

# MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE

## *February Newsletter 2013*



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# FOREWARD

On behalf of our school community I am pleased to introduce you to our latest edition of the Mount Mercy College newsletter which documents for our school archives and posterity, another year of events, activities and competitions at Mount Mercy College.

I wish to record my appreciation to students who participated in school activities and to their teachers who guide and encourage them in their studies and extra-curricular activities and I congratulate all the students who achieved awards, prizes and distinction.

This year in a particular way I wish to commend students who looked beyond themselves and displayed a social awareness to organise and support a wide range of Charities including Trocaire, Hope Foundation, St. Vincent de Paul, ARC, ACT, Irish Guide Dogs, Cheerios Childline Breakfast, SHARE and many other deserving causes.

I would like to record my sincere thanks to our hard working and enthusiastic Parents Association and assure you that your continued efforts on behalf of our students are valued and appreciated. Our new upgraded library and posture chairs for senior students are a very welcome addition to facilities at Mount Mercy College.

This newsletter traditionally records staff retirements on this page and this year we say farewell to four staff members who have given many years of dedicated teaching service at Mount Mercy College. Ms. Ahern, Ms. Barry-Waugh, Ms. Bermingham and Ms. Villa-Mulcahy, we thank you for your great contribution to our school as teachers and we wish you every happiness in your retirement.

A special thanks to Ms. Van Wallegem and Ms. O'Neill for the photography. Finally our school continues to produce this Newsletter annually thanks to the organisation and record keeping of Susan Archbold. Thank you, Susan.

As for our readers I hope you enjoy our publication and I wish you many blessings in 2013.

Ráth Dé ar obair na scoile.

***Padraigín Uí Riordáin***  
*Principal*



*Ms. Maureen Ahern*



*Ms. Noirin Barry-Waugh*



*Ms. Margaret Bermingham*



*Ms. Chantal Villa Mulcahy*





# Mount Mercy Sports Hall



As part of the Mount Mercy Sports Hall Campaign, we need parents who can help out in any way with fundraising for this much needed facility.



Mount Mercy College Parents' Association supporting the MMC Sports Complex Building Fund presents:

## DONAL SKEHAN

**Cookery Demonstration**  
**Book Signing + Food Fair**

**Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig**  
**Friday 22nd March, 2013 at 8.00pm**  
Doors open 7.00pm

**TICKETS: €20**

available from  
**O'Cruaí Butchers, Wilton & Ballincollig,**  
**Golden's Shop & Post Office, Model Farm Road**  
**and Mount Mercy College**



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# UCC ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

11TH DECEMBER 2012



*Alanna Harrington and Aoibheann O'Donovan, pictured with Ms. Coughlan and Ms. Roche*

## UCC PARCHMENT CEREMONY



*Business Teachers at Parchment Ceremony*



*Parchment Ceremony November 2012*



# UCD SCHOLARSHIPS



*Mount Mercy College Student Elisa Buckley, pictured with President of UCD Dr. Hugh Brady and Principal Padraigin Uí Riordáin. Elisa received a UCD entrance scholarship based on her Leaving Certificate results.*



*Mount Mercy College Students Elisa Buckley and Aoibhinn Hynes who received entrance Scholarships to UCD based on their Leaving Certificate Results, pictured with Principal Padraigin Uí Riordáin.*



# Díograis Awards 2012

The Annual Mount Mercy College Díograis Awards took place on Monday, November 26th 2012, at the Oriel House Hotel.

Over 150 students were honoured for achievement and effort in a range of categories.

The Academic Awards celebrated the excellent examination results received in the Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate Examination 2012. The Special Awards recognized students who

had distinguished themselves in subject areas, creativity, continental languages, debating, hospitality, I.T., Leadership, personal skills, school attendance, sports and social awareness.

Guest speakers at the prestigious event was Minister Sean Sherlock TD, who spoke to the students about the importance of education and motivation for their further careers.

Mr. Sherlock was joined by the distinguished former pupil of Mount

Mercy College Dr. Clodagh Ryan, Consultant Haematologist, at the Mercy University Hospital. Dr. Ryan recalled her days as a student at Mount Mercy College and how she progressed in her career.

Other speakers included Ms. Anne Kelleher, CEIST, Deputy Jerry Buttimer TD., and Sr. Liz Murphy, Mercy Congregation whose address is included in this edition.

<b>FIRST YEAR</b> Caoimhe Long	<b>SECOND YEAR</b> Aislinn Porter	<b>JUNIOR CERT</b> Rui Wang
<b>TRANSITION YEAR</b> Aoibhín Dennehy	<b>FIFTH YEAR</b> Aoife Brady	<b>LEAVING CERT</b> Emer Lane
<b>ACADEMIC AWARDS</b>	<b>BRONZE GAISCE RECEIPENTS 2012</b>	<b>ART AWARD</b>
<b>JUNIOR CERTIFICATE</b>	Rebecca Barford-Ryan	<b>Senior</b> Kate O'Connell
Méabh Allen	Ciara Buckley	<b>Junior</b>
Edel Burton	Ciara Byrne	Liadan O'Sullivan
Heather C Dunlea	Monisha Chakravarty	<b>BUSINESS &amp; ENTERPRISE</b>
Kate Henry	Orla Collins	<b>Niamh Barrett</b>
Sarah Kerins	Laura Cummins	<b>Deirdre O'Neill</b>
Julia McCarthy	Ciya Cyriac	<b>SCIENCE</b>
Sorcha Ní Shúilleabháin	Faye Dowling	<b>Senior</b>
Niamh O'Connor	Lynn Higginson	Cliona Cowhig
Dara O'Keeffe	Alison Kelleher	<b>SCHOOL ATTENDANCE</b>
Jennifer O'Sullivan	Kate Kidney	Ruth McCluskey
Liadan O'Sullivan	Alison Leisk	<b>SOCIAL AWARENESS</b>
Calie Smith-Breen	Síofra Murphy	Emma Coleman
<b>LEAVING CERTIFICATE</b>	Sophie O'Brien	<b>SPORTS AWARD</b>
Aisling Colwell	Jennifer O'Donovan	Elisa Buckley
Alisha Cremins	Hilary O'Driscoll	
Alanna Harrington	Caoimhe O'Sullivan	
Emer Lane	Julie Shanahan	
Kate O'Connell		
Aoibheann O'Donovan		
Jill O'Driscoll		
Siobhan Walsh		
<b>CREATIVITY</b>		
Ciara Byrne	Mairead Murphy	Veronica Piostowska
Ciya Cyriac	Deirdre O'Brien	Sophie Riordan
Rosemary Doyle	Sophie O'Brien	Jill Roche-Cagney
Joanne Fennell	Emma O'Connell	Julie Shanahan
Jean Gould	Hilary O'Driscoll	Claire Shinkwin
Lynn Higginson	Helena O'Mahony	Edel Twomey
Kate Kidney	Rebecca O'Sullivan	Katie Wall
Kim Magee	Abby Oakes	





*First Year, Year Award Winner Caoimhe Long pictured with Year Head, Ms. McCarthy*



*Transition Year, Year Award Winner Aoibhin Dennehy pictured with Year Head, Ms. Mulcahy*



*Second Year, Year Award Winner Aislinn Porter pictured with Year Head, Ms. Nally*



*Fifth Year, Year Award Winner Aoife Brady pictured with Year Head, Ms. Martin*



*Sixth Year, Year Award Winner Emer Lane pictured with Year Head Ms. S. O'Donovan*

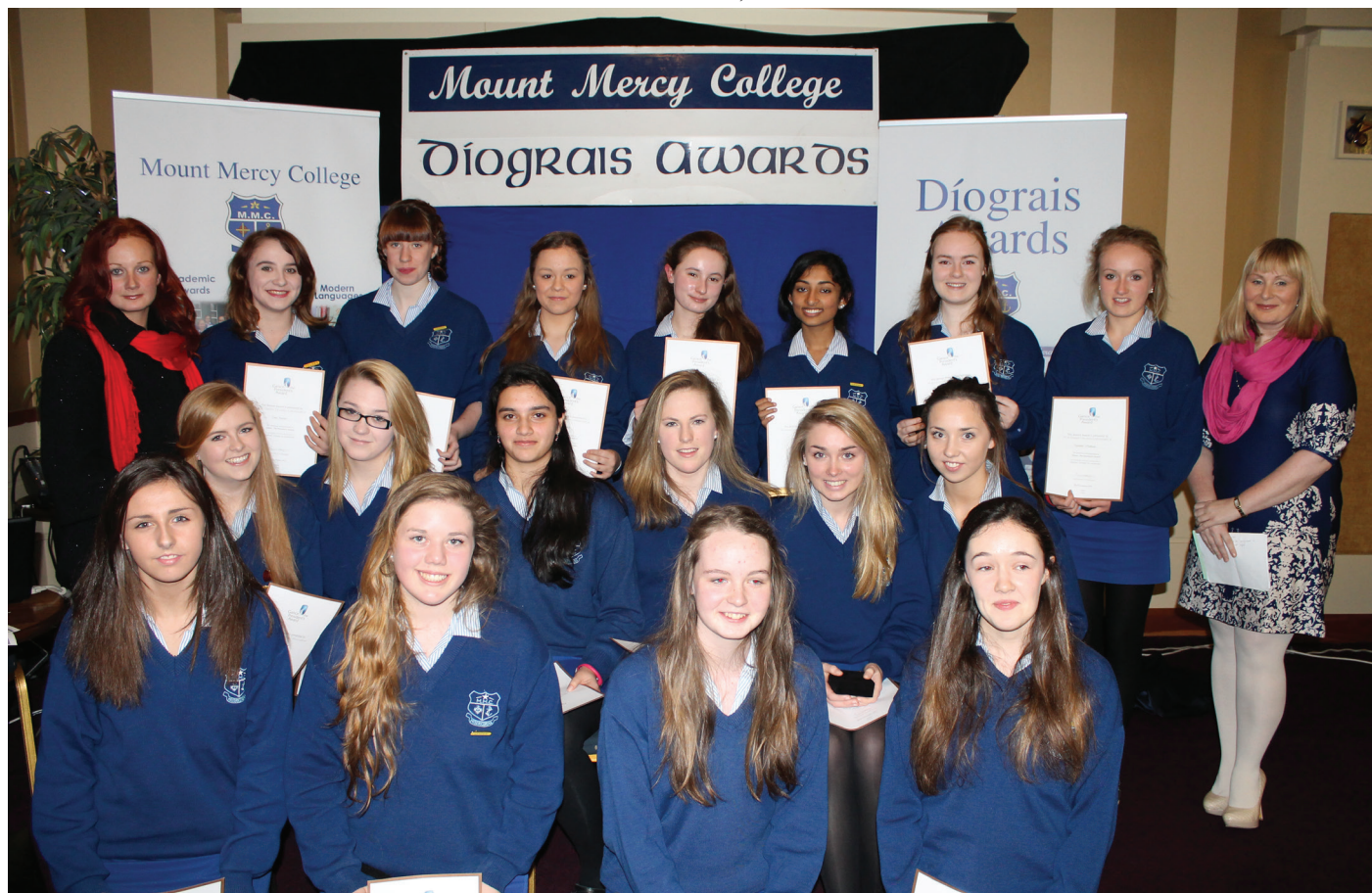


*Third Year, Year Award Winner Rui Wang pictured with Year Head, Ms. Browne-Dale*





*Mr. Séan Sherlock, TD, Minister of State, Department of Enterprise, Jobs & Innovation and Department of Education & Skills with responsibility for Research & Innovation, Ms. Brid Higginson, Chair Parents Association, Principal Pdraigin Uí Riordáin and Ms. Anne Kelleher, CEO CEIST*



*Bronze Gaisce Recipients 2012 - Rebecca Barford-Ryan, Ciara Buckley, Ciara Byrne, Monisha Chakravarty Orla Collins, Laura Cummins, Ciya Cyriac, Faye Dowling, Lynn Higginson, Alison Kelleher, Kate Kidney Alison Leisk, Siofra Murphy, Sophie O'Brien, Jennifer O'Donovan, Hilary O'Driscoll, Caoimhe O'Sullivan and Julie Shanahan*





Principal Pádraigín Uí Riordáin, Mr. Jerry Buttimer, TD, Dr. Clodagh Ryan, Consultant Haematologist, Mercy University Hospital, Ms. Anne Kelleher, CEO CEIST and Deputy Principal Ms. Ellen Van Wallegghem pictured with Junior Certificate Academic recipients, (back row) Sarah Kerins, Sórcha Ní Shúilleabháin, Edel Burton, Julia McCarthy, Jennifer O'Sullivan, Méabh Allen, Niamh O'Connor (front row) Heather C Dunlea, Calie Smith-Breen, Liadan O'Sullivan and Dara O'Keeffe



Principal Pádraigín Uí Riordáin, Mr. Jerry Buttimer, TD, Dr. Clodagh Ryan, Consultant Haematologist, Mercy University Hospital, Ms. Anne Kelleher, CEO CEIST and Deputy Principal Ms. Ellen Van Wallegghem pictured with Leaving Certificate Academic recipients, Alisha Cremins, Siobhan Walsh, Aoiheann O'Donovan, Aisling Colwell, Emer Lane, Jill O'Driscoll, Kate O'Connell and Year Award nominee Katie O'Sullivan





*Dr. Anthony Morrissey, Technology Transfer Office Tyndall National Institute pictured with students Cliona Cowhig and Meabh Allen*



*Ms. Anne Kelleher, CEO CEIST pictured with Leaving Certificate students 2012 Niamh Barrett and Ruth McCluskey.*



# MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE

## ANNUAL DÍOGRAIS AWARDS

Introduction: Bail o Dhia oraibh go leir agus failte roimh.

I am very happy to be here tonight and I represent a long line of Mercy tradition which began with Catherine McAuley back in the 1930s. So from one Catherine to another let me remind you of the theme at the wedding ceremony of another Catherine – Kate Middleton when she married her prince last year. The theme of the homily given by the Bishop of London was based on a quote from the great St Catherine of Sienna who said “Be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

As I join you all here tonight I want to pose 3 Questions not just to the young women who are still school goers but to all of us gathered ... and I have to do it in 3 minutes!

1. Who are you or who are you really?
2. What do you want to be?
3. Who are your guides or mentors?

### 1. WHO ARE YOU OR WHO ARE YOU REALLY?

My question to you tonight is Who are you? Who are you really? Are you the ‘real thing’ or a facebook image? Are you the person God wants you to be or are you a carbon copy of someone else? Are you a plastic person, an imitation, a pseudo person? You may have all the followers of anyone else on facebook but if you are not YOU does it really matter who you are imitating or trying to emulate? Way back in the 1920s the lawyer Max Ehrmann wrote the poem Desiderata which says: “You are a child of the Universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.” Please take this to heart: You are a child of the Universe and no one else can ever take your place or rob you of this award!

### 2. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

Ladies and gentlemen, your daughters here tonight are the future generation of mothers and grandmothers. Here in front of us are the teachers, doctors, lawyers, peace makers, politicians, shopkeepers and bankers. These young women will be the makers and shapers of the future Ireland. For those who will be forced to emigrate they will help shape the future of other countries, other worlds. Shakespeare states in Hamlet: “This above all, to thine own self be true and so it follows as night follows day you cannot then be false to anyone.” In order to be who you really want to be, you need to take time on your own, have reflective space, find places where you can rest from the turmoil all around you, give time and thought to what you want to be ... its called Mindfulness nowadays. Don’t apologise to anyone for taking this time, you really need it. Then you will grow into what you want to be. Value the opportunities presented to you. Remember that the seeds sown in spring are the flowers that bloom in summer or autumn. Obstacles will come your way but even these will offer opportunities.



### 3. WHO IS GUIDING YOU, WHO ARE YOUR MENTORS?

We all need role models, people who inspire and guide us, people who have left a mark on society. Some of my mentors include Mary Robinson: a woman who would easily have got 500+ points in her Leaving Cert! She studied hard, became a good and energetic constitutional lawyer. When looking towards a new chapter in the life of the Presidency of our country she walked the country, spent time with the people, listened to women, and she will be remembered for turning Ireland and our Presidency upside down! The same challenge awaits you!

Aung San Suu Kyi: This gentle, fragile looking woman is from Burma (Myanmar to the politicians) and she visited Ireland recently. She was the elected leader of Burma but was not allowed to act as Leader. Instead she was put under house arrest for almost 20 years and her colleagues were imprisoned. She wrote a geography so that every child in Burma would know about their own country. When she was held under house arrest her limits were her garden fence. But every Sunday morning she had a microphone placed at this fence and in this way she became known to the whole world. Whatever your limitations, whatever obstacles you encounter find a way to overcome them. Make the most of the challenges as she did.

Catherine McAuley: This is my third mentor. She is the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. She loved teachers and teaching and in her writings she says: “no work of charity can be more productive of good to society, or more conducive to the happiness of the poor than the careful instruction of women.” I have loved teaching – at primary, post primary and third level. I thank Catherine for being a mentor for me every day.

Finally, I want to thank you all tonight and I offer congratulations to all involved in education of our young women at Mount Mercy. Thank you to the teaching staff and particularly to all involved in tonight’s ceremony. Thank you also to you the parents of our young girls. You are the people who are there for them through thick and thin. You drive to school, to matches, to music, to God knows what! You are there when they come no matter what humour is evident or hidden. You are the people to make sure they eat, and you pray them through their tests, exams ... and their change of mind forms!

I want to conclude with a blessing composed by Sr Pat Bergen, CSJ

*Blessings on you, children of the Universe  
May you be wrapped in care and protected from all harm.  
May all that touches you be tender and kind.  
May stars dazzle your eyes and rainbows delight your heart.  
May affirming words and glances encourage the goodness that is  
you.  
May you have fun exploring the world and discovering hidden  
treasures.  
May you learn to recognize the One who is always with you,  
Waiting to listen, to encourage, to inspire, to love you. Amen*



# OFFICIAL OPENING OF WEST WING EXTENSION, AT MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE.



*Included in photograph are: Mr. Dara Murphy, T.D., Mr. Ciarán Lynch, T.D., Mr. Jerry Buttimer, T.D., Padraigín Uí Riordáin, Principal, Niamh McCarthy, Head Girl, Mr. Ruairí Quinn, Minister of Education and Skills, Sarah Clifford, Deputy Head Girl, Cllr. John Buttimer, Lord Mayor of Cork, Ms. Ellen Van Walleghem, Deputy Principal, Mr. Jonathon O'Brien, T.D., Mr. Michael McGrath, T.D., Senator Deirdre Clune, Mr. Billy Kelleher, T.D., and Cllr. Michael Ahern.*

**O**n Friday 21st September, 2012 Mount Mercy College welcomed the Minister of Education and Skills, Mr. Ruairí Quinn to the official opening of the new 'West Wing' extension. Bishop John Buckley blessed the new extension as an audience of invited guests, students and teachers attended the celebration. The Principal, Padraigín Uí Riordáin, spoke warmly of the foresight of the founding Principal of Mount Mercy College, Sister Pius O'Dwyer. A meeting room in the new wing is now dedicated to her memory.

Guests who attended included the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr John Buttimer, Ms. Anne Kelleher, CEO CEIST, Prof. Michael Murphy UCC, Dr Dan Collins CIT, as well as Public Representatives, Business Representatives and members of Mount Mercy College Parents Association.

Staff and students were joined on the day by former Principal, Ms. Murphy, and retired staff. Guests were treated to a musical

interlude which included a piece by violinist Mairead Hickey, a current 5th Year pupil and National Young Musician, and Singer Rosemary Doyle.

After the opening ceremony the Minister toured the new wing, and the updated science labs, which the Dept. funded through the Summer Works Scheme. Minister Quinn also visited the newly revamped library and the school's Prayer room with its colourful stained glass windows and wall mural completed by Transition Year Students.

In welcoming the new enhanced accommodation and facilities, Principal Padraigín Uí Riordáin pointed out in her address that the next goal is already in sight for Mount Mercy College because the school is presently fundraising for a new Sports Hall and Canteen, to be built at the rear of their expansive grounds on the Model Farm road.





*Cllr. John Buttimer, Lord Mayor of Cork, Ms. Orla McCarthy, Chemistry Teacher, Mr. Ruairí Quinn, Minister for Education & Skills and Pádraigín Uí Riordáin, Principal of Mount Mercy College at the Official Opening of the West Wing Extension, on Friday, 21st September 2012.*



*Ms. Brid Higginson, Chairperson Parents Association, Mr. Jerry Buttimer, T.D., Dr John Buckley, Bishop of Cork and Ross, Mr. John Kennedy, Chairman Board of Management, Sr. Liz Murphy, Mercy Provincial, Cllr. John Buttimer, Lord Mayor of Cork ,*







# SUBJECTS AT MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE

## FRENCH QUIZ

On Thursday, November 08th 2012, two 6th Year teams from Mount Mercy College participated in the Annual French Teacher's Association quiz accompanied by their French Teacher Ms. I. Murphy. The quiz was held in Bishopstown Community School.

Several schools from all over Cork participated. Students from Mount Mercy College prepared for the quiz by doing quiz questions and learned a lot about French Culture in the process.

Both teams performed very well and the Mount Mercy team missed out on first place by just one point.

It was a very enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



*Ruth Kelly, Aoife Barry, Niamh Kane, Niamh Buttimer, Aishling Hurley, Sarah Clifford, Grace Hickey, Ciara Murphy*

## German Nikolaustag Celebrations at Mount Mercy College

The 6th of December is an important date in the German Christmas calendar. Children leave a shoe, boot or sock outside the door on the eve of Nikolaustag ("Nicholas Day"). Nikolaus then brings a festive delivery of chocolates, mandarins, nuts and small gifts to children who have been well-behaved! For those who have been less than well-behaved, "Knecht Ruprecht" (Nikolaus's helper) leaves a rod or bunch of twigs!

1st year German students celebrated Nikolaustag ("Nicholas Day") in traditional festive style. The students sang German Christmas carols ("Stille Nacht" and "O Tannenbaum"), learned about German traditional Christmas customs and received Nikolaustag socks filled with festive chocolates, treats and "Strohsterne" (traditional German "straw star" decorations).



## RELIGION

The Mercy Pilgrimage (Summer 2011) was an unforgettable and truly satisfying experience for us. The main component of the pilgrimage was to commemorate the life and achievements of Catherine Macaulay. We met with wonderful people, who inspired by Catherine devote their lives to helping others (such as through Mercy Beyond Borders and the Mercy Volunteer Corps). We took part in a number of workshops involving discussions and prayer. We got to know Mercy students from across the globe, Australia, New Zealand, UK, USA and of course Ireland. Initially we were apprehensive as to whether the pilgrimage would be boring, but we were pleasantly surprised. We genuinely had a good time and would do it all over again! (Leeanda Culkin and Ciara Griffin)





# SCIENCE



Mount Mercy Junior Cert Science team Rachel Feeney, Liadan O'Sullivan, Kate Henry & Edel Burton, with teacher Ms. Miriam Nestor, who came first out of 47 teams entered in the Eli Lilly Science Quiz held recently at UCC.

## European Union Science Olympiad

On the 22nd of April 2012, 6th year student Cliona Cowhig set off for the European Union Science Olympiad which was held in Vilnius, Lithuania, along with 5 other Irish students. The competition consisted of experimental challenges performed by teams consisting of 3 students chosen as either a biologist, chemist or physicist. On my team I was responsible for physics. We were selected after undertaking a series of tests in Dublin City University. Tests in Lithuania included investigating various properties of Baltic Amber and testing potential improvements to systems for hypothetical space missions. The Olympiad was also a great opportunity to explore Vilnius and get to know other teenagers from all over Europe during events organized such as tours of the city, a culture night, a world record attempt and a dance night. I achieved a silver medal along with my team mates and overall enjoyed this fantastic experience.







*Louise Kelly, Emma Coleman, Niamh Buttimer and Beth Costelloe, pictured at the Stryker Science Quiz.*



*Cliona Cowhig, Emma Galvin, Alex Brickley and Jean O'Driscoll winners of the Senior Stryker Science Quiz.*



*Mount Mercy students Orla Collins, Monisha Chakravarty, Rebecca Barford-Ryan and Mika O'Callaghan-Maher at the UCC Computer Science Programming Training. Included in the photo are Padraigín Uí Riordain, College Principal & Dr. Sabrin Tabirca, Program Co-ordinator.*

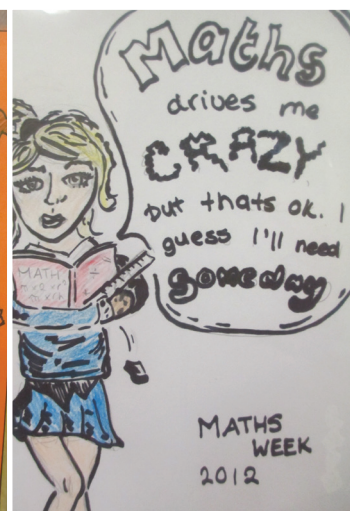
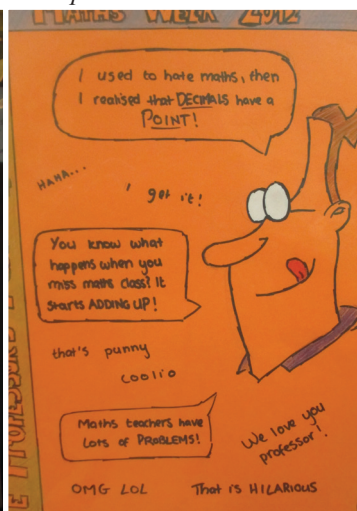




# MATHS Junior maths poster winners



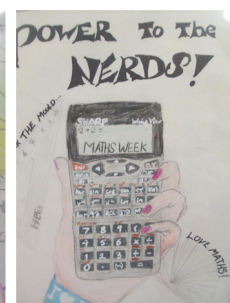
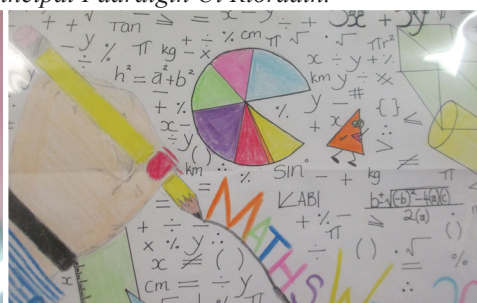
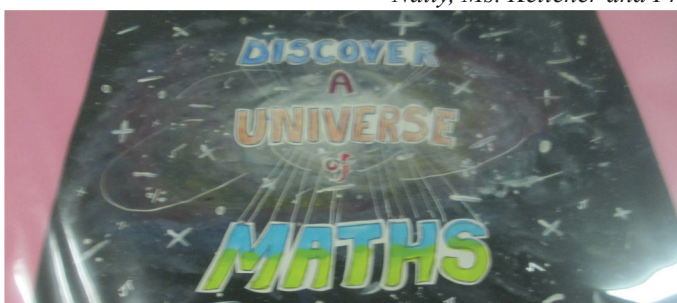
Junior Maths Week Poster Competition Winners - Catherine Veekman, Sarah Cremin, Lia Griffin, pictured with Ms. Anne Nally, Principal Bean Uí Riordáin and Ms. Kelleher.



# Senior maths poster winners



Winners of the Senior Maths Week Poster Competition Eimear Curran, Mairead Murphy and Aoibhín Dennehy, pictured with Ms. Nally, Ms. Kelleher and Principal Pdraigín Uí Riordáin.



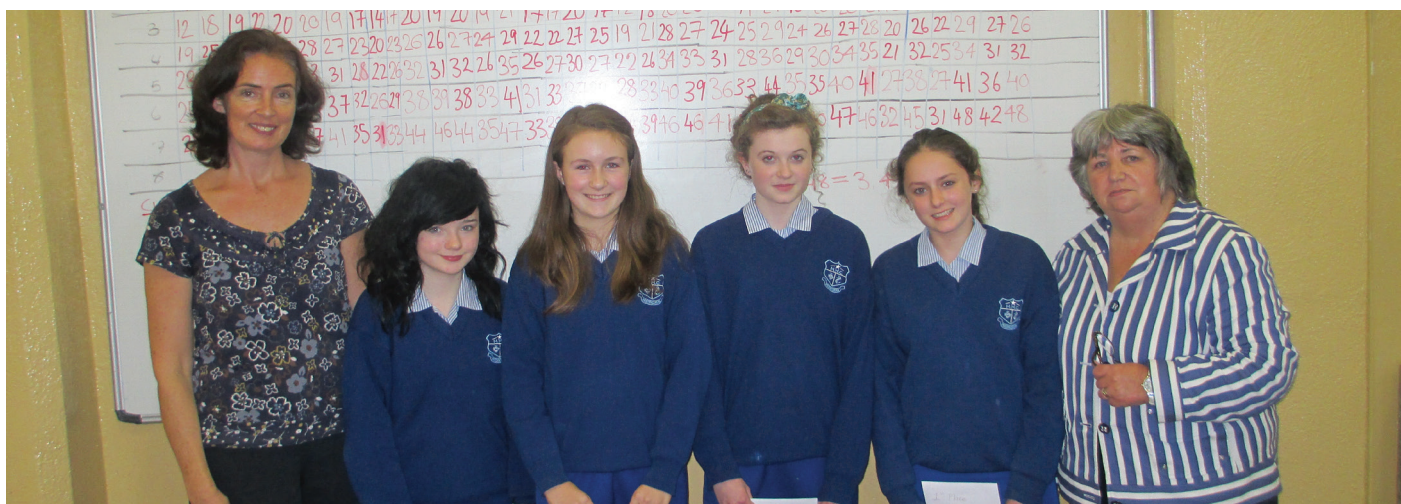




*Winner of the Senior Prism Competition Cliona Cowhig pictured with Ms. Nally, Ms. Kelleher and Principal Padraigín Uí Riordáin. Cliona also participated in the Irish Maths Olympiad 2012 and reached the role of honour. She was one of eight students to participate in a Maths Olympiad training camp in June 2012.*



*Winner of the Junior Prism Competition Ioana Grigoras, pictured with Ms. Nally, Ms. Kelleher and Principal Padraigín Uí Riordáin.*



*Winners of the 2nd Year Maths Table Quiz – Kate O'Driscoll, Ellen O'Keeffe, Sarah O'Keeffe and Amy O'Driscoll, pictured with Ms. Nally and Principal Padraigín Uí Riordáin.*



The Students from the Art Department made Christmas decorations for the Christmas BBQ fundraiser night in Highfield with Mr. Smith, Art teacher.



Sorcha Kidney showing her presentation of Room 18's visit to Cork Prison to Principal, Padraigin Uí Riordáin.



Students from Room 30, who held a Cake Sale in aid of the Donkey Sanctuary, Mallow





# HISTORY

## 2nd year History Tour:

On September 27th 2nd year students travelled to Mitchelstown Caves, Cahir Castle and the Rock of Cashel on a combined History and Geography tour which complimented their Junior Cycle curriculum. The highlights varied from the total darkness of the inner chamber in the caves to patrolling the battlements of the castle and being dwarfed by the Gothic and Romanesque architecture of the Cathedral at Cashel.



Discover Cork School's History Project:  
Once again Mount Mercy students enjoyed success in the "Discover Cork: Schools' Heritage Project". Mount Mercy students swept the podium in the "Junior Certificate Group" category while also claiming second and third places in the "Junior Certificate Individual" category. Congratulations to the students involved and their teachers for doing us proud yet again.



## TY History Tour:

TY History students travelled to Glasnevin cemetery in Dublin and traced the stories of many of Ireland's most important and well known historical figures from O' Connells crypt to the graves of O' Donovan Rossa; Éamon deValera; Harry Boland; Michael Collins and Kitty Kiernan. An educational and inspirational day out (with a little retail therapy included!) an impressive 32 of these students are now studying history in 5th year with the benefit of this contextual introduction to Ireland's Pursuit of Sovereignty.

## Holocaust Survivor:

TY students were also privileged with the visit of holocaust survivor Tomi Reichental. Tomi spoke openly, honestly and emotionally of his experiences as a child in Nazi occupied Slovakia and the terrors of the concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen.



*Seena and Sheena Mathai Thomas, Lea Varghese: "Titanic"*  
*Sinéad Buckley, Pauline Crosby, Leah Casey, Danielle Savage: "Our Lady's, St. Kevin's and St. Anne's Psychiatric Hospitals".*  
*Katie Reynolds, Grace O'Mahony: "The Grand Prix in Cork during 1938".*  
*Shauna Doyle: "Fitzgerald's Park and the Mardyke Skate Park".*  
*Gráinne Cowhig: "Féile peile na nÓg"*

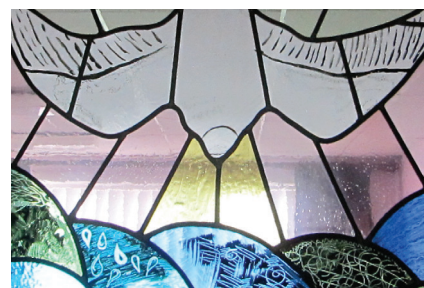
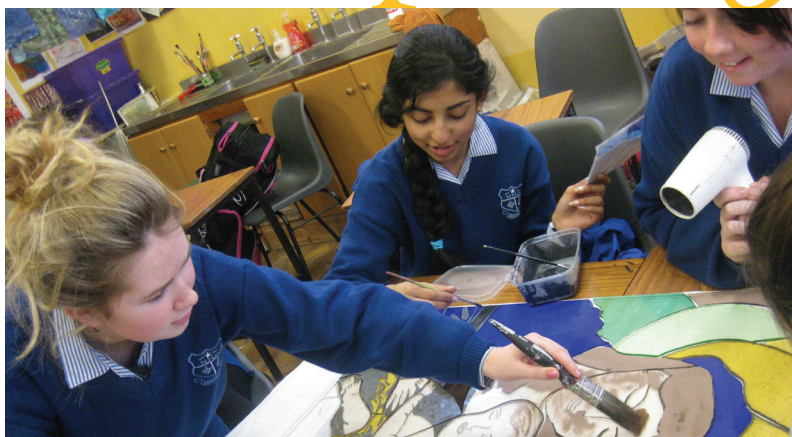


# GEOGRAPHY



*5<sup>th</sup> Year Students using Ipads for Senior Geography as part of the pilot scheme in Mount Mercy College.*

## Prayer Room Opening







*Bishop John Buckley, Principal, Pdraigin Ui Riordain, Fr.Kieran Twomey, College Chaplain & Mrs Anne Nally, RE Co-ordinator pictured with 4th & 5th year students at the recent blessing of the Prayer Room.*



Mount Mercy TY student, Estella Daskalakis, seen making a presentation of her own work to College Principal, Pdraigin Ui Riordain to mark the International Eucharistic Congress. Also pictured are Rev. Fr. Kieran Twomey, College Chaplain and Ms. Anne Nally, Religious Education Co-ordinator.



# CHARITIES



*Mount Mercy Transition Year students Kathy Finn, Aoife McNamara, Caoimhe O'Sullivan & Chloe O'Donoghue pictured at the Birch Garden memorial to the victims Chernobyl where they received a presentation to mark the Mount Mercy contribution to the Greater Chernobyl Cause.*



*Aoife Dorgan & Ailsa Coughlan, Mount Mercy T.Y. students who were recently presented with hampers of Cadbury chocolate by Mr. Sean Murphy of Kraft Foods (Ireland). Included in the photo is Ms Anne Burns of the Irish Guide Dogs Assoc. Aoife & Ailsa collected the most money of all the students in 4 schools on a recent Guide Dogs 'Flag Day.*



*Tara Banon and Siofra Murphy,  
SHARE Executive Committee 2012*

## **TROCAIRE** Working for a Just World

**O**ur students continued with the tradition of taking part in the Trocaire Lenten Campaign. Most of those taking part opted to fast for 24 hours rather than give something up for the day. A wonderful €7,345.28 was raised.

During Advent many classes decided to buy "life changing gifts" with the Global Gifts Campaign. Many gifts of goats, chicks, safe water, olive trees, solar lamps, school fees etc were purchased. Thank you to our students and parents for your continued support.







# ACT



*The ACT Breast Cancer Committee 2012 who fundraised €10,500 for Breast Cancer Services.*

*Back row (L – R) Ms. Tricia Ryan, Katie Wall, Abby Oakes, Emily Ertz, Chloe O'Donoghue, Leah Fleming, Niamh Stevens, Nadine Murphy and Nicola Keohane.*

*Front row (L – R) Sinead McGee, Caoimhe O'Sullivan, Alison Kelleher, Claire Shinkwin, Hilary O'Driscoll and Alison Quirke.*



*Nadine Murphy, Hilary O'Driscoll, Nicola Keohane, Alison Quirke, Niamh Stevens, Emily Ertz, Doireann O'Riordan, Alison Kelleher, Leah Fleming, Claire Shinkwin, Chloe O'Donoghue, Caoimhe O'Sullivan and Ciara O'Connell, part of the ACT Breast Cancer Committee 2012*

## Niall Mellon Township Trust



### NOVEMBER 2012

I have recently returned from South Africa after taking part in the Niall Mellon Building Blitz. We were in the Township of Wallacedene, 40km from Cape Town. This year I was known as a 'Rookie' as it was my first year taking part, but my Dad's fourth year volunteering. He had told me what it was like but I couldn't wait to experience it myself. After arriving in South Africa and on the bus journey to Cape Town, seeing the thousands and thousands of shacks built

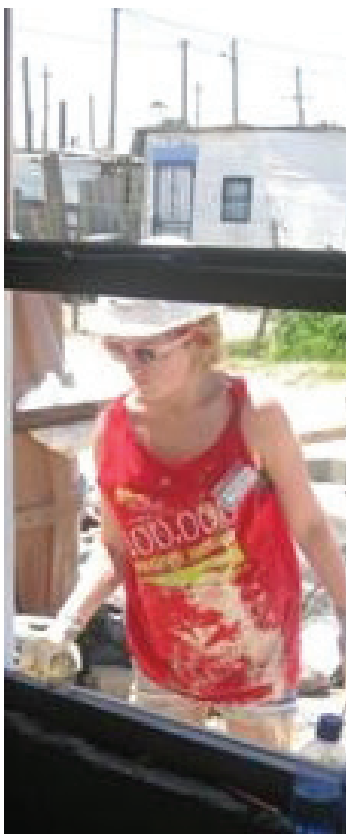
of plastic, wood, sheeting and tyres, it seemed what I was about to do was such a drop in the ocean.

The week ahead was more than anything I could ever have anticipated. From our wake-up call at 6am each morning to when we fell into bed at night, I enjoyed every minute of it. Each day I spent most of my time painting but helped out tiling roofs and plastering also. We worked very hard in very hot weather to complete a number of houses. At the end of the week

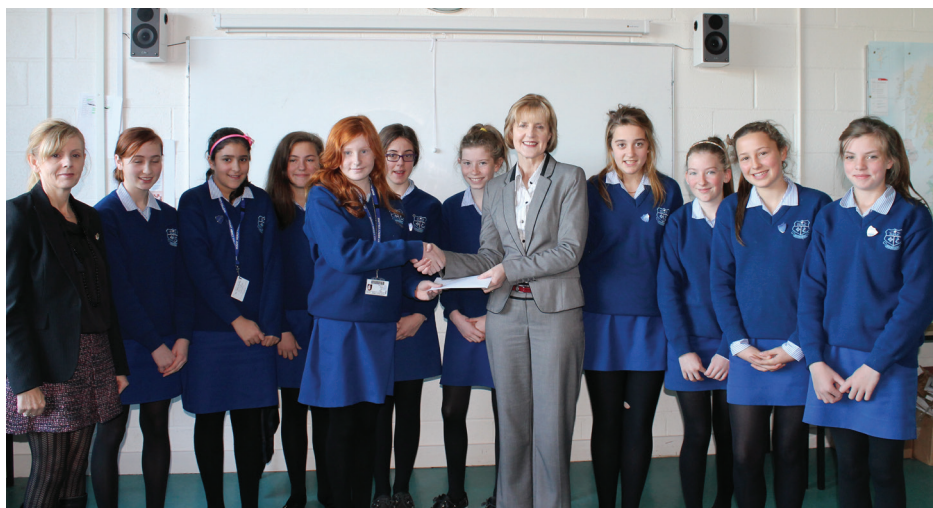
our team handed over a fully completed four roomed house to a family of six, to replace their one-roomed shack.

My experience volunteering with the Niall Mellon township trust exceeded all my expectations. It was a very emotional but rewarding week, and I was delighted to have made the journey with my dad. I know I will never forget this week!

Caoimhe O' Sullivan,  
Fifth Year.







*Madeline Cummins, Hope Foundation received a cheque from the proceeds of a series of cake sales organised by First Year Students at Mount Mercy College. Picture includes with Ms. Quain, Chaplain.*



*Back (L-R) Caragh O'Mahony, Sarah Clifford, Ciara Clarke, Catherine Buttimer, Niamh Kane, Emma Coleman.*

*Front (L-R) Alison Spitere, Louise Kelly, Katie Walsh, Angie Mulcahy and Lia Donnelly*



*Students pictured at the Cricket Club in Kolkata sponsored by the Hope Foundation.*



*Group of Students who travelled to Calcutta with the Hope Foundation, 09th February 2012, included in the picture are Mount Mercy Students Alison Spitere, Angie Mulcahy, Emma Coleman and Katie Walsh, with their accompanying teacher Ms. Therese Hogan, Ms. Madeline Cummins of the Hope Foundation and the Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr. Terry Shannon.*



*Catherine Buttimer, Niamh Kane, Emma Coleman, Louise Kelly, Caragh O'Mahony, Angie Mulcahy, Katie Walsh, Lia Donnelly, Alison Spitere, Ciara Clarke, Sarah Clifford pictured with accompanying teacher Ms. Therese Hogan and Ms. Sandra Fitzgerald, Hope Volunteer.*



# TRANSITION YEAR STUDENTS GET A TALK FROM THE GARDA SEARCH DOGS UNIT



*The Garda dogs assist in searches for suspects of crimes and for evidence which may have been discarded. The dogs are also trained to work in serious public order disturbances and they assist in the execution of warrants. Most of the Garda dogs are "detector" dogs.*



*Mount Mercy College Students volunteered at the Shine Seminar  
Megan Haly, Meaghan Delaney, Aisling Nagle and Clodagh Cronin pictured with Ms. Diane Buckley.*



*Mount Mercy College Students who attended the Shine Seminar , Caoimhe O'Sullivan, Cliona O'Connell, Sarah Dineen, Cara Morris, Claire Shinkwin, Muireann McCarthy, Lucy Mulvihill and Nadine Murphy.*





As part of the Mount Mercy Sports Hall Campaign, we need parents who can help out in any way with fundraising for this much needed facility.



*Liadan O'Sullivan presenting a cheque to Principal Padraigín Uí Riordáin, for the Fundraising of the New Sports Hall raised from sales of her own homemade Cookies.*



*Mr. Norman Coleman and Ms. Diane Buckley, part of the Sports Hall Fundraising Committee drawing the tickets for the Madonna / Lady Gaga Tickets.*



*Lucky winners in the recent Madonna/Lady Gaga ticket draw in aid of the new Mount Mercy Sport's Hall fundraiser were Claire Kiely & Rhiannon Hurley (First Year Students) & Ms Tracy O'Donovan (Staff member). Also pictured are Ms Diane Buckley & Mr Norman Coleman of the Sports Hall Fundraising Committee.*



# AT THE DOGS FOR MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE SPORTS HALL





# Christmas BBQ







Mount Mercy College greatly appreciates the support of local businesses, parents, students and staff in our fundraising for our new Sports Hall

Thank you to our major sponsors, advertisers, suppliers of spot prizes and raffle prizes

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**Result of Raffle:**

PRIZE	NAME
1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE - JEWELLERY VOUCHER	ROSE BUCKLEY
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE - PIECE OF JEWELLERY	EMMA WALSH
3 <sup>RD</sup> PRIZE - POWER WASHER	DONAL CAHILL
4 <sup>TH</sup> PRIZE - BOTTLE OF WINE	CON O'SULLIVAN
5 <sup>TH</sup> PRIZE - BOTTLE OF LIQUER	JOHANNA FOSKIN
6 <sup>TH</sup> PRIZE - BOX OF BUTLERS CHOCOLATES	TARA O'MAHONY



# SPORTS DAY RESULTS

## 100m First Years 100m -Room One

- 1 Olivia Murphy/Laura McCarthy
- 2 Rachel O'Leary
- 3 Emily Carr

## First Years 100m -Room Two

- 1 Catheline Cronin
- 2 Stefanie Braun
- 3 Ellie Lordon
- 4 Bridget Kelly

## First Years - 100m Room Two

- 1 Aoife Brooks
- 2 Aoife Ahern
- 3 Siún Daly

## First Years Room Four 100m

- 1 Anne O'Farrell
- 2 Sally Naughton
- 3 Maria Buckley

## First Years Room Six 100m

- 1 Mary Holmes
- 2 Gemma Kelleher
- 3 Kate O'Halloran

## Second Year 100m(U-16)

- 1 Cliona O'Regan
- 2 Cliona Richardson
- 3 Julie O'Sullivan

## U -19 100m

- 1 Eleanor Stritch
- 2 Abbey Oakes
- 3 Meave Cahalane
- 3 Shona Uniacke-Lowe

## U-14 100m

- 1 Sheryl Furlong
- 2 Ali Murphy
- 3 Aishling O Sullivan

## Second and Thrid Years Race

- 1 Tara Hanlon
- 2 Julie O'Sullivan
- 3 Ali Murphy

## Second and Third years race

- 1 Nora Hayes
- 2 Saoirse Soderlund
- 3 Niamh Sweeney

## First Years - 100m room 3

- 1 Aoife Brooks
- 2 Aoife Ahern
- 3 Siun Daly

## Second Years 400m

- 1 Sheryl Furlong
- 2 Una Stevens
- 3 Grainne Cahalane

## Second and Thrid Years Race

- 1 Tara Hanlon
- 2 Julie O'Sullivan
- 3 Ali Murphy

## Second and Third years race

- 1 Nora Hayes
- 2 Saoirse Soderlund
- 3 Niamh Sweeney

## TYS/U-16 400m

- 1 Julia McCarthy
- 2 Dara O'Keeffe
- 3 Kiera Falvey

## Third Years 400m

- 1 Laura O'Neill
- 2 Ellen O'Donovan
- 3 Grainne Cowhig

## Fifth Years 400m

- 1 Claire Hobbs
- 2 Yvette Peters/Faye Dowling
- 3 Kate Murphy

## Sixth Years 400m

- 1 Emma Coleman
- 2 Aisling O'Sullivan
- 3 Naomi Christie
- 4 Shona Uniacke-Lowe

## U-19 Long jump

- 1 Shona Uniacke-Lowe 3.98m
- 2 Eleanor Stritch 3.95m
- 3 Ciara O'Connell 3.70m
- Faye Dowling

## U-16 Long Jump

- 1 Julie O'Sullivan 3.85m
- 2 Cathy O'Rourke 3.30m
- 3 Saoirse Soderlund 3.20m

## U-14 Long Jump

- 1 Nora Hayes 3.55m
- 2 Melva O'Sullivan 3.42m
- 3 Ali Murphy 3.40m

## U -19 Shotputt

- 1 Mia Cronin 9.76m
- 2 Ciara Quaid 9.35m
- 3 Lauren Mealy 8.52m

## U-16 Shotputt

- 1 Michelle Kilcoyne
- 2 Clare Lee
- 3 Ciara Condon

## U-14 Shotputt

- 1 Una Stephens
- 2 Julie Noonan
- 3 Aoife Brooks

## First Years Sac Race

- 1 Aoife Brooks
- 2 Melva O'Sullivan
- 3 Claire Reidy

## Second Year Sac Race

- 1 Una Stephens
- 2 Nora Hayes
- 3 Ali Muprhy

## Third Years Sac Race

- 1 Ashling Nagle
- 2 Alison Ring
- 3 Amy Delea

## TY Sac Race

- 1 Holly Leacy
- 2 Eimear O'Connell
- 3 Kiera Falvey

## Fifth Years Sac Race

- 1 Niamh Stevens
- 2 Claire Hobbs
- 3 Meave Cahalane
- Mika O'Callaghan-Maher

## Sixth Years Sac Race

- 1 Eleanor Stritch
- 2 Lauren Mealy
- 3 Aine Hughes

## Three Legged Race

- 1 Ms O Donoghue/Ciara Clarke
- 2 Ms Reidy/Louise Kelly
- 3 Mr Collins/Emma Coleman





# MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE SPORTS DAY









# STAFF AT THE MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE SPORTS DAY





# CAMOGIE - ALL IRELAND WINNERS



On a gloriously sunny day on the 25th of March in the scenic environs of North Tipperary, Mount Mercy College won our first ever camogie All Ireland. This was the team's first taste of an All-Ireland series and it seemed to cause the girls difficulty as there were many signs of nerves in the first half against a well drilled St. Joseph's Rochfortbridge team from Westmeath. Mount Mercy struggled to deal with the midfield pairing and we fell behind to a number of goals. At half-time we trailed by eleven points and it required some calm heads to remedy the situation. As the second half began the tide started to turn and with the help of

our ever increasing vocal support Mount Mercy started to make inroads into the large lead. The backs tightened up as Laura O'Neill began to dominate at centre back and the midfield of Michaela Buckley and Geraldine Collins helped by the selfless running of Cliondhná Richardson started to curb the influence of the St. Joseph's duo. A flurry of goals from Emma Buckley and Grainne Cahalane brought the lead down to four points but we then conceded a penalty. However this proved the opportunity for Kate Crowley, Fiona O'Brien and Laura O'Neill to save the day and this penalty miss provided us with momentum for

the last few minutes and with goals from Meadhb Ellen Desmond and a point for Michaela Buckley Mount Mercy had won the All-Ireland Junior title. The whole team represented the school with great distinction and the coaches Morgan O'Brien, Joe Larkin and PJ Lehané were delighted with the team.

This year we also won the Cork Colleges Intermediate A title and we also won the First Year C Blitz in a very successful year for camogie in Mount Mercy.



Mount Mercy Camogie captains Emma Buckley, Fiona O'Brien & Pamela Finn pictured with their coaches Mr Morgan O'Brien & Mr Joe Larkin and Mount Mercy Past Pupil, Joanne O'Callaghan who is a member of the Cork Senior Camogie panel.



Cluichí Ceannais na n-Iarthrúnaíochta sa Chamógaíocht 2012

All Ireland Junior D Camogie Final

Mount Mercy College  
Cork

V's

St. Joseph's,  
Rockfortbridge,  
Westmeath

Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>  
in Templederry, Co. Tipperary 2pm

Referee: Eamonn Browne, Tipperary

Luach:

Adults €5:

Students €2:





# Hockey



*Mount Mercy College Hockey Players in Cardiff*



*Senior Hockey Team at Mount Mercy College*



*Junior Hockey Team at Mount Mercy College*



*Emma Coleman, 6th Year Student at Mount Mercy College, captain of the Senior Hockey Team*



# ATHLETICS - BIG DOUBLE FOR NEVILLE AT AVIVA MUNSTER SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Aviva Munster schools track and field championships, held at Cork IT today, produced a number of records, some superb performances as well as some unexpected results.

First of the surprise results came in the senior girls 400m hurdles where Jessica Neville (Mount Mercy Cork) ran strongest of all to win in a time of 62.20. Jessica Neville wasn't finished there, as she returned to the track later in the afternoon to make it a double by winning the senior 400m in a new personal best time of 57.51



*Congratulations to Aine Crowley, Amina Kareem, Anne O'Farrell, Catherine Cronin, Maria Buckley and Kate Sheehan who came 2nd in Cross Country.*



## CAMOGIE



*Michaella Buckley/ Camogie B County Final Ballygarvan v Carrigaline Under 14*

## HOCKEY



*Abby Oakes, Shauna Fagan and Laurene Buckley, very successful Hockey players who have played for Munster who have played for Munster and for Ireland. This year Shauna had the honour of being selected to captain the Munster under 18 team.*



## FOOTBALL

Ciara O'Connell, 5th Year Student at Mount Mercy College represented Ireland U19's in Serbia in October for the European Championship qualifying group stage. The team beat Cyprus 3-0 and beat Latvia 11-0. They also beat the hosts and favourite Serbia 3-2.

The team topped the group with 9 points! They will travel to the Netherlands to play the Netherlands, Sweden and Italy in April for the elite stage. It's a tough group but they hope to top it and make it to the finals in August.

Ciara has also been nominated for the U/19 player of the year which will be televised on the 3rd February for the 23rd annual Fai international awards





**Jean O'Driscoll** is a sixth year student at Mount Mercy College and has achieved the following in golf:

Jean came 1st in the Munster senior ladies Championship.

Played on the European team and was on the u/18 team and represented Ireland at the European championships in Germany.

Jean represented Ireland at Girls home international level for the 2nd successive year.

Played British girls u/18 competition and she was the 1st Irish girl to qualify for match play in 3 years.

Mexican ladies Amateur Open 2013, Team came 4th in the Nations Cup and at individual level Jean came 18th out of 98.



# Gymnastics Ireland

*Jennifer Buckley, May, and Ellie O'Donovan, Ballincollig Gymnastics Club, Silver Medalists, Acrobatic Team Tournament Sunday, 09th December 2012*

## MUNSTER U15 SOCCER

Mount Mercy College Student Emma Buckley, represented Munster recently in the F.A.I. Schools Girls Interprovincial Tournament. This tournament took place over three days, November 9th, 10th and 11th in Athlone. Emma is a very worthy member of the Munster Panel.





# Rowing

Leonie Ruth Hamel 6th Year Leaving Cert student at Mount Mercy College has represented Ireland on the Junior Irish Rowing Squads in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Leonie is currently trialling for the 2013 Irish team and is also on the pathway to obtaining a rowing scholarship to attend University in the U.S.

Leonie has achieved gold, silver and two bronze medals at the National Rowing Championships over the last four years, along with several other gold titles in sculling at various Regattas throughout the country. She has also rowed internationally at the Henley Women's Regatta, U.K and at the Ghent Regatta, Belgium.

Leonie represented Mount Mercy College at the National Schools Championships Regatta in 2012 and obtained a silver medal.



*Clíodhna Ní Shuilleabháin*

# SAILING

My name is Clíodhna Ní Shuilleabháin and I am a second year student at Mount Mercy. I started sailing at eight years of age, and have since represented Ireland at the European Championships of 2011 and 2012, in Portugal and Italy. I am fortunate to have sailed all over Europe and my best international result came last Summer when I won the Silver medal at the French National Championships in Brittany. More recently, I won the Kinsale Winter Regatta in November.

My sister Sorcha, who is in TY at Mount Mercy, is also a sailor, and won the Ladies Laser 4.7 National Championship last August. We both agree that one of the best things about the sport is the great friends we have made along the way.

# SWIMMING

Mount Mercy students Emily Noel, Amy Cunningham, Laura Clifford, Ally Cunningham & Alice Noel who swam in the Munster Senior Schools Gala on the 7th November. All the girls qualified to the final of their individual events with Amy Cunningham winning gold & silver in her two events. In addition they won gold in both the medley & freestyle relay





# A Capsule of the whole six years

by Pamela Finn

I did the Leaving Certificate exam back in June of 2012 last year but it seems like so much time has passed since then. I'm currently studying psychiatric nursing in UCC Cork and part of that achievement I credit my secondary school Mount Mercy. While I worked hard for the two years to get my results it goes without saying that many of my Leaving Certificate teachers played a part in my determination to do well. In writing this article I can reminisce back on the years starting from first year right through to my final year in which I was honoured with the position of head girl. They say anything worth having doesn't come easy and through my experiences I've learned to understand this.

I remember starting first year I was lucky because the majority of my primary school class also came to Mount Mercy with me. However there were also many students who came with little or no comrades. First year was mostly getting to know each other and the routine of secondary school. I was in room 2 and for the first year they were the people I knew best. I remember on occasion hearing peoples names over the intercom during Viv and Sue's famous routine announcements and not realising they were in my year group for most of that year. It was certainly a new experience and one I enjoyed. It was also the first time I was introduced to the letter y in algebra.

Second year brought plans of a year group skiing trip. This was the year that we started to blend and gel as a year and branch out from our comfort zones. This gave us the opportunity to mix with other girls in the year and it ended up being a hugely successful trip. We had an epic week



long experience in Austria with the majority of the year group and it was one of the highlights of the six years. Even those who didn't go remember it because they were sick of us talking about, however those who couldn't join us on that skiing trip still participated in many other occasions throughout the years.

This brings me onto the dreaded junior certificate year. The year that everyone thought was the be all and end all of our lives. It was the year that we had our first state exam and we weren't reminded enough that it was to prepare us for the eventual Leaving Certificate exam ("but sure that's ages way" was a frequent excuse)... I put in the work over the course of second and third year and I remember having great ambition to study the week of the exam in between each exam but of course the weather was glorious those two weeks, tights were swapped for socks and we spent our breaks sitting out on the benches outside the school eating ice cream. We reckoned we were entitled to that. It's just as well we took advantage of the weather those weeks then because thankfully it rained for the whole of the Leaving Certificate exam (sorry to all those who weren't doing ex-

ams) TY or transition year, the year of maturing, getting Junior Certificate results, the fashion show and the musical. There is a huge amount goes on during the transition year period however the above words are the most common indicators of this year's events. Firstly everyone believes that we all mature during this year, it's a great year for a break after the Junior Cert exams and a chance to prepare ourselves for fifth year. Our first TY experience was a trip to Oyster Haven for water and mud events. What a day, and the laugh we had was something you can't describe only experience. Throughout the year we got to work in groups to carry out projects and we got involved in charity events. My own class P1 (p = prefab, the newcomers won't know what they were but don't worry you are not missing anything) won our category in the YSI (young social innovators) competition for our project on sex trafficking. I was part of the report writing committee and we also put on a performance displaying our project during the speak outs in city hall. All the individual classes entered but to this day P4 will not leave go the fact they should also have gone to the RSI in Dublin for their project on fire safety. TY also presented us with the opportunity to partake in the fashion show, a charity event organised by a committee in the year group in the Oriel House Hotel and also a musical, ours of which was 'Blood Brothers'. The musical went down a treat and personally I think we pulled it off quite well. We also designed the stage set and tickets for the event. As always the teachers, Ms. Whelton and Ms. Mulcahy made a huge contribution to the preparation of the music and drama parts of the musical. We had some laugh doing this musical. We worked well to-



gether as a year group which is why it ran so smoothly on the night. We relied on the girls back stage to help with microphone changes and costume changes and everything in between. What an experience. I could talk endlessly about transition year. It was something I considered not doing however my decision to do this year was very beneficial to me. It gave me the opportunity to do so many things I'd never consider doing and it prepared me for the tough two years that lay ahead. I know people come out saying they didn't enjoy the year and found it boring but honestly there was plenty to do. It's about what you make of it yourself. The chances are there to get involved and long term you'll be glad you did.

The next two years were ones I never thought I'd have to face. They always seemed ages away and did not begin to concern me until the summer after transition year. I knew what I needed to do and by time September of 2010 arrived I was ready to take on the work load. Not everyone was ready. It was hard to settle in after having such an enjoyable year the previous year but it was something we just had to take in our stride and work through. I was lucky with the teachers that I got. Some were tough on us but looking back it's what we needed to get us motivated. The weekly tests could not be escaped so even if you did nothing yourself you still got caught with the tests. Now I think it's fair to say this year wasn't plain sailing. I'd consider myself somewhat academic as in I work hard for what I get, some people have it naturally while others struggle a lot more to settle into the work. Of course this is ok, we have to understand that school isn't for everyone and I saw lots of different talents in the girls in my year outside of academic ones. There were many musical, sporting, artistic and individualistic talents. One of my greatest

memories is getting involved in the school camogie team. We lost and won together; we brought home a few silver plates and cups. It meant I got to mix with other year groups too and set the example of getting involved in a team and sticking to it. For my last year on the team I even got to play alongside my cousin in first year who was just starting off her journey in Mount Mercy. I was also involved in the basketball team which I enjoyed immensely. We had many away matches and I wasn't in a position to give up missing a few hours off school (sometimes we were allowed to stop in McDonalds on the way back). Personally I don't think school would've been the same without being involved in the school sports teams, for others it was the choir or the flag days (the charity collections), the student council, the various committees and all the other teams and groups I've forgotten. It's these little things that instill the memories for a lifetime.

Finally the Leaving Certificate year. one of toughest years I've ever had to endure not just for me but for my family too. I don't want to make it sound worse than it is because there is a lot of hype over something that really isn't the end of the world but it does require hard work and commitment. Having said that I kept up playing my sport both inside and outside of school because in all honesty everyone needs to take time out from the study and homework. In fact I think it's essential for people to take time out because it makes all the difference to your work ethic. At the start of September 2011 I was chosen as head girl from a potential 7 nominees. I worked alongside deputy head girl Alison Cronin to organise the debts, yearbooks, mystery tour and graduation mass. Much credit is due, though to the committees involved in each event because without them the organisation would've been impossible. We never felt good about

asking our classmates for money for the events but at the end of the day it was worth it all on the night of our debts, our final night together as a year group. I can't say we all always agreed between the committees and with our principal. We all had different ideas but we did manage to compromise most of the time and the majority of people were happy with the decisions we made. For me, being head girl was a huge achievement and one I never envisaged being selected for. It was tough and demanding along with homework and study but if I had to do it again I would because it taught me a lot about the people around me and how to work with committees and how to make compromises and tough decisions. Everyone took the exams in their stride during those two weeks in June, they were tough and there were tears but if we look back now we got through it. Many of our teachers and parents were of great support to us. I really enjoyed my six years in Mount Mercy. I got through the tough times and can still cherish the good ones. While my experience in Mount Mercy was one I won't forget I know I was ready to move on when we graduated from there. I learned, achieved, grew and prepared and finally after six years was ready to move on to third level. Most people I've met are happy since moving in from Mount Mercy and some have yet to find their feet, but that will come. While a lot depends on the work and effort of each individual I can honestly say that Mount Mercy provided me with many opportunities, skills and achievements that have given me the foundation of what I need to overcome challenges, accomplish my ambitions and understand what it means to earn good results from hard work.

Pamela Finn  
Head Girl 2011/2012



















# BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RETIREMENT FUNCTION WHICH TOOK PLACE IN RIVER LEE HOTEL, WESTERN ROAD, CORK.



*Back Row (L-R)*

*Ms. Mary-Jane Kenefick, BOM, Ms. Tricia Ryan, BOM, Mr. John Kennedy, Chairman BOM, Ms. Ellard, Ms. Ahern, Ms. Barry-Waugh, Ms. Roche, BOM, Padraigin Ui Riordain, Secretary to BOM and Ms. Alice Griffin, BOM*

*Front Row (L-R)*

*Ms. Van Walleghem, Deputy Principal, Ms. Villa-Mulcahy, Ms. Bermingham and Ms. Hayes-Frawley*



*Retiring Mount Mercy staff Ms. Noirin Barry-Waugh, Ms. Margaret Birmingham & Ms. Maureen Ahern pictured with College Principal, Padraigin Ui Riordain & Deputy Principal, Ellen Van Walleghem during a tree planting ceremony to mark their retirement.*



*Ms. Maureen Ahern and Ms. Noirin Barry-Waugh accept a presentation in recognition of their contribution to Mount Mercy College as teachers, editors of the Newsletter and co-ordinators of the medals at the Diograis Awards.*



## CREATIVE COOKING AT MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE



*Pictured at Creative Cooking with MasterChef Cook, Christine O'Sullivan were: Ms. Jacqui Crowley (Parents Assoc), Ms. Brid Higginson (Chair, Parents Assoc), Christine O'Sullivan, Padraigin O'Riordain (Principal, Mount Mercy College ) and Ellen Van Walleghem (Deputy Principal). The event was organised by the Mount Mercy Parents Association.*

## PARENT ASSOCIATION



A Back Care Initiative was set up in the school as a result of concerns expressed by parents regarding the weight of schoolbags and back care issues in general, to the MMC Parents Association. We are very fortunate to have the help and advice of Michaela Sheehan, Chartered Physiotherapist who addressed these issues with the students of 2nd, 3rd and 5th years and also gave advice to 6th years on stress management. On behalf of you all I wish to extend our thanks to Michaela for offering to provide this excellent advice and we hope she will facilitate this again next year. Large posters on Back Care Exercises and How to Wear Your Schoolbag have been provided to each classroom following on from this initiative, by the MMC Parents' Association.

The MMC Parents' Association has replaced the current senior student chairs with chairs specifically designed to provide better posture and back support to students. These chairs all comply with the current European Standard EN 1729 PART 1 AND 2.



*Dr. Maureen Griffin ,B.A. M.A. Ph.D, Forensic Psychologist*

## LIBRARY PROJECT

I am delighted to inform you that Mount Mercy College now has a fantastic modern English library which is fully computerised. This was a huge project which took many months of planning and hard work to achieve. It could not have been achieved without the generosity of spirit shown by the students, staff and parents who fundraised €3400 in the Tesco Bagpacking Weekend in September. This gave us a head start in purchasing a modern electronic library system and in the purchasing of books .The €2 non-uniform days gave us the funds to buy many more books, dvd's, book stands, label protectors, a printer and a library press. We were also delighted to receive books donated by students and parents. As this was a partnership project, the school through Bean Ui Riordain, supplied the computer for the electronic library system and had the library and shelves fully repainted for us.

It took us six weeks to fully catalogue and label all the books. This work took three hours every Tuesday night and was done by a small group of dedicated people. On behalf MMC Parents' Association, I wish to extend our sincere thanks to Ms. Karina O Mahony English Department, and to the following parents- Noreen Buttimer, Clare Hatcher, Jean Carroll, Lorraine McCarthy and Ashling Daly for all their time and hard work. Thanks also to Mr. Lehane English Department for

his work in connecting the electronic library system to the students I.D Cards, and to Viv and Sue in the office and to Joe our school caretaker, for their help and support. It truly was a whole-school project!







# **COMPETITIONS AT MMC**

## **CHINESE BRIDGE**



*Sarah Clifford, 6th Year won the 3rd price.  
The competition was held by UCC Confucius Institute in Mayfield Community College.*



*Veronica Piastowska, 5th Year won the 2nd price in 2012 "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students in Ireland on Saturday, 24th March 2012.*

***The final competition will be held in Chongqing, China, around October.***





# DEBATING



# DRAMA FEST







*Launch of the Irish Fiddler App featuring Mairead Hickey on Fiddle, on Monday February, 20th 2012 in CIT Cork School of Music. Michael Martin pictured with Mairead Hickey.*

## ISTA QUIZ



*Niamh Buttimer, Beth Costelloe and Emma Galvin at the Irish Science Teachers Association Senior Science quiz.*

Two teams from Mount Mercy competed last night in UCC in the Irish Science Teachers Association Senior Science quiz.

The team of Cliona Cowhig, Alex Brickley and Jean O' Driscoll easily beat off 30 other teams from Cork city and county to retain their title from three years ago and win the Senior Science Quiz.

This means that Mount Mercy currently hold both the Senior and Junior Science Quiz titles.

This is an amazing achievement and a reflection of the high standard of Science teaching and learning in Mount Mercy.

Congratulations to all students and teachers involved.

The girls are now competing in the All Ireland Quiz competition which will take place in Trinity College next Saturday. Best of luck to the girls in that.



*Alex Brickley, Jean O'Driscoll and Cliona Cowhig pictured with Ms. Cowhig and Ms. Reidy.*

## *A spectacular win by a spectacular student!*

On behalf of all her fellow students, and all the staff teaching in the CIT Cork School of Music, I am delighted to announce that Mairéad Hickey, 16, a violin student of Adrian Petcu at the CIT Cork School of Music since 2003, won first place in the 19th Jeunesses International Violin Competition, Bucharest, Romania, on Thursday 17 May 2012.

138 competitors representing 38 countries entered the competition, which is divided into three age categories. In the 14-18 category, in which Mairéad took part, there were 32 competitors from China, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Korea, Turkey and The Ukraine

Mairéad played music by Bach and Paganini in the first round of the competition and music by Sarasate, Massenet and Tchaikovsky in the Final. The 5 jury members came from China, France, Germany, Ireland, and Romania. Mairéad performed Sarasate's Gypsy Airs in the Gala Final Concert in Bucharest's Odéon Theatre on Saturday 19 May, 2012.

This is a remarkable success at international level; everyone is thrilled for Mairéad and congratulates Adrian Petcu on nurturing such an amazing talent.

## JUNK KOUTURE



*Megan Fennelly wearing her costume entry for Junk Kouture Semi-final in Limerick.*



# ROBOT COMPETITION



Mount Mercy College Students, Marie Casey, Gráinne Cowhig and Ioana Grigoras with their Robot "Miss Merciless" at The CEIA Schools Robotics Competition final with the theme "RescueBots" at CIT



Ms. Cowhig, Ioana Grigoras and Gráinne Cowhig. Logitech Sponsor presents students with Logitech squeezezy radio and school with laptop.



The Mount Mercy Trio of Marie Casey, Gráinne Cowhig and Ioana Grigoras took first prize with their robot "Miss Merciless" in the CEIA robot Competition.

*The students prepared a poster to describe their experience of the Robot Competition and to present their research relating to Rescue Robots.*



# Student Council & Student Leaders visit Lord Mayors Office



*Lord Mayor Cllr Terry Shannon, showing the George II Mace, which dates back to 1740, to Emma Murphy, Amber McAuliffe, Aoibheann O'Flynn, Meg Sexton and Ellie O'Donovan from Mount Mercy College. The School's students paid a courtesy visit to the City Hall.*



*Members of Mount Mercy College Students' Council and Deputy Principal Ellen O'Callaghan with Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr Terry Shannon during their courtesy visit to City Hall.*



*Cllr Terry Shannon and Deputy Principal Ellen Van Walleghem signing the visitor's book at the City Hall.*



*Student Council and Jnr Prefects with Lord Mayor and Ms. Van Walleghem*



*Cllr Terry Shanahan, Lord Mayor with Students Eimear Curran, Claire Hobbs and Grainne Sexton*



# OUT DOOR ACTIVITIES MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE

## 1st Years at Ballyhass Lakes







*Over 120 Mount Mercy 2nd year students 2011.2012 travelled to the Carlingford Adventure Centre in Co. Louth where they participated in a variety of outdoor pursuits over 3 days.*





# 5th YEAR TRIP TO GERMANY



*Sarah Clifford and Eadaoin McDonagh, enjoying a fifth year Easter trip to Germany.*

## 5th YEAR IN PRAGUE



*Mount Mercy College 6th Year Student Jean O'Connor was in Prague in March 2012 representing Ireland in the Karate European Championships. Jean is the captain of the U/21 girls Kata team and also entered the individual U/21 category.*

## Mount Mercy students shine in Geneva



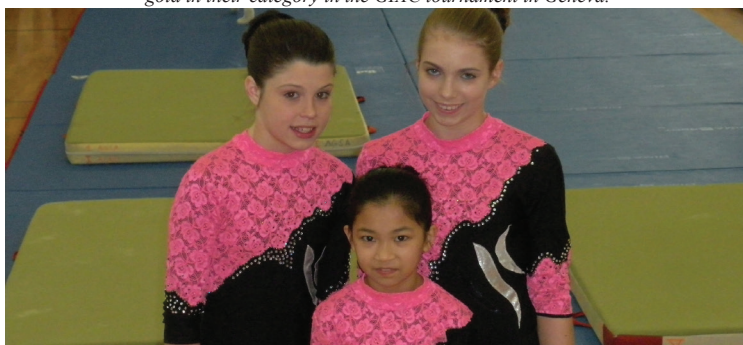
*Ellie O'Donovan, Louise Kelly, Sarah O'Leary, Grainne O'Shea, Niamh Kelly, Jenny Buckley and Claire Shinkwin all Mount Mercy students who were medal winners with Ballincollig Gymnastics Club at the recent GIAC tournament in Geneva, Switzerland*



*Louise Kelly, 5th year Mount Mercy, Caitlin Kiely and Ciara Hickey (Ballincollig) who won gold in their category in the GIAC tournament in Geneva.*



*Claire Shinkwin, TY Mount Mercy, Shauna Mc Carthy (Ballincollig) and Jenny Buckley, 1st year Mount Mercy who won silver at the GIAC Gymnastics Competition in Geneva.*



*Kelsey Flynn (Ballincollig), Niamh Kelly 1st year Mount Mercy and Siun Nally (Bishopstown) who won gold medals at the Acro Gymnastics competition in Geneva.*



# TY NORTHERN IRELAND TOUR





# Veronica Piostowska in China, November 2012



The 5th Chinese Bridge Language Competition for foreign secondary school students was held in Kunming, China from 19th to 26th November 2012.

More than 100 people from 45 countries used their talents and performed on Chinese TV and I was one of them. We arrived in Beijing on the 14th November, visited The Great Wall of China

(21,196km long as estimated this year) and Forbidden City (imperial palace and home of the Chinese emperors).

We flew to Kunming on the 16th, there we had another trip and this time it was The Stone Forest (set of limestone formations which cover an area of 350 square km). After that we had rehearsals before our performances on a TV. It was a wonderful

experience, thanks to my chinese teacher Ye Xiaomin, without her I wouldn't have such great memories. I greatly recommend the Chinese competition for the current transition year students here in Cork, good luck and try yourselves for it next year.

Veronica Piostowska





# MOUNT MERCY FIRST AIDERS



*Mount Mercy College staff who recently completed a 9 week occupational First Aid evening course with the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Included are Therese Hogan, Viv O'Shea, Karen Begley, Michelle Angland, Susan Archbold, Morgan O'Brien, Ellen Van Walleghem, Mairead O'Donoghue, Grainne Ni Laoithe & Helen Reidy.*

**THE PRINCIPAL AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. DONAL O'CONNOR, NATIONAL EDUCATION WELFARE BOARD FOR HIS LOYAL SERVICE OVER THE YEARS IN MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE AND WISH HIM THE BEST OF LUCK IN HIS RETIREMENT.**



*Paudie Palmer, St. Brogan's College, Principal Padraigin Uí Riordáin, and Mr. Donal O'Connor, NEWB*



# 5th YEAR LEADERS



5th Year Leaders celebrate the end of their leadership programme enjoying an evening out with Ms. S. O'Donovan and Ms. Horan, Co-Ordinators.

# GARDA AWARDS



Mount Mercy 5th year students Sarah O'Callaghan, Emer Lane, Deirdre Nally & Deirdre O'Neill who were presented with certificates at the recent Garda Youth Awards Ceremony in City Hall. The girls were nominated for their work in fundraising for the Hope Foundation educational projects in Calcutta. Also included are Mrs Mary Roche, Hope co-ordinator in Mount Mercy & Ms Tricia Ryan, Transition Year Co-ordinator.



# First Year Thoughts as settling into **Mount Mercy College**

I was really excited to be going to Mount Mercy since I was five in St. Catherines in Junior Infants. I had watched the “big girls” passing the school in their blue uniforms looking really cool and impressive to my junior infant eyes, eight years later in sixth class they did not look quite so big but were still impressive.

On the first day my uniform felt new and a little scratchy but a big improvement on the brown and green, and finally no tie! I was excited and a little nervous at the same time. What class would be in? Would the teachers be OK? Would I know anyone? On the open day we had been shown around by some of the girls already at the school, the cookery rooms, laboratory and art rooms looked fabulous – I could hardly wait. On the other hand the school was huge, would I be able to find my way to classes (and if I did would I ever find my way back??)

Yes I knew people, yes the teacher was OK (at least no visible horns or tail), finding my way was a little tricky, I got lost more than once but as I was tall I could see where I was going and did not get barrellled down by hurrying sixth years, my smaller classmates were not always so lucky!

New friends, lots of chatter, hot chocolate in the machines, long lunch and lockers. Heavy books, I am sure I am shrinking from carrying them.

But oh the homework, no Mercy despite the schools name, homework from day one – I thought that I got a lot in sixth class, little did I know, my friends who had gone to other schools were being eased in gently- not me. It seemed like we had home work in every subject every night. The next six years stretched like an eternity, a desert with no oasis. Little by little I got used to the homework, figured out that it could be done and sometimes, even spotted in the distance a few palms and a camel – the weekend. WEEKEND HOMEWORK, I hadn’t counted on that, Sunday night misery or Friday night – I settled for Friday – then it was done and the weekend stretched ahead.

Midterm tests came/went, were survived – maybe it was ok. Home Economics and Art pure pleasure, real scientific experiments, great poems, dialogue from teachers (not monologues!) maybe secondary school is alright. Irish Gramadch why is Gaeilge not phonetic? Why did my parents not send me to a Gaelscoil? Why am I not from Japan, Germany, even perhaps Mars (maybe Martian is phonetic?) little by little getting there (wherever there is) a bit at a time.

I walk past St. Catherines now (maybe I impress the junior infants) with a little swagger a “big girl”.

*By Bridget Kelly*

In the last precious weeks of my summer holidays before going to Mount Mercy, I could not make up my mind whether I was terrified or excited. In the end, it was a bit of both in the last week before starting. Over the summer, I had met one other girl who was also starting in Mount Mercy and it helped that I knew there would be at least one friendly face on my first day.

The first weeks in Mount Mercy were a blur of new faces, new places, new subjects and new teachers. I felt overwhelmed by the sheer number of students and staff after coming from a small country school with only eleven in my class and only four teachers in the whole school.

The hardest things were remembering all my books for class, being in the right place at the right time, remembering everybody’s name and not forgetting to bring in my Anseo swipe card every day.

The amount of homework shocked me at first but I soon devised a system to help me keep on top of it. Living out in the country, I also had to get up much earlier (6.30am!) than before and this took a bit of getting used to.

As the weeks passed, I began to find my feet and began to enjoy life at Mount Mercy. Some things that helped were the nice people in Room 2, the forgiving teachers and also the lunchtime clubs. I really enjoyed debating and I hope that I can do it in 2nd Year.

The things that have probably helped me most to settle in are all the new interesting subjects that I am studying, especially Science and French, and the enthusiastic teachers. It was also great to be able to talk to the other girls in my class about everything that was going on.

As I approach the end of my first term, I now feel like a Mercy Girl and Mount Mercy feels like home!

*By Labhaoise Barrett*



“Any change, even a change for the better is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts” Arnold Bennett.

Having moved schools a number of times, I think that the transition from primary to secondary school was easier for me than most. In my previous primary schools it was always difficult being the “new girl” and trying to make new friends and figure out all the friendship cliques that existed within the class all over again. But moving to Mount Mercy was different as we were all on the same page and everybody was equally as nervous as everyone else.

I thought that the welcome I received was a very warm one and that the treasure hunt was a great ice breaker. Although in the beginning I didn’t know very many people in my class, it now feels like we have known each other for years.

I am finding keeping up with all the homework hard work but I am gradually getting better at timing myself and studying for tests. At first, I found the prospect of studying very daunting but I now think that it is relatively easy.

Overall, I think that I have settled into Mount Mercy very well and that I have made lots of new friends in the process.

*By Eva Moran*

It’s not easy settling into a new school for everyone. In primary school we were the oldest people in the school and we had to set a good example but in secondary we look up to the older students in the school. It is a big change the classes are different, the teachers are different and the uniform is different.

Primary school was easier of course, most of the people I went to school with I grew up with. In primary school I guess you could say you were more spoon fed but in secondary school you have to think for yourself. Secondary school is definitely more interesting. I love the new subjects, I have never been taught Business Studies, Home Economics or Hockey before and I am enjoying all of them. As I came from Cloghroe primary school I only knew about five people going to Mount Mercy College, which really wasn’t too many considering there’s over seven hundred people in the school. Before I knew it I had loads of new friends and everyone was so friendly and easy to talk to it was like I had known them for years.

My first impression of the school was that I would have no problem getting lost. It seemed so big at first, there were three flights of stairs and it looked like as if there were hundreds of classrooms. Once my class teacher explained to our class how to get around the school it seemed less daunting and I haven’t yet got lost.

I was soon settled into Mount Mercy College. I have new friends now and many years in Mount Mercy College to look forward to.

*By Aoife O’ Sullivan*

*“I struggled with the weight of my bag and finding classrooms.”*

*“I love the calm atmosphere. I really love my new school.”*

*“The Classrooms were a bit of a struggle the first two or three weeks trying to find and remember what floor and what part of the floor the classrooms were on but this soon became part of my routine.”*

*“Ms. Horan showed us how to study. The method really worked”*

*“There were also several fifth year class counsellors for every first year class, just so you had someone to talk to if you were struggling with your timetable or book.”*

*“I also enjoy the bake sales and slipper days”*

*“The various activities such as the Ballyhass Trip and bake sales makes it all worthwhile as well as enjoyable for the students”*

*“I learned that not all teachers are mean, you just have to get on the right side of them. Number one thing to do is never forget your homework, ever!”*

*“The days are longer than that at primary school”*

*“Overall I enjoy Mount Mercy, I think it is a very good school, with a wide range of facilities for us to enjoy and I look forward to spending the next six years of my life in Mount Mercy. I think that I am settling in well at Mount Mercy.”*

*“Being a student in secondary school isn’t so bad despite all the tests”*

*“On the first day of school, I walked through the doors of the school hall as a new person, and sitting before me were the girls that I would become great friends with over the next 6 years.”*

*“Since I started Mount Mercy I’ve made so much friends and I’m so grateful. I’m always so happy whenever I come to school because there’s such a great atmosphere. I’ve learned so much new things and I hope by the end of the year I’ll have reached my full potential.”*

*“Then there was a big day for the school....the opening of the new West Wing. We had to sit outside for nearly two hours listening to speeches being made by our Principal (Bean Uí Riordáin), Vice principal (Ms. Van Wallegghem), the Minister for Education and Skills (Mr Ruairí Quinn) and a few other guests. But in the end I guess it was all worth it!!”*

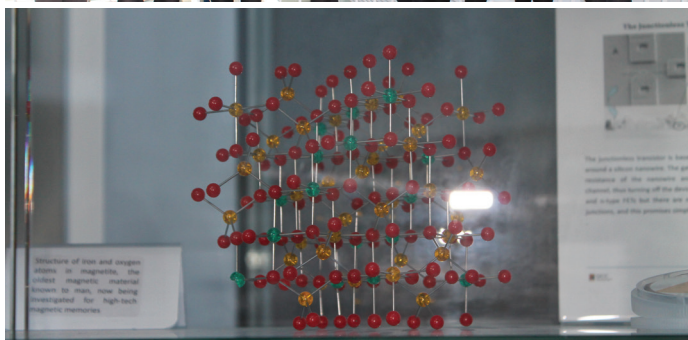
*“I joined the debating society”*



# Trip to the Tyndall Institute



*Mount Mercy Physics students pictured during a recent visit to the Tyndall Institute.  
The students were given a guided tour of the Institute by Dr Anthony Morrissey of the Technology Transfer Office*







*Rebecca O'Sullivan, Mairead Murphy, Hilary O'Driscoll and Ciara Buckley attending Rotary Interviews at Mount Mercy College.*



*Left: Michelle Murphy (4th year) ,Right: Jessica O'Callaghan (5th year) performing at Sleeping Beauty at the Cork Opera House .*



# TY MUSICAL YOU CAN'T STOP THE BEAT

*Jessica Schweizer as  
Motormouth Maybelle  
during the recent TY  
musical at Mount Mercy  
College*



*Ciara O'Connell as Edna Turnblad and Eimear Curran  
as Wilbur during the recent Mount Mercy TY musical at  
Mount Mercy College*



*Part of the cast from the recent Transition Year musical,  
entitled "You Can't stop the Beat",  
at Mount Mercy College.*





# W.4 YSI GROUP

*"The Power of Music" Carol Singing in Patrick Street to fundraise for the Cope Foundation.  
Guest appearance by Mr. Des Bishop.*





# P2 YSI Project: YES WE CAN-SIR!

Working on this project inspired us to try and make a difference in people's lives. As cancer is a disease which affects so many people in life, we felt very passionately about our project and reaching our goals. This is an issue we all truly care about and we hoped to make a difference in the lives of children suffering from cancer and create a positive environment for both these children and the students of our school. Our hope was to raise awareness on the early signs of cancer and the different types of cancer both in the wider community and most especially amongst our peers.

We held a Toy Drive at Christmas time for the Children in the Leukaemia Unit of the Mercy University hospital. We put up 'Happy Hands' one for each student around the school with something each person loved written on them. We distributed surveys around the school. We sold wristbands with the slogan 'Live Laugh Love' for Daffodil Day. We held a Benefit Concert in aid of the Children's Leukaemia Unit and The Daffodil Centre and we painted our home room in bright pink and blue colours and put positive quotes on the front wall and our hand prints were painted onto the back wall.



## P.1 Y.S.I. PROJECT “BE WISE, DON'T CRITICISE”

Our chosen topic for our Y.S.I project was positivity and criticism. We aimed to spread awareness in promoting self confidence, not judging others and having a positive outlook. As a class group, we became aware of the lack of positivity and self confidence in Ireland, and also came upon some striking facts in relation to why people are so judgemental towards others.

We titled our project “Be Wise, Don't Criticise” because we felt that low self-esteem is a huge problem amongst teenagers today, and that self - criticism is the main cause of this problem.

We then decided on the route that our project would take. Essentially, the message we decided to communicate to our school and the wider community would be as follows: In order to accept others for who they are, you must first be positive and accept yourself for whom you are.

We arranged for a number of informed speakers to come to our school to visit our Y.S.I class.

Displaying our project work at our schools first year open night, we promoted our positivity campaign in order to allow ourselves

further publicity.

We conducted a survey on a variety of year groups in both male and female secondary schools.

Within our school, we created and placed posters throughout the hallways and in classrooms.

We made a CD including positive uplifting songs that improve our mood when we listen to them.

We created a positivity wall in the school. We encouraged first, second, fourth and fifth year students to write one positive quality they believed they possessed on a small post-it. We then displayed the notes on the wall of our school social area arranged to spell the word 'positivity'.

We held a positivity week in the school, with activities designed to improve everyone's mood.

Ms Horan showed us the EFT tapping points. After practising this skill when problematic situations arise we found our levels of stress slowly diminishing. It is a skill we hope to keep throughout our years.

The atmosphere in our school is now more positive. Although there isn't going to be a sudden and definite change, there is a slight shift in attitude that we in our class can recognise. Our hopes are that in time our self-confidence will improve thanks to our action which will help stop people being so critical of others. No one can be happy with anyone else if we are not happy with ourselves so we think our project has made a change and a difference to our attitudes.



# Transition Year YSI Project

## YES WE CAN-SIR !

Benefit Concert in aid of the Children's Leukaemia Unit in the  
Mercy University Hospital: Tuesday 1st May 2012





# CEIST

*Ms. Catherine McCormack, CEIST on her visit to Mount Mercy College on Monday, 22nd October 2012, pictured with Principal Padraigín Uí Riordáin and Deputy Principal Ellen Van Walleggem.*



## PDE 2012.2013



**New trainee teachers at Mount Mercy College recieved induction from Principal Padraigín Ui Riordáin, and Mentors, Ms. M. Roche, Ms. I. Martin, Ms. V. O'Keeffe.**

Back row (L-R)

Laura Mangan, Kate O'Flynn, Julie Ann Walsh, Niamh McAuliffe, Grace Morrissey, Gearóid Clifford and Sarah McCluskey.

Front row (L-R)

Aoife O'Riordan, Ms. Roche (Mentor), Ms. Martin (Mentor), Ms. O'Keeffe (Mentor) and Maeve Goggin.



# Halloween at Mount Mercy





# FIRST YEAR 2012

## ANGELS ON HIGH







## FIRST YEARS CHRISTMAS COOKING





# National Book Day





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