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Foreword

Another school year is coming to a close and there is much to comment upon.

The car park is due to be repaired over the summer and it is unfortunate that the process has taken this length of time. Another task to be completed is the repair of the full school roof. This will provide much greater insulation than at present and in turn lead to a reduction in heat requirements over the cold months of the winter.

The school, with the full support of the Parents Association, is involved in fundraising at the present time. There is a very worthy main prize and sellers prize available. The draw is due to take place during the Lord Mayor's visit on May 10th next. The school is pleased to welcome Andrew Montague, Lord Mayor, on our annual Merit Award day.

The examination classes of 3rd and 6th years are already involved in preparation for the state examinations in June. 3rd years are working on their projects while 6th years have a lot of work already behind them such as the language orals, Art practicals and other practicals such as Geography, Engineering, Construction and DCG. Our good wishes to all in these examinations and to all 6th years as they take their leave of Ardscoil La Salle.

We welcome Lynch's of Marino as the new school uniform suppliers. The uniform has changed slightly and all parents are requested to attend Lynch's for all school uniform needs.

I would like to thank all in the school community, including the trustees, the board of management, parents, staff and students for their support during the last year. The summer break will soon be upon us and I look forward to seeing you all at the end of August.

Gerard Cleary
Principal

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Fundraising Fundraising

This year has been another successful year when it comes to fundraising. Last October we had our annual school sponsored walk where we raised funds for all the extra-curricular activities that we run throughout the year. We were lucky to get a fine day for it and all the students enjoyed the afternoon out.

The Student Council raised a total of €450 for Temple Street Children's Hospital by running a non-uniform day. The Glee club went to Jervis shopping centre last December to sing Christmas carols and raised money for Barnardos childrens charity.

The Parent's Association ran a big draw recently to raise money for IT development in the school. Each student was given a card to sell and the Parents Association set up a stand in Kilbarrack shopping centre over the May Bank Holiday weekend. The Lord Mayor, Councillor Andrew Montague kindly performed the honours and drew out the winners during the Merit Awards ceremony.

New School Uniform

Next September sees a new development for the school. We have chosen Lynch's of Marino as the new supplier of our uniforms. As well as improving the quality of the jumper we have also made some adjustments to the crest on the jumper. The school jacket will now also have a crest on it. The reaction from students, parents and staff has been very positive.

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Yearbook Editorial Team



(L-R): Tracey Kelly, Louise Whelan, David Keoghan, Sinéad Leonard

Each year our school produces a yearbook. This year's editorial team included: Sinéad Leonard, Tracey Kelly, David Keoghan and Louise Whelan with help from Jonny Ryan. They have been working really hard the past few weeks so that this publication would be ready in May.

"Some of our jobs involved taking class pictures, writing up articles and editing them. We enjoyed going around to the local businesses asking if they would like to advertise in our yearbook. We also scanned the 6th year baby photographs onto the desktop computer. It was really interesting being a part of the yearbook committee and we have learned so much. We have gained communication, interviewing and IT skills.

We hope you will enjoy looking through the pages ahead as much as we have enjoyed preparing the pictures, articles and stories for you.

Finally, thanks to all the people who contributed to this 2012 edition. Also a special thanks to local businesses for their support.

First Years



Class 1.1- Back Row: Ryan Kiernan, Shane Lennon, Roy Jones, Jason Moriarty, Ross Craig Coyle, Jack Brady, Luke O'Shaughnessy, Aaron Jason O'Toole. **Middle Row:** Becky O'Connor, Louise Fitzgerald, Joshua Cumiskey, Robert Cumiskey, Katie Byrne, Rebecca Tierney, Lauryn McCormack, Katie Giffney, Rebecca Leech, Andrew O'Doherty, **Front Row:** Kevin Whelan, Nicole Byrne, Natasha Connor, Hayley Smith, Dagemaulit Mesfein Mekonen, Jenny Tang, Cain Powell **Absent:** Keith Conroy, Nathan Garnett, Reeca Joyce, Saoirse Kelly, Lauryn Kenny, James McMahon.



1.1A Back Row: Andrew Palaghia, Dylan Currivan, Brian Dennis, Alec Palaghia, John Paul Mulvaney, Ryan Kelly **Front Row:** Dean Kelly, Jeffrey Oderinde, Abbey Singleton, Nadia Tougher, Robert Dunleavy, Darragh Quigley **Absent:** Eric Hickey, Tori Hynes, Michael Iwanko, Jamie McLoughlin, Calvin O'Brien, Jack Rock.

Second Years



2.1 Back Row: Daniel Murphy, Joshua McDonnell, Jamie Byrne, Shane Carr, David Groarke

Middle Row: Eoghan Farrell, Thomas O'Connor, Matthew Carter, Karl Hatton, Conor McCormack, Dylan Leech, Jack Gillanders, Glen Reilly. **Front Row:** Lee Conroy, Orla McKay, Shantel Flynn, Chloe McCormack Grant, Claire Smith, Sebastian Gadek. **Absent:** Chloe Byrne, Luke Evans, Louise Gillanders, Rebecca Hansard, Nicole McMahon, Amy O'Toole, Adam Quinn.



2.1A Back Row: Eamonn White, Bernard Hanlon, Temi Abioye, Sean Plummer, Mark Grace, Gerard Colton, Jamie Murphy. **Middle Row:** Ciaran Coates, Dillon Erb, Conor Reilly, Jonathan Daly, Keith Hale, Daniel Loftus, Aaron Dalton. **Front Row:** Jordan McGuinness, Suzanne Nolan, Sarah Bernes, Shauna Walsh. **Absent:** Aaron Beatty, Lauren Keegan.

Second years



2M Back Row: Dean Lennon, Aaron Gifford Murphy, Kyle Grehan, Mark O'Reilly, Gianluca Parravani, Ryan Foster. **Front Row :** Gavin Maughan, Amy Mulhall, Carla Cassidy, Conor Leech. **Absent:** Seán Foster, Ryan Hickey Hoolahan.

The Red Cross

By Gemma Gaughan, 4th Year.

The Irish Red Cross is an organisation that teaches you to treat tons of different injuries. We do youth days and fun weekends away where all the units from all over Ireland come together for a kind of social event. We do competitions too. The novice team came first last year out of the whole of Ireland while the cadet team came fourth. It's really fun and it's great to have something to do, also I find being able to help people, at festivals like the Patricks day festival, to be very rewarding.

Third Years



3.1 Back Row: Paul Brown, Mark Somers, Eric Whelan, Ultan McCarthy, Jake Burke, Kevin Leech, Conor O'Hara, Ryan McSherry. **Middle Row:** Kai Tsigidin, Adam Powell, Jennifer Reynolds, Dominik Zwardon, Adam Cooney, George Whelan, Jason Ryan, Tracey Bethel, Rachel Tracey, James O'Doherty. **Front Row:** Shauna Scanlon, Megan O'Sullivan, Donna Maher, Shauna Mulvaney, Sarah Kelly, Eve Breslin, Gemma Walsh. **Absent:** Daniel Hennessy, Leon Murphy.



3.1A Back Row: Ivan Cerednickenko, Craig Conor, Sean Brady, Dave Kennedy, John Crabtree, Darragh White, Robert Whelan, Jordan Ryan. **Front Row:** Louise Smith, Michaela O'Brien, Catriona O'Brien, Niamh Brown, Clodagh Murray, Alexandra Scott. **Absent:** John Crabtree, Conor Tyrrell.

