

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A Message from the Principal





Dear Students, Staff, Parents, and School Community,

As we reach the end of another extraordinary year at Our Lady of Mercy College Beaumont, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together.

To Our Remarkable Students:

Your incredible contributions to our school community have been nothing short of inspiring. From academic achievements to creative endeavors, from sporting successes to acts of kindness and service, you have embodied the true spirit of **Our Lady of Mercy College**. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment to excellence have made this year truly memorable. You are the heart of our school, and your achievements shine brightly as a testament to your hard work and character.

To Our Exceptional Staff:

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for your unwavering dedication and professionalism. Your commitment to nurturing our students, both academically and personally, has created an environment where excellence thrives. Your passion for education and your care for each student continues to be the foundation of our school's success. Thank you for going above and beyond, day after day.





TO OUR WONDERFUL PARENTS:

Your partnership and support have been invaluable throughout this year. Your trust in our mission and your active involvement in your children's education create the strong homeschool connection that is so vital to student success. Thank you for your continued collaboration and for entrusting us with your child's educational journey.



TO OUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

Your wisdom, guidance, and strategic vision continue to steer our school toward a bright future. Your commitment to maintaining the highest standards while staying true to our **Mercy and Ceist values** is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your dedicated service to our school community.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION:

I extend particular thanks to our wonderful **Deputy Principal, Ms. Ciara Howard,** whose leadership, dedication, and tireless efforts have been instrumental in our school's continued success. Her commitment to excellence and her care for our entire community is truly exceptional.



HEARTFELT THANKS:

I also wish to express sincere gratitude to Mr. Rodin Ozalp for his outstanding work on the editing and production of this newsletter. His attention to detail and dedication ensure that we can share our school's story with pride and professionalism.



Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe, and restful summer.

With warmest regards and deepest gratitude,

Maura Gray Principal Our Lady of Mercy College Beaumont







STUDENT COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

This year, our Student Council actively contributed to student life through leadership, creativity, and community spirit. From event organisation to student voice representation, they played a key role in promoting Mercy values.



FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

€814 was raised internally for the Irish Cancer Society, and an additional fundraiser was held at Northside Shopping Centre. The Council also raised €803 for Temple Street Children's Hospital during their Halloween Fancy Dress Day — a fantastic display of kindness and community support.

CEIST Student Leadership Conference

First Years Nada Al Safadi and Megan O'Neill, along with TY student Lily Maguire, proudly represented Mercy at the CEIST Leadership Conference at DCU. They engaged in peer discussions, workshops, and shared innovative ideas about living out CEIST values in schools.





The Student Council visited the residents of Catherine McAuley Nursing Home in December, sharing stories and tea in a warm, intergenerational afternoon of joy and reflection.





WELLBEING INITIATIVE

Take what you need!
Our New Wellbeing Wall

This term we introduced our
"Take What You Need"
Wellbeing Wall, offering words
like strength, calm, love, and
courage for anyone who needs a
boost. A small reminder that
support is always within reach.



EMBER PREFECTS



EMBER EVENTS

MERCY DAY

Our Ember Team marked Mercy Day with lessons for our First Years on the history of our school and took them for a walk to the convent and memorial to Catherine McAuley. They also held a scavenger hunt to familiarise the students with the school.





EMBER RAFFLE

The Team organised a raffle raising funds for their activities during Market Day and was a great success.



CHRISTMAS

Our Ember Team organised a Christmas Movie with popcorn and treats as well as Hot Chocolate for our first years before their exams.



EMBER EVENTS

RENEWAL DAY

Our Ember Team took part in a Renewal Service in St. Pat's DCU where they showcased all of the events they had organised with the other Ember schools in the Diocese.







ST. VALENTINE'S

Our team ran a 'Galentine's Day' postal service delivering nice messages and cards as well as treats to all of the students and staff to mark St. Valentine's Day

EASTER

The Team organised an egg hunt at lunchtimes before Easter in our school grounds. They also led our Lenten services in the oratory every Thursday during Lent.

