012 / 13 school year. Students were democratically elected by a process where Year 13 students and the teaching staff vote for girls who demonstrate leadership qualities.

The elected Senior Prefects are assigned to committees and work with the teaching staff to support the work of the school. The committees include a team of prefects for the Year 8 Form Classes, Sport, the School Magazine, Literacy and Numeracy. Each team is managed by a Deputy Head Girl who is assisted by a Deputy Leader.



Head Girl
Roisin McCusker



Deputy Head Girls

Front row left to right: Lucy McManus, Niamh Walsh; back row left to right: Orlaith McManus, Abigail Greene and Aine McManus.



Deputy Leaders

Front row left to right: Shauna Donegan and Jessica Woods; back row from left: Orlaith Lynch, Michaela McHugh and Lisa Fitzpatrick.

Music



Pictured left: The Grúpa Ceoil who won first place in the Over 18 competition in the Traditional Irish Music section at the Fermanagh Feis.

Back row from left: Mr Pat McCabe, tutor, Helen Keenan, Aoife Cathcart, Aoife Boyle, Naoisa Trotter, Eimear Cathcart and Joanne Murphy

Front row from left: Elizabeth Fee, Rebecca McGorty, Kelly McAdam, Maeve McCann, Catriona Duffy and Alana Murphy.

Every year, Music students complete public graded examinations with Trinity Guildhall and The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. This year, two of our students performed exceptionally well. Emer Kennedy, year 9, achieved the highest marks in the Western Education and Library Board in Grade 5 Violin. Sophie McCann, Year 8, also achieved the highest marks in her category, Grade 2 Cornet.

Pictured right: Emer and Sophie. They attended a special prize-giving ceremony in the headquarters of the Western Education and Library Board in Omagh where they were presented with certificates to mark their achievements.

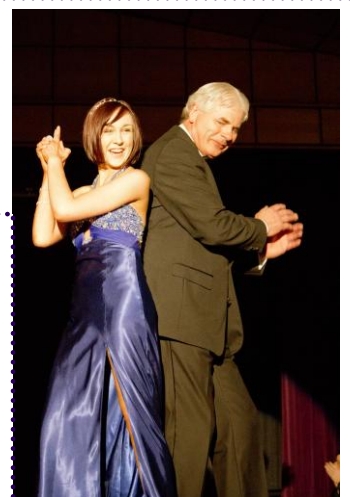
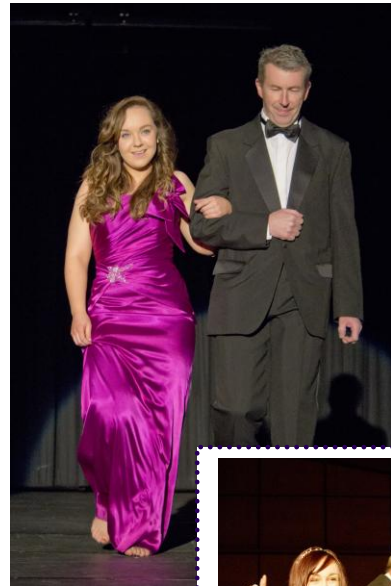


Congratulations to the Senior Choir, with Choir Director Mrs Lisa Clarke, winners of the Choral Singing competition at the Fermanagh Feis.

Charity

Many thanks to all those students, parents, staff and the wider school community who contributed to the school's fund-raising efforts.

£3903 was donated to 'Another Pair of Hands', the school's designated charity for 2011 / 12. This money was raised through a variety of activities including the Year 14 Fashion Show, The Talent Show, a Non-uniform Day, World Book Day and European Day of Languages.



Students also participated in the following events to raise money for charity:

- Year 8, 9 and 10 students participated in "Bake it for Concern". £1151 was raised.
- The Trócaire Fast took place in March. Students from all year groups participated and raised £3052 and 612 Euro.
- In excess of 100 boxes of non-perishable goods were donated to The Shoe Box Appeal for Operation Christmas Child.
- Year 13 students assisted at the Christmas Wonderland in the Buttermarket for Cancer Connect; they also helped with the local Church Mouse Lunch and participated in a collection for Mencap.