Third Years



3M Back Row: Gary Conroy, Alex Kenny, Jack Byrne, Dylan Byrne. **Front Row:** Calvin Ryan, Victoria Wood, Margaret Johnson, Paul Cummins. **Absent :** Rhys Loy, Eric Whelan.

The School Walk.

By Jason Moriarty

This year I went on my first school walk with my class, here at the De La Salle. We left the school at around 1:35pm after our lunch break that day. We walked down to the coast road, through Raheny, past the hilltop and back to the school. On the walk I had good fun talking and joking about with my friends. The walk itself took my friends around 45 minutes. Before we did the walk we were given sponsor cards. There was a great effort made and everybody managed to raise a lot of money for school funds. I thoroughly enjoyed the school walk and I am looking forward to doing it again next year.

Fourth Years



TY1 Back Row: Ben Gaughan, Daniel Williams, Stephen Kenny, Brian Dillon, Laurynas Liutvaitis, Keith Stafford, Dylan Smith, Craig Griffiths, Adam Keegan. **Front Row:** Fazil Veliyev, Ciara Farrelly, Megan Carpenter, Vivienne Foster, Gemma Gaughan, Dianne Murphy. **Absent:** Barry Davies, Gavin Hickey, Jordan Kearns.



TY2 Back Row: Lee Kelly, Jake Keegan, Josh Redmond, Dylan Byrne, Adam Loughman, Daryl Sherwin, Lee Walsh, Derek Doherty. **Front Row:** Melissa Gray, Laura Horan, Amy O'Sullivan, Adam Kelly. **Absent:** Amy Blackmore, Jennifer Connolly, Matas Gudaitis, Shannon Kelly, Joshua Redmond, Hayley Tierney.

Fifth Years



5.1 Front Row: Daniel Guerin, Ciaran Cordial, Dean Gilroy, Aaron Daly, Danil Chatuncev.

Middle Row: Colin Sheeran, Ian Reynolds, Kristina Lee, Hannah Mooney, Louise Daly, Ciara Manning, Deynagh O'Brien, James Culleton. **Front Row:** Betelehem Mesfein Mekonen, Molly Dunne, Jade Connor, Amy Woods, Niamh McEvoy, Shannon O'Shea. **Absent:** Holly Doyle, Louise Whelan.



5.2 Back Row: Liam Craig, Aaron Dale, Stephen Dolan, Luke Coates, Lee Harris.

Middle Row: Cian Lenihan, Dale Twomey, Christopher Reilly, Glenn Radley, Andrew O'Leary, Ross O'Rourke, Karlin Hamilton. **Front Row:** Hayley Mooney, Carlita Clifford, Sinead Leonard, Tracey Kelly.

Absent: Joseph Carroll, Stephen Smith, Lee Lynch Byrne, Leandra Marsh, Chelsey Murphy, Jonathan Ryan, Denis Samoila, Sam Woolhead.

Fifth Years



5.3 Back Row: Dean McMahon, Eric Kearns, Ciaran Fagan.

Front Row: Cormac O'Shaughnessy, Chantelle Doherty, Cian Flood.

Absent: Leanne Byrne, Shannon Cassin, Andrea Doran, Jonathan McMahon.

Sports

Congratulations to the U17's soccer team who made it all the way to the quarter finals of the league cup. Playing great games against St.Fintans, winning 1-0 with a last minute winner from Luke Coates, and another game against Ballymun, Luke Coates again on the score sheet and a wonderful free kick from Cian Lenihan. The quarter finals came against Marino. It was another brilliant game with Ardscoil La Salle making an excellent start, but then Marino took the lead, Ardscoil La Salle had many chances but could not beat their keeper, with Marino scoring in the last five minutes which ended all our teams hopes for the semi finals. This year's school soccer team had an amazing year with their amazing success, and a very well done for getting so far in the league.

Sixth Years



6.1 Back Row: Dovydas Savicius, Ian McGuinness, Sean Smith, Sam Gormley, Adam Dale, Sam Johnson, Keith O'Brien. **Middle Row:** Ian Corr, Ciaran White, Kate O'Toole, Emily Gilligan, Elizabeth Blackmore, Heather Doyle, Shauna O'Halloran, Molly Woods, Sean Kane, Gary Gaughan. **Front Row:** Aoife Flynn, Nicole Pollard, Linda Fitzgerald, Monique Comendador, Shaday Bates, Nicole Nestor, Jennifer Singleton.



6.2 Back Row: Ridwan Osomoku, David Conroy, Craig Rafferty, Lee Caufield, Andrew Benson, Kenneth Cummins, Aleks Bloch. **Middle Row:** Glen Conroy, Alex Bonnie, Eric Dixon, David Keoghan, Daniel Gainullins, Ben Daly. **Front Row:** Niamh Byrne, Aoife McGearty, Lauren McKenna, Nicole Murray. **Absent:** April Borland, Pauline Healy, Ryan Kenny, Kelly Lawlor, Ian Maher, Simone Prior.

Sixth Years



6.3 Back Row: Ruben Da Silva Lemos, Aleksandrs Zbenovichs.

Front Row: Shannon O'Loughlin, Hayley Doyle, Robyn Roche. **Absent:** Matthew Meehan, James Brady, Darren Moloney, Michael Norris.

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First Year Stories – Starting Secondary

By Jenny Tang:

Starting secondary school was scary at first but very exciting. I was so nervous about my first day but when I got into school I was fine. When I found what class I got into I was delighted. I met all my new teachers and made a lot of new friends. Secondary school is longer hours but we get an hour lunch break to go home. I have a lot more subjects but I enjoy them all. It is a lot harder because we have Christmas and summer exams. I was delighted I got all my options that I picked, as I really wanted to do Home Economics and now really enjoy doing Home Economics.

By Andrew O' Doherty:

My first year in secondary school was challenging. At the beginning it was very strange having to swap classes all the time and meeting all new teachers. It was also hard to remember all their names and deal with meeting all new people in my class but after a few weeks it got easier as I made a lot of new friends. The time in school is longer than primary school but it goes by real quick. The second month was different because I had chosen the subjects I wanted to do but I especially like the fact that you can go home for lunch and it's much longer so I think secondary school is a lot better than primary school.

First Year:

First year is great. I have really enjoyed first year here in Ardscoil La Salle. On the first day I was a bit nervous but after that day I was grand. I made a lot of new friends and had already known some coming into the school. The options I picked were French and Technical Graphics. I really like all my subjects but my top three would be History, Technical Graphics and Science. I did really well on my Christmas exams getting good results, I am happy about my first year in secondary school and I hope the next one's are as good.

Pathways to Law by Ian Corr 6th Year

What is it? The pathways to law programme is a Trinity Access Programme (TAP) which is designed to give senior students a look on what it is like to study law in third level. It is a two year programme from fifth year until the end of sixth year.

Why I did it? I attended the Pathways to Law programme to see what kind of subjects I would study if I choose to study law after my Leaving Certificate and what they in turn involved. It also gave me a very good look into the differences between attending secondary school and going to study in college.

What it involved? In fifth year I was given the opportunity to sit in on different lectures, learned how to gather evidence for a case and how to defend a client. During the summer I took part in a mock trial in which a senior judge oversaw a trial in which myself and the other students involved had to gather information from documents detailing the case and then carry out the full trial. In sixth year I attended another lecture when I took part in a Shadowing Day where I was paired with a first year law student and got to see a full day as a third level student. On the last day of the programme I went to the criminal court and completed an advocacy exercise which is an exercise taken by someone wanting to be a barrister in Kings Inn where I interviewed a client and defended them to get them a less severe punishment because they turned themselves in.