GRADUATION

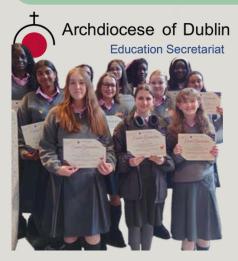
CONGRATULATIONS

Our Ember Team graduated in May at a ceremony led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. They made a presentation of all their work and represented the school with pride. They are our first ever Ember Prefects and they have contributed greatly to making our school an inclusive and welcoming place for all of our students. We are very proud of them!









The Ember Programme is a leadership programme for students at senior level in secondary schools (5th Year). With Ember, we want to create opportunities for students in our schools to lead/plan faith activities and to deepen their own faith.

1	Amelia Matuszek-Skibiak
2	Arsema Kidane Habteab
3	Glenda Oduwa
4	Jia Angel Bhoobun
5	Kate Woods
6	Kerry Forde Kelly
7	Meghan O'Loughlin
8	Michelle Osei Bonsu
9	Prayer Onakoya
10	Sona Maria Bino
11	Sophie Ann McCann
12	Scarlett Thakur
13	Amelia Wawrykiewicz



The Pope John Paul II Award is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary.



The Award enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society.





JPII ACTIVITIES

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our Ty's completing the JPII Awards organised a Remembrance Service in November to support and be with students and staff who have been bereaved over the past year in our school.



CHRISTMAS

They organised and ran a food appeal at Christmas to support families in our school and local community with the help of Ms. O'Reilly as well as leading our Advent services every Thursday in our oratory.

MERCY CENTRE RETREAT

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BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

They took part in a renewal of their Baptismal promises in our local parish with Fr. Robert in January.



FAITH FRIENDS

The students took part in a mentoring programme of 6th Class students in St. John of God's Primary School teaching them in the build up to their Confirmation.



JPII AWARDS



AWARD CEREMONY

The students have completed their reflection booklets which were submitted to the Archdiocese Education Secretariat and will be awarded their medals and certificates in September in our local parish.



There are 3 Award levels – <u>Gold</u>, <u>Silver</u> & <u>Bronze</u>.

Pearl Arzaga	4.1	
Emily Bannon	4.2	
Esther Joelle Braganza	4.1	
Pandeena Buckley	4.2	
Tamika Byrne	4.1	
Grace Cawley	4.1	
Gemma Dunne	4.2	
Ellie Rose Gough	4.2	
Holly Harbourne Doyle	4.2	
Zara Isik	4.2	
Dusica Janus	4.1	
Lily Maguire	4.1	
Roxy McKevitt	4.2	
Naia Montague Bardeci	4.1	
Abigail Nelmida	4.2	
Emilia O'Brien	4.2	
Benedita Ojobu	4.2	
Hannah O'Reilly	4.2	
Aida O'Rourke	4.2	
Teagan O'Sullivan	4.2	
Annamaria Radu	4.2	
Layla Rooney	4.2	
Vanessa Survila	4.2	



OUR SHONA TEAM

Our Shona Project Ambassadors in the school are 5th years Alex Rayner & Jia Bhoobun, and 4th year Pixie Ring, ably helped and supported by 5th years Sona Bino, Louise Ybanez, Amelia Wawrykiewicz, Prayer Onakoya, and 4th years Zara Izik & Emilia O'Brien. Thanks to the team International Women's Day was a huge success in the school in March!



Our team are "all about educating, empowering, and inspiring girls... so they grow into strong, confident, and curious young women."







ECO UNESCO YEA FINAL



ECO-UNESCO's Young Environmentalist Awards

We had two groups this year who qualified to showcase their projects at the final which was held in May in The National Convention centre in Dublin city. This is our second year to have groups make it to the final!.





These groups included one junior and one senior groups.
The junior project was by Ella O'Loughlin, Sophie O'Connnor,
Bermal Ciftci and Brekti
Brhane- Project Re-pollinate.

The Senior project was by Pixie Ring and Lojain Elmaghrum- Food consumption in Our School.

They made the final of 104 projects from across the country. Their displays and discussions with the judges were fantastic. Well done to them again on all their hard work.





