



# OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER 2023/2024



# Welcome to our Summer Newsletter

Parents and Guardians,

As another school year ends, I wish to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Thanks to the staff for their dedication and hard work, and to the students for their wonderful engagement and enthusiasm. Everybody made fantastic efforts to support the students' learning and wellbeing and I hope everyone enjoys the Summer break.

Throughout the year, we enjoyed various celebrations and co-curricular activities that added so much to school life. Thanks to all involved- all the staff, parents and pupils for helping to make these occasions so enjoyable and successful.

We are appreciative of our Board of Management for all their invaluable support throughout the year, and of our Parents Association for supporting the school initiatives.

We are grateful to Linda, our secretary, and Paul and Colm for all their hard work attention and care throughout the year, and also to Kritsana and Pon and Audrey for their help with the upkeep of our school. Thanks to Sandra and Moira for all their support and work with the students.

As we head into the summer months, I want to remind everyone to take some time to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy some well-deserved rest. This summer is a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends, explore new hobbies, and recharge for the upcoming school year.

As we wrap up the school year, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Deputy Principal, Ms. Ciara Howard, for her exceptional dedication and hard work throughout the year. Ms. Howard has been a true asset to our school community, tirelessly supporting students, staff, and parents in various capacities. Her leadership, guidance, and commitment to excellence have been instrumental in the success of our school.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in August for another successful school year. Until then, have a wonderful summer!

Yours Sincerely,

Ms. Maura Gray





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# Student Council



**Student Council 2023-2024**  
Provisional Dates for Meetings

Take place every second Tuesday in Room 9 from 13:15 pm to 13:45 pm  
Attendance is compulsory for all

Meeting No.	Date	Details
	1:30 pm in Room 9, 10-minute information session with Ms Keaney re Google Classroom, Role of Student Council etc	Information Session Hard copy of Role and Responsibility Information regarding projects
	Friday 22 September- school mass	Badges will be distributed
1	26 September 2023	Photos to be taken for uniform
2	10 October 2023	Food Appeal Day
3	24 October 2023	
4	14 November 2023	
5	28 November 2023	Possible Retreats
6	12 December 2023	Mock for 3rd & 6th years
7	16 January 2024	
8	30 January 2024	Daifóil Day pre-promotion
9	20 February 2024	Fri 22nd March 2024: Daifóil Day, Irish Cancer Society
10	12 March 2024	
11	19 March 2024	Only students from 2nd, 4th or 6th attend
12	16 April 2024	TBC CEIST School Leadership Conference St Pats
13	30 April 2024	
14	14 May 2024	Only those presenting need to attend
15	TBC End of May - 6 pm Board Of Management	

"Our **Student Council has** had an incredibly busy year, meeting 15 times with the principal and **making a significant impact in our community.** They visited the local nursing home to deliver heartwarming letters from our first-year students to residents, organised student cards, and conducted fundraising initiatives for the Irish Cancer Society and food collections for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Additionally, they carried out an extensive survey on toilets and sanitation across the entire school body, showing their dedication to improving our school environment. Their hard work and dedication have truly made a difference!"





Our Student Council raised valuable funds for Irish Cancer Society, in excess of 2,000 EUR in Northside Shopping Centre in addition to selling pins in the school raising 255.10EUR

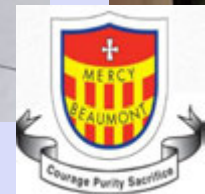


**Irish Cancer Society**

The day we **take back** from cancer

**Daffodil Day**  
24 March 2024







April 17th, 2024

**Bushra, Arsema, and Alana** from our Student Council recently attended the CEIST Conference on April 17, 2024, at DCU St. Patrick's Campus, the event united student leaders and teachers from 107 CEIST schools.

Themed "**Making a Difference – Our CEIST Values in Action,**" the conference focused on empowering student leaders and amplifying their voices in school decision-making.

Our SC representatives returned enriched, poised to make a positive impact with newfound insights into leadership and collaboration. Their participation reflects our school's commitment to fostering leadership and community engagement and really engaging with Student Council in a meaningful way.

# Meet the new Prefect Team for 2024-25



Hello from our new Prefects!





# Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl for 24/25





# Awards Day

Our annual awards ceremony takes place at the end of May. At this we acknowledge excellence in many aspects of the students personal and academic development.

We celebrate the following awards: Achievement Award, Diligence Award, Orla Broderick Music Award, Art Award, Sports Award, Linda Campelli Endeavour Award, Literacy & Language Award, The CEIST award, Attendance & Punctuality Achievement Award, Participation Award and Míseach Award

Full Gallery is of award winners is on our website





Full Gallery on our website



# Shona Project Ambassadors



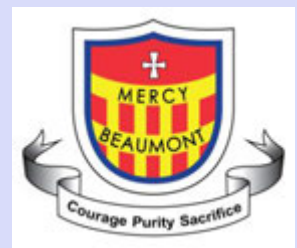
We educate, empower and inspire Irish girls to become tomorrow's strong, resilient and confident young women.

- This programme consist of three students from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year it is run by the [www.shona.ie](http://www.shona.ie)
- The students engaged in online training/meetings through out the year, Attended the annual summit, organised a female role model awareness campaign promoted a kindness week.
- Promoted resources available on line for teenagers [www.shona.ie](http://www.shona.ie)
- What this space for even more work next year!



# School Events

- Internet Safety Week
- History Week
- Maths Week
- TY & 5th year tour to Italy
- School Tours
- Sports Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> year Graduation



# Internet Safety Week



Ms Howard, DP, Alex Raynor, Emma Hill, Garda Alan Walsh and Laura Sheridan JLO

Our Lady of Mercy College Beaumont hosted a week-long Internet Safety Week, culminating in a visit from Garda Alan Walsh and Garda Laura Sheridan from the Juvenile Liaison Office (JLO) Santry. Alongside School Internet Safety Ambassadors Emma Hill and Alex Raynor, they shared crucial tips on cyberbullying, privacy settings, and the risks of sharing personal information online.