Millennium Volunteer Award

The Millennium Volunteer Award is a project which enables students to participate in volunteer work in their local area. Mount Lourdes was formally recognised as an official delivery partner of the programme this year. A large number of our Year 13 students have signed up to participate. They are given a Millennium Volunteer booklet in which they record all the volunteering work they have undertaken. When they have completed 200 hours, they receive an Award of Excellence from the Minister of Education. Completion of the programme is recognised on UCAS applications.

Year 10 Trip to Italy



Year 10 students enjoying the sun in Northern Italy.

88 Year 10 students and 9 members of the teaching staff travelled to Northern Italy on the Year 10 trip. While there they visited Milan, Venice and Verona. They enjoyed a boat trip on Lake Garda and an action-packed day at the theme park, Garda Land.

Year 9 Visit to Knock

Year 9 students enjoyed a day-trip to Knock Shrine, County Mayo, with their Religion teachers.

They visited Knock Museum and took part in an educational trail around the Shrine.

The highlight of the day was a Year Group Mass in the Church of the Apparition. The Mass was celebrated by Canon McQuaid, School Chaplain.



Mount Lourdes Students Welcome Olympic Torch to Enniskillen

Mount Lourdes' students participated in the concert staged at Enniskillen Castle as part of the celebrations to mark the arrival of the Olympic Torch.

Alana Murphy, Nora Monaghan, Catraoine McDonnell, Jane McDermott and Kaila McManus performed Irish Dance while Maeve McCann, Jasmine Swift, Elizabeth Fee and Eimear Cathcart provided accompanying music.



German Scholarships Programme

Year 13 student, Niamh Walsh, will be travelling to Germany for a four week trip this summer following her success in gaining a place on the German Scholarships Programme.

She will visit cities including Bonn, Cologne, Berlin and Munich before spending two weeks with a host family. The programme provides a unique opportunity for students to see German life and culture first-hand while improving their German language skills.



Religious Education and Living Programme



Year 14 students who completed the REAL programme attended an assembly where they were presented with their certificates. The Guest Speaker at this year's presentation was Ms Olivia Cosgrove, founder of Donor2Deed. This is an organisation that connects donors directly to the charitable organisations that they sponsor. Ms Cosgrove has been commended for her work in Kosovo (1999) and Afghanistan (2001) by the United Nations.

Pictured left: (from left) Mrs McKeever, Principal, Mrs Cullen, Sarah Charity, Mrs Donnelly, Lisa Stewart, Ms Olivia Cosgrove, Mrs Eileen Gallagher, Diocesan Advisor, Christina Babu-Joseph, Mrs O'Hare, Kate Mullan, Canon McQuaid, Chaplain, and Mrs Shannon.

Performance of "Romeo and Juliet"

Students of GCSE, AS and A2 English Literature and GCSE Drama attended a performance of "Romeo and Juliet" by Arty-Fact Theatre Company in the school Assembly Hall.

The performance was followed by an interactive workshop and students were invited to participate in the staging of selected scenes. Students were also given the opportunity to ask cast members about characters, themes and acting techniques.



Sport in Mount Lourdes

G A E L I C F O O T B A L L

Mount Lourdes was well represented in Gaelic Football this year. We fielded teams in U-14, U-16 and U-20 Ulster competitions.

Congratulations to the U-16 team who were Ulster 'A' champions last year and who were named as the School Team of the Year at the Fermanagh Herald's Sports Personality Awards. They received their award at a ceremony in the Manor House Hotel.

Pictured below: The U20 2011 / 12 team who reached the Ulster 'A' final against Loreto Grammar School. The game finished in a draw and Loreto won the second match only after Mount Lourdes gave a spirited performance. The team was coached by Mr Timoney.



Congratulations to class 8A who won the Year 8 Gaelic Football Blitz.



Swimming

Well done once again to Alannah Leonard, Year 11. She won Gold in the 200m and Bronze in the 100m Backstroke at the Ulster Secondary Schools Intermediate Championships.

Netball

Congratulations to the Senior Netball team who reached the semi-final of the Northern Ireland Cup competition and the final stage of the Western Area league.

Athletics

A number of our athletes enjoyed success this year. Edel Monaghan, Year 9, qualified along with her team for the Ulster Cross-Country Championships where she was placed 6th, qualifying for the Irish Schools Cross-Country Championships. Edel was selected for the Northern Ireland team to compete in the London Mini-Marathon 2012.

Both the Minor and Junior teams qualified for the Ulster Cross-Country Championship and the Minor team were placed 4th.

Our Sportshall athletes represented Fermanagh at the Ulster Championship where they won 3 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals.

In Track and Field Athletics, the Year 8 Relay Team, Aoife Flanagan (800m and High Jump) and Edel Monaghan (1500m), all qualified for the Ulster final.

Community Sports Leadership Award

The Community Sports Leadership Award is a nationally recognised award which encourages students to provide sporting opportunities within the community.

This year, our Year 13 students who are working towards completing their award had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills with P3 Classes from Holy Trinity Primary School. They led a 6 week programme of sporting activities. This culminated in an 'Olympic Sports Day', where each class designed an Olympic torch and participated in a variety of sports.

To conclude the Leadership Award Year 13 pupils visited Toddsleap Outdoor Adventure Centre where they participated in a range of team building activities.



Sports Day 2012

Congratulations to all those students in Years 8, 9 and 10 who participated in Sports Day. As well as Sporting events, students enjoyed a Fancy Dress Parade, a barbeque lunch and music provided by Mr Liam Keenan.



EVENT	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
100M	1 st Sarah Cousins 2 nd Deborah McCarney 3 rd Cora Hamilton	1 st Naoise Gallagher 2 nd Blathine Tierney 3 rd Laura Griffin	1 st Alana Murphy 2 nd Roisin Corry
400M	1 st Sarah Cousins 2 nd Cianna Treacy 3 rd Anna McCool	1 st Mairead Malone 2 nd Auveen Shannon 3 rd Dearbhaile McMenamin	1 st Sarah Britton 2 nd Ellen McMahon 3 rd Carrie McShea
800M	1 st Aoife Flanagan 2 nd Aoibhinn Murphy 3 rd Kyra Carey	1 st Naoise Gallagher 2 nd Edel Monaghan 3 rd Eimear Higgins	1 st Sarah Britton 2 nd Orla McConville 3 rd Niamh Dolan
HIGH JUMP	1 st Aoife Flanagan 2 nd Roxanne Dolan 3 rd Anna McCool	1 st Blathine Tierney 2 nd Orlagh Murphy 3 rd Bethany McGourty	1 st Emma Donaghey 2 nd Clodagh Rafferty 3 rd Sarah Britton
TRIPLE JUMP	1 st Roxanne Dolan 2 nd Elli-Mae Maguire 3 rd Aoibhinn Murphy	1 st Auveen Shannon 2 nd Laura Griffin 3 rd Aisling Green	1 st Shauna Donohoe 2 nd Grace Connolly 3 rd Fionnuala McGovern
SHOT	1 st Emma McBrien 2 nd Cianna Treacy 3 rd Erin Murphy	1 st Eimear Higgins 2 nd Sinead Owen 3 rd Amy McClements	1 st Orla McConville 2 nd Megan Maguire 3 rd Ellen McGuinness
WELLIE THROW	1 st Cara Gilheaney 2 nd Niamh O'Connor 3 rd Maeve Jones	1 st Oneisa Bell 2 nd Fiona Keegan 3 rd Ellen Turbett	1 st Chloe Eves 2 nd Michaela Dolan 3 rd Fiona Naan
JUNGLE SWING	1 st Rhianna Smyth 2 nd Kyra Carey 3 rd Jane McDonald	1 st Nicole Donnelly 2 nd Natasha Love 3 rd Catriona Duffy	1 st Clara Eccles 2 nd Dearbhla MacDonald 3 rd Clodagh Rafferty
RELAY	1 st 8A 2 nd 8B 3 rd 8C	1 st 9C 2 nd 9D 3 rd 9B	1 st 10A 2 nd 10D 3 rd 10B