



# Ursuline College Sligo



## NEWS BULLETIN – 28/1/2022

Key updates and information for parents/guardians, staff & students






### Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2022

This week across the island we celebrated Catholic schools' week. This year's theme is *Catholic schools: living life to the full*. This theme reflects the gradual opening of society after the pandemic and the increased opportunities to engage in activities that are fundamental to the full development of our students.

This week we acknowledge the huge contribution made by students, parents, grandparents, teachers, special needs assistants and all school employees. We continue to strive for the good not just of our school society but for our community in general. Ursuline students are well known for their heightened awareness of environmental and societal issues, helping to change the world, making it a kinder, more inclusive and a welcoming place. Here in Ursuline College, we embrace the holistic development of our students focusing on respect, community, and faith formation.



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### Budding Detectives

The detectives are on the case! As part of the TY chemistry module, class 4B took part in a forensics class. They covered the areas of finger printing, eyewitness testing and DNA extraction. The class really enjoyed it, and hopefully this has inspired some future careers in forensic science. [#weareucs](#) [#womeninstem](#) [#forensicscience](#)



## Soccer Super Stars!!

Huge congratulations to our budding International Soccer Stars. Three of our students have donned the Green of Ireland this week and represented their country. What an amazing achievement for the girls and a very proud moment for their family and friends.

Well done to TY student Alice Lillie who was part of the U16 Irish women's team who faced Portugal earlier this week.



Congratulations to Rachel McGoldrick (2<sup>nd</sup> year) and Mairéad McIntyre (1<sup>st</sup> year) who both represented FA Ireland on Sunday, in matches v Northern Ireland. Well done girls, what a great achievement. We are all so proud of you.....

*C'mon you girls in Green!!!!*



## The Feast of St. Angela Merici

On Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, Ursuline Schools across Ireland celebrated the Feast of St. Angela Merici. St. Angela founded the Ursuline's in 1535. She set up schools across many countries, including Ursuline College Sligo in 1850.

St. Angela valued the influence and role of women in affecting change

and believed in the dignity and uniqueness of each individual. Her teachings also focused on fostering courage and confidence in justice and truth. She encouraged a caring and respectful attitude towards self, others, and the environment. At Ursuline College, we try our best each day to follow the teachings of St. Angela. Our students celebrated the Feast of St. Angela with a well-earned sweet treat. Here, you can find a link to a video that was shared with our staff and students on the feast day. It shares the story of St. Angela Merici and the founding of the Ursuline Sisters.



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vnqwhfEH9IWnNJTi11-1kNu-dHa6b0K6/view?usp=drivesdk>

## Friday Feels

*Take time to rest and recharge so you can come back ready to work hard!*

**'Rest is not idle,  
not wasteful.  
Sometimes rest is  
the most productive  
thing you can do for  
your body and soul.'**

*- Erica Layne*



## Purple Day



As part of their YSI programme, 4A organised a "Purple day" in support of the charity Plan International, an organisation that advances children's rights and equality for girls. Purple day took place Friday, the 28th of January. 4A asked for a donation of €2 from each student participating in the purple day, who wore a purple item of clothing.



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