



ST LOUIS HIGH SCHOOL



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2022

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

*As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.*

*May the brilliant colours of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.*

*May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.*

*May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given
and bounty we are to share with others.*

*May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is
temporary and life is eternal.*

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

We have had an extremely busy start to this year. Well done to everyone in the school community for your contribution to making St Louis High School such a vibrant and dynamic community of learning.

Cherishing the values of respect, gratitude, generosity, inclusivity, diversity, compassion, love of God, family and planet earth is extremely important to us. We aim to build on our rich traditions and look beyond the school walls and engage with our extremely complex and challenged world.

We hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and that it gives you a flavour of the busy life of St Louis High School.

We wish everybody a safe and happy Halloween with plenty of rest and relaxation over the midterm break.

- Ms McDonough (Principal)



SRC 2022-2023

The Student Representative Council, more commonly known as the SRC, or to the student population as “your ones in green”!! is an important part of life in St. Louis High School. As head Girl, I have the great privilege of leading this team. Our role is to represent all the students in our school and to ensure that their voices are heard. It is our job to build the best possible relationship with our teachers and school leaders and together with them to build a school community where everyone is happy to learn and grow.

As well as our usual role representing different year groups and leading the elected class representatives, this year we have undertaken new roles to promote areas of school life that we value and want to promote. These include Arts and Culture, Environment, Friendship, Peer-Study Support and School Culture and Ethos. We will work together to promote these important areas of our school life.

The SRC has had a busy start to the school year working hard to ensure that every student in every year group felt welcomed and part of the St. Louis school community.

To help us prepare for our role as student leaders we participated in the St. Louis Network Student Leadership Induction Day, in which we learnt what makes a good leader, how to come together as a unit and how to put our ideas into action.

Once we were trained up, we began our job as student leaders by attending the assemblies for each year group. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to meet with the students and to introduce ourselves. We endeavoured to establish ourselves as the friendly face that can be approached by any student who may need a helping hand.

We were also part of the team, that helped to welcome our new first year students on their Induction Day. We planned games and icebreakers to help them get to know each other and to ease the transition between primary and secondary school. We also helped them with the practical business of being a first year; showing them around our sprawling school building and helping them to figure out how to use their lockers.

All students in St. Louis have the chance to put themselves forward to be part of the student leadership team. During the month of September, the SRC organised the election of class representatives. The class representatives work hard to represent their class liaising with their SRC and teachers about issues that may arise and organising class activities and events.

This year, the SRC together with the class representatives and the Green School's Committee are working hard to promote sustainability and environmental awareness. The climate crisis together with the fuel crisis has made this a matter of huge importance. To help promote awareness and to reduce our energy usage, we have appointed energy managers in each class. It is their job to ensure that the lights and monitors are switched off in the classroom and in the corridors when not in use.

As an all-girls school we are especially focusing on heightening awareness of the damage done to the environment and the conditions endured by workers by the fast-fashion industry. We are organising a number of events to try to raise awareness and to get the students thinking about ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. Together with the Global Schools and Green School's Committee we are organising a clothes exchange day for the students, where they can donate clothes they no longer use and buy clothes that have been donated.

Another area we are working to promote is Gender Equality. We are working with the St. Louis Network to promote the sustainable development goal SDG, number five, of Gender Equality. As an all-girls school, this is a goal that is close to our hearts. Throughout the year we will work to raise awareness in our school community of the many issues pertaining to gender equality. Last year's SRC began a project to bring awareness to the issue of period poverty and with sponsorship from local business provided period products in the students' bathrooms throughout the school. We are happy to continue with this project which has been received positively by the student body.

As well as these important school-wide initiatives, we have also been busy organising events that bring joy to our school days. Next week we will celebrate the end of term by running a Halloween-themed civvies day and bake sale for all the students. Funds raised by these activities will be donated to Women's Aid Ireland and The Merchant's Quay charities. There will be prizes for the best costume and the best baked goods.

We are especially looking forward to our annual First-year Halloween Dress-up Disco on Thursday 27th. We hope that this will be a fun way for first years to celebrate the end of their first term as St. Louis girls.

We hope that the work we have been doing has helped everyone to have a happy and productive first term in St. Louis High School. Happy mid-term.

The Geo Dome

By Livia Ceban and Alison Rosales (TY).



One of the school's brightest, most vibrant, and most serene places is the Geo Dome. The vivid bright green of the plants, the blazing red of the chillis, and the striking pink of the blossoms are just a few of the colorful splashes that fill the ambience there. The gardening club and the TY horticulture class put a lot of effort into growing all of the fruits, veggies, and flowers that can be found inside the Geo Dome.

