

THE LORETO TIMES

JUNE 2022



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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

End of Term Reflection

June 2022

What a wonderful year we have shared! I wish to acknowledge the work, achievements, effort and participation of all this year. What a privilege it is, as Principal to share with you this time of reflection and witness the outstanding work and accomplishments this year.

I could not be more proud of you, students and staff!

You have all played your part, you have made a special contribution in your subjects, your classes, your year groups, your teams and various groups .

We have witnessed week after week the contribution of our student body from all areas of learning – we have all been energised by you, particularly this year -when we moved beyond restrictions.

We always encourage you to avail of opportunities. Perhaps this year was your year and you tried many new things – perhaps you have been inspired and will have the confidence or enthusiasm to try new things next year!

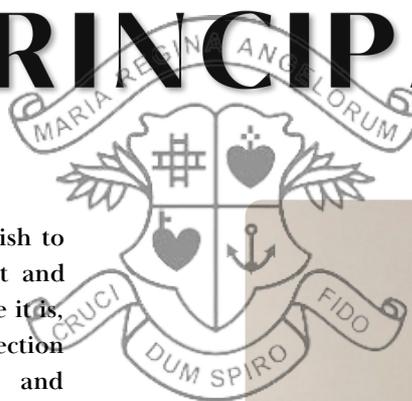
Opportunities do not just happen – your teachers and all the staff are committed to going that extra mile for you, committed to creating and providing more opportunities for you. We thank our teachers and support staff for their unwavering and continued dedication this term.

This year we have celebrated the bicentenary of the Mary Ward Institute in Ireland . We linked with our sister schools in Ireland and indeed, across the globe within the worldwide network of Loreto schools. We continue to strive for excellence - where excellence is being your individual very best, it is what we share and what makes a Loreto school, its pupils, its staff and its community special.

Always remember you are special!

Students – I wish you a good summer holiday. Enjoy time with your friends and more so with your family –

take time to appreciate the little things that make all the difference, the love, care and kindness around you,



Stay safe and carry on our theme of the Rose –
Reach out, support everyone .

Staff- thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to our school and our students.

Parents- we appreciate your partnership and continued support.

Take time “to be” and enjoy your summer.

Until the next term – “Go gcoinní Dia i mbos a láimhe sibh” –
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Year 8 pupils pray at the Shrine for the continued work of Mother Teresa Ball

Mother Teresa Ball Week- February 2022

In February, Loreto Omagh joined in the global celebrations for the Bicentenary of Mother Teresa Ball.

The Irish Branch of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary was begun two hundred years ago in 1821 by Mother Teresa Ball. She became a pioneer of girls' education when she returned to Ireland in 1821 and opened Loreto Abbey convent and boarding school in 1822.

We were invigorated and energised by the foresight, contribution and commitment to the mission of education, shown by Mother Teresa Ball.

Pupils enjoyed a week of cross curricular activities celebrating the life and work of our foundress.

Pupils were presented with a special commemorative badge. KS3 students stepped back in time to move forward in faith together. Pupils celebrated the journey of the nuns, in the past and our Loreto journey today.



'Go set the world on fire.'

Mother Frances Teresa Ball 1794-1861



Walking in the footsteps of Teresa Ball

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Environment Week

'TO PLANT A GARDEN IS TO BELIEVE IN TOMORROW



Environment Week- Putting Climate at the Heart of Education

Inspired by recent environmental campaigns, Loreto's inaugural Environment Week took place in November. The aim of the week was to create cross curricular, blended links between departments to draw light on our shared responsibility as a school community to do our part to help slow the rate of climate change. Departments welcomed the opportunity to create an array of activities for pupils to engage with across the curriculum. Activities included role plays of COP 26 discussions, nurturing the growth of plant seeds in the school greenhouse, environmental pledges, the creation of a recycled tree, made from plastic bottles. This special 'tree' (pictured top right) is now on display in the school.



Traditional Group

Aine, Maebh and Megan share the creative process that went into creating the Bicentenary Anthem

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We spent around a month composing the two pieces of music – a hornpipe and a reel – for the bicentenary celebration set. We did this at lunch and break times and we have to say, we thoroughly enjoyed doing so. We chose to write our pieces in a lively and joyful style, as these rightly represent life at Loreto and the Loreto value of ‘Joy’.

We were extremely grateful to Dr Ryan Molloy, Maynooth University Lecturer in Composition who kindly came into the school to help arrange our pieces with the school’s new Traditional Group. Ryan came up with the name of our set, ‘Sister Teresa’s Ball’ - she is the founder of Loreto schools. The Traditional group practised the pieces regularly under the guidance of Mrs Mc Girr and Ms Dunne. Finally, we recorded our piece with Ian Smith, Stove Studios.