Transition Year Highlights





TY students enjoyed a trip to Croke Park in October. They did a tour of the GAA museum along with the rooftop tour. They enjoyed learning about the history of the GAA and Dublin.



POSTCARD SHOW GARDEN

TY student Emma Coone was successfullyselected for the Postcard Show Garden with her garden entry "TY Sensory Transcendence".

She envisaged engaging the five senses of sight,smell,hearing, taste and touch to create a safe accessible place where students can take a break from overwhelming environments.





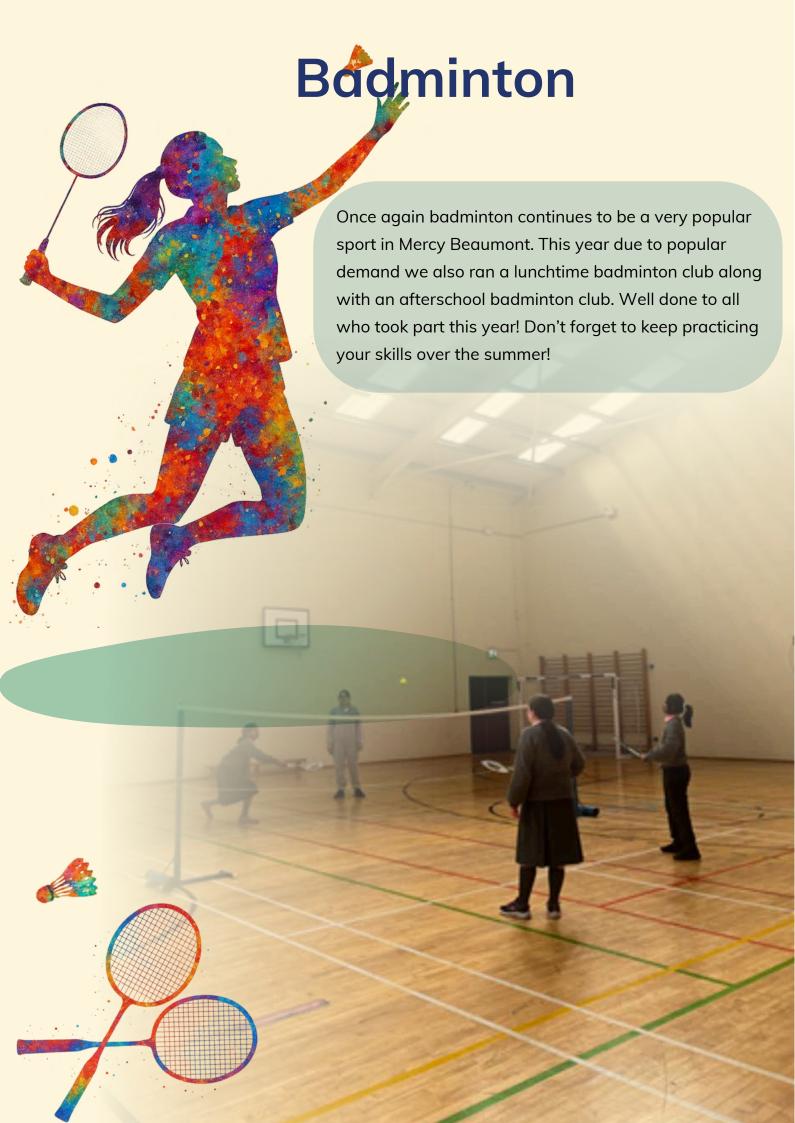
Aida OR, Emilia OB and Emily Bennett came on board to help construct this garden for Bloom.