The Gardening Club has been taking great care of the Geo Dome. Anyone from any year group is always welcome to join, to develop new skills, to make new friends, to visit natural scenery and most importantly to give the Geo Dome life. Our Geo Dome is filled with chillies which were planted last year and which were an immense success, rainbow chard and spinach which the Gardening Club has planted just over 3 weeks ago, radishes planted by the TY horticulture class and a myriad of flowers which include Cyclamens and Sweet Williams. Seeing our work flourish might be just the best sensation ever. It might sound nonsensical to some but knowing that we watered them properly and gave them enough sunlight is such a rewarding feeling, you feel such pride within yourself.

Recently, the TY horticulture class went on a trip to the Botanic Gardens to see the huge variety of exotic plants and the famous glass houses which are home to many types of palm trees, cacti and bamboo plants, which instantly teleport you on a tropical island. The atmosphere at that time was really positive and uplifting, and served as inspiration of potential herbs, plants, vegetables, fruits and flowers we can plant in our Geo Dome to make it as diverse and unique.

The TY Horticulture Class have been working alongside the Gardening Club. Students have planted basil, and some are displayed in the classroom and in the Geo Dome. They all planted seeds and carefully watered the basil in order not to waterlog the roots. There is great excitement for the students to watch them grow! Students and even staff members have enjoyed the fruits and vegetables grown in the Geo Dome.

Everyone has a chance to plant something, which is one of the best things about gardening. Everyone has the opportunity to attempt new things, even if they don't always work out the way we hope. We grow each day as gardeners by learning from our mistakes and implementing what we have learned. A lot of hard work and dedication goes through the planting and growing process. In the end, with enough patience, students get to see their plant fully grown and just admire the beauty of it all.



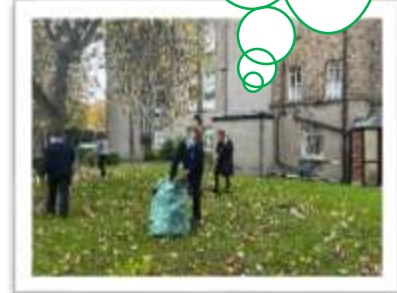
The arrival of our new wormery



The worms have arrived and are settling into their new home. Craig Benson delivered a great workshop with some of the Gardening Club and outlined how it works and how to look after it. In April we should have our first batch of compost from it!



TYs gathering leaves for our wormery and leaf mould cages.



A selection of St Louis High School Art Works





Tháinig **Seó Bóthair** ó Chonradh na Gaeilge go dtí ár scoil. Thug Clíona, an t-éascaitheoir, eolas dúinn faoin nGaeilge agus ghlacamar páirt i nDíospóireacht Siúil trí Ghaeilge. D'fhoghlaimíomar go bhfuil 7,000 teanga ar fud an domhain faoi láthair. Bhí eolas tugtha dúinn maidir leis na deiseanna fostaíochta san Aontas Eorpach. Chuir sí i guimhne dúinn faoin gceart atá againn seirbhís ar bith a úsáid trí Ghaeilge in Éirinn. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as an lá. Spreag sí an rang chun an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus a chaomhnú.



St Louis High School Annual School Mass



The annual school Mass was held in Rathmines Parish Church on Tuesday 12th September. Students and staff walked down to the church on a bright, autumnal sunny morning, to gather in the spirit of **Ut Sint Unum** (that we may be one) which was marked with **welcome, wisdom and witness**. We celebrated the beginning of the academic year and our coming together, in person, in such large numbers for the first time in three years. We thank all those who participated and contributed to this beautiful ceremony – our readers; gift bearers; instrumentalists and singers. We particularly welcomed the new first years to St Louis High School's community and enjoyed listening to their beautiful choral singing. Special word of thanks to the RE and Music departments and to Fr Andrew O'Sullivan who officiated at the ceremony.



Louis Literacy 2022



This year, we are continuing our literacy collaborations across all strands of education – primary, secondary and third level. We are delighted to be working with Maynooth University, Glenart College and St. Catherine's NS, creating resources to help learners conquer the irregular verbs in Irish. On completion, our combined work will be available online in the form of learning aids and tests for access nationally.

I got Married in Primary School

I got married in primary school,
A Haribo ring was my wedding jewel,
My bridesmaids brought me up the red-tiled aisle,
With paper daisies that made me smile.

I told Rory he must marry me,
If he refused, I'd throw him in the sea.
He replied, 'Will you be my wife?'
I was never so happy in my whole life.

Then when we met at the altar,
I reached out but Rory faltered,
He roared at me, 'I've changed my mind!'
And ran away leaving me behind.

My bridesmaids branded me a messer,
For putting him under so much pressure.
All I could do was cry and cry
To see my dearest dream destroyed.

Well that was many moons ago,
When I was only six years old.
Yet now when I'm having a hard day,
It pops into my mind to say,

'Things just seem worse at the time,
But come tomorrow you'll be fine!'