Emma & Alex, under the guidance of their TY Computer teachers Ms Keaney & Ms Carragher, carried out research & presented survey findings from internet Safety Week, leading discussions and voicing concerns on their peers' behalf. Feedback showed a heightened sense of awareness among students. Deputy Principal Ms. Howard extended gratitude to Garda Walsh and Officer Sheridan, emphasising responsible digital citizenship.

This new initiative underscore the school's commitment to fostering a safer digital environment.



# *What We Did*

1. A “Women in History” Treasure Hunt took place. Our winner was Amelia 3.2.
2. Continuing on the theme, there was a “Women in History” Poster Competition. The entries are now being displayed in the school. Our winners were in first place was Vanessa Survilla and in second place Aida O’Rourke . You can see their posters on the next slide.
3. There was a display in the Canteen all week featuring student work - check it out while you collect your food or use the vending machine!
4. There was a History Quiz in the Library at lunchtime on Thursday 18th April. All were welcome and there was be a prize for the winner!
5. Our TY students went on a trip to 14 Henrietta Street on Friday 19th of April to explore how life in the northside of Dublin has changed over the decades. Photos from this are in the “Transition Year” section of the Newsletter.



# History Week Poster Competition Winners 2024

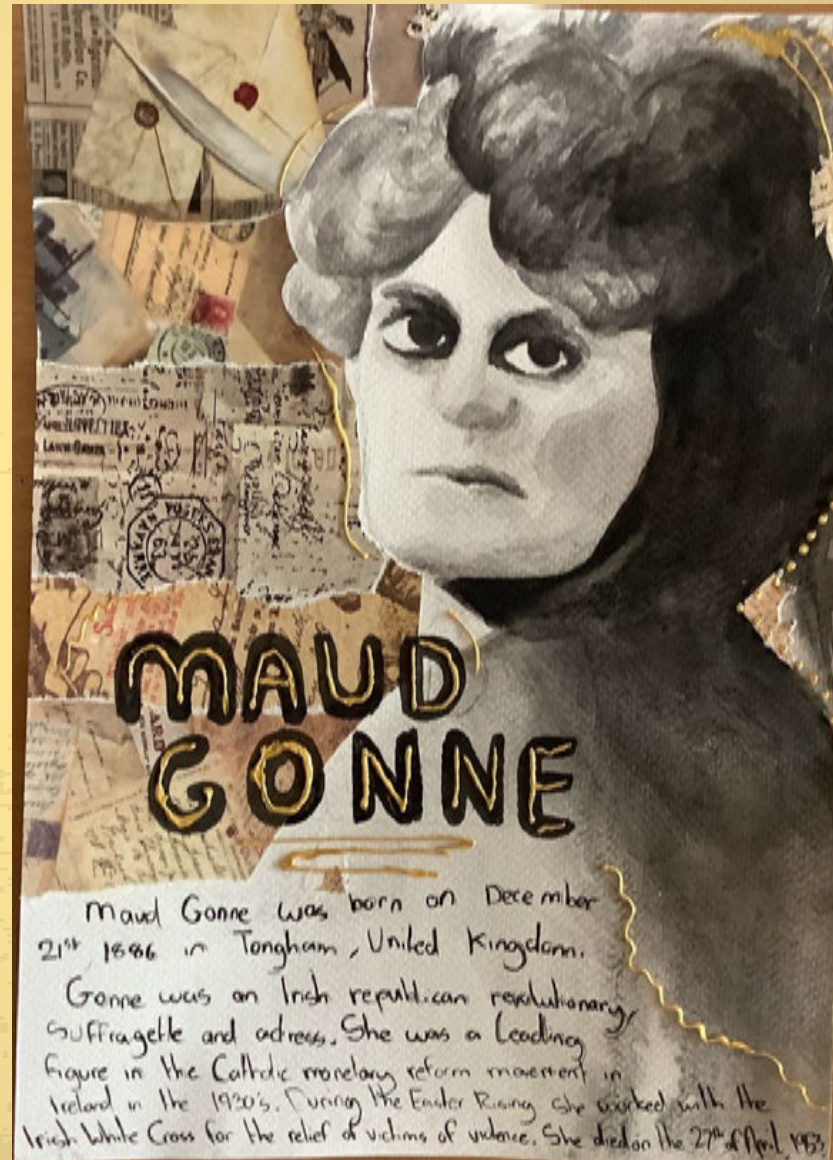
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Vanessa  
Survilla

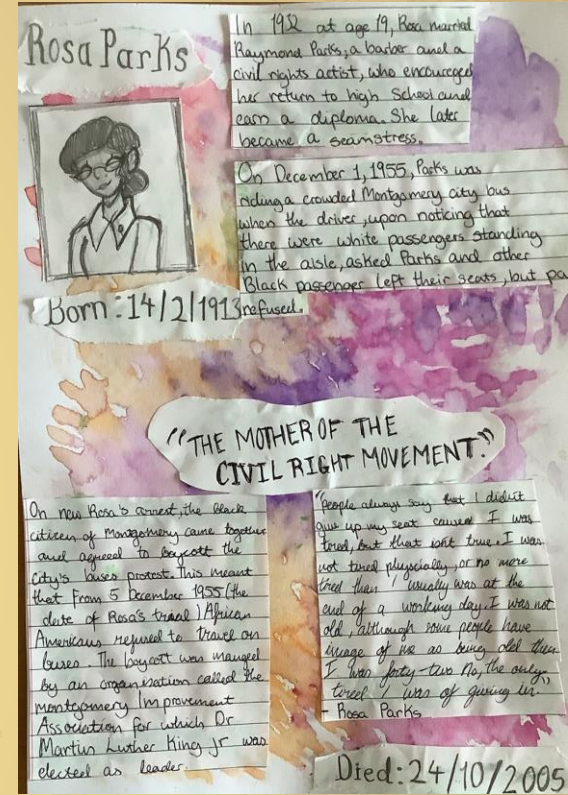
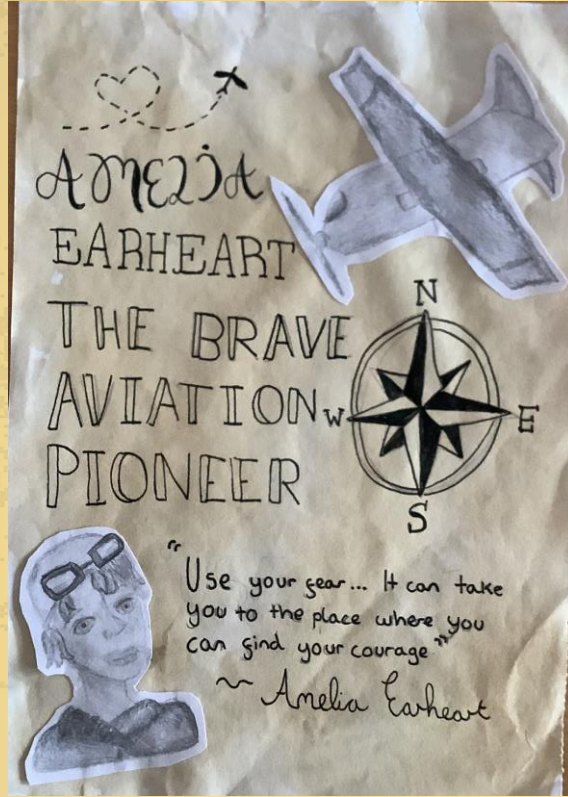


Second  
Place

Aida  
O'Rourke



# History Week Poster Competition Entrants 2024



## ● School Tours

Here in Our Lady of Mercy Beaumont we believe school tours play a vital role in our students education. Each year we endeavor to give all students to opportunity to attend a school trip either at home or abroad.

School trips foster a love for learning, build lasting memories, strengthen both student-student and student-teacher relationships.

This year we had trips to Italy, Bowling, the Cinema, Glendalough, Emerald Park, Go Quest, Castlecomer adventure centre and Causey Farm.

Next year we have something similar planned along with German and French language and cultural trips and a Eurošcola trip to Strasbourg.





# TY and 5th Year Tour to Northern Italy





# Verona

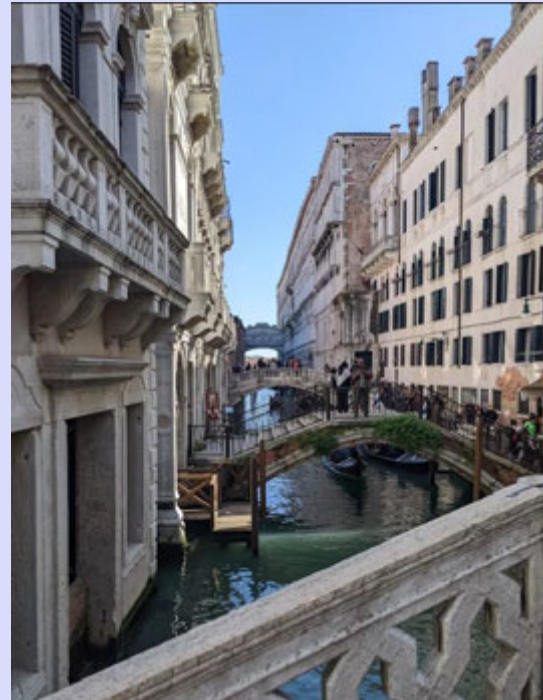




# Lake Garda: Boat Tour and Pizza Making



# Venice





GardaLand







# 6<sup>th</sup> Year End of Year Trip



- 5th Year and Year Head Ms Taylor on their End of Year Cinema Trip to see the film IF



# 3<sup>rd</sup> year End of Year Trip Go Quest



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7	Lily	The Classroom	10	0:23
8	Arcade Fire	Loopy Living Room	9	0:23
9	The Gang	..MOVING..	9	0:23
10	Iron Squad	All Ireland Heroes	8	0:23



11	Ms Jones Rocks	Science Lab	7	0:22
12	The Peaches	Moon Craters	2	1:09
13	Red Devils	Countdown	1	1:09
14	Easy Singles	TV Gameshow	0	1:09

○ 2<sup>nd</sup> year trip





# 1st Year

Bowling Trip 🎳



# ● Sports Day 2024

Sports Day got off to a wet start but the skies cleared shortly after 11 and the day was as a hugely enjoyable and successful event. The Queens team came out as the overall House Cup winners on the day and the teachers retained their winning title in the Staff V 6th Students annual Rounders event. There were also many individual medals and winners on the day from the large array of events and activities taking place. . Well done to all



involved

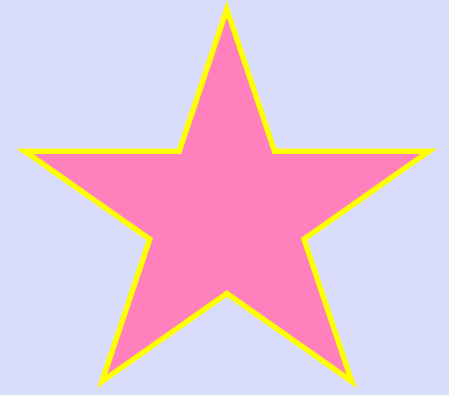








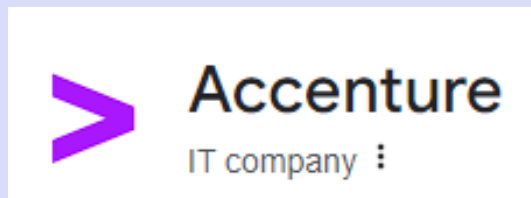
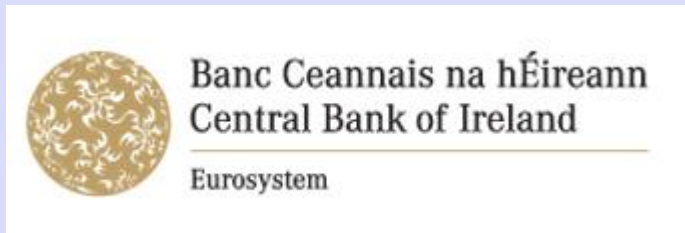
# 6<sup>th</sup> year Graduation



**Congratulations!!!**



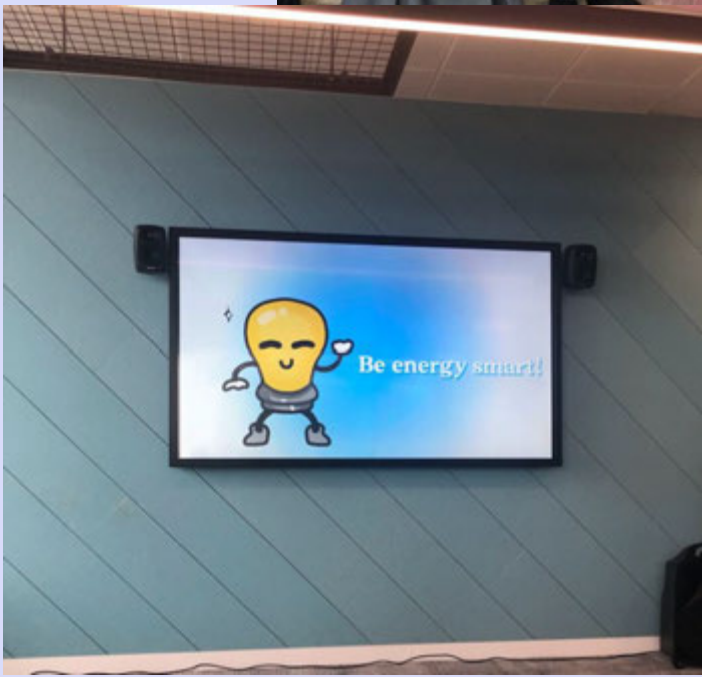
- Business, Economics, Enterprise and Junior Achievement Ireland Programmes



# Accenture Sustainability Project

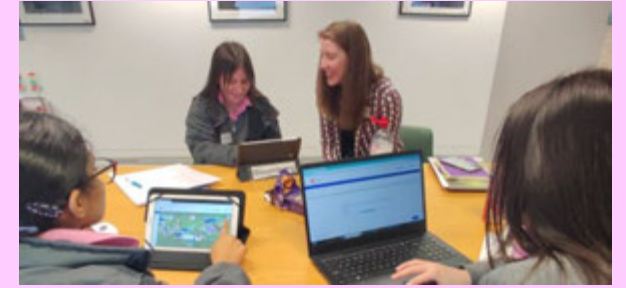
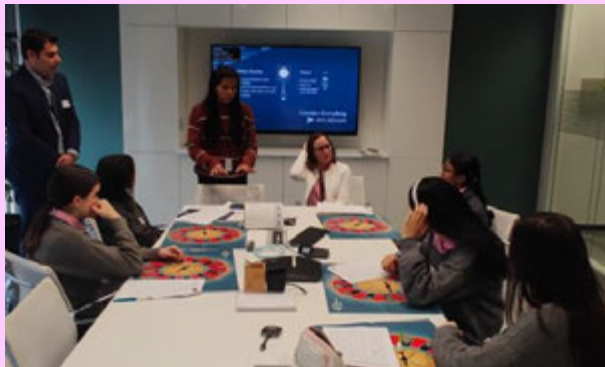
Well done to a group of TY students who won the Accenture Sustainability competition for their app idea 'Switch it off'. They won €3000 and worked with their mentor to develop their app idea which was all based on lowering electricity consumption in a fun and innovative way. The group presented their app to a number of people at their showcase which was held in the Accenture offices. This was the first year this competition has taken place and a great achievement for our students to win. They developed many skills and gained lots of opportunities for their future careers.







**2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
Business  
Studies class  
trip to Bank of  
New York  
Mellon**



# ● International Girls In ICT - KPMG

KPMG invited some of our 5th year students their International Girls in ICT day in their offices. Students listened to talks and had interactive sessions with women working in ICT and STEM.

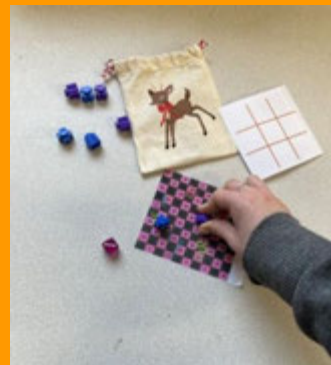


# Market Day 2023

We had our annual Market Day in the school on Dec 6th 2023. The winners in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories went on to represent the school in the Dublin Final in the Mansion House. We are very proud of our budding Entrepreneurs. Our first years and TY's were runner up in the Dublin Final and our 2nd years came 1st and went on to represent our school in the All Ireland Final in Mullingar on May 9th

## 2nd Year - Intermediate Glow & Co.

Cherly Adeleke  
Anastazja Kedzierska  
Sophie Postek



## 1st Year - Junior Crochet Creatures

Ella O' Loughlin  
Jasmyne D'arcy  
Caoimhe Dempsey  
Louise Kelly  
Ruby Redmond



## TY - Senior Pocket Pals

Meghan O'Loughlin  
Emma Hill









# ***GLOW & CO.***

*Congratulations to Anastazja Kedzierska, Cheryl Adeleke and Sophie Postek who represented our school in the All-Ireland Final of the Student Enterprise Competition in Mullingar on Thursday 9th May.*

*Their product involves recycling old candles by repurposing old wax and candles and giving them a new life. ]*

*Through this innovative method they are actively addressing the issue of excessive waste destined for landfills.*

***Sustainability** is their **Unique Selling Point.***



# Our 6th-year exploring worlds of Finance & Governance

- Our 6th-years explored finance and governance at the EU Parliament House and The Irish Stock Exchange. They gained insights into European policy-making and consumer rights from the CCPC. This enriching experience was part of our Global Money Week celebration, empowering students with global financial knowledge. Kudos to our 6th-years for their enthusiasm and curiosity! 🙌👏
- Many thanks to Teachers Ms Aileen Keaney and Ms Christina Doherty for organising this insightful trip.



# • Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

- Extension Programme
  - IDEAL Club
  - Maths Club
  - Tesco Art Competition
- Relove Fashion Competition
- ECO Committee
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Rugby
- Board game club



# Extension Programme

The extension programme provides exceptionally able students with the opportunity to explore different areas of learning through project based learning and short courses. This term included short courses in Italian and Spanish and previous term work has included projects and presentations prepared by participating students in their chosen area of expertise.



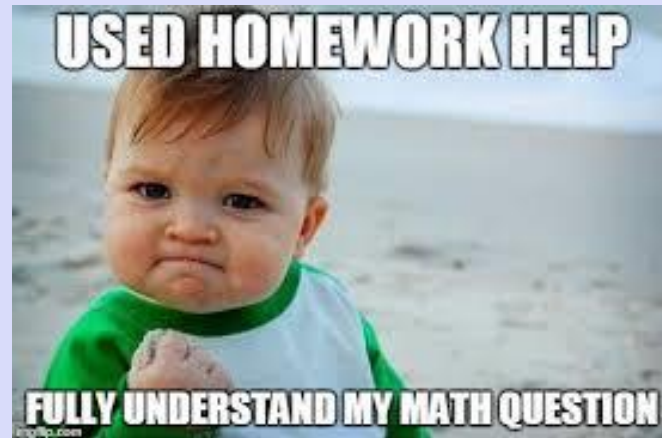
# ● IDEAL Club

The Inclusion, Diversity, Equality and Allies Club have been meeting weekly this year. They had a very successful Stand Up Week and are already planning events for next year. Pictured here are just some of the members and activities from this year



## ● Maths Club

Once more, our Maths Department have been hosting Maths Club, a drop-in support for students, every Wednesday after school in the Library. Even if the day changes, Maths Club will always be there for our students!



# English Language Camp

During the Easter Holidays and for 13 days in June we run a camp for our students who are learning English as an additional language





# ● Tesco Art Competition National Winner

Exceptional entry Gloria Semmler  
Marin Special Merit Award in  
Category C (12-13 years) of the 70th  
Texaco Children's Art Competition  
with an entry entitled  
**' My Sister'**



# ● Tesco Art Competition School winners



*Sophie O Connor*



*Sarah Ahmed*



*Emily Walsh*

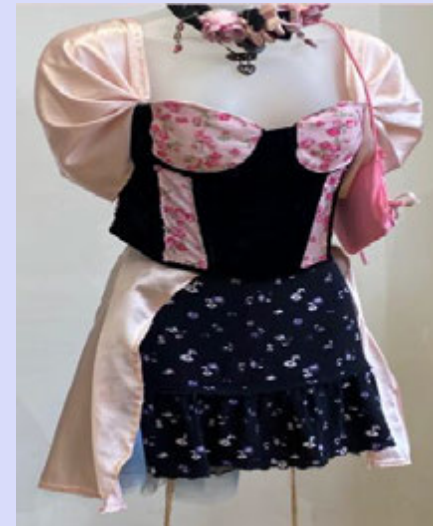


*Ava Mc Cabe*



*Olivia Wasik*

# RELOVE Fashion 2024 finalists



# ● ECO Committee

The Eco Committee have been working hard this year on their theme of Water. A number of students from the group entered projects to the Eco UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards 2024.

We had 4 groups who made it to the EcoDens where students had to present their projects. Congratulations to our 5th year group who made it to the final.

We look forward to more entries next year and have exciting ideas for the next school term





## Student Account by Sumaiya Amir 5th year

4 teams made it to the semi finals of the Eco-Unesco Dens in the Airfield Estate in Dundrum. We reached the Airfield Estate around 10:30 and the first junior team was on. The day was filled with interviews, pictures, refreshments and taking walks around the estate. Talking to other teams from other schools who were also in the semi finals helped us to create new friends while learning other ways to be sustainable! After all the teams had finished their presentations we took a group picture at the entrance, then made our way back to school. Overall a lovely day out and the groups did amazing with their presentations.



# Airfield Estate, Dundrum





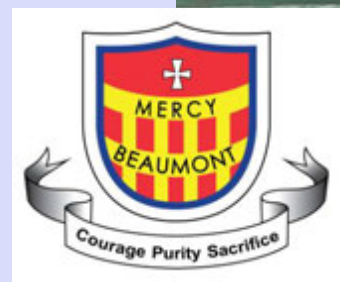
# ● Young Environmentalist of the Year Awards 2024

Our wonderful 5th year students Sumaiya Amir Ela Isik and Bushra Al Safadi made it to the finals with their project-Fast Fashion: its effect on water pollution. The final was held at the Dublin Royal Convention centre. The students set their project up for the judging time. They then attended workshops and had a chance to link with other groups which had entered. The students had a wonderful day and are already inspired for next year!





# Basketball U16 and 1<sup>st</sup> year Teams



# ● Senior Rugby

Our senior team continued to tour different parts of Leinster as the girls made it into the Quarter Finals of 15's rugby. They played an excellent match against The High School but were unlucky not to take home the win. They continued to excel and competed in the 7's competition throughout the year resulting them coming runners up of the Metro Area. They progressed into the Leinster Finals in Cill Dara RFC where they competed against different schools throughout Leinster.



## ● Junior Rugby

The junior team continued to show their skills they learned throughout the year with the training. The junior team continued to compete in the Metro 7's competition making it through to the semi finals. The girls played with their hearts on the sleeve but were unfortunate to be piped by Holy Faith Clontarf. The girls continued to train hard and supported the senior team into the Leinster Finals. We look forward to see what they will accomplish next year.



# ● Tag Rugby

On the 17th April Mercy Beaumont and David's TY's and 6th years collaborated to play tag rugby blitz organised by sports prefect Jenna. Matches were refereed by Grainne Vaugh from Leinster Rugby. Laura Horba was named player of the tournament from our school and was presented with a Leinster Rugby jersey



# ● Soccer

This term our school hosted a Fustal tournament, we had many visiting schools and representatives from the FAI. Well done to all who took part.





# Transition Year

TY is a very busy year here in Mercy Beaumont. This section gives a glimpse into the final term. For more information see our Instagram page [tymercybeaumont](https://www.instagram.com/tymercybeaumont)

- Research Projects at the Mansion House  
History - Trip to 14 Henrietta Street  
- Trip to Glasnevin Cemetery  
EPAS Euroscola Competition Winners!

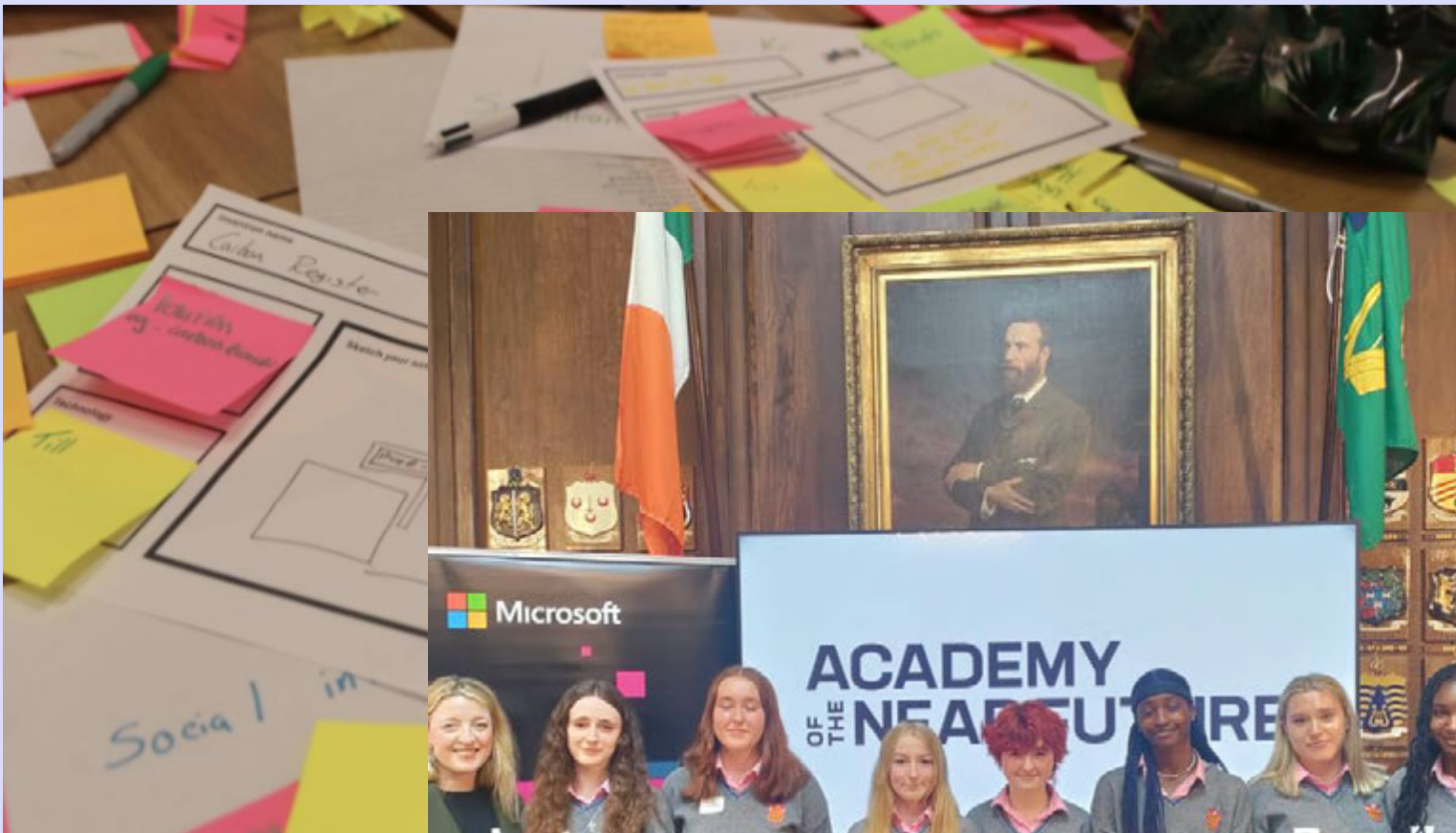


**"Our Transition Year students** recently showcased their research projects at the Mansion House, presenting to Trinity College Dublin, Microsoft, and the Dublin Lord Mayor.

They focused on 'Get Girls Cycling,' 'Safety with Dublin Bus,' and the 'Leap Travel Card scheme.'

Since Christmas the students have been participating in the "Active Travel" initiatives. Through workshops, students will tackle environmental challenges, supported by ECO Unesco, who recognises the program's potential in addressing climate change and sustainable energy."



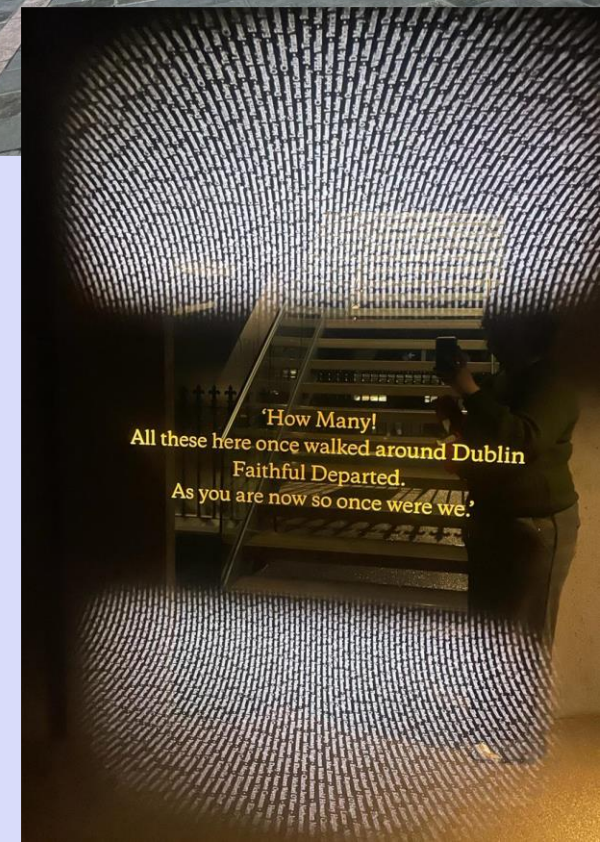




# History Trip to 14 Henrietta Street



# History Trip to Glasnevin Cemetery



# ● Competition Winners!

TY 1 will be one of only four schools representing Ireland at the European Parliament in Strasbourg and becoming an MEP for a day! Watch their winning video about the importance of voting here:



# ● SciFest @College

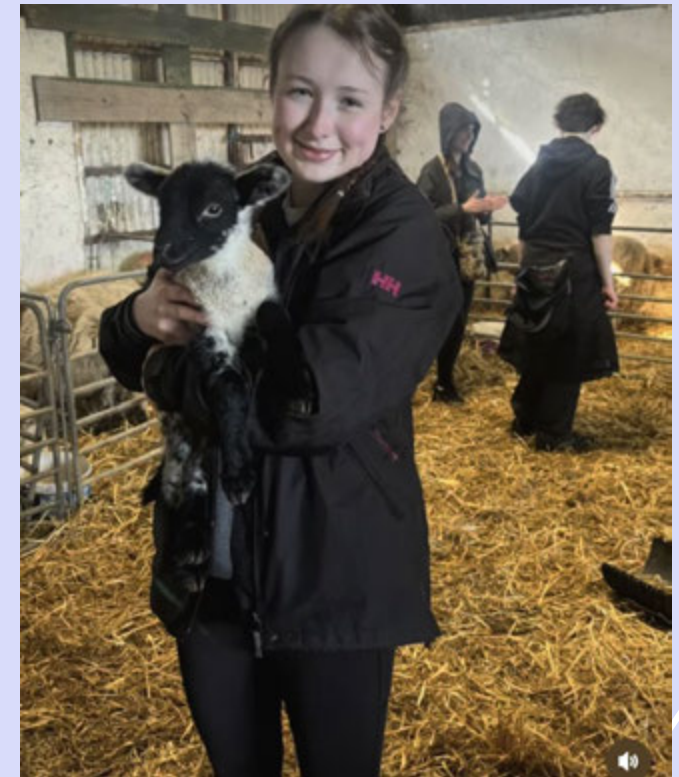
We had two groups representing the school at the SciFest @College competition that was held in TUD Grangegorman this year. They were competing against schools from all over Dublin. A well done to our competing groups and to Jenna and Arsema who won a Commendation award for their project on how best to protect from UV Rays



# ● Gaisce Hike



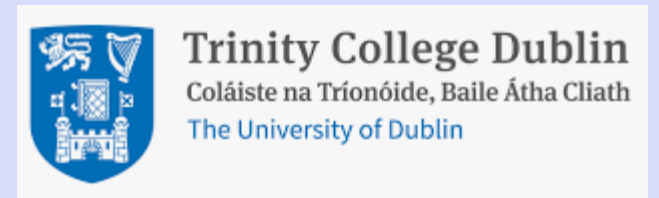
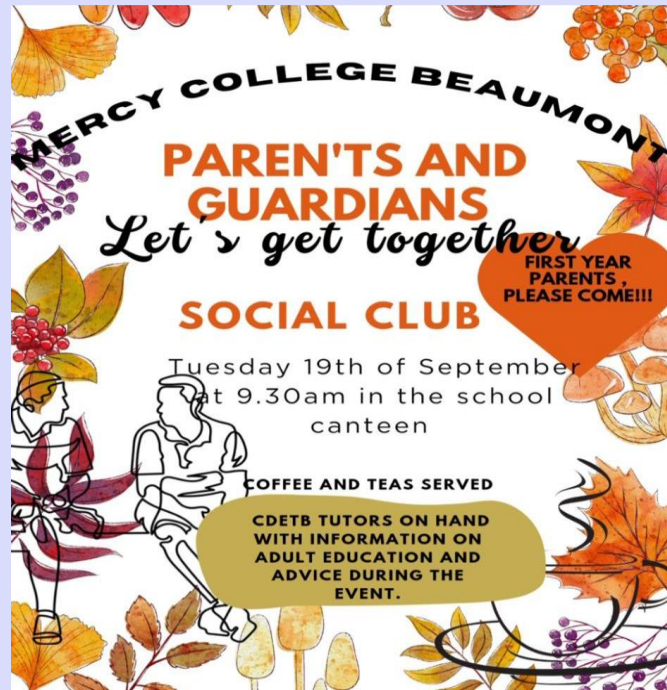
# ● Causey Farm



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# Partnerships







MERCY COLLEGE BEAUMONT

**PARENT'S AND GUARDIANS**

*Let's get together*

**SOCIAL CLUB**

First Year Parents, PLEASE COME!!!

Tuesday 19th of September  
at 9.30am in the school canteen

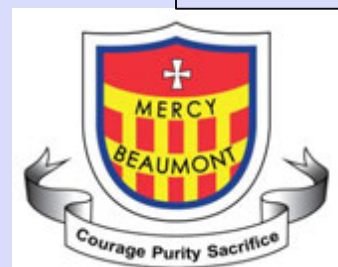
COFFEE AND TEAS SERVED

CDETb TUTORS ON HAND WITH INFORMATION ON ADULT EDUCATION AND ADVICE DURING THE EVENT.



# Life Lab partnership with DCU

Class 3.3 took part in the Life Lab programme with DCU. The students learned about health and wellbeing through active and experiential learning tasks in DCU. We had two very successful visits to the DCU campus.



# ● DCU Maths Quiz for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Students



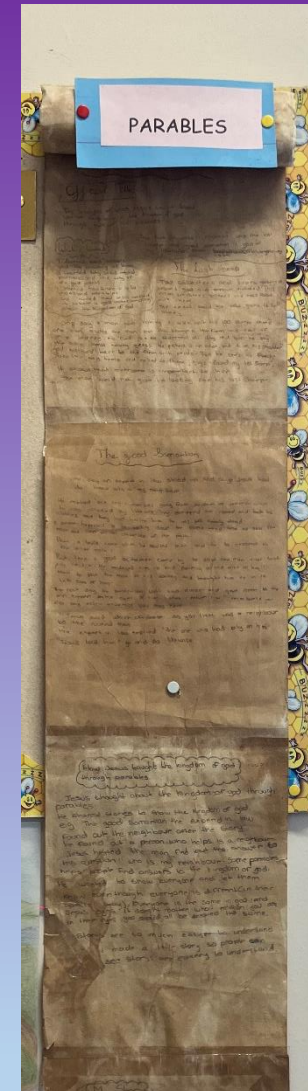
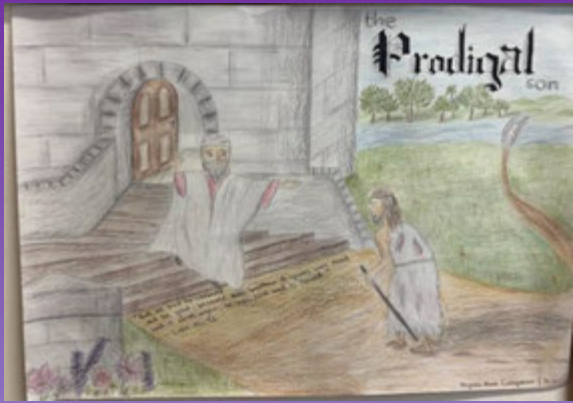
# School of Sanctuary

This year we joined the School of Sanctuary Programme. Our first meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> of March in preparation for the Show Racism the Red Card Day on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The programme will continue to grow in the coming school year. We appreciate the input from all of our students as student voice is central in continuing to have our school environment one of welcome and inclusion









# Teachers that Inspire



We as a school are honoured and privileged to celebrate and recognise the incredible achievement of one of our own – Ms. Meg Offiah who has been awarded the National Teachers That Inspire Award. This prestigious award is a testament to Ms. Offiah's dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to education and to inspiring the next generation of leaders and innovators.

Ms. Offiah is not just a teacher, but a mentor, a role model, and a guiding light for students. Her enthusiasm for teaching, along with her innovative approach to education, and the genuine care and concern for their students have left a lasting impact on all those who have had the privilege of being in her classroom. To quote Ms. Offiah from the article featured in the Irish Independent "I teach from the heart"

May you continue to inspire, educate, and empower future generations of learners, and may your passion for teaching continue to ignite a love of learning in all those whose lives you touch.

Congratulations, Ms. Offiah on this well-deserved honour. You are truly a shining example of excellence in education and an inspiration to us all.



Ryma Halfaoui nominated her former teacher Meg Offiah for the award





# Resources for parents

- Tuesday Tips via the App – Our Home School Community Liaison Officer sends out weekly messages via the App
  - Highlight resources available for parents and students
  - Keep you updated on upcoming events
- <https://www.webwise.ie/> Resources for Students and parents on keeping safe online
- <https://shona.ie/> Resources for Students and Parents on life as a teenager
- <https://www.saferinternetday.org/> Resources for Students and parents on keeping safe online
- Smart phones and sleep -  
<https://www.layahealthcare.ie/thrive/family/childrenandtheirsmartphones/>
- <https://antibullyingcentre.ie/fuse/parent-hub/> DCU
- Family centre on various social media sites has information for parents: Instagram, Snap chat, TikTok
- <https://drugs.ie/> - Information for parents on vaping and drugs





# *Thank You*

- We would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU!**
- **To our Staff**, thank you for all of your amazing work as you continually go above and beyond for the good of our school community
- **To the parents and guardians**, thank you for your support throughout the year. Remember we are here to help in any way we can, please get in touch if you need us.
- **To our students**, thank you for your dedication to your studies and commitment to making the Mercy Beaumont Community a warm welcoming place.
- **To the wider community** with whom we work, for always welcoming and support our students.





# Have a Lovely Summer

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy Summer.

Please see our App and Website for booklists, payments and upcoming news in relation to the coming school year.

School Summer reports are available on VShare, a message was sent via the app on accessing reports, if you have any queries contact the school office via email [vshare@mercybeaumont.com](mailto:vshare@mercybeaumont.com)

If you need any assistance with the School App please email [support@uniqueschools.ie](mailto:support@uniqueschools.ie)