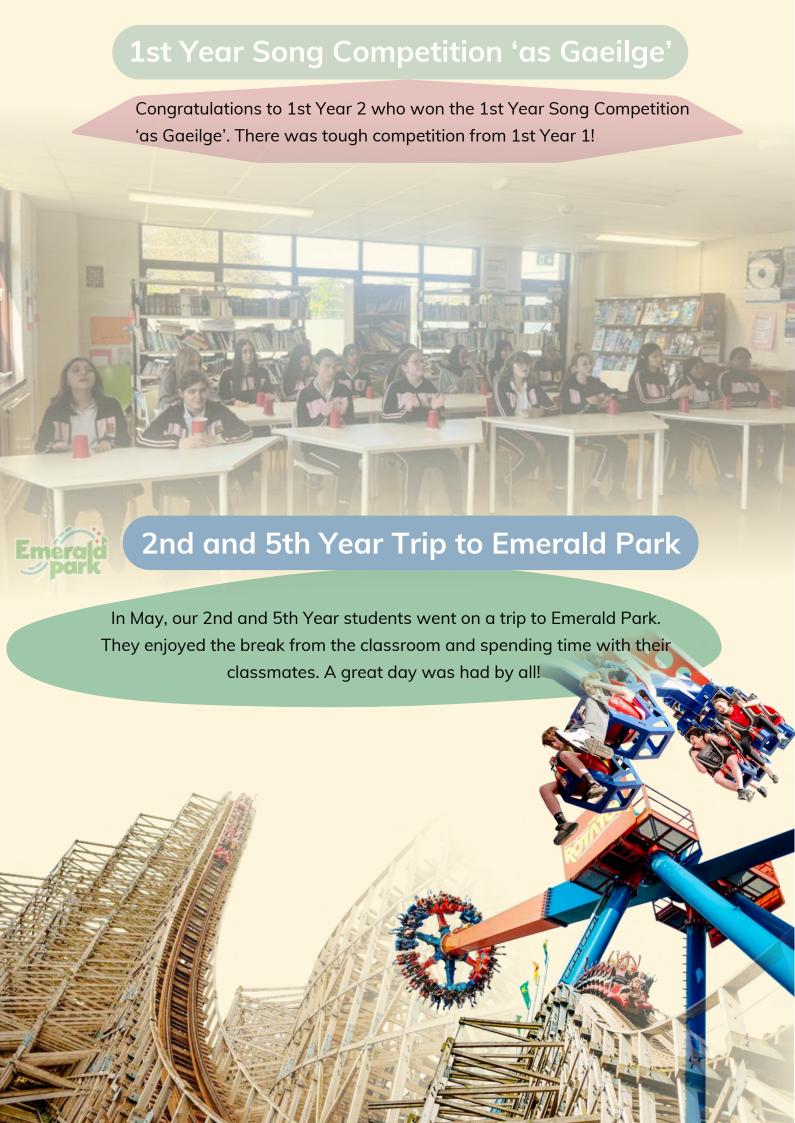
It is to relocate to our school after the Boom Garden Festival this summer.

Huge thanks to Paul our caretaker for his woodworking skills and advice.

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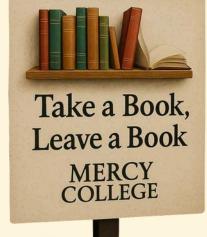
'Take a Book, Leave a Book'

This year saw the introduction of a 'take a book, leave a book' bookshelf for students. We are delighted to see so many students using this resource and enjoying a good book! Many thanks to our caretakers Colm and Paul for upcycling some old materials to create this bookshelf.

Take a Book Leave a Book

Take a Book

We're always looking for more donations, so if you have any books at home that you would like to donate, please drop them into the school office.





Texaco Art Competition National Winner 25

13 year old Silke Semmler Marin of our first year art class was chosen as a special merit award winner in her age category in the National Texaco Children's art competition. Silke's sister Gloria placed at the same level in this category last year .

Congratulations!



Highly Commended 2024

Texaco Art Competition







Special Merit Winner Sophie O Connor



Mural with artist Holly Pereira in new fitness suite



This year our seniors worked with celebrated artistHolly
Pereira in designing a vibrant mural for the wall of the new
fitness suite in our P.E. Hall themed "Progress not
perfection!"

We secured a grant from NAPD's Creative Engagement, sponsorship from Tara Art Supplies as well as raffling a Stanley Cup in order to fundraise and support their project.