Written by *Tori MacDonald, Hollie Herring, Keira Bridgeman,
Dorcy Browne and Alex Martin.* Illustrated by *Kamila Kaminska.*



LIBRARY NEWS



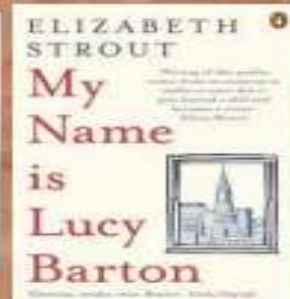
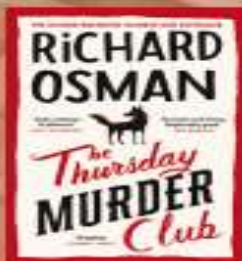
We are delighted that the school library will reopen officially in early November. St Louis is strongly committed to promoting reading for pleasure and improving students' overall literacy skills. Our library is an inclusive space with a range of activities and events planned for this year to inspire an interest and passion for reading including book club, reading challenges and planned author visits. The library serves many purposes, as a place to retreat, relax and read, study and do group work as well as being a venue for wider school events and activities. We look forward to welcoming you all to our school library. It's good to be back!

- *Antoinette Prout (Librarian)*

Recommended Reads

"The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. When a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves.



"Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan

It is 1985, in an Irish town. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Bill Furlong, a coal and timber merchant, faces into his busiest season. As he does the rounds, he feels the past rising up to meet him – and encounters the complicit silences of a people controlled by the Church. *Small Things Like These* is an unforgettable story of hope, quiet heroism and tenderness.

"Agatha Christie" by Lucy Worsley

A fascinating account of the life of Agatha Christie from celebrated literary and cultural historian Lucy Worsley. Christie was born in 1890 into a world which had its own rules about what women could and couldn't do. This is the story of a person who, despite the obstacles of class and gender, became an astonishingly successful working woman.

"My Name is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout

Lucy Barton is recovering slowly from what should have been a simple operation, when her estranged mother comes to see her. Gentle gossip about people from Lucy's childhood in Amgash, Illinois, seems to reconnect them, but just below the surface lie the tension and longing that have informed every aspect of Lucy's life: her escape from her troubled family, her desire to become a writer, her marriage, her love for her two daughters. This is a keenly observant, deeply human, and truly unforgettable tale.

THE CREATIVE COMMITTEE

The Creative Committee was set up to promote the arts in St. Louis. We meet once a week to discuss various projects we intend to launch throughout the school year. We have people promoting visual art, literature, creative sustainability, music, drama and dance.

Visual Art (Reps- Ghofran, Amina, Shuting)

The mural is inspired by the movie 'Up'. We are hoping students will paint one balloon as part of this mural. We believe this mural will encourage students to work together as a community and create a memorable art piece in St. Louis.

Literature and Music (Reps- Caoimhe, Elsie, Thea, Stella)

We are proposing to set up a lunchtime drama club after midterm break. This club is open to any student who is interested in any aspect of dramatic arts.

Each month the group will choose an artist to promote across the school. Their work will be topical to the season. Their work will be displayed in the foyer to inspire creativity. We also plan to carry out interviews at the school gates with students and staff members asking what they are listening to. A playlist of songs will be compiled, and students will be able to access this playlist on a QR code around the school.

Creative sustainability (Reps- Amira, Beibhinn, Lelia)

We are planning a pop-up swap shop event in the new year. All students will be asked to bring in old clothes that will be collected in the foyer after midterm, in hopes to raise awareness of sustainability. This is in collaboration with the Green Committee.

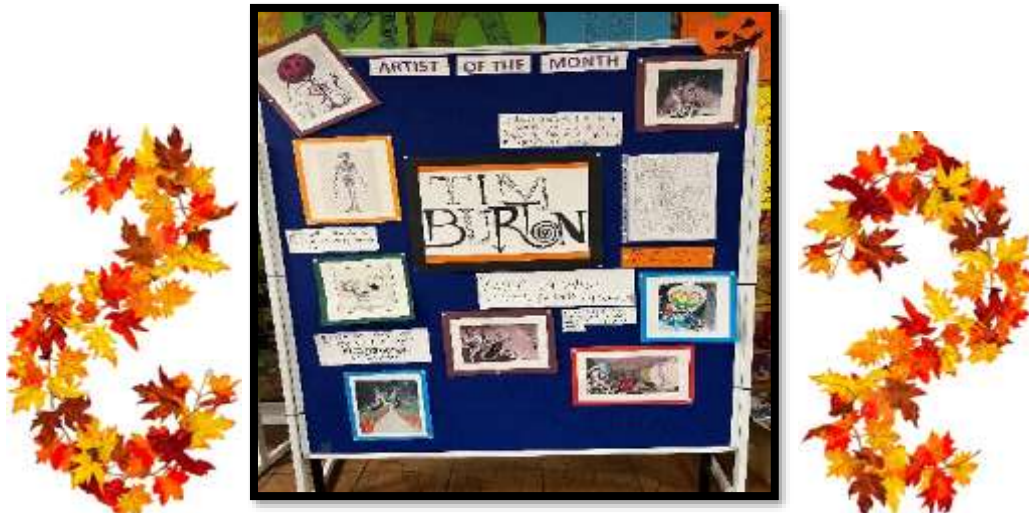
Dance (Rep- Ms. West)

A dance workshop with Ms. West will take place for all the first years to get them moving and grooving.