We were honoured to be chosen to represent Loreto Omagh to celebrate the bicentenary of Loreto schools, as we were representing the culture of traditional music in Ireland. The bicentenary music project was an amazing way for us to learn and appreciate music from all cultures.

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Loreto's All-Ireland Glory-March 2022

Loreto's Under 16 team secured a magnificent All-Ireland victory over Presentation Thurles during the Lidl All-Ireland Post Primary School Junior 'B' Championship final at Duggan Park in Ballinasloe, Galway.

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL (TYRONE) 3-6 PRESENTATION (TIPPERARY) 2-8

Under the esteemed guidance of Mrs Joanne McNabb, the team overcame a challenging route to the final, accomplishing a big win in the Ulster final against Assumption Grammar to lift the Corn Cup. The girls had full unwavering support from the school and wider sporting community with well wishes and video messages sent from legends of the game in the lead up to the final including Peter Canavan, Niamh O'Neill, Feargal Logan and Niall Morgan.

The team and management acknowledged the added boost these well wishes gave them in the days of preparation before the game.

MCCAFFREY'S LATE TRIUMPH

The second half of the game, in particular, was tight with both sides putting in a gutsy performance. Neither team came to lose! It was Kelly McCaffrey's breathtaking late free that ensured Loreto secured All-Ireland glory.

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH

Aine Strain was recognised in the Ulster Final for her enduring performance.

Erin Harvey (pictured below) was awarded the deserving winner of Player of the Match in the All-Ireland Final.

Captain, Bree McBride warms up in advance of the match

Loreto's All-Ireland Glory





SPORTING PROFILE

Eimear McCarroll

Eimear participated in the European Cross Country 4000m race in Portugal on 6th February 2022. She competed in the Under 20 race at this highly prestigious event, where she was the youngest competitor involved.

THE ROAD TO PORTUGAL

Eimear prepared for this race by training every day. Running on a daily basis helps maintain her fitness as well as ensuring her health is adequate to perform well in the race.

Eimear's journey to the European Championship, has been colourful. She has participated in many competitions such as the All- Ireland 1500m race where she placed second, and in the 3000m where she placed third.



SPORTING HEROES

Eimear's sporting inspirations involve local twin sisters; Eilish and Roisin Flanagan from Carrickmore, who are also highly talented cross country competitors. They have recently broken the Northern Ireland 5,000m record in 2020.

Eimear was undoubtedly nervous about participating in the European Championship but reported that her experience of taking part as in such a prestigious competition was a wonderful achievement to experience, especially at a young age. Onwards and upwards, Eimear!



District Athletics Success-May 2022

Results:

Cara Year 8 Gold High Jump

Erin Year 9 Silver 100m

Cora Year 10 Gold 1,500m

Sarah Year 10 Silver 800m

Sally Year 11 Bronze 800m

Eimear Year 12 Silver 3,000m

Year 9 Relay Gold

Year 11/12 Relay Silver

Senior Relay Silver



ULSTER SCHOOLS ATHLETICS FINAL MAY 2022



Loreto athletes triumphed at the Ulster Schools Athletics Final.

We are so proud of all who participated and those who finished on the medal podium.



Results:

Cora - First Place 1500m

Eimear- Second Place 1500m

Cora and Eimear will now progress to the All- Ireland Athletics Final.

Cora Scullion



I first became interested in running when I was in Primary 5. I started competing in primary school cross countries. I enjoyed it and as time went on, I started to become better and better.

I run about 6 times every week. Most of these runs are slow and easy runs. I do harder training sessions around 2-3 times a week, depending on what races I have at the weekend. I enjoy racing very much as it is exciting but also can make you feel very nervous!

My warmup before races is usually an hour long and includes a 20–30-minute jog following a 15–20-minute period completing a series of drills and exercises to warm up my muscles in preparation for the race following. Around 10 minutes before the race I will do some strides to get my body prepared for running at a hard pace for a longer period.

So far this year, I have competed in schools cross country and schools track and field. This has given me many opportunities over the last few months which has been an incredible experience. I went to London in October for the London mini marathon and travelled to Wales at the end of March for the school's international cross country. I feel proud to have participated in both!

Lastly, I enjoy running because when I am stressed and busy it relaxes me, and I do not have to think about anything else but running. If I were to give someone advice who just started running it would be to enjoy yourselves and do not forget about why you started!



“LIVES REMEMBERED- FR JOHN CARGAN



We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Fr John Cargan P.P. Kilrea and extend our sympathies to his family, fellow priests and parishioners.