1st Year Attendance Poster Competition

Well done to all 1st Year students who took part in the attendance poster competition. We have incredible artistic talent here in Mercy Beaumont. Congratulations to our overall winners, **Taiba and Niha.**





The TY Show 13th, 15th & 16th May 2025!

Our TY students staged a vibrant end-of-year performance filled with creativity, teamwork, and talent. From acting to stage management, every element was student-led and full of spirit.



Our first show in over six years!

Mercy Beaumont's Mega Mix-Tape: 90's Edition" – a vibrant celebration of music that has brought our school community together in the most extraordinary way.

This production showcased not only the remarkable talent of our students but also their dedication, creativity, and collaborative spirit. The Transition Year Class of 2025 deserves special recognition for their commitment to bringing this vision to life across our three performances on May 13th, 15th, and 16th.





We extend our deepest gratitude to our brilliant directors – Ms. Yvonne Murphy, Ms. Christina Doherty, and Ms. Áine Vaughan and Ms. Emily Keogh for all her artistic work and Ms. Evelyn McAuliffe. Their expertise, patience, and unwavering enthusiasm have guided our students through this journey, creating an experience that will remain with them long after the final curtain call.

THE TY 90S' SHOW - A MASSIVE SUCCESS!

TY Show - May 2025

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Well done to all the TYs - those onstage, off-stage, and backstage! A lot of talent, teamwork & dedication went into making the show such a success!



Enterprise & Innovation



Student Enterprise Awards

Business students across
Junior, Intermediate, and
Senior levels represented
Mercy in the Dublin Final at
the Mansion House. Teams
like Itsy Bits, Craftique, and
Velvet Pop showcased
outstanding innovation and
teamwork.

Awards & Recognition

Our 2nd Year team earned
Runner-Up in the
Intermediate category — an
exceptional achievement
and testament to their
entrepreneurial spirit.



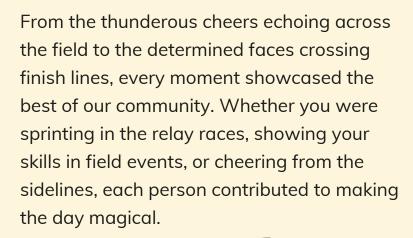




Celebrating Our Amazing Sports Day!

As we reflect on this incredible year, we can't help but smile when we think back to our spectacular Sports Day. What a day it was! The energy, enthusiasm, and team spirit displayed by everyone made it truly unforgettable.













Congratulations to our Junior Rugby team who came runners in the Leinster 7's Metro Final at the end of January. They showed great skill and leadership on the pitch as they played in a challenging category. We look forward to seeing how they progress next season.

Congratulations are also in order to our Senior Rugby team who went the entire season unbeaten. The girls look forward to continue playing in the new league next year.

INDIVIDUAL STANDOUTS

A special congratulations to
Teni, who made her Ireland U18
debut during the Easter break
— a proud moment for the
whole school. Well done also to
Holly, our Junior Captain, who
earned a place on the Leinster

BaringPoint

Metro Team. Her summer training will no doubt bring new strengths to next year's Senior team.

SENIOR RUGBY

A special recognition goes out to our senior vice captain who made her Ireland Debut with the u18 6 Nations teams during the Easter break. Teni's sporting journey this year has being inspiring and her achievements are hardearned and well deserved. We are all incredibly proud of everything she has accomplished and look forward to seeing her progress in the future





Seachtain na Gaeilge - A Resounding Success!

Bhain an scoil go léir taitneamh agus spraoi as Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhí réimse leathan imeachtaí sa scoil i mbliana. Bhí tráth na gceist, céilí, cluichí, lá glas agus ceol againn.

We are delighted to report that our school's celebration of Seachtain na Gaeilge was an outstanding success, with enthusiastic participation from students and staff across all year groups. The week-long celebration truly brought our school community together through the joy of the Irish language.



Clár na Seachtaine

Dé Luain - SnaG sa rang: The week kicked off with Seachtain na Gaeilge activities in every classroom, setting an exciting tone as students engaged with Irish language games and activities tailored to their year groups.