To conclude, we are hoping that everyone will embrace the arts and take part in upcoming events.

*'A creative life is an amplified life.
It's a bigger life, a happier life, an expanded life,
and a lot more of an interesting life'*
- Elizabeth Gilbert

Ms. Howard, Lelia, Amira, Beibhinn, Elsie,
Ghofran, Caoimhe, Thea, Stella, Amina, Shuting



GREEN SCHOOLS' COMMITTEE



On behalf of green schools, we would like to let you all know what we have done, what we are doing and what we plan to do in the future. We restarted green schools last year and so far, have made some progress. Last year it was harder as we were all still in covid times, however now we have started back up fully and have already made lots of progress such as getting recycling bins back in our school and being 1 of only 30 schools selected to take part in "lets fix fashion" campaign. We have many plans this year such as to get our global citizenship flag and our plans to do a swap shop and educate people on fast fashion. So far, this year has had a great start and we hope to keep it up for the rest of the year our main goal is to raise awareness and educate people on how to make greener decisions to help our earth and make our school a greener place!

On the topic of Recycling, one of the things we observed was that there was a lack of recycling bins in our school at the beginning of the year and were not being used correctly. For example, the green bins, which are the recycling bins, should only have things like plastic, paper, cardboard, etc but instead, there are food waste items in them.

We are doing a waste audit on Friday the 21st to get a better idea of the situation. We also want to educate people on what to put in bins we have both a TikTok and an Instagram account where we post videos on what to put in the bins.

We also noticed that there was a shortage of brown bins around the school and the gardening club are introducing composting in the first-year corridors to make it easier for people to dispose of their fruit waste.

The 'Let's fix fashion' competition, organised by Greens Schools is focused on recycling our old clothes, sharing clothes and even up-cycling clothes we have bought.

Most students have now watched short film "The true cost of Fashion", so we are building awareness of the damage that fast fashion does to our environment. We will be conducting a survey to see what and where people buy clothes and to help educate people on fast fashion!

After midterm will be preparing for our swap shop where students and teachers can bring in their old clothes and swap them with new clothes – all to help slow fast fashion. The swap shop will take place after Christmas break.

So that's what we have done and our some of our plans this year! As you can see, we have already gotten off to a great start and we cannot wait to see what happens in the future for green schools. We have meetings most Thursdays at lunchtime and are always welcoming new members. We hope that you enjoyed reading about green schools and think about making greener decisions in your daily life.

Finally, we would like to thank David and Shane for their help in facilitating our Waste Audits!

Kate Gahan, Serena Jediel & Beatrice Luntley 3U



An Garda Síochána Safety Talks

Community Gardaí Ciara, Rob and Tallis visited St Louis High School on Tuesday 25th October to present safety talks to all year groups. We thank the Community Gardaí in Rathmines for their support.

Students listened to advice on the dangers of fireworks, bonfires, anti-social behaviour, staying safe when out and about and the law. They were encouraged to be mindful and respectful of neighbours, young children, elderly people and pets at all times.

The school community learned a lot from this advice and wishes everybody a safe and happy Halloween.



TY Trip to Kilmainham Gaol



The TYs went on a trip to Kilmainham Gaol on October 25th last. They found the trip to be extremely informative and interesting.



Little Shop of Horrors!

This October, St. Louis and St. Mary's collaborated for the first time since pre-covid to put on an excellent musical of Little Shop of Horrors. With less than two months to prepare, the rehearsals were intense to say the least and God help you if you showed up late, but it was all well worth it in the end.

As one of the only four sixth years taking part you could argue that there are more responsible ways to spend your free time, but I'd disagree. It was incredible to get the chance to take part in something like this in our final school year, and the sense of school spirit and belonging was something to behold. Even though St Mary's may have run the musical, it was certainly us Louis folks that brought the life.

One thing that should be celebrated is the absolute dedication given by every single participant. By the 21st I had not slept in for over a month, and I know the same can be said for everyone. Every minute was rewarded for how we got to see the musical gradually come together with every song getting better and better.

I'd never had the chance to get to know the TYs before and was astounded by how much of a creative and energetic group they are. Getting to know people you never would have talked to otherwise was one of the best things about taking part for me. A massive well done to all involved, especially those spending extra time in rehearsals for lead roles. Another congrats to Maissa, Beibhinn and Emily in sixth year, who I can confirm made a massive commitment taking part this year.