Fr Cargan was Chaplain to Loreto G.S. from 1980-1988 and a wonderful friend to the Loreto community through the years.

We give thanks for his great wisdom, guidance and support as a Priest and for the fun and joy he brought through his ministry. We were blessed to share in his beautiful liturgies, many Retreats in Linisfort and are thankful for the gifts he shared with us.

Rest in peace, dear Fr. Cargan. You had a profound impact on our lives and on our faith.



The late Father John Cargan

“UKRAINE APPEAL- MARCH 2022



'Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it.' - Mahatam Gandhi

In March we watched along with the rest of the world in horror and anguish at the humanitarian injustice that was being enacted upon the people of Ukraine.

Following a collection within our school community led by Mrs McElroy and our JPIC Team, we were delighted to present a cheque for £1200.00 to Fr Hasson, Drumragh Parish P.P and our School Chaplain. The funds supported the Derry Diocesan Appeal for Ukraine, led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Following this, the Senior Leadership team held a fundraising event which raised a further £1100 which also supported the Derry Diocesan Appeal.

This was great testimony to faith in action and to all who donated. This is but a measure of the sympathy we feel, our desire to support those suffering as victims of war and a sign of our unity and solidarity with Ukraine, in the name of peace.



Pictured (Left to right) Mrs Maria McElroy (JPIC Coordinator), Mrs Susan Cullinan (Principal), Post 16 Students and Fr Eugene Hasson

UKRAINE APPEAL- MARCH 2022



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THE HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

LORETO BAKE

OFF



**Loreto 'Bake' Off-
March 2022
Winning Entry**





The Winning Showstopper recipe

Ingredients

200g caster sugar
200g softened butter
4 eggs, beaten
200g self-raising flour
1 tsp baking powder
2 tbsp milk

For the filling

100g butter, softened
140g icing sugar, sifted
drop vanilla extract
(optional)
half a 340g jar good-quality
strawberry jam
icing sugar, to decorate

Method

STEP 1

Heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. Butter two 20cm sandwich tins and line with non-stick baking paper.

STEP 2

In a large bowl, beat 200g caster sugar, 200g softened butter, 4 beaten eggs, 200g self-raising flour, 1 tsp baking powder and 2 tbsp milk together until you have a smooth, soft batter.

STEP 3

Divide the mixture between the tins, smooth the surface with a spatula or the back of a spoon.

STEP 4

Bake for about 20 mins until golden and the cake springs back when pressed.

STEP 5

Turn onto a cooling rack and leave to cool completely.

STEP 6

To make the filling, beat the 100g softened butter until smooth and creamy, then gradually beat in 140g sifted icing sugar and a drop of vanilla extract (if you're using it).

STEP 7

Spread the buttercream over the bottom of one of the sponges. Top it with 170g strawberry jam and sandwich the second sponge on top.

STEP 8

Dust with a little icing sugar before serving. Keep in an airtight container and eat within 2 days.

LORETO BAKE OFF



Loreto celebrates a special lady's special birthday

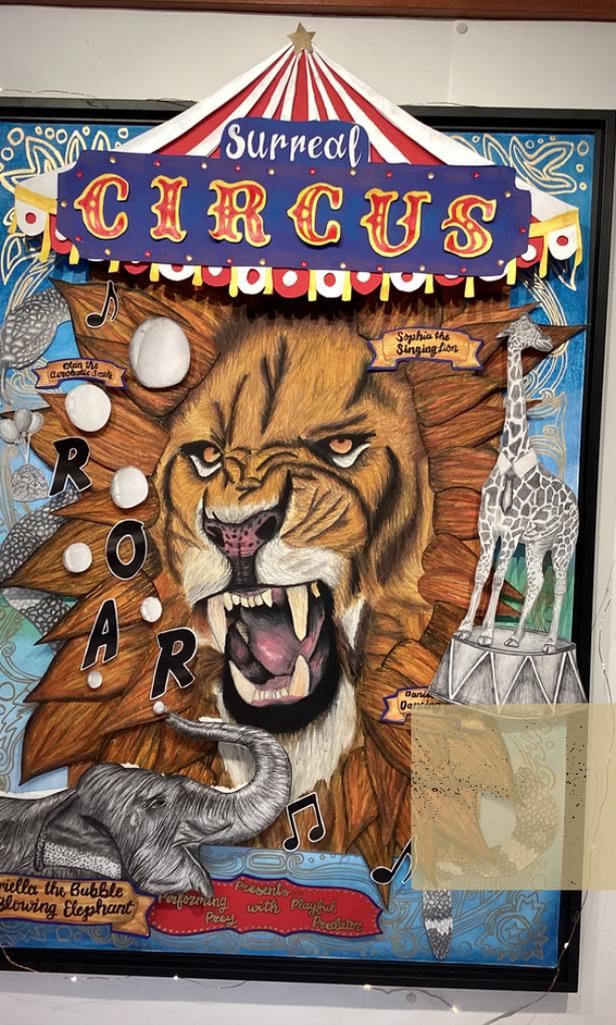


HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARIE CONWAY

In February we celebrated a very special birthday for a much beloved, highly esteemed and longstanding member of our Loreto community- Marie Conway.