Dé Máirt - Biongó sa rang: Tuesday brought the excitement of Bingo to every classroom, with students practicing their numbers and vocabulary through this beloved game - all conducted as Gaeilge, of course!

Dé Céadaoin - Scrabble agus Jenga 'as Gaeilge'Wednesday's lunchtime activities in the library proved incredibly popular, with students testing their Irish vocabulary through Scrabble and adding an Irish twist to the classic game of Jenga.

Déardaoin - Tráth na gCeist: Thursday's quiz in the library during lunch drew enthusiastic participants as students showcased their knowledge of Irish language, culture, and heritage in a spirited competition.

Dé hAoine - Céilí agus Lá Glas. The week culminated in spectacular fashion with our Céilí and Lá Glas celebration. From 11:05am to 12:05pm, the entire school came alive with traditional Irish music and dancing, with everyone proudly wearing green to mark the occasion.

Míle Buíochas

The energy and enthusiasm displayed by our students throughout the week was truly inspiring. From the youngest pupils to our senior students, everyone embraced the opportunity to celebrate our native language and culture. Special thanks to all our teachers and staff who made this celebration possible, and to our students who participated with such wonderful spirit.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025 has certainly set the bar high for next year's celebration. It was a perfect reminder of the vibrancy and importance of the Irish language in our school community. Ní neart go cur le chéile!

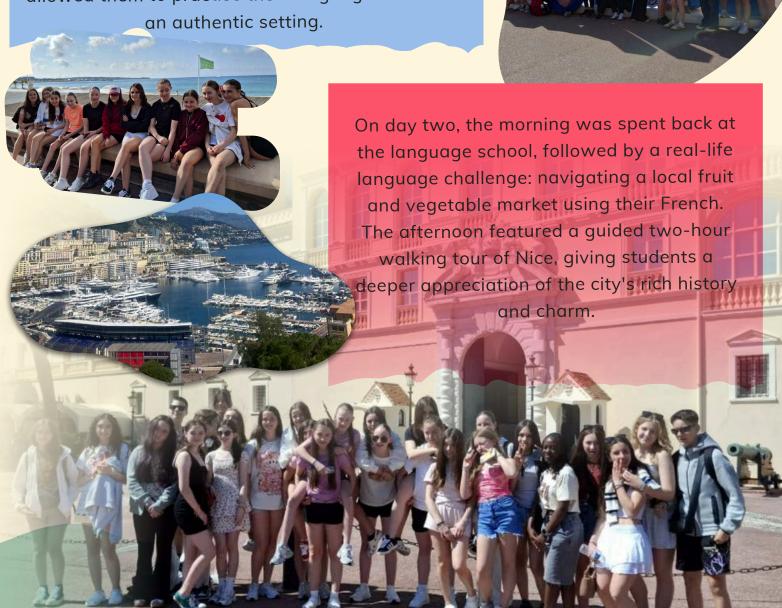


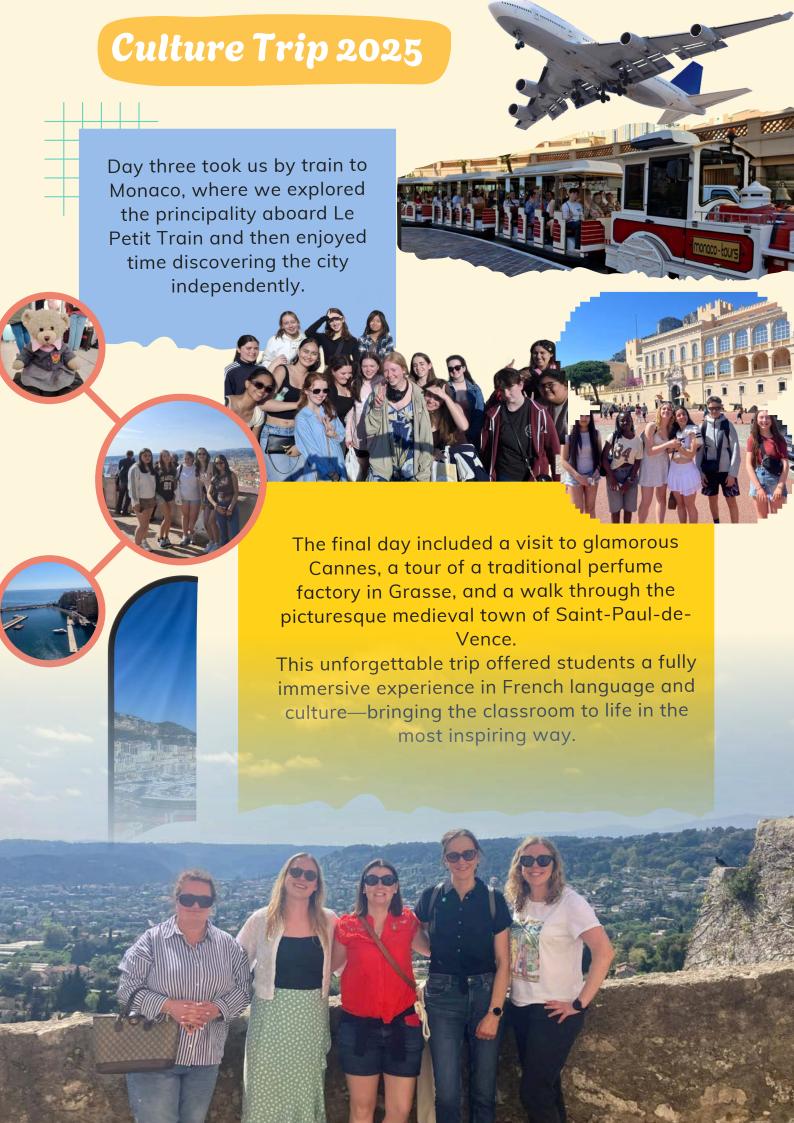
Language, Culture & Lifelong Memories

— A Journey to the South of France

In April, our 2nd Year and TY French students had the wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in the language and culture of the South of France, with visits to Nice, Cannes, and Monaco.

The tour began with a visit to a French language school, where students participated in two hours of engaging lessons—a perfect start that allowed them to practise their language skills in an authentic setting.





Relove Sustainability in Fashion Award

For three years our school has reached the finals of the Rediscovery Centre's Relove sustainability in Fashion Awards with a outfit created incorporating upcycling and recycling of garments. Pearl, Salma, Minaal, Abigail, Elena and Annmaria of TY progressed to the finals this year and were rewarded for their hard work and preparation winning an award for the category "Best Research" having surveyed their year group on clothing consumption and investigating greenwashing practices. Congratulations!

"Day Dream"







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Ms. Gray and Ms. Howard's addresses reminded graduates of their strength, resilience, and the importance of staying true to themselves. As a school community, we are incredibly proud of our 6th Years — their leadership, kindness, and determination have left a lasting impact.

We wish each of them success, happiness, and fulfilment in whatever paths they pursue next. Once Mercy, always Mercy.

PARENTS ACTIVITIES JAN-MAY, 2025

It was great to get to meet all if the first year and new student parents this year during home school liaison visits. Each family received me graciously and it is lovely to have made some new friends both to the school and to me personally!!

A big thanks to the parents who took part in some of the many activities this year including Market Day and Cultural Day, as well as the meetings, talks and workshops.





It makes for a very healthy school environment to see such parental involvement. Among the activities this year were Yoga classes, Eco art, Wreath making Workshops as well as Candle making workshops. We also did beading using tiny looms with Olivia the craft teacher. There were talks on community resources, well being for young people, artificial intelligence, cyber safety and exam stress tips for parents.

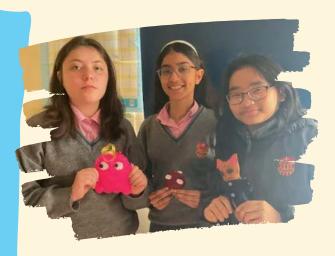
We made trips out to Santry, to the Chester Beatty library, to the Whitehall College and DCU. A few of our brave parents led a cookery demonstration one evening after the first year PTM which great considering they fed a bunch of hungry teachers and parents afterwards! I am looking forward to the coming school year and planning what can be done next. If you have any suggestions or would like to get involved call Oona



FIRST YEAR MONSTER CREATIONS

A Colourful Finish to the Term

As the term drew to a close, our 1st
Year students let their creativity
shine through a fun and
imaginative art project: designing
and crafting their very own
"Monsters."





Students combined recycled materials, colour, and character design to bring their creatures to life. The results were as impressive as they were playful — full of personality, originality, and humour.

The activity was a lovely way to celebrate the end of the year with teamwork, expression, and a few laughs along the way.



HAND MADE





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BÍ CINEÁLTA POSTER COMPETITION WINNER!

We are delighted to announce that Judith Shilju is the winner of our Bí Cineálta (Be Kind) poster competition! Judith's creative and inspiring design perfectly captured the spirit of kindness that we strive to promote throughout our school community. Her thoughtful artwork stood out among many wonderful entries, demonstrating both artistic talent and a genuine understanding of what it means to be kind.



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE



Pictured here with Mr. Rodin Ozalp, who organised this fantastic competition, Judith's winning poster alongside all the other beautiful entries are now proudly displayed throughout our school, serving as daily reminders of the importance of kindness in everything we do.

Celebrating Excellence: Principal's Awards 2025

As we approach the summer break, we are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions that have made this school year truly special. The Principal's Awards for 2025 recognise not only academic excellence but the heart and soul of our school community.





Colm O'Rourke - Outstanding Service Award

We are thrilled to honour Colm O'Rourke, whose dedication to our school extends far beyond his role as caretaker. From ensuring our facilities are pristine to bringing joy as our beloved school Santa, and never forgetting his famous Friday muffin distribution that brightens students' weeks, Colm embodies the spirit of service that makes our school family so special. His tireless work behind the scenes creates the warm, welcoming environment we all cherish.

TY Class 2025 & Ms. Yvonne Murphy Creative Excellence Award

Congratulations to our Transition Year class of 2025 and their inspiring director, **Ms. Yvonne Murphy**, for their exceptional TY show. Their creativity, teamwork, and dedication resulted in a production that captivated audiences and showcased the incredible talent within our school. This achievement demonstrates the transformative power of collaborative learning and artistic expression.

5.1 LCVP Class & Ms. Imelda Taylor Community Engagement Award

A special commendation goes to our 5.1 LCVP class and their teacher, Ms. Imelda Taylor, for organising a fabulous carnival that brought joy to our entire school community. This outstanding project perfectly exemplifies the LCVP ethos of linking learning with real-world application, while creating lasting memories for students, staff, and our school community.

Looking Ahead

These awards remind us that excellence takes many forms - from quiet daily service to creative expression to community engagement. Each winner has contributed something unique and valuable to our school culture.

As we head into the summer break, we carry with us the inspiration of these achievements and look forward to another year of growth, learning, and community spirit.

The Principal's Awards celebrate the diverse talents and contributions that make our school community thrive. Thank you to all students, staff, and families who continue to make our school a place of excellence, creativity, and care.

Trips & Visits

Home-School Liaison led visits to Chester Beatty Library, DCU, Whitehall College, and more. Parents' enthusiasm and presence helped strengthen the bridge between school and home.

PTM Cookery Demo

After the 1st Year PTM, a group of brave and generous parents hosted a cookery demonstration — feeding both staff and families with joy!



TY Trip to Croke Park

Looking Ahead

What's Coming in 2025/26 We look forward to another year filled with opportunity, growth, and learning. Subject tasters, wellbeing programmes, and continued innovation are just some of what lies ahead.



Closing Words

"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day." As we turn the page into summer, may that thought guide us all.

School Lotto

Feeling lucky heading into the summer? Why not join our school lotto to be in with a chance of winning our current jackpot of €625

Get your ticket and join in the fun!

Here is the link

https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/mercyssbeaumont/

Read More: www.mercybeaumont.ie