Last of all thank you to the production team of Claire, Fionntán and Killian who gave us this opportunity which we will certainly never forget.

- Róisín Crowley (6th Year)



Well done to the cast and crew of Little Shop of Horrors which was hosted by St Mary's College. It was a fabulous production and all who were involved are to be congratulated on their positive and energetic engagement with rehearsals and performances alike. We look forward to next year's production which will be held in St Louis High School. This is a wonderful collaboration between two neighbouring schools. Sincere thanks to St Mary's College, Mr Denis Murphy (Principal) and Mr Frank Foley (Musical Co-ordinator) for facilitating this production.





Music Clubs in St Louis High School



There are a range of music clubs taking place during lunchtime in Cuisle for students from 1st to 6th year. On Mondays, the **Traditional Irish Music** group gathers to learn new dance tunes, planxties and slow airs. They recently performed for students and staff on Culture Night, September 23rd, and also at the school's Open Evening, October 6th. These events also featured members of the **school's Orchestra**, who meet weekly on Tuesdays. On Wednesdays, a newly formed **recorder group** rehearses together. The school's Junior Choir has started for students in 1st to 3rd year. The choir rehearses in Room 17 on Mondays at lunchtime. After midterm, the **guitar and ukulele club** will be running again every Thursday. New members are always welcome to join any of the music groups.



TY 2022-2023 Update

OVERVIEW OF EVENTS TO DATE

1. *TY Induction Day - 31st August 2022*
2. *Dodder Greenway Walk - 7th September 2022*
3. *RDS World Skills Day - 14th September 2022*
4. *Barista Workshop - 19th September 2022*
5. *Horticulture Class Trip - 20th September 2022*
6. *PAL Workshop - 21st September 2022*
7. *YSI Workshops - 27th/30th September 2022*
8. *Work Experience - 28th September 2022 onwards*
9. *TY trip: National Botanical Gardens - 3rd October 2022*
10. *School Open Evening - 6th October 2022*
11. *Hair Care Workshop - 10th/11th October 2022*
12. *Women in Aviation - 11th October 2022*
13. *Golf Driving Range - 13th/14th October 2022*
14. *Forensic Fun Workshop - 17th October 2022*
15. *Seó Bóthair - 18th October 2022*
16. *3rd/6th Year PTM - 19th October 2022*
17. *School Musical - 19th-21st October 2022*
18. *Kilmainham Gaol - 25th October 2022*

TY Induction Day - 31st August 2022

On the 31st of August, all TYs came back to school for their first full day and we partook in the TY induction day. We, as TYs, were in new base classes after being within the same class for the entirety of the Junior Cycle and so the key focus of the induction day was to get to know one another within our new classes and talk to people we may not have had the opportunity to talk to before. This goal was reached through the use of many icebreakers and games led by the four facilitators, each facilitator introducing different games and activities to partake in, the induction concluded with a friendly competition between the four classes. With this induction day we were able to get to know one another and establish ourselves within our new class groups. In conclusion it was an enjoyable and fun day which has laid the foundation for our exciting year ahead.

By Saoirse Hamilton Birdy

Dodder Greenway Walk - 7th September 2022

Our first trip this year was a walk from Oldbawn, Tallaght, back to the school. We walked as a year group along the Dodder Valley Greenway. It is a walking and cycling path that runs beside the River Dodder. From Oldbawn, we passed the M50 Motorway, and we stopped at a scenic waterfall that was a wonderful delight to view. From there, we followed the Greenway to Bushy Park, while taking in the nature surrounding the River Dodder. We took a lunch break in Bushy Park that was well deserved!! We continued to follow the Dodder Valley Greenway, through to Dartry Park. We were nearing closer to the school, as we left Dartry Park. We left the River Dodder behind, and walked back to Rathmines. It was an energy-consuming, educational and enjoyable walk, that was a great kick start to a fun-packed Transition Year!!

By Katie Dooley



RDS World Skills Day - 14th September 2022

On the 14th of September, TYs enjoyed a day of exploring potential career options in the RDS for World Skills Day. Students spent the day visiting various workshops, talking to all sorts of people about a huge variety of jobs and training options. There were countless demonstrations of a broad range of practical jobs in action on display, from cooking and bricklaying to hairdressing and catering. Students were given the chance to roam around these, and to stop and learn more about any that interested them. Jobs that didn't require a demonstration, provided information about what they do, and how they came to do it, with some having models and examples of their work. A few of these included: graphic design, insurance, windmill development and computer programming. The people manning each workshop were extremely enthusiastic and helpful with your research about a certain career and, as well as providing information on the career itself, lent guidance on the steps you would have to take to reach it, such as what qualifications you would need. There was no end to the information that could be gained from the day, and many students left with handfuls of information-packed leaflets (as well as pockets full of free merchandise like keychains and tote bags) to look at later. There were even interactive aspects of some workshops, such as virtual reality headsets that illuminated the work a video game designer does, and free hairdos from the hairdressers to show the sheer amount of skill involved in hairdressing. All-round it was a very beneficial, enlightening and enjoyable day for TYs, and they gained a lot from it. It offered invaluable insight into potential future careers, possibly bringing clarity to some students as to whether they want to pursue a particular career or not, which is something that can be hard to figure out on your own or online.