Many happy returns, we wish you health and happiness for the future, Marie!





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MAY 2022





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MAY 2022



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Good Relations Project- March 2022



Our Year 10 History students took part in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Funded Good Relations Schools Programme with Omagh Academy. As part of the Year 10 History course, pupils study the Consequences of Partition and how it impacted on political and social life in the new state of Northern Ireland. As the Good Relations Schools Programme was a Cross Sector School Excursion, both schools attended the screening of Richard Branagh's semi-autobiographical film "Belfast" at Omagh Omniplex. The film chronicles the life of a working class family and their young son's childhood during the tumult of the late 1960s. It brought to life many of the issues studied in the Year 10 course but also highlighted the personal issues faced by many during the Northern Irish Troubles.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to the cinema to watch "Belfast." The film helped me to understand some consequences of partition that we studied in class and gave me a greater understanding of the topic in a real life point of view. The trip was so beneficial for me as I got the opportunity to meet new people from Omagh Academy and this gave me the opportunity to make new friends."

Amy McCarney 10a4

➡ TERM 1 WINNERS

September Award for Presentation: Eimear Kerrigan (8A1), Hannah Forrest (8A2), Caela McCaffrey (8A3), Nicole Cassidy (8A4), Martha Russell (8A5).

October Award for Class Contribution: Nicole Fabian (8A1), Caoimhe McCusker (8A2), Kate Colton (8A3), Mary Jo Maguire (8A4), Vilte Urnieziute (8A5).

November Award for Accuracy: Molly O'Donnell (8A1), Cara McCrory (8A2), Ellen Bingham (8A3), Kaydi Devine (8A4), Eabha Coyle (8A5).

December Award – Teachers Choice

Christmas Award: Orlaith Leonard (8A1), Yazmin Clogherty (8A2), Jan Fox (8A3), Lia Ward (8A4), Roise McDevitt (8A5).



Term 1 Winners

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE MONTH

By the Mathematics and Numeracy Department

Each month, the Mathematics Department focus on a particular skill to develop in Year 8. Each teacher selects one pupil from their class who has excelled in that area. Pupils receive a certificate and prize in recognition of their achievement. All the winners are commended for their dedication and engagement in Mathematics this year.



April Award for Achievement in Algebra

➡ Term 2 Winners

January Award for Consistent Effort:

Lauren Anderson (8A1), Kayleigh McCooles (8A2), Seana Strain (8A3), Anna McCann (8A4), Laura Barrett (8A5).

February Award for Most

Improvement: Dearbhla Hagan (8A1), Almha Cunningham (8A2), Seana Strain (8A3), Orlagh Martin (8A4), Vilte Urnieziute (8A5).

March Award for Mental Maths:

Seanán Caterson (8A1), Ciara McGlichey (8A2), Ellen Bingham (8A3), Evelyn McAtee (8A4), Eabha Coyle (8A5).



➡ Term 3 Winners

April Award for Achievement in Algebra:

Shania Furey (8A1), Katie McCrory (8A2), Keira McGuigan (8A3), Aine O'Neill (8A4), Sophie Slevin (8A5)

Trip to Marble Arch Caves



On Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th May, Year 10 students enjoyed an educational visit to the Marble Arch Caves in County Fermanagh organised by the Geography Department. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning about this unique limestone landscape which was formed over 340 million years ago. It was the first educational visit that the Year 10 students had participated in since joining the school due to Covid-19 restrictions, and there was a great buzz of excitement and happiness as the students boarded the buses each day.

The enthusiastic tour guides expertly explained the formation of the bedding planes, swallow holes, caves, stalactites, stalagmites and pillars, and answered all the students' questions patiently and in detail. The students listened attentively and respectfully, and they took lots of photographs as a memory of this happy school experience. After their tour of the Caves, the students enjoyed an al fresco picnic lunch and they had an opportunity to shop and to interact socially with students from other classes in Year 10. Before leaving the Marble Arch Caves, the manager complimented both groups of students on their impeccable manners and the respectful way in which they had engaged with the tour guides. The students each day enjoyed a wonderful experience.

The Amelia Earhart Stem Challenge was a fantastic opportunity, bