

Our Lady's College Greenhills Newsletter May 2019

As I write this note we are in the middle of Positive Mental Health Week (PMHW). This is a week that has been planned and delivered by the PMHW committee made up of students and teachers. It's an example of the real teamwork and sense of community that we have in Greenhills.



The week is designed to raise awareness of the importance of our mental (and physical) health and how we can all learn to develop and treasure a sense of wellbeing. Being "well" is something that pervades every aspect of our daily lives and if we realise how we can look after our mental health when we are young it's a skill that will stay with us forever. We will be better able to enjoy the good times in life and to manage the more difficult times we all must face.

The school year is a very busy one. Every day brings a new challenge and in fact you could say there is no such thing as a "normal" day. Our first-year students, who seemed so timid and nervous in their first few weeks have found their feet and grown into secondary school. Second years have been extremely busy with classroom based assessments (CBA) and all the demands of the new Junior Cycle subjects. Fifth years hopefully, have recovered from the shock of all the work needed to keep up with senior cycle. TY students are in the throes of preparing for their show. LCA have been extremely busy with their tasks and interviews and all is going well. Third and sixth years are now full steam ahead and ready for the exams to start and finish.

Some of the more memorable things that happened this year include the 5km memorial run/walk in November. We had another bright, clear day and a great turnout. The parents' council managed everything beautifully and provided wonderful refreshments afterwards. The Carol Service in the Augustinian Church was a wonderful celebration of our community and a great way to prepare for Christmas. The visit of past pupil and Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason was inspirational and she gave so generously of her time and enthusiasm. I hope she has inspired some of our students to believe in themselves and aim for the stars.

Our sports successes in football and basketball, camogie and athletics continue to bring great delight to us all. The generous spirit that helps those in need is visible in so many ways – from smaller events like class cake sales to raise money for different charities to the badminton marathon that has an amazing record of achievement.

I want to thank everyone for all their work and dedication throughout the year. The teachers who work so hard for the benefit of the students and the students for the energy, enthusiasm and talent they bring to the school. The office staff, catering, cleaning and maintenance staff who look after the students and keep the school running smoothly and in such great condition. I also want to thank the Parents Council which meets on the first Wednesday of every month for their continued support in all that we do here. They help enormously to keep us all energised and working together for the benefit of all the students. The Parents Council is open to all parents and I would encourage you all to come along and get involved.

I want to wish Ms Grimes the very best in her retirement.

She has been a dedicated and committed teacher who has contributed to the school in many ways over the years and she will be missed.

Best wishes to all as we approach the end of the school year. Remember we can only do our best and no more. So just do your best and be proud of what you have achieved.

Enjoy the summer. Take care of yourselves and each other and come back next year safe and ready for another great year.

Geraldine Mulvihill



BT Young Scientists



This year we had two students presenting projects in the Young Scientists competition in Dublin in January. They had been working on their projects for months in advance of the competition. **Laura lleogban**, a 5th year student, completed a

project entitled "Lives Without Imagery". This research investigated the ability of people to see things in their mind's eye – you might even have been part of her research! Laura's project was entered into the biological sciences section as it involved an investigation into how











the brain functions and how the mind sees images and makes connections.

Laura was joined in Dublin by **Omnia Kharief**. Omnia, a Transition Year student, presented a project that was "**An Investigation into the Ending of Numerical Sequences**". This mathematical project involved generating, manipulating and analysing many different number sequences and looking at patterns and trends in the endings of these sequences. Both students were supported and mentored by Ms Frances O'Regan.



Ms O'Regan has been mentoring students and bringing them to the Young Scientist competition for over 40 years and she has not missed a year along the way. She continues this work with energy, enthusiasm along with complete commitment and dedication to her students. We thank her for all she has done for the school, students and the appreciation of science over the past 40 years.

Well done to Laura, Omnia and Ms O'Regan on a great year's work!

Mock Trials

This year's Public Access to Law Mock Trials competition saw our Greenhills girls put up a tough fight against their competitors in the Criminal Courts of Justice. Twenty-five students worked hard in preparation for the mock trials, spending lunch times, time after school and weekends practising their roles. With help from some of the 5th year students who took part last year, our team came together and worked with each other and their teachers, Ms. Gardiner and Ms. McKeon.

On the 13th of April, the Mock Trial team, arrived at the Criminal Courts of Justice. The students, acting as

barristers, witnesses, solicitors, jurors, tip staff, and even TV reporters, sketch artists and photographers were ready to show how much their hard work had paid off. On the day, they competed in three trials, each of the cases being judged by real-life judges. The students were highly praised for every trial they competed in by the judges and the members of the court for the strong cases and arguments they had. With every case, our witnesses, barristers and solicitors were always guick on their feet, and standing their ground throughout the entire trial, despite things not always going according to plan. Not only were our main team busy, but so were the girls acting as jurors. These jurors spent their time using their own judgement skills to learn to look at important issues in not only a critical way, but also in a logical way to deliver justice where it was needed.

The team showed that they knew what they were doing, and with the confidence they presented, everyone in the room knew it too! They might not have left the courts heading to the next round, but they sure did leave everyone, including themselves speechless from the high standards that they had. Our team certainly did the school and themselves proud and we hope that next year we will be back with just as much resilience, spirit and enthusiasm!

Students Council

The Students Council is composed of a representative from each form class in each year and a deputy in the event of the rep being unable to attend. The four major roles in the council are the Chairperson, Secretary, and The Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl all attend and become involved. These girls usually lead the meeting and bring issues to the attention of the teacher involved, Mrs. Anne Byrne.

The Council meets once a month to bring any queries from the student body to the attention of the teacher who advices them the best option to solve their problems and to direct them to bring the issues to the appropriate area of management. This year among the issues discussed were safer internet use, new timetable for this year, eBooks, recycling, and opening times of Library.

The Policy for the Statement of Strategy for school attendance was presented to the council members to review. Also, the council's input was sought on what to offer during computer classes and seeking ideas for Intercultural Week.

The Council was also involved in a number of fundraising and charity-based events. In early November 2018 the student council organized for the school to be involved in the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for children in Eastern Europe and Africa.

Once these shoeboxes were shipped off, we started our next project, the Christmas Hampers for our local community, run by St Vincent De Paul. This involved each class group bringing in a variety of non-perishable foods.



Following the collection of these, the student Council wrapped large cardboard boxes with Christmas paper and filled them with different types of foods, e.g. rice, pasta, cereals, sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits, jams etc. to suit families. As usual there was a great response from the students and 23 big hampers of food were donated by the students in Greenhills. The local St. Vincent De Paul appreciated the generosity of the students and the hard work of the Council.

EU Commission Visit

6th Year business students visiting the EU Commission Representation in Dublin



French Exchange

38 students and 4 teachers set off for *La Belle France* in the wee hours of Tuesday March 19th and spent the next 8 days immersing themselves fully into *La Vie en Rose*. A quick hop to Paris and *un long trajet en bus*, we arrived to Douvres-la-Déliverande tired and excited! Nervous students greeted each other with varying degrees of familiarity. The mix between the Irish hug and the French *bisous* is a thing to behold! *Les Irlandaises* went off to spend their first night *en famille* and there their journey began.

The group visited the *La Tapisserie de Bayeux* to brush up on the goings on of the Battle of Hastings, the landing beaches of WW2 at *Arromanches* to see what still remains



of the manmade port that was key to the success of the Allies and climbed the steep path to see the world famous



Mont St. Michel. We spent a sunny day in Caen visiting the abbeys built by William the Conqueror and his wife Mathilde, as well as visiting *le chateau de Caen*. A trip to the cheese factory to learn about the cheeses of Normandy, including the well enjoyed *Camembert*. After spending what was left in the cheese gift shop, it was safe to say that you could smell the group before you saw them at the airport!!

As much as the students loved the day trips, taking in history and culture alike, they couldn't wait to go home to their French homes to continue to enjoy their company, learn about their lifestyles, try their food and *bien sûr*, use their French!

A la fin de la journée, the trip was enjoyed by everyone. We wouldn't mention any names but there were tears aplenty on the last day when saying goodbye! However, they need not be sad, as it wasn't *au revoir*, more à *bientôt*, as Round 2 starts on May 2nd when *les Français* come to stay. *Allez*!



The testimonies of the students say it all...

« L'échange français était une expérience inoubliable ... je suis tellement heureux que je suis allée » Rachel, 5th Year "I thought it was an incredible experience that has improved my understanding of French culture and of speaking the language ... I absolutely loved the French exchange and recommend that anyone who's studying



France should go on it" Emma, 2nd Year « J'ai apprécié la voyage en France » Sadhbh, 2nd Year « J'ai trouvé le voyage une très bonne expérience et ça a vraiment aidé à améliorer mon français! » Leah, 2nd Year « J'ai vraiment apprécié l'échange français, je pense que ça m'a aidé à comprendre le français et à améliorer mon vocabulaire. C'était une expérience de vie » Chloe, 2nd Year

Hell & Back - One Hell of a day!



On the 1st of May 73 Students and 4 Teachers took part in the first ever secondary schools Hell & Back event.

After a week of wet weather, we were blessed with a beautiful warm sunny day.

Full of excitement and nervous anticipation we left the school at 9am for the Journey to Bray. The first obstacle, a little wall into the warm up area, was a challenge. But then came the ice baths.... easy.

There were plenty of challenging moments over the following 2.5hrs but lots of smiles, laughs and fun.

The swamp probably being one of the toughest areas to conquer. All the students and staff showed amazing team spirit. We are very proud of you all ladies.

Congratulations to all involved.

The total raised for the Bathroom Revamp Fund was €1752.

WILL YOU MAKE IT THROUGH HELL & BACK 2020?

JUNIOR CERT MUSIC SHOWCASE 2019

After the Junior Cert music practical's were over our music class had a showcase for their parents and guardians in gratitude of all the support that is constantly given.

On Monday, April 8 each student displayed her unique musical talent and performed a song or piece of music of their choice. Instruments ranged from guitar to 'cello and piano to euphonium. There was a great atmosphere and endless praise from the attendees.

The students would like to take this opportunity once again to thank all the parents and guardians for the continuous encouragement.



LGFA

Year on year, there is no doubt Gaelic in Greenhills goes from strength to strength. The number of participants' increase and the hunger for success grows. After narrow losses at the Quarter Final stage for both the Senior team and U-14 last year, there was plenty of optimism for the year ahead.



The U-16s safely navigated their way to the Leinster Quarter Final stage after comprehensive victories at home to local rivals Ballymakenny and away to Cooley against Bush P.P.S. This was followed up by a strong win against Coláiste Rís of Dundalk meaning the Greenhills girls progressed to the semi finals. A hard fought victory against Loreto Stephen's Green brought this exciting young team to within 60 minutes of a Leinster title that has eluded the school for far too long. Cheered on by strong support from the sideline, the girls just couldn't make the breakthrough and lost out to a dogged Lucan team who no doubt got the rub of the green on more than one occasion. Despite the loss, captain Grace McGarvey ended up with the player of the match award, further emphasising how unlucky the girls were to not bring home the cup on the day.

As heartbreaking as the defeat was for the gallant girls from Greenhills, there is plenty of hope for the future with the majority of the team eligible to go one step further next year!

The senior team, with a great blend of youth and experience, were able to go one step further than last year, with a resilient display against Coláiste Rís in atrocious conditions to reach the penultimate stage of the competition. This had followed a lazarus-esque revival to overcome 2016 Leinster Champions Ashbourne and a tremendous victory over the auld enemy Sacred Heart in the group stages. Ultimately it wasn't to be as the girls lost out to a talented Old Bawn team who would later go on to





win the competition. For a number of players on the senior team, it spells the end of 6 years of enormous commitment to schools football and we thank them for their effort and hard work over the years which is integral in setting the standard for the younger generation coming through.

At time of writing, the u14s have gotten off to a great start with a good win against Ardee and a match against Sacred Heart for a quarter

final berth. With 8 of the team given minutes in the u16 final and many more involved in the panel, it is hoped their experience could help lead the team to a Leinster title before the year is over.

Thanks to all who committed and participated throughout the year and a special thanks to Mr. Hill, Mr. Kane and Mr. O Connell who trained the teams throughout the year.

Basketball



This year Our Lady's College had 9 teams competing in the Secondary Schools Association League. We had two (2) U19, Senior teams, both competing in Division 2; three (3) U16, Cadette Teams, one competing in the Premier Division and 2 in Division 2; two (2) Junior Teams (2nd Yrs),

one competing in the Premier Division and one in Division 2 and two (2) Minor teams (1^{st} Yrs) both competing in Division 2.



A total of 120 players were signed up at the start of the season. There was a total of 51 league games played – winning 39. For the first time all nine teams qualified for semi-finals, of those, an impressive 6 teams progressed to finals.

The U19, Senior A side, won the Division 2 title, with Lynn Victory picking up the **'MOST VALUABLE PLAYER'** award. The U16, Cadette A, Premier side were beaten by a single point in their final, while the U16B side, made yet another final, the third for most of the players, in as many years,



and were victorious this year, winning the 2^{nd} Division title. Also, to make a final during the season were the 2^{nd} Year, Junior A side, and after a tough battle, were unsuccessful in their bid to win the Premier division title. Both 1^{st} Year Minor teams came through their league



campaigns unscathed and ended up playing each other in the S.S.A. Division 2 final. The A side were victorious on the day, and their player Heather Breen also picked up the 'MOST VALUABLE PLAYER' award. Captain of this team, Jessica Carron, was her teams' top scorer for the season, scoring a very impressive 96 points, 35 points clear of any other player in all years in the school.

TEAMS & SEASON SCORES:

<u>U19, SENIOR A</u>: (*SSA Division 2 Champions*): Captain, Aoife Howard 23; *Oyin Adelegan 57*; Eimear Clarke 11; Niamh Cullen 13; Caoimhe Doherty 4; Lindsey Eriamietor 52; Chelsea Imafidon 2; Sinead Lewin 6; Laura Rice 7; Lynn Victory 17 and Garoa Villaverde 20.

U19, SENIOR B: (*Beaten semi-finals*)-Captain, Leah Bastianelli 6; *Rachel Beirth 27*; Shona Bradley 21; Niamh Burke 8; Aisling Doran; Chantelle Gallagher 17; Holly Garry 2; Catherine Grey 25; Omnia Kharief 5; Deirdre Russell 2; Abigail Woods 13 and Rachel Woods.



U16, CADETTE A: (Beaten finalists)-Captain, Ava

Briscoe 47; Nikola Busa 43; Zoe Gardiner 12; Ruby Matthews 12; Gretta McEvoy 40; Ciara NicCríosta 15 (injured); Josephine Ogbanga 6; Ava Prendergast 24; Abby Rice 23; Ellie Riggs 8; Ava Russell 6 and Abby Strutt.

U16, CADETTE B: (SSA Division 2 Champions): Captain, Benita Assoua 29; Alice Bermingham 7; Carla Grennan 4; Caoimhe Kearney 28; Bronagh Lane 14; Erin Lane 41; Katie McCabe 52; Joy Njekwe 12; Kaylin Nugent 5; Lois O'Hare 2 and Keelin O'Reilly 17.

U16, CADETTE C: (Beaten semi-finals)-Captain, Ronke Olatinwo 8; Olamide Adegoke 10; Martyna Chomiak 7; Ellen Donnelly 1; Niamh Gumba 6; Dijana Markovic 2; Rebecca McGrane 19; Aoibheann NiFhearaigh 4; Gemma O'Toole 2: Sharon Popoola 7 and Aoife Steenson.

2nd YEAR, JUNIOR A: (Beaten finalists)-Captain, Niamh Byrne 11; Uyi Aghavbere 4; Loveth Edomwande 61: Subomi Dele 9; Ella Flanagan 6; Sarah Jane Hughes 21; Amelia Lawrence 2; Ellen McCarthy 2; Kate McGuigan 6; Cliona McKernan 23; Nicole Tully 24 and Jowita Wyka 2.

2nd YEAR, JUNIOR B: (Beaten semi-finals)-Captain, Rebecca Tully 43; Grace Awe 5; Caitlin Duffy; Molly Durnin: Keelin Foley 4: Lilv Mae Harmon 14: Alma Harrak 6; Teigan Kavanagh 4; Stephanie Obisan 5; Desiree Ofodile 4; Katie Ryan 1; Neda Totilaite 8 and Grace Woods 6.

1st YEAR MINOR A: (SSA Division 2 Champions)-Captain, Jessica Carron 96; Heather Breen 24; Leah Brodigan 13; Katie Dawson 8; Molly Dixon 6; Emily Fitzpatrick 2; Armela Hotaj 2; Liana Karkle 2; Erin Kearney 13; Kate McDermott 5; Sophie McNally; Kiera McWilliams 10; Joy Mooney 24; Clodagh O'Connor 2; Sheila Whyte 30 and Eabha Woods 46.

1st YEAR MINOR B: (Beaten finalists)-Captain, Jessica Carr 20; Queen Agunloye 21; Leisha Archbold 16; Sadhbh Clinton 40; Katie Connolly 4; Emma Farrell 4; Jessica Hevey 2; Evie Kirwan 12; Deimena Makauskaite 8; Aine Marron 6; Sarah McGrath 12; Kuhle Mdlalo 4 and Casey Nugent 6.

The Lunch Time League. We had 8 teams signed up this year, and games started before the Easter Break. This league is for all 1st and 2nd year students, no experience is necessary, and each team is a mixture of experienced 1st and 2nd years and non-players. Emphasis is on fun, but it can get a bit competitive at times!!! The 3rd Year students coach the teams in this league, which gives them an insight into coaching, which they may have an interest in doing in Transition Year.

Tag Rugby

The Our Lady's College Tag Rugby team has grown from strength to strength this year with many new players joining the squad. We attended our first blitz of the year in October in Navan Rugby Club, where we were very fortunate as both teams won all their games. We also had



a very successful day at a blitz in the Boyne Rugby Club. The Tag Rugby team are delighted with their new set of jerseys that they put so much hard work into fundraising for. New players are always welcome and can join training at lunchtime on Wednesday.

Athletics



Minor Team

Well done to our minor team who ran a great race today. Aine Finnegan, Sophie Kinsella and Saran Meite. Saran came 16th overall.

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Badminton Marathon 2019

This year we celebrated the 20th year of The Badminton Marathon.



As always it was a huge success.





Over 400 students took part throughout the day and night. Some even managed the full 24hrs. Thanks to the committee this year who helped out at every stage of the preparation and were still highly active at 7am on Saturday when the clean up was taking place.

We had a visit from Sr. Sandra from Nagle House School. She brought some lovely messages of sincerest gratitude from both the staff and students in Zimbabwe. This years' event has raised over €10,000 which will be shared between Nagle House, Boomerang and Our bathroom fund.

Camogie



Camogie this year in Our Lady's College has grown rapidly with lots of new members joining. Our camogie team has taken part in many events this year due to the growth of our team.

Greenhills took part in the first 7-aside League in Co. Louth. They played Sacred Heart, Scoil Uí Mhuirí and Ballymakenny College. These matches gave the new members of our team the chance to develop their skills and gain match experience. Although these games were very competitive, sadly the girls did not qualify for a final on the semi-finals day in Termonfeckin.



The Camogie team entered the annual Scared Heart Poc Fada competition.

This was held on Bettystown beach in March as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge.

It was a brilliant day and it was enjoyed by all involved! Four Greenhills girls qualified for the final and Rebecca Tully (2nd year) came 2nd place overall.

We were delighted to have a member of Greenhills take home a medal for a Poc Fada.

Our u15s team took part in the Leinster Schools Camogie blitz in the Meath Centre of Excellence. They played many experienced teams from Meath and Louth. Although they were not successful it allowed them to gain confidence, work as a team and experience in a match situation.



We were very busy fundraising this year for Greenhills Camogie jerseys and helmets. We hope to have new gear for our next season when we come back in September. New members are always welcome to join the team and come training where teachers and other students on the team will be able to teach the basic skills.

A huge Congratulations to the Greenhills girls who play with the Louth U18's Camogie Team; **Sarah O'Halloran**, **Caoimhe Walsh, Anna Fox and Ellen McCarthy**. They were recently awarded the title as Minor Louth Camogie Campions.

Well done to Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Smith, Ms. McCarville and Ms. McKeon for all their work in promoting Camogie to our students in the school this year.

LCA



LCA 1 began their year with ice-breaking activities and an introduction to the course. In October the girls prepared a display for Open Night and were particularly helpful on the night informing incoming primary school students and parents about the LCA Course. In December 5th and 6th year LCA students went to Swords for Ice Skating and a shopping spree to the Pavilions. In December they had their first work experience which was very exciting! Jobs included hairdressing, school assistants and beauticians. Other highlights of the year were the various speakers

who came to talk to and teach the students including first



aid and self-defence courses. Well done to all the girls and best of luck to the LCA 2 girls in their exams and their future careers.

Dermot Bolger 10/4/19

On April 10th of this year, the critically acclaimed author Dermot Bolger paid our school a visit. He gave a riveting and educational workshop. He gave an insight into an author's life and his struggles and inspirations. Dermot Bolger was a brilliant speaker who captivated us.



He cultivated our thoughts and helped us capture our ideas and put them down on paper .He also shared some of his work with us. It was truly inspirational. Here are some quotes which capture the essence of the workshop:





Bolger: 'The biggest hurdle to becoming a writer was myself ... Remember you need nothing more than your imagination to be a writer'

'Writing is a great act of rebellion. From the moment you wake up this world is trying to sell you things but when you begin to write anything you are writing for yourself and you stop being a consumer and start being a citizen, an individual.'

'I'm interested in people and people are interesting'

Colleen Mcshane & Niamh Kelly

ТΥ

Transition Year 2018-19 has been a busy year, offering a wide variety of activities. This year the students once again completed a recently introduced module of Dance. Other modules taught include Chinese, First Aid, Craft, Enterprise, Photography, Sport Science and Psychology.

The girls have had a number of exciting and challenging trips away from the school including the Carlingford hill walk in September, the Gaisce hill walking weekend in Glendalough in October and visits to the Barbican to see **Ger Carey Live,** and to the **Les Miserables** in Bord Gáis Theatre. They also attended **Zeminar**- a positive mental health conference in Dublin, undertook visits to Butlers' Chocolate factory, to Mondello Park and to Maynooth university; while some spent three days in Gaeltacht Chorca Dhuibhne, Dingle, Co. Kerry.



Other events included the Law course, the Mock Trial competition, participation in the local inter School TY Cupcake competition and a Radio Production day . The girls had varous afternoon workshops throughout the year including the Conradh na Gaeilge run **Seó Bóthair**, a **Style Savvy** workshop, and a workshop on Concussion. Two classes attended a Maths seminar in the RDS. As is usual in TY, there were several entrepreneurial enterprises undertaken, and many fund-raising cake sales were organised in the main hall at lunchtime. The girls thoroughly enjoyed a Personal Safety training course and a small number of students also attended an Internet Safety Day in Google H/Q in Dublin.



Many students were involved in voluntary work in the community. This included bag packing for Barnardos, carol singing in local nursing homes and hospitals at Christmas, the Polar plunge in Clogherhead in December and volunteering at the recent Drogheda 10K.

All our TY students travelled to Cork over the St. Patrick's weekend to participate in the Briery Gap Light Entertainment competition, with an original drama based on the concept of famous book characters coming to life, bringing home the best comedy award.

A group of nine TY girls created a project to "raise awareness of and reduce pollution in the river Boyne". They have reached the International Final of EcoUNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards taking place in the Convention Centre, Dublin on 23rd May.

Most recently, a number of TY students and their Home Economic teachers went on a Food Studies trip to Sorrento in Italy. They visited a pizza making factory, a mozzarella cheese business and also visited ice cream and olive production ventures. There was even time for a walking trip of Rome and a visit to the archaeological ruins of Pompeii!

TY. Graduation night takes place on Thursday 23rd May, bringing a conclusion to a very productive and enjoyable T.Y. 2019.

Transition Year Food and Cultural Trip to Italy

On Friday April 26th 34 TY students and 3 Home Economic teachers, Ms. Noreen O'Sullivan, Ms. O'Dowd and Mrs. Anne Byrne set off in the early hours of the morning for the trip to Italy. Upon arriving in Rome, everyone embarked on a guided walking tour of some of the well-known sites e.g. The Trevi Fountain, The Spanish Steps, The Pantheon and the Colosseum.



Afterwards, the group went by bus to Sorrento where they were located for three nights. A welcome four course meal awaited everyone. The following day was action packed. The students visited a local coffee roasting business having a guided tour and tasting experience. This family also had a lemon, orange and bee gardens adjoining and everyone learned about and tasted the products of honey and marmalade. Next it was onto a pastry demonstration class where a local speciality called Baba was made. A packed lunch was then eaten on one of the local terraces overlooking the coast where we were



joined by two different wedding parties for their photo session! In the afternoon, the students visited an Olive Plantation where they learned about how they grow and harvest the olives and had the opportunity to taste the many different flavoured olive oils they produced. This



was followed by a visit to a Mozzarella cheese making farm where the making of this cheese was demonstrated and delicious samples available to taste with bread and tomatoes. Finally, in the evening everyone moved onto the cookery school for a class on pasta making which was part of the dinner served.

Day three started with a Panoramic guided bus tour of the beautiful Amalfi coast with its breath-taking views. In Amalfi town the students got the opportunity of an unscheduled 45minute boat trip to view the town from the sea.

This was followed by a visit to an Ice Cream business where the girls had a demonstration and tasting session



which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Then there was some shopping time in Sorrento town after which the students returned to the cookery school for a Pizza making class and dinner.



On day four everyone reluctantly said goodbye to Sorrento and headed north to the ancient ruins of Pompeii where a very informative guided tour awaited.

Everyone was very struck by the events which occurred so long ago. Afterwards, we said goodbye to our wonderful guide Roberto and headed to Rome for the return flight. A tired but happy group arrived back in Drogheda with some very happy memories to savour for the rest of their lives.

National Career Skills Competition 2019

Congratulations to Ava Gardiner in TY who recently received a highly commended award for her investigation of a career in primary teaching. Ava reflected on the skills she developed and observed during her placement in Callystown National school. Ava and her family are invited to attend an awards ceremony in the Department of Education and Skills in Dublin on Wednesday 8th May.

Parents Council

Report from Chair/Secretary of Parents Council May 2019

This year's fund raising commenced in September with our annual flag day which was held on Saturday 8th September. There was great support on the day and a huge thank you to all the girls who helped.

We would like to thank the parent's association for helping with the open night for new students, organising the refreshments and manning our stand.

This year we organised our second 5k run for Greenhills school which took place on Sunday 11th November. A lot of work went into the organisation of the run which was deemed a great success by all. We would welcome any help with the run from parents, do get in touch if you would like to get involved.



A big thank you to all involved in helping with the with Christmas Carol service Carol of Bridges which was held in the Augustinian on the 19th December. The service celebrated out links to the wider community and Donal Lunney and Kern made a guest appearance. The Augustinian was packed to capacity, the night was a great success and a lovely evening was enjoyed by all.

Our annual 6 - week draw got underway at the end of January this year. We had a very successful draw and a huge thank you to all who supported the draw over the six weeks. This annual draw is our main fundraiser for the year and your continued support is greatly appreciated. An Easter raffle was held to mark the end of the 6 weeks draw and the beginning of the Easter Holidays. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle. There were plenty of prizes distributed and it was a lovely way for the girls to start the Easter break.

A big thank you to everyone who helped this year with our annual church gate collection. We had a very successful collection which was held on the 23rd & 24th March. Volunteers are always needed for this event.

As you know the Parents' Association isn't just about fundraising. We organised Pupil Insurance at the start of the school year. We have input into school policies which are prepared during the school year. We also help at other events such the 6th year mass at the end of the year. The purchase and sale of 6th year books bring the year to a close for the Parents' Association followed by a short break before business resumes in September with our annual Flag Day. Our next meeting is Wednesday 4th September 2019. Parents are welcome to come to meetings or just lend a hand for some events. If interested just pass on your number and it will be added to the group text which lets you know what is coming up.



Again, just one last thanks to the students, Parents / Guardians and staff of Our Lady's Greenhills for your continued support and help which is greatly appreciated and always welcome.

Oesophageal Cancer Lollipop Day 2019

3C would like to thanks all students and staff who contributed to their annual collection for Lollipop day in March. This is the third year that this class have helped organise this event.



A total of €308 was raised this year over the two days. Thanks again to everyone who donated money for this worthy cause.

Cupcake Creations!

Who says we don't have own Mary Berry or Rachel Allen amongst us in Greenhills?! On Wednesday 27th February eight TY students, accompanied by Ms Anne Byrne and Ms Noirin O Sullivan, departed from our Lady's College and headed to the Sacred Heart School for the annual Drogheda Inter-Schools Cupcake Competition, the brain child of Ms Anne Byrne four years previously.

The students were Caoimhe Leech and her partner Lucy McCloin, Amber Murphy and her partner Ciara Quinn, Ava Scanlon and her partner Hannah Woods, and



last but not least Cliodhna Nolan and her partner Hannah McCarthy. These students had been chosen out of nineteen pairs who had taken part in our Greenhills cupcake competition recently.

The eight girls were armed with every ingredient, utensil and piece of equipment they required to make and decorate their cupcakes.

Upon arrival we were warmly welcomed by the two Home Ec teachers who had the kitchen prepared for everyone's arrival. The girls and boys from the various schools donned their aprons and got busy preparing, weighing and measuring everything they needed for the two hour task ahead. There were sieves, rolling pins and icing bags aplenty. All students worked quickly but efficiently. There were no eggy drips, no flour plumes, no soggy cupcakes, these were experts in their field!



They were mixing,

whisking, beating and rolling effortlessly. They all expertly decorated their cupcakes and seeing the students perform the meticulous task of moulding and shaping their fondant, was akin to an artist at work. The deliciously sweet smell wafted through the corridors of the school, while the teachers waited eagerly in the staff room to see their finished products.

Time was up! The teachers and the judge, Sarah from Custom Cakes, headed to the kitchen. We were mesmerised by what lay before our eyes! The displays



were jaw dropping. There were monsters and mice, penguins and puppies. M&M's and unicorns, bees were buzzing and gnomes were digging, flowers fiesta were growing and flying! flags were The judge announced the eight pairs of students who got through to

the next day's final. We were delighted that the following pairs of students got through from our school: Amber Murphy and Ciara Quinn, Ava Scanlon Hannah Woods and Cliodhna Nolan and Hannah McCarthy. Every student who took part in the competition was presented with a certificate by the Principal of the school.

It was déjà vu the following day, Thursday. The two judges, Sarah from Custom Cakes who judged the previous day, and Ms Mary Caffrey complimented the students on the high standard of their work. The hosting teacher, Ms Nichola Trainor, gave a speech thanking everyone involved. Then the moment.....The anticipation was palpable! In first place Cliodhna Nolan and Hannah McCarthy. Their prize was a voucher for Scotch Hall for €100. The Sacred Heart school won second prize, a voucher for €50. Ava Scanlon and Hannah Woods won third prize which was a large hamper.

We gathered up everything and returned to our school with the students feeling well rewarded for all their hard work. I think the next Mary Berry and Rachel Allen is to be found in Greenhills!



6th Years



Commerce 2 2018-2019 L-R Front: Emma Daly, Aisling Carroll Lynn, Ornagh Bird, Amy Carson, Rebecca Adams, Naoise Callan, Hadisa Fatima Naqvi, Monoxy Lane Stella Raznins, Alanah Butterly, Megan O'Brien. L-R Niddle: Mr. Fennelly, Laura Doorly, Emer Carroll, Jade Campbell, Grainne Brady, Rebecca Holdcraft, Medbanna MacAllister, Holly O'Niell, Kate Dreeling, Emmanuella Ogbanga, Lauren Clifford. L-R Back: Pauline Mwale, Gabriele Simkute, Niamh McCullough, Roisin Barron, Rachel Byrne, Rachel Coffey, Caoimhe Branigan, Lauren Farrell, Ms. Gardiner.





LCA St. Brigids 2018-2019 L-R Front: Jessie Tiernan, Aimee Reynolds, Sophie Boylan, Jessica Griffin Wall, Kacey Thomton, Shannon Madden, L-R Back: Mr. Fennelly, Kirsty Maxim, Caoimhe Murphy, Lauren O Connor, Danielle Rooney, Theresa Clarke, Ms. Murray.







Geography Room 2018-2019 L-R Front: Chice Black, Ezra Evangelista, Maria Matthews, Kennedy McAlcer-Reid, Orla Mallon, Alannah Markey, Leigha McArdle, L-R Mildler Mr. Fennelly, Laura McGlew, Kate Guildea, Julie Marry, Anna Murphy, Örla McEvoy, Laura Matthews, Emily Murphy, L-R Bnetk Rebecca McCullough Hamiil, Rebecea Lee, Niamh Killeen, Orlaith McEntee, Rachel McHugh, Ruby Levins, Tara McCloskey, Ms. Bogue.





History Room 2018-2019 L-R Front: Aolfe Martin, Georgia Levins, Emma Maguire, Cara Cosgrave, Casey O'Brien, Marea Kirvan, Emma Kierans, Mary Murray, Sally Farrell L-R Middler Mr. Fennelly, Louisa Keller, Tshegofatso Rachela, Roksana Gajda, Emer Lawless, Olivia Leonard, Sneha Nepaulsing holography Laura Rice, Molly Ann Rath, Hanna Akineo, Chelsea Imalidon, Roisim Maher, Ms. G Sullivan. L-R Back: Imane Chami, Jane Olagbaju, Keri Hamill, Niamh Kirvan, Kaitlyn Kirvan, Wendy Heogben, Aolfe Howard, Eva Cummins, Caroline Kelly.



Language Room 2018-2019 L-R Front: Cári McNamee, Ansy McGuire, Natalia Wicinska, Chloe Kennedy, Megan Ross, Caoimbe O'Sullivan, Reigan Murphy: Monory Lane Divia Monaghan. L-R Middle: Mr. Fennelly, Emma Creevey, Alyssa Stone, Colleen McShane, Sorcha McKernan, Shannon Plunkett, Rebecea Newman, Bethany Collier, Jennifer Milne, Ms. McKeon, L-R Back: Lano O'Connor, Rachel Ni Fhearaigh, Caithin Pickens, Divine Aghavbere, Kathlin Tangar, Elenner McHugh, Mia Moroney.







St. Patricks 2018-2019 L-R Front: Megan O' Rourke Boyle, Chloe Valla-Black, Aoife Tara Walsh, Aoife Rothwell, Milena Marcinkowska, Jadith Ugwug, Emma O'Brien. L-R Middle: Mr. Fonnelly, Ogintofe Adeogun, Nadine Tuohy, Emma White, Aideen O'Rourke, Arcej Khalid, Mamme Boateng, Kellie Mulrendy, Ellen Murphy, Ms. Connell. L-R Back: Marie Claire Rogers, Jill Rooney, Beth Reilly, Lisa Nolan, Maria O'Donohoe, Katelyn Teelan.



Commerce 1 2018-2019 L-R Front: Eleanor Evers, Saradh Finn, Adrianna Szwengiel, Gillian Fox, Fionnuala Clinton, Caoimhe Clinton, Divine Muf-urasoni, Nancy Yu Er, Michelle Odoberu, Niamh M. Kelly. L-R Middler M. Fennelly, Maryani Wanola Olatimov, Vivian Omoregbe, Jade Connor, Isabelle Lynch-Finegan, Siobhan Kelly, Adrianna Kelly, Abygail Dennis, Sinead Mogapi, Mirackitre Almodovar. L-R Back Sophie Curric, Kate Doyle, Lindsey Eriamietor, Teodora Okobi, Eva Hickey, Lauren Whelan, Jude O'Brien, Tara Fin-negan, Emilija Railaite, Mr. Kane.



6th Year Pastoral Care Team 2018 - 2019







READ BYTES : THINK BYTES: What's it all about? Spring / Easter. Christus vivit: *Christ is Alive*.

Is He alive for you and for me? only if you and I allow Him to be because

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which He looks, compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

YOURS ARE the HANDS, the FEET, the EYES: YOU are HIS BODY. (St TERESA of Avila) Christus vivit---Christ Lives:

LIVE without pretending. LOVE without depending. LISTEN without defending. SPEAK without offending.

Unless there is A GOOD FRIDAY in your life there can be no EASTER SUNDAY. (Fulton. J Sheen)

He died not for me alone but for everyone. If each man had been the only man : He would have done no less (C.S. Lewis)

On the Cross as He was dying Jesus said: " I THIRST". I THIRST for your time, your love, your friendship... just for a minute.

Will you pause and spend a minute with me?

To his apostles in the Garden HE said : " will you not watch one Hour with me?".

As a line of a song goes: *"Take TIME for Jesus, He took time for you"*. I choose.

I CHOOSE:

To live by **choice**, not by chance. To make **changes**, not excuses. To be **motivated**, not manipulated. To be **useful**, not used. To **excel**, not compete. **Self-esteem** not self- pity . To listen to my **inner voice**, not the random opinion of others.

LIFE IS LIKE A TEN-SPEED BICYCLE. WE ALL HAVE GEARS WE NEVER USE.

On September 12th, 2018 Archbishop Eamon Martin visited Our Lady's College, Greenhills and met students involved in the John Paul 11 Awards as well as some senior students , First Years and the Staff.

He spoke of Pope Francis visit to Ireland just over two weeks previously and recalled the 'highlights' of this visit for himself stressing the importance of family life.

He also told us that he was going back out to Rome in October to a special assembly of the Synod of Bishops focussing on matters of interest to young people.

In an article in the Irish Catholic paper of April 4th the Archbishop wrote:

"The Synod convinced me that you, my young friends are in the heart of God and in the heart of the Church. You are being personally called to holiness. The Holy Spirit is gifting young people like you with charisms given to someone to USE for the needs of the Church and to make the world a better place... These special gifts were confirmed in you when receiving the sacrament of Confirmation to help you grow in holiness and to help you build up faith in others and in God's church.

REALISE that GOD LOVES YOU . Say YES to GOD. GET INVOLVED $^{\prime\prime}$

Where are you going? I don't know. Then stay put, **SIT STILL** and **THINK**.

If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there. (Lewis Carroll)

THE REAL JOURNEY IS WITHIN.

Stay here and keep watch with **Me**, **WATCH and PRAY**. My destination is no longer a place, but rather a new way of seeing things. (Marcel Proust)

How do I make Friends? I notice; I make conversation, I think about what they are saying, I listen , I spend time with them, I ask questions, I find out more about them. I admire and value their friendship. I say PLEASE and THANK YOU, I say SORRY, I ask for another chance as I value their friendship.



Likewise with Jesus: This is PRAYER

Do not pray for an easier life: but Pray to be a stronger person. (John F. Kennedy)

LAUDATO SI, mi Signore : " PRAISE be to YOU , my LORD. Like our EARTH the CLIMATE is a common good belonging to all and meant for all. The EARTH was here before us and was given to us . God who wishes to work with us and who counts on our co-operation, can also bring good out of the evil we have done (Pope Francis). is How the Earth going to be after us? There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving and that's your own self. (Adous Huxley)

Remember you have been criticising yourself for years and it hasn't worked.

Try approving of yourself and see what happens. (Louise Hay)

Worry looks around. Sorry looks back. Faith looks up and Hope looks forward.

Focus on making things better, not bigger. Leave everything a little better than you found it. If you didn't see it with your own eyes, hear it with your own ears, don't invent it with your small mind and share it with your big mouth.

B4... Before you speak, LISTEN. Before you write , THINK. Before you spend, EARN.

Before you invest, **INVESTIGATE**. Before you criticise, **WAIT**. Before you pray, **FORGIVE**. Before you quit, **TRY**. Before you retire, **SAVE**. Before you die, **GIVE**. If you don't like something change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it.

Failure is always temporary; giving up makes it permanent.

Life is an **OPPORTUNITY**.. Benefit from it. Life is **BEAUTY..** Admire it. Life is **BLISS**.. Taste it. Life is a **DREAM..** Realise it. Life is a **CHALLENGE**.. Meet it. Life is a **CHALLENGE**.. Meet it. Life is a **DUTY**.. Complete it. Life is a **GAME**.. Play it. Life is a **GAME**.. Play it. Life is **COSTLY**.. Care for it. Life is **WEALTH**, Value it. Life is a **MYSTERY**.. Know it. Life is a **PROMISE**.. Fulfil it. Life is a **SORROW**.. Overcome it . Life is a **SORGO**.. Sing it. Life is a **STRUGGLE**.. Accept it . Life is a **TRAGEDY..** Confront it. Life is an **ADVENTURE**.. Dare it. Life is **LUCK..** Make it. Life is **PRECIOUS..** Do not Destroy it. LIFE is **LIFE**... Fight for it. (Saint /Mother Teresa)

Pope Francis begins the Post-Synoda IApostolic Exhortation with the words:

"CHRIST IS ALIVE.! He is our HOPE and in a wonderful way He brings Youth to our world.

The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these:

CHRIST is ALIVE and HE wants YOU to BE ALIVE"







We would like to thank **Ms. Pat Grimes** for all she has done for our school and wish her the best in her retirement.