By Rebecca O'Keefe

Barista Workshop - 19th September 2022

On Monday, 19th September, each Transition Year class had a coffee-making workshop with the Dublin Barista School (DBS). The workshops were hosted by the two very skilled baristas: Mike and Tomasz. In the workshops, we were taught how to make an espresso with high-tech, dedicated espresso machines. As well as that, each class was treated to a talk by Tomasz who told us all about job opportunities worldwide if we were to pursue barista work.

Afterwards, we were guided on exactly how to use and clean the machines. Mike and Tomasz also showed us what certain parts and equipment were meant for. For example, the "steam wand", which sticks out of the machine like a joystick, is used for steaming, heating up, or frothing milk. On the other hand, the handheld "tamper" is used to smooth the top of the grinded grains of coffee. Once Mike and Tomasz were finished with the instructions, we got to make our own coffee! The possibilities ranged from mochas to flat whites, though I had a mocha myself. They were delicious (and quite photogenic).

By Aoife Quinn Nealon





Horticulture Class Trip - 20th September 2022

The students in the TY Horticulture class went to the Botanic Garden on a vibrant day. We took the 83 bus from Rathmines to the National Botanical Gardens. As we arrived, the lovely big glass houses came into view and there was a lovely atmosphere as we explored with our friends. Our teachers explained what we would be doing in the gardens and before we set off, we took a group photo. We received a worksheet from our Horticulture class teacher Ms. Earwaker. This featured flowers, pictures and questions for us to locate and read about. There was excitement as she told us that the person who found all the answers would win a prize - we all ran off to begin the treasure hunt!

Everyone divided into groups and searched around the garden. It was an adventure and we were desperate to find all the answers so that we could win the prize. When a group found something, they pretended there was nothing there and tried to leave as fast as possible! It was such a fun activity to do and everyone enjoyed it. We could see so many different flowers and unique sculptures. Later, the teachers called us to meet at the front entrance, which we were not happy about! We wanted to spend more time in the gardens where the weather was so sunny. It was a fantastic day and a great memory for us all. We were thankful for the teachers, Ms Earwaker and Ms Kehoe, who brought us.

By Enkhjin Olodokh



PAL Workshops - 21st September 2022

On September 21st, four barristers arrived at St. Louis High School to introduce us all to the world of law and mock trials. The workshops were enjoyable and it was really interesting to learn all about the work of a barrister. Perhaps the most enjoyable aspect was when we got to participate in a mock trial. We set up our courtroom and everyone took on a different role in the trial. Students became members of the Jury for a murder case and we had the important responsibility to decide the guilty or not-guilty verdict! The public access to law workshops were a great day!

By TY Media Team

Culture Night 2022 - 23rd September 2022

Today is Culture Day and the Traditional Irish Music group all gathered in the foyer at 8am to set up. We started playing at around 8:05 and it was really a delight for everyone as they arrived at school. The music added so much joy to the bustling, happy atmosphere, and put a smile on everybody's faces. When asked, the passing-by students thought that the traditional Irish music felt very welcoming and uplifting. It brightened the morning for both students and teachers! Ms O'Tiarnaigh and Ms Kehoe organised and led the students with the music, playing all sorts of tunes like Planxty Dermot Grogan, Inisheer and many more. It was a lovely start to the day and we hope to do similar musical celebrations in the future.

By Anna Stevens

YSI Workshops - 27th/30th September 2022

On the 27th and 30th of September, TYs were given a talk on young social innovators and social innovation. The speaker - Sara - informed us of what social innovation is, and the kind of work young social innovators do. She enlightened us on the various advantages and disadvantages of certain facilities in our community, which have a noticeable impact on us and our livelihoods. We wrote a list of global issues that have a negative effect on young people especially, from a-z, which we thought about and discussed. Some of these issues included: the housing crisis, racism, ableism, homophobia and loitering. In groups, we drew a rough map of the area of Rathmines, and outlined where a few of these setbacks can be seen in different facilities. We drew the positive facilities in green pen and negative in red, to help highlight this. The talk was very eye-opening in this way and taught us a lot about the kind of creative solutions communities need come up with to improve the quality of life there, and how young people are a big part of that.