What are my thoughts on the programme? I really enjoyed this programme. It was a great experience and I got a great insight into studying law in third level as well as a look in on college life. I would recommend to anyone interested in or considering studying law in third level that they apply for it.



Talent Show



**Elizabeth Blackmore the
winner of our 2012
Talent Show**

A big thank you is due to all who were involved in the Talent Show this year. The evening was a great success and there was a wonderful atmosphere in the hall.

The show ran very smoothly thanks to Karlin Hamilton and Joe Carroll who introduced the acts. The backstage crew, Daniel Williams, Stephen Kenny, Dianne Murphy and Vivienne Foster were a great asset. Light and sound, provided by PH Systems, was ably operated by past-pupils, Jason O'Connor, David Noonan and Stephen Hatton.

Our adjudicators, all of them past-pupils who are still involved in the entertainment industry, were most impressed with the standard of all the performers and were sorry that they could not award more prizes!

A big congratulation to our three prizewinners; Ciaran Cordial, (3rd), Jonny Ryan, (2nd) and Elizabeth Blackmore, (1st).

Thanks also to the Glee Club for their contribution.

Talent Show 2012



6th Year Geography Fieldtrip



Ms Ganly's and Mr Mythen's 6th year Geography Classes travelled to Balscadden Bay, Howth to complete a geographical investigation in October 2011. The fieldtrip was very successful with all students completing their tasks flawlessly. Students learnt how to inspect the coast for evidence of erosion, transportation and deposition. The sunny weather ensured students and teachers had a great day. Students have now completed their written booklet on the fieldtrip and are looking forward to showing off their excellent knowledge in geography in the Leaving Cert this June. Best of luck to all the geography students in the exam and don't forget a ruler for drawing all your fabulous diagrams etc.

School Life written by: Cheryl Theseira

Chosen By Ryan Kiernan, 1.1

School is a daily routine for us, in the morning, we're sure to make a fuss
Even when the sun is still not up, Here we are, awake at 6am sharp

We feel that school is such a bore We feel that school is such a chore
Parents say, "School's great! Now, go!" We say, "Well, what do you know?"

Late a minute and we have to run, eyes half open, shoelaces undone
We reach school and we see our friends, Immediately, the torture ends

We have a chat and go with the flow, then the bell rings, it is time to go
We may at times find school stressful, to have some fun, we have to bend some rules
Talk back to teachers, and detention we serve, no doubt, it is sometimes what we deserve
Sometimes they are as cold as ice, and other times they're actually really nice

They teach us and give us a helping hand, they're forever ready to listen and be a friend
They have built much confidence in us, just not when they are being really harsh

Over the years of education, never have we had so much learning with action
Such as camps, experiments, concerts and activities, we've learnt so much and even saved the trees

A wise teacher once said aloud - Success is failure turned inside out
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit, rest if you must, but don't you quit

Some may see school as a torture chamber, some cannot wait for the holidays in December
But it depends on how we look at school, honestly, positively, school is cool!

Teachers Memories

Ms. Denham: The 6th years when they were in 2nd year watching Romeo and Juliet, I had to leave the room briefly and came back to find that they had paused the DVD on a 'sensual' scene and I had to hold back the laughter as the class hadn't realised the actors were wearing leotards.

Mr Pender: Scaring Ridwan to death in 3rd year by exploding a jar of hydrogen gas. Not laughed so much in ages!!

Ms. O' Sullivan: - Beirheart Ó Dálaigh and the 'noise'.
- Glen Conroy's slightly worrying obsession with his new phone. - Elizabeth Blackmore playing air guitar in class not realising I could see her!!

Mr. Brennan: Ridwan: -Climbing up to the top of the stand in Oriel Park Dundalk, and shouting down at Sam Dempsey while the match was in progress. Can't repeat what he said! -Ridwan 'playing' gaelic football.- Getting beaten up by young lads in his boxing club. **David Keoghan:** Not being able to play a school match on Thursday because he had a club match on the Sunday, and only being a sub for the club team. - Developing a taste for Guinness on his 18th birthday. **Eric Dixon:** Eric's sartorial elegance, especially his gangsta outfit and the Aran geansaí! **Monique Commendador:** Speaking Welsh with Mr. Coyle and those head-phones! **David Conroy:** Ending up in Beaumont hospital every time he played gaelic for the school. **Aleks Z:** His meat ball sandwiches for lunch and his flask of ?? **Keith O'Brien- Grant:** Selling his car to Sam Johnson. **Daniel Gainullins:** His penchant for covering copies and text-books in graffiti.

Sam Johnson: Despite driving his car to school still couldn't manage to be on time. **Lauren Mckenna:** Lauren and others playing gaelic for the school and never winning a match. In fact, they conceded 18 goals in one match, none of which were Laurens fault. So she said anyway! **Alex Bonnie:** Giving answers to questions I didn't even ask. **Ridwan:** Letting Cian O'Flynn practice his hair-dressing on his head. **Glen Conroy:** Fancying himself as a bit of a hipster when Cheltenham was on. **Danny O'Brien:** Danny playing gaelic football and giving your man the "Shoulder". **Ryan Kenny:** Discussing rugby on a Monday morning with Ryan, a big Leinster fan! **Ciaran White:** Burning the toast every morning in breakfast club! **Adam Dale:** Adam embracing country living by getting a summer job driving a tractor! **Lee Caulfield:** Telling everyone how great a boxer he was! **Ken Cummins:** Once he met his girlfriend, he completely calmed down.- Failing to score a goal at all in 6th year. **Sam Gormley:** The facial jewellery, especially the lump of metal or shrapnel in his ear.

Ms Ni R: Alex Bonnie thinking he was yoda in Home Economics -**Ms Ni R** going eeny meenie miny mo at the students when **Monique Comendador** asked if we were going to be dissecting human hearts -**Ian Corr's** reaction when I told him the reason women did not have a Y chromosome was because they have standards. They don't make men.

Ms Ganley: Thanks to my wonderful 6th year geography class for putting up with my poor art skills and introducing me to all the cool Dublin songs "Can I have a shot of that" best of luck to you all! You were a wonderful class.

iPads at Ardscoil La Salle

The Board of Management, School Management and Staff are delighted to announce that the school is to introduce Apple iPads for use in each subject area. The first students to avail of this will be incoming first years. This will be continued each year until all year groups are using this technology as a normal aid to their education. It will allow the staff to communicate with the students in the supply of homework, corrected work, examinations and for ease of communication between management and parents concerning items such as absenteeism, illness, permission to attend career days to name but a few. Having the school books stored on an iPad will greatly reduce the weight that each young student will have to carry to school in a school bag.

The new initiative on Literacy and Numeracy launched this year by the Department of Education and Skills will form a background to the learning methods of our new first year students with the use of iPads. The iPad has proven to be an excellent tool for students with learning difficulties. There are many educational apps available for the teacher and student to help cover the required material in each subject.

The Board and all at Ardscoil La Salle are looking forward to working with you and your son/daughter on this new development. It will be an exciting time for all concerned. Please visit www.apple.com/education/ipad for more information.

Student Council



This is the first student council Ardscoil La Salle has ever has. On the Council this year there is so far this year the student council have had a meeting with the board of Management, fixed up the bathrooms and organised a non-uniform day in aid of Temple Street Children's Hospital.

The most successful was the non-uniform day which we have raised a total of €450 for Temple Street Children's Hospital. We would all like to thank Mr. Mc Elhinney for setting up the student council and making it such a success.

The Sam Maguire Comes To Ardscoil La Salle.

Dublin football star David Henry brought the Sam Maguire cup to the school in March. All the students got to hold the cup and get their photo taken with the Sam Maguire, David Henry and their classmates. All-Ireland winner, David Henry, is very familiar with Ardscoil La Salle as he plays his football with local GAA club Raheny and his father Mr. Gene Henry taught history here for many years. David teaches in local primary school Holy Trinity and he met several of his past pupils during his visit to Ardscoil La Salle. We're all hoping to see Sam back again next year.

The Sam Maguire



Viking Splash



On Tuesday 17th April, TY1 braved the elements to venture on the Viking Splash Tour accompanied by Ms. Meade and Ms. McGovern. An insight into what Viking life was like was shared with the students throughout the trip. The tour guide also divulged many other interesting and oftentimes humorous historical Dublin facts which added to the enjoyable of the outing. A hugely fun-filled afternoon was had by all, accumulating when the amphibious tour bus plunged into the Grand Canal Lake! Although drenched, rather than splashed, a highly entertaining and memorable afternoon was had by all!



A Gleeful Year

Our first task in hand was to prepare for the now annual Christmas carolling service in Jervis Shopping Centre. The club decided to raise money for Barnardos. The Glee Club travelled to the Jervis Centre on Thursday, 15th December. The singers performed brilliantly for a whole afternoon and raised a very respectable €350 for Barnardos.

They began rehearsals straight after Christmas for the annual Talent Show. A "love lost" theme was decided upon, given the timing of the Talent Show on Valentine's week. Songs featured were "Jar of Hearts", complete with jars of glowing hearts and "How to save a life", with the singers wearing lab coats to coincide with the Fray's hit as the Grey's Anatomy theme tune. Four of our esteemed dancers wrapped up the set with their own creative and highly entertaining piece. The club's performance was met with a well-deserved rapturous applause!



Well done to all the Glee members involved in this year's activities.

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4th Year Review

TY was a great opportunity to try things you wouldn't normally do in school. We got to try out every optional subject for the leaving cert. This makes the decision on what subjects a pupil wants to do easier. Also, the transition years went on several exciting trips throughout the year.

These included a comedy show in the Olympia Theatre, a lunch time recital in the National Concert Hall, 7up Winter Wonderland in Kilmanam, a couple of trips to the cinema, yahoo headquarters in East point Business Park, hiking in the Wicklow mountains and Extreme sports in Balbriggan. Also, during the Christmas season, Mr. Dever and Mr. Noonan brought a group of TYs to St. Francis Hospice in Raheny to sing Christmas carols for the residents. The TYs got very involved with the new 1st years in the school. There was a paired reading programme set up by Ms. Weir. This was a programme set up to improve 1st years reading abilities with the help of transition year students. As well as this, every 1st year was given a transition year mentor to make sure they are getting on ok in school. As part of this, the TYs took part in leadership training in Donaghmede Youth Club. There were other courses the TYs took part in as well. These were Squashy Couch (sex education) and Drug Awareness. Work experience was a great opportunity to experience the world of work. Students had to find work experience for two weeks in November and two weeks in February. Overall TY was a great chance to do things you wouldn't have normally had the chance to do. It was a nice break from exam pressure and it was a good way for students to mature, build confidence and learn more about themselves. During transition year students learn more about careers and it makes it easier to find out what you want to do after you leave school.

By

Brian Dillon & Jordan Ann Kearns

4th Years!

Mini Company Fund Raising

We began to set up the mini company by arranging fundraising events such as a car wash. We also asked teachers and others students to invest in the tuck shop. We bought all our Supplies at Musgrave's. We asked Mr.Coolahan if we could use one of the supply rooms as a place to sell our supplies. Everyone in class got a job to do in the shop on different days.

Work Experience

I think the work experience was a good way to learn about work after school. It helped me build my confidence a lot. I learned a lot of things from my work experience like communicating and dealing with people.

It was enjoyable and I met a lot of different people through my work experience.

Work Experience

I chose to do transition year purely because of the work experience. For the first week I looked for work in a primary school. I wanted to work in four completely different places to show I had different experiences each time. It let me experience something new instead of just sitting in a class all day until 4:10 and it also gave me the chance to meet new people.

The Complete Sixth Year Survey

Category	Nominations	Winner
Most Charming	Glenn Conroy Ben Daly Shannon O'Loughlin Eric Dixon	Glenn Conroy
Class Chatterbox	Ben Daly Molly Woods Robyn Roche Nicole Murray	Molly Woods
Most likely to be remembered	Robyn Roche Ian McGuinness Andrew Benson Ridwan Osomoku	Ridwan Osomoku
Best person to be stuck on a desert island with	Adam Dale Aleks Bloch Darren Moloney Ben Daly	Ben Daly
Most likely to save the world	Gary Gaughan Ciaran White Jenny Singleton Andrew Benson	Gary Gaughan
Be a professional footballer	Adam Dale Glen Conroy Kenneth Cummins Darren Moloney	Kenneth Cummins

The Complete Sixth Year Survey

Category	Nominations	Winner
Work as a teacher at the school	Ciaran White Shaday Bates Sam Johnson Gary Gaughan	Gary Gaughan
Become a Millionaire	Gary Gaughan Ian Corr Eric Dixon Monique Comendador	Eric Dixon
Win X-Factor	Shaday Bates Elizabeth Blackmore Kelly Lawlor Andrew Benson	Kelly Lawlor
Most likely to star in Jersey Shore	Nicole Murray Lee Caufield Kelly Lawlor Keith O'Brien	Lee Caufield
Most reliable	Monique Commenador Gary Gaughan Eric Dixon Ian McGuinness	Monique Commenador
Most likely to run for president	Gary Gaughan Andrew Benson Kenneth Cummins Robyn Roche	Andrew Benson
Most likely to become a comedian	Ian Corr Andrew Benson Sam Gormley Ben Daly	Ben Daly

The Complete Sixth Year Survey

Category	Nominations	Winner
Best Dancer	Mickey Norris Lauren McKenna Shaday Blake Emily Gilligan	Emily Gilligan
The next James Bond	Ciaran White Mickey Norris Andrew Benson Darren Moloney	Andrew Benson
Become a professional boxer	Ridwan Osomoku Eric Dixon Keith O'Brien Craig Rafferty	Keith O'Brien
Most Sporty	Sean Kane David Conroy Glen Conroy Kenneth Cummins	Kenneth Cummins
Most School Spirit	Andrew Benson Gary Gaughan Monique Comendador Ben Daly	Ben Daly

Sixth Year Memories

In second year **Jenny Singleton** fell into the bush backwards.

When **Mr. O'Brien** gave us all detention in first year when he lost his magnet.

Mr. McElhinney singing rap songs in extra English.

Ben Daly and his taco songs.

Ms Mooney saying "to be fair!"

Ridwan getting in trouble with Monique.

The songs at 11 O'clock break.

Power walks to Edenmore.

In 4th year when **Nicole Pollard**, **Seán Smith**, **Sam Johnson** and **Molly Woods** got stuck in a bush when rock climbing.

Mr Noonan's talent show song.

Shauna O'Halloran and **Libby** trying to fit **Shauna** into the locker.

Ms Clarkes Raps.

Ben and his psp.

Ms McCabe rule 2 twenty times- don't be late!!

Mr O Grady confiscating Lauren's hat.

Ms. Hackett telling **Aleks Bloch** that she saw his grave in France.

Mr. Coyle disposing of the dead bird.

Playing monopoly in class.

Throwing eggs and butter around in the Home Ec room.

Ms Hackett playing paintball.

Mr McElhinney "I will throw the dart at you if you do not study"

Mr Brennans "funny" jokes.

Craig Rafferty getting caught cutting the table in 2nd year by **Mr O'Grady**.

Molly Woods breaking the lights in the cabinets by sitting on them.

A heart stuck behind the radiator in class- a remote from the projector was there too! (In case anyone needs it!)

Ms O' Connor happily swinging on her chair.

Mr Pender fighting with the skeleton. And sometimes dancing with it too!

Ms Weir making us push in our chairs at the end of class.

Merit Awards

1ST YEAR

for - Academic Endeavour

Ryan Kiernan, James McMahon,
Dagemaulit Mesfein Mekonen,
Andrew O'Doherty, Luke O'Shaughnessy,
Hayley Smith, Jenny Tang, Rebecca Tierney,
Robert Dunleavy, Alec Palaghia,
Andrew Palaghia, Darragh Quigley,
Abbey Singleton, Nadia Tougher.

for - Academic Endeavour &

Excellent Attendance & GAA:

Roy Jones

for - Academic Endeavour &

Contribution to Cultural Activities

Cain Powell, Jack Brady

for - Academic Endeavour &

Excellent Attendance & Contribution

to Cultural Activities:

Rebecca Leech

for - Contribution to Cultural Activities:

Louise Fitzgerald

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to

GAA:

Jason Moriarty

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to

Chess:

Becky O'Connor

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to

Green-Schools:

Jack Rock

for - Contribution to GAA & Soccer:

Ross Coyle

for - Contribution to Chess:

John Paul Mulvaney

2ND YEAR

for - Academic Endeavour

Jamie Byrne, Shane Carr, Eoghan Farrell,
Shantel Flynn, Dylan Leech, Conor McCormack,
Chloe McCormack Grant, Joshua McDonnell,
Thomas O'Connor, Adam Quinn, Claire Smith,
Keith Hale, Sean Plummer, Conor Reilly,
Carla Cassidy, Dean Lennon, Amy Mulhall.

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to

Cultural Activities:

Orla McKay

for - Excellent Attendance:

David Groark Peate

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to

GAA & Soccer:

Matthew Carter

for - Excellent Attendance & Contribution to

GAA:

Daniel Murphy

for - Contribution to Soccer:

Lee Conroy



3RD YEAR

for - Academic Endeavour

Eve Breslin, Paul Brown, Adam Cooney, James O'Doherty, Megan O'Sullivan, Jennifer Reynolds, Gemma Walsh Brown, Craig Connor, Alexandra Scott, Dylan Byrne, Paul Cummins

for - Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance:

Dominik Zwarden

for - Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Trinity Access Programme:

Darragh White

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Trinity Access Programme:

Jake Burke, Kevin Leech, Conor O'Hara

for - Academic Endeavour - Contribution to Cultural Activities:

Adam Powell, Catriona O'Brien

for - Academic Endeavour - Contribution to Green-Schools & Cultural Activities:

Ryan McSherry

for - Excellent Attendance:

Ivan Cerednichenko, Robert Whelan, Margaret Johnson

for - Contribution to GAA:

Leon Murphy

for - Contribution to GAA & Soccer:

Jason Ryan, Mark Somers

for - Contribution to Trinity Access Programme:

Donna Maher

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for - Contribution to the Student Council:

Joshua McDonnell, Adam Cooney, Craig Connor



The John Slattery Award

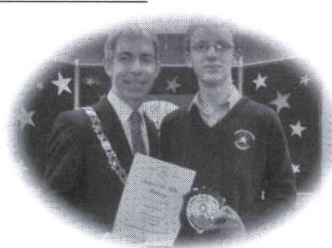
This award was set up in memory of the late Mr. John Slattery, who taught in this school for many years, working especially at encouraging the academic progress of junior students. It is given to a pupil in

Junior cycle who has consistently shown a positive attitude to schoolwork and helpfulness and courtesy to fellow-pupils and to teachers, even when the going gets tough.

This year, for excellent behaviour, for consistent hard work, for unflinching co-operation with

teachers, for displaying strength of character in pursuing the personal goal of trying always to achieve the best possible academic standards, the John Slattery award goes to:

Conor O'Hara



Junior Sportsperson of the Year

This award is made to a student who has consistently displayed the highest standards of sportsmanship, combining a high level of athletic skill with team spirit and who, while exhibiting enthusiastic competitiveness, yet always strives to play fair, leads by example, inspiring team-mates to greater effort.

This year, for Soccer and Gaelic football, for showing a mature understanding of the game, for being highly motivated, consistently helpful to teammates and trainers and always performing at the highest level of sportsmanship.

The Junior Sportsperson of the Year goes to:

Matthew Carter

Junior Student of the Year for 2012

The award of Junior Student of the Year 2012 goes to two pupils who have maintained the highest standards of excellence in all areas of school life over the past three years. These students have been exemplary in character, respectful of others, steadfastly cooperative with and obliging to both teachers and fellow-students. Highly motivated, extremely diligent, conscientious in attendance and punctuality, our Junior Student of the Year consistently strives for and reaches the goal of academic excellence.

For the pursuit of excellence in all fields, for consistent commitment to studies, for displaying strength of character and outstanding personal integrity, the students who have well and truly deserved the accolade of Junior Student of the Year 2012 are:

Paul Brown & Jake Burke



SENIOR MERIT AWARDS

2012 5th YEAR

for - Academic Endeavour:

Danil Chatuncev, James Culleton, Daniel Guerin, Ciara Manning, Niamh McEvoy, Betelehem Mesfein Mekonen,

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution Cultural Activities:

Ian Reynolds, Louise Daly, Hayley Mooney, Andrew O'Leary.

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Cultural Activities

Jade Connor, Ciaran Cordial, Shannon O'Shea, Amy Woods, Dale Twomey.

for - Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Soccer:

Colin Sheeran

for - Academic Endeavour Contribution to

Trinity Access programme:

Deynagh O'Brien

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to GAA:

Dean McMahon

for - Contribution to GAA & Cultural Activities:

Karlin Hamilton

for - Contribution to GAA & Soccer:

Stephen Dolan

for - Contribution to Soccer:

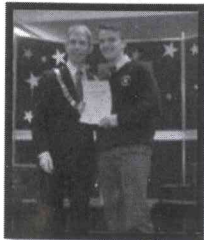
Aaron Daly

for - Contribution to Cultural Activities:

Jonathan Ryan, Hannah Mooney

for - Contribution to School Life

Tracey Kelly, Sinead Leonard



6th YEAR

for - Academic Endeavour:

Monique Comendador, Gary Gaughan, Emily Gilligan, Nicole Nestor, Sean Smith, Molly Woods, Lauren McKenna, Ryan Kenny.

for - Academic Endeavour & Excellent

Attendance: Aoife McGearry

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Le Chéile:

Shauna O'Halloran

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution Cultural Activities and Trinity Access Programme:

Ian Corr

Shaday Bates, Linda Fitzgerald

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to School Completion:

Ciaran White

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Soccer

David Conroy, Kenneth Cummins

for - Contribution to Le Chéile:

Niamh Byrne

for - Contribution to Soccer:

Glen Conroy

for - Contribution to Cultural Activities:

Elizabeth Blackmore



TRANSITION YEAR.

For - Academic Endeavour

Vivienne Foster, Dianne Murphy, Derek Doherty, Adam Loughman, Amy O'Sullivan, Daryl Sherwin, Hayley Tierney.

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Paired Reading:

Gemma Gaughan

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Cultural Activities:

Daniel Williams

for - Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Paired Reading, Green-Schools and School Life:

Brian Dillon

for - Contribution to Paired Reading and Cultural Activities:

Megan Carpenter

for - Contribution to Paired Reading & Green-Schools and Cultural Activities:

Jennifer Connolly

for - Contribution to Paired Reading & Green Schools:

Jordan Ann Kearns, Amy Blackmore

for - Contribution to Paired Reading:

Ciara Farrelly, Adam Keegan, Laurynas Liutvaitis, Keith Stafford, Jake Keegan.

for - Contribution to Paired Reading & Mini Company:

Shannon Kelly

for - Contribution to Mini Company & Cultural Activities:

Stephen Kenny

for - Contribution to GAA:

Craig Griffiths Blount

for - Contribution to Cultural Activities:

Gavin Hickey Hoolahan

Senior Sportsperson of the Year

The Senior Sportsperson of the Year is an all-round sportsperson, a key member of the school team, whether in soccer, Gaelic football or hurling, a player of distinction, with a strong sense of team spirit and outstanding ability, always generous in victory and courageous in defeat.

We look for an athlete who besides being a committed, passionate and determined performer on the pitch, has shown impressive leadership ability, leading by example in training and on the field, motivating and spurring on team mates before and during matches and the students who have well and truly deserved the accolade of Senior Sportsperson of the Year.

This year, we have great pleasure in awarding the title of Senior Sportsperson of the Year to:

Glen Conroy



Senior Student of the Year 2012

When choosing the Senior Student of the Year, we look for an exemplary pupil, a student who has maintained for five or for six years a consistent commitment to study at the highest level, who has achieved excellent results in the Junior Cert and continues to apply the same high standards to preparations for the Leaving Certificate.

The Student of the Year is not only outstandingly able in academic work, but also possesses sterling personal qualities: displaying uprightness, maturity, helpfulness; treating both staff and fellow-students with unfailing courtesy and consideration; always completely reliable, outstandingly honourable, and utterly unassuming.

Outgoing and supportive of fellow-students and of teachers, combining meticulous schoolwork and outstanding academic achievement with the highest ideals of personal integrity and all-round excellence of character, we have great pleasure in awarding the title of Senior Student of the Year to:

Ian Corr



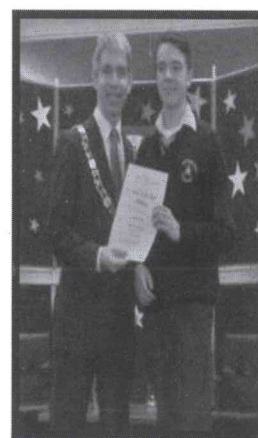
STUDENT COUNCIL.

for - Contribution to the Student Council:

Amy Woods, Chairperson

Molly Woods, Secretary

Megan Carpenter, Fazil Veliyev, Shauna O'Halloran, Ben Daly.



Merit Award



Farewell to Ardscoil!

In 1979, long before any of the pupils and many of the teachers were born, I started off in Ardscoil La Salle as a student teacher. I had just finished my degree and was studying for my Higher Diploma in Maynooth. I was lucky to be able to observe and learn from a number of teachers and, as there was a job available the following year, I became a permanent fixture! Well, not so permanent now, of course, having decided to take early retirement in February.



Looking back over my years in the school, I have to say that most of my memories are really happy ones. During my career in the school, I have had the privilege of working with many fine colleagues and have formed lasting friendships. The fact that my sons chose to attend the school and that I was completely happy with their decision is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of both teaching and non-teaching staff. I have been honoured to teach many wonderful students over the years and some have become good friends since they themselves left school. I've sung at some of their weddings and I've even appeared on stage with a few of them!

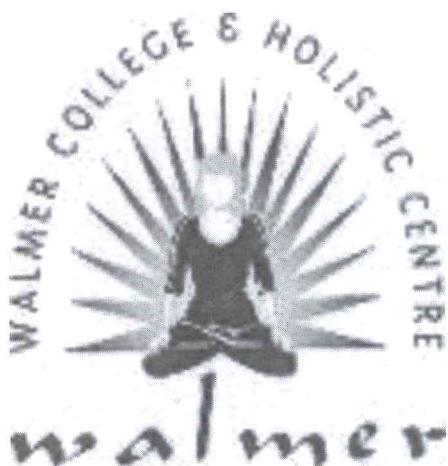
I particularly cherish the memories of shows and talent shows as well as the groups of students who took part in liturgies and who formed choirs and played music for the 6th Year Graduations.

I hope that I have been of some help to the students of Ardscoil and that there are not too many who have unpleasant memories of my classes!

I wish all the present 6th Year and 3rd Year students the very best of luck in their exams in June and I hope that Ardscoil La Salle will continue to serve the local community for many years to come.

With my best wishes and my thanks to you all,

Gerry Noonan, (The Galloping Major!)



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Fire burns its lonely ashes as evening performs the day the smell of rotting wood has left and daylight does his dance.

Pink and colour and cold in touch our moon is being so kind to offer the light to see her smiles as the blowing wind brushes our dreams closer.

Spinning eyes we left in the sand and said our tears upon the water all remains but a single grin and a story yet to end.

Be at hope or desperation we found the sun again buried by twisted grasping stars that breathe life into fire.

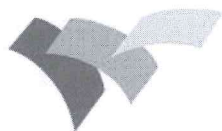
Written By Jonny Ryan 5.2

Scholarship News

Daniel William T.Y has been awarded a scholarship to the Chemistry Summer School, which is organised jointly by Trinity College and Bristol University which takes place in Bristol University for the 24th – 29th of June.

This is a unique opportunity for Daniel to study with other second level students from Ireland and the UK. Daniel will enhance his interest in chemistry during the summer school. He is one of just three Dublin students awarded this scholarship. Scholarships were awarded by the Trinity Access Programme (TAP).

The award was based on Daniel's Junior Cert results in maths and science and his personal statement which explored his interest in chemistry and his plans for further study at third level. This is a wonderful opportunity. Well done Daniel.



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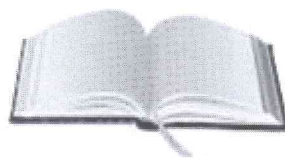
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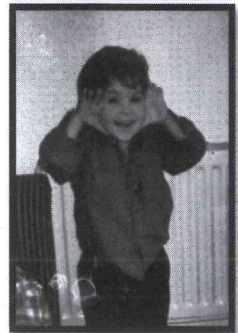
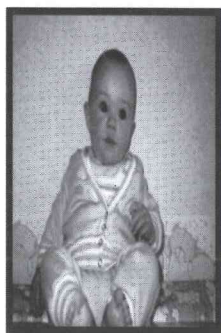
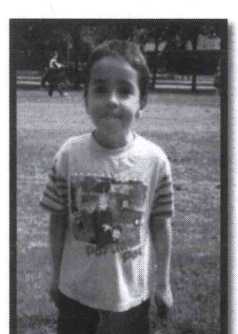
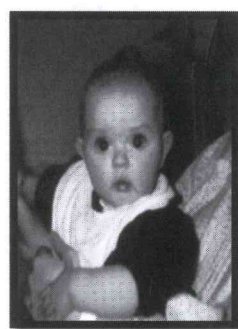
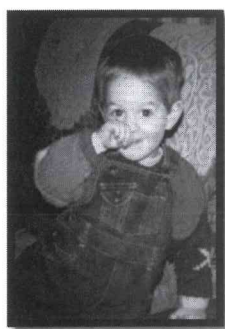
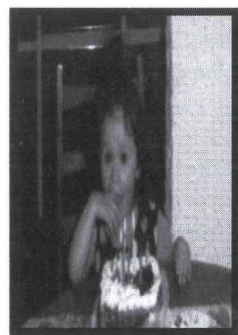
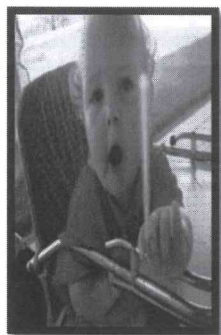
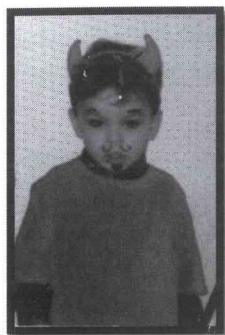
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Some babies!

Our Sixth Years

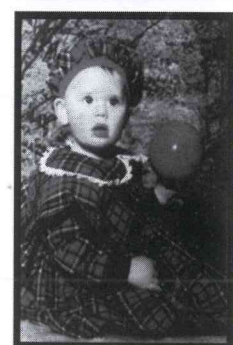
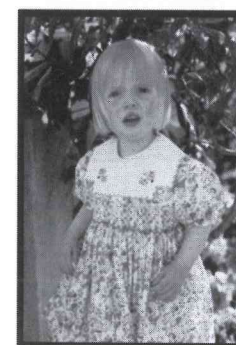
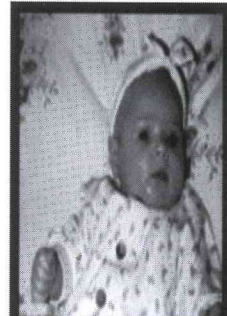
Guess who? The names are at the bottom of this page! (left to right)



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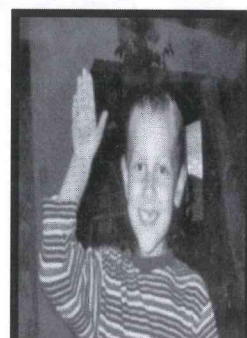
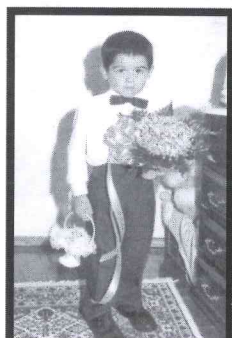
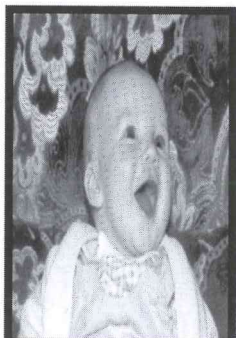
Some Babies!

Our Sixth Years



1) Ian Corr 2) Keith O'Brien 3) Lauren McKenna 4) Linda Fitzgerald 5) David and Glenn Conroy 6) Ian McGuinness 7) Jennifer Singleton 8) Niamh Byrne 9) Monique comendador 10) Kelly Lawlor 11) Kate O'Toole 12) Nicole Nestor 13) Nicole Pollard 14) Shauna O'Halloran 15) Simone Prior

Some Babies! Our Sixth Years



1) Lee Caufield 2) Nicole Murray 3) Ruben Da Silva Lemos 4) Aleks Bloch.

Yahoo (Mock Interviews)

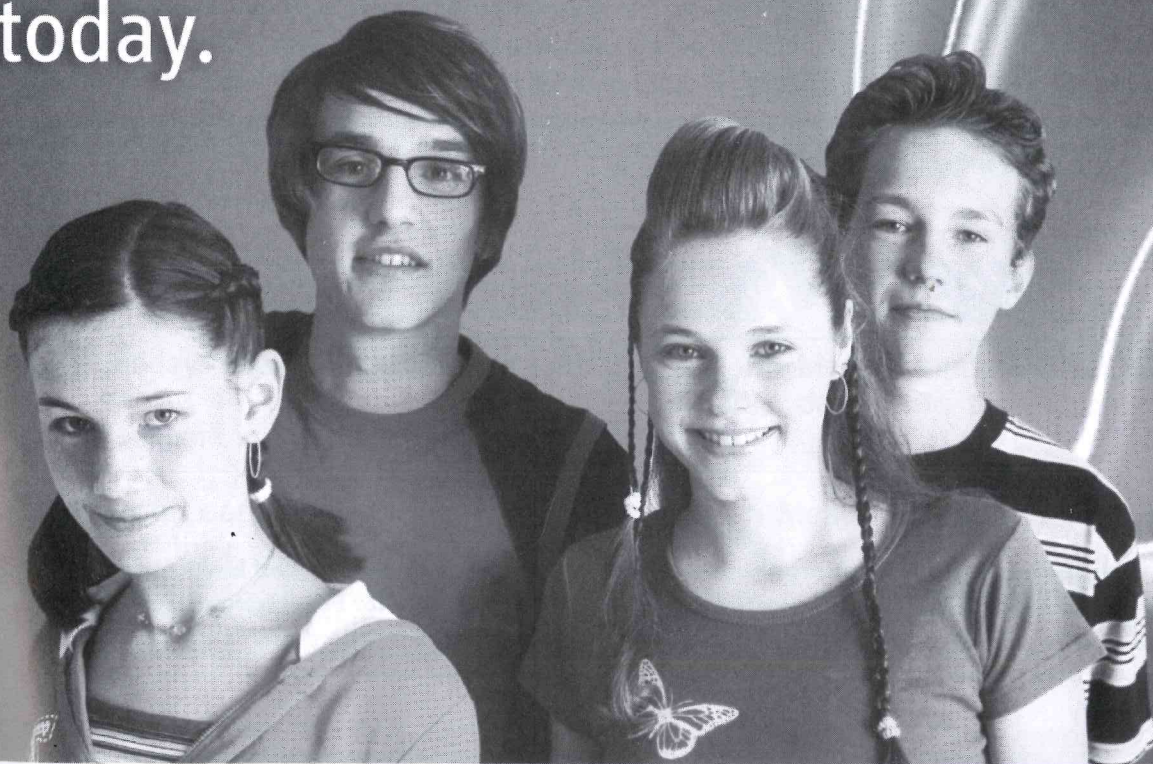
Transition Year pupils continued their Skills@work programme with YAHOO, with the mock interviews on April 20th. Having previously experienced a work shop in Curriculum Vitae writing, business etiquette and interview tips, the pupils submitted their C.V.'s and went through the interview process at Yahoo's offices in East Point Business Park. All impressed in the interviews, and several were awarded prizes for their efforts.

Among the prize winners were: **Vivienne Foster, Adam Loughman, and Amy Blackmore.**

We look forward to hosting the wrap up session in the study hall on Friday 18th, when the pupils present the staff of YAHOO with several mementos of the programme before being presented with certificates of participation.

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Green School Committee



At the beginning of the school year Ardscoil La Salle, Raheny set up a Green Schools Committee. The student members of the committee include; **Amy Blackmore, Brian Dillon, Jack Rock, Jennifer Connolly, Jordan Kearns, and Ryan Mc Sherry.** The committee members have been very busy over the past few months attempting to find ways in which the school can reduce waste. The students have collected information by taking questionnaires, completing waste and litter surveys and completing a waste audit. All the information has been collected and recorded and the school hopes to reduce its waste by at least 30 percent in the coming school year. We urge all of the students in the school to continue recycling and reducing waste in their own homes in an effort to create a cleaner more sustainable environment for our community. Thanks to Ms Ganley for making this possible and setting up Green Schools.

Fourth Year Sleepover



Gemma Gaughan

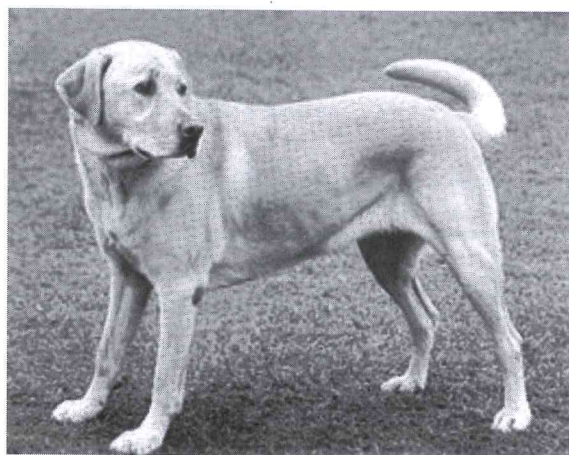
Dianne Murphy, Vivienne Foster and Myself organised it with some help from Ms.Cooper and Mr.Mythen. It was an enjoyable experience for all students who fully participated. We raised over €250 for Focus Ireland, We made pizza and watched movies, an overall good night for all students. Thanks to the teachers who came along too!

35th Grange Scouts
Weds 8pm
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Civic Social and Political Education

Last March Mr McElhinney's classes 3.1 and 3.1A went to visit the DSPCA. The classes enjoyed seeing the animals that were there and learned lots about animal welfare and rights. This was in aid of enlightening them about the issue for their CSPE projects for the Junior Cert this summer. The project forms sixty percent of the CSPE exam. Good luck to all!!



Marble Arch Caves Trip May 8th

On Tuesday May 8th, Ms.Weir, Mr.Pender, Ms.Meade and Ms.McGovern accompanied 44 1st, 2nd & 3rd Year students on a day trip to the Marble Arch Caves Geopark in Co. Fermanagh.

Following an early start, the group travelled through Meath, Cavan and eventually arrived at their destination in the rugged Cuilcagh mountains of South-West Fermanagh. Following a short, but informative audio visual information session on the caves, the large group was split in three and each subgroup was led through the underground cave system by a very interesting and well informed tour guide.

There the students learned about the history and discovery of the caves by the famous French speleologist Martel. They also observed a wide range of cave formations, including stalagmites, stalactites and columns. Some of these are even affectionately named, due to their lifelike resemblance to food like cauliflower, streaky bacon and porridge to name but a few. Other formations magically took the shape of an elephant, a frog and even the Simpsons!

The highlight of the trip for many was the Moses walk where it appeared the river had been split in two and amazing reflections, similar to scenes from the Lord of the Rings or the lost land of Atlantis could be viewed.

Overall, both students and staff enjoyed the show caves thoroughly and fun was had by all our budding Geographers!

5th Year Biology Trip



Ms. Ní Rathallaigh's two Biology fifth year classes went on a trip to Dublin Zoo in order to complete their ecology practical section of their Leaving Certificate Biology course. The students were also accompanied by Ms. McCabe. When we got to the zoo we were greeted by one of the staff members of Dublin Zoo, we were brought to a field to carry out our field study and after this we took a couple of hours to have a ramble around the zoo. Altogether a great day was had by all. Glad to have been a part of this and many thanks to Ms. Ní R and Ms. McCabe for making this trip happen.

Anti – Bullying week

By Caitríona O'Brien, 3.1A

This year we had an anti-bullying week to raise awareness of bullying. In that week we had a competition for the best poster, the best slogan and the best poem.

The poster I entered had a girl with a black eye. My poster showed that the girl had been hit because of where she came from.

My poster raised awareness about how other people can be bullied.

The prizes for each of the three competitions were £20 book voucher for any book store. Paul Cummins won the slogan competition and Adam Powell had the winning poem.

Celebration of Catholic Schools Week

Ardscoil La Salle celebrated Catholic Schools Week. During that week the school seized the opportunity to celebrate the contribution that Catholic Education makes to their community. Many Services were held in the school and students, teachers and parents were invited to become involved in the vibrant faith community which characterises our school. The theme *Catholic Schools – Rooted in Jesus Christ is Inspired by the Pastoral Letter of Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI to the Catholics of Ireland, which was published on 20th March 2010.*

Mathematics

P.R.I.S.M.

The annual problem-solving for Irish second level mathematicians (PRISM) contest aims to encourage students to take an interest in problem-solving from an early age. This year's PRISM competition took place on Thursday 20th of October with largest school teams of 30 students at both Junior and Senior Levels.

Eoghan Farrell, Ian Corr and Gary Gaughan were all placed within the top 100 students in Ireland in their age categories.

Computational Thinking.

This Competition, sponsored by Microsoft and run by the Computer Science, Mathematics and philosophy department of NUI Maynooth, was open to all students attending a Secondary School in Ireland. There were 80 Irish towns and Cities to choose from. The challenge was to connect 40 Irish towns in a closed loop, where each jump is at least 40km. Although the task seems simple, it is drawn from the most challenging set of problems in computer science: the set of NP- Complete problems.

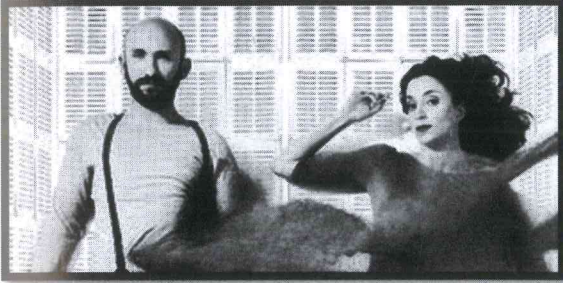
A big congratulations to Jamie Byrne who was places 16th in this competition and receives a presentation from NUI Maynooth.

Jamie Byrne (1st Year) – Computational Thinking.



To win the competition I had to join up forty dots around Ireland and make the last dot come back to the first one. The dots could not be less than forty meters away from one another, I spent ages trying to figure this out but in the end, when I got it to work, I was really happy.

Fifth Year outing to Macbeth



Students of 5.1 and 5.2 recently attended the production of Shakespeare's Macbeth at The Helix. Well done to all students involved for their interested and respectful behaviour during the performance! The production certainly brought the play to life and hopefully will prove to be a night to remember.

6th Year Art Trip



Our art class went to the Contemporary Art Museum in St. Stephens Green with Ms. Mooney. This was the most interesting trip because the art was modern and Mazer had an exhibition on it and it was similar to the one in our school that he had done with us. We also went to Trinity to see an exhibition. By: Nicole Murray.

Our Sixth Years 2011 - 2012