By Rebecca O'Keefe

TY trip: National Botanic Gardens - 3rd October 2022



On October 3rd another group of TY students got to visit the famous National Botanic Gardens. We were given an in depth tour of the sculpture exhibition throughout the gardens. It was a gloomy morning which gave the tour an even more fascinating atmosphere.

Little hidden sculptures all with a different backstory and message waiting to be discovered and admired by the people, laid all around the gardens. Some of the most loved sculptures by the students were 'Quack Quack', 'Slow Stepper' and 'Toxic Tears', which were exceptionally executed and had the most intriguing meanings. One thing we all observed is that once you know the message behind the sculpture, you look at it from a total different perspective. It's like your eyes perceive it with so much more understanding, so much more clarity. We loved hearing the meaning of every sculpture because it gave us a sense of relatability and empathy towards it. The sculptures, in harmony with the nature surrounding us, made the trip such a unique experience.

This tour not only enlightened and piqued the interest of many but also inspired us to appreciate the world around us more. It made us be more aware of our surroundings and of the minute details that go unnoticed, but which nonetheless are vital for our survival. Put simple, it made us understand the nature of the human world and the mysteries behind it.

Article by Livia Ceban



Hair Care Workshop - 10th/11th October 2022

In October, each TY class participated in a Hair Care workshop led by Ann O'Reilly. Every student worked with a mannequin's head with real hair. We learned how to take care of our hair, various treatments and how to prevent damage. It was fun learning how to do different hairstyles and about different hair types. The time flew by and we all really enjoyed the workshop.

By TY Media Team

Women in Aviation - 11th October 2022



On Tuesday 11th October, we attended an online meeting about 'Women in Aviation'. A lot of women working in different aspects of Aviation attended and talked about their experience/what they do. It was a talk to encourage more women to take up different careers in the aviation field. The first person welcomed and introduced us to the talk. She explained what aviation was and she talked a little about aviation in Ireland and how women play such an important role in the field. She handed over to John, the meeting host, who then introduced us to each speaker before they spoke.

One woman talked about the engineering side of things. She talked about the mechanics of an aircraft. She talked about how her job was making sure the plane was ready to take off, a plane would need to be checked before it was ready to fly. So if anyone is interested in maths and the engineering side of things, a flight engineer might be a career that they might want pursue. Another woman talked about the business aspect of aviation. A business-related job in aviation would include a sales manager. She talked about how she travels across the world to seal different deals.

There were many other women with different careers within aviation on the call. They talked about the problems they faced, such as being told that it is a male-dominated field and therefore, they wouldn't be able to make it. Others spoke about how aviation wasn't something they originally wanted to do - a woman mentioned how she originally got a degree in Business but later went on to pursue a career in aviation. They also talked about the different events/workshops that they have for students to promote aviation. Overall, it was a really interesting meeting and it opened my eyes to potential careers in aviation.

By Nishika Bisht

Golf Driving Range - 13th/14th October 2022



After many PE classes spent practising our golf skills, we were delighted to have an opportunity to go to the Spawell Golf Academy and showcase some of our 'golf swing' skills. We all had a lovely time being with our friends and playing golf! The furthest I was able to hit the ball was 100 yards away, but I heard someone else hit 150 yards away! That seemed unreal until Ms. McNamee claimed that she had once hit the ball 200+ yards away! (I mean, pro-golfer right here!) While some people were amazing at hitting the ball, a few were struggling to hit it that far but regardless, we all had great fun and it was such a memorable trip. Also, special thanks to Ms. Davitt and Ms. McNamee for accompanying us on the trip.

By Nishika Bisht



Forensic Fun Workshop - 17th October 2022

On October 17th, we headed to Cuisle and met a man called Pat. We each got a worksheet and Pat began explaining the assassination of US President John F Kennedy. The workshop was very interactive and full of new information and theories relating to the murder. We worked our way around the room getting our fingerprints tested, doing gun tests, exploring props and answering questions. Pat was very charismatic and kept our interest for the workshop. This workshop has been one of the highlights of TY so far.

By TY Media Team

Forensic Fun Workshop - 17th October 2022

Have you ever wondered what happened to John Fitzgerald Kennedy? Well, on Monday, October 17th, TY students had the opportunity to discover more during a workshop called Forensic Fun.

The workshop was presented by Pat, who was passionate about JFK's case. During his presentation, he described the case in detail and even brought in a real rifle, which was the same design that was used to assassinate John F. Kennedy.

We completed worksheets answering questions about John F. Kennedy, Warren Commission (WC), Ballistics, and John F. Kennedy's main suspect: Lee Harvey Oswald. We explored ballistics & gunshot residue (GSR), photographic analysis, fingerprints, and students critically analysed (parts of) the official autopsy report in order to answer the worksheet questions.

This workshop was amazing as it allowed us to learn about forensics in an interactive way. Looking at actual evidence, we were encouraged to think about who might have been behind the murder. We gained a lot of knowledge on this historical murder case and many students enjoyed it. :)

By Fatima Ahmed



Abbottstown Athletics Competition

Schools across Leinster participated in this event including our school's athletics club. We travelled to Abbottstown by bus after coming to school in the morning to take the roll call and get ready to be brought out to compete. The bus brought us to The National Sports Arena where the event was being held. We all went in and each of us had to go up to some of the organisers to get a number which we wore on our school bib, our numbers were 95 and 97. When we walked into the main arena there were so many schools warming up and checking in which was a bit overwhelming but interesting to see all the techniques. Ms. Visser and Ms. MacLennan brought us to the seats we would all be sitting in and where we put our bags!!

Beatrice, our team leader, helped us warm up by doing some stretches and jogging around the track which everyone found helpful as we got to have a look around and get a feel for the track and the people in our group! The girls in our group were competing in hurdles, long jump, high jump, shot put and other activities. It was interesting to see all these activities as it gave our group an idea of how big these competitions are and what they look like in competitions.

We competed in the long jump which was something new as we had both never done something like this before. Long jump is where you run and then jump at the white line onto sand that has been smoothed and then they measure where your foot touched first.

Overall our team had a great time despite an accident that happened to one of our group members.

We would like to thank Ms. Visser and Ms. MacLennan for organising and bringing us to this event.

-Amelia Casey and Ellen McGinley 4u

SPORTS CLUBS

It is great to see so many Sports Clubs up and running again. We encourage all students to keep active. Please check out the schedule below of the various clubs and when training sessions are held.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY
Aerobics 5.15 - 6.15pm School Courtyard	Basketball 4.15 - 5.15pm School Gym	Basketball 5.15 - 6.15pm School Gym	Basketball 5.15 - 6.15pm School Gym	Tennis 4.15 - 6.15pm School Courtyard
	Badminton 5.15 - 6.15pm School Gym	Chess 5.15 - 6.15pm School Gym	Chess 5.15 - 6.15pm School Gym	
	Swimming Club 5.15 - 6.15pm School Pool	Basketball 5.15 - 6.15pm School Gym	Tennis 4.15 - 6.15pm School Courtyard	

SRC & Green Schools' Committee CIVVIES DAY

Great to see so many supporting the fundraising for Women's Aid. There was a fantastic array of sustainable costumes on display in school. Well done to the SRC and Green Schools' Committee for organising. We welcomed some new students to school today?! Well done to



our bakers as well. They did a great job with some really ghoulish looking bakes. Overall €1200 was raised for Women's Aid. Thank you to all for supporting.





Open Evening 2022

It was wonderful to be in a position to host our first Open Evening in three years. Primary school pupils, accompanied by their parents, were warmly welcomed and treated to comprehensive tours of the school by our fantastic student hosts. Our young visitors got to experience science experiments, musical performances, walking debates, baking and decoration, art, mathematical challenges, the joy of languages, introductions to the worlds of IT, Geography, History, Religious Education, Physical Education, Business Studies and a wide range of extra-curricular activities. They enjoyed touring the school and viewing the wonderful facilities including our geodome, gym, the beautiful chapel, Cuisle, and our impressive school hall. Students, staff and parents came together in the spirit of Ut Sint Unum to proudly share the richness of the holistic and faith-based education we impart in St Louis High School with our visitors.



6th Yr Politics and Society Class - Trip to the Dáil



The 6th Year Politics and Society class went on a visit to the Dáil recently where they had the opportunity to meet with Ivana Bacik, leader of the Labour Party. She brought them on a tour of the building and they had a chance to discuss and debate many important social and political issues. This was a wonderful opportunity for the class and thank you to Ms Stenson, their teacher for organising.

SLHS Parents' Council News

Thank you to everybody who supported the PC's Table Quiz evening on Wednesday 26th October last. It was a great success and it was lovely to be in a position to hold such an enjoyable and relaxed event for parents and staff. Well done to the winners of the quiz. Thank you to the PC Committee for organising.



We are looking for parent volunteers to help out with the forthcoming Christmas Fair which will be held on Sunday December 11th.

We will be holding a volunteers' meeting on **Tuesday 8th November at 7pm.**

Please come and join us if you can help out in any way. Please contact slhsparentscouncil@gmail.com for further information.

- SLHS Parents' Council

Leaving Cert Results Day 2022

Congratulations to the students of the class of 2022 on their fantastic results in the Leaving Certificate, which included two students achieving maximum points of 625, Niamh Cunningham and Eva Kirwin. They have now all moved on to the next phase of their lives and we wish them every success and happiness with their chosen path. It was lovely to meet with some of the girls and their parents on results' day.

It is a success, you truly deserved. It is an achievement you have truly earned. We congratulate you on your achievements and wish you all the best for your future. Well done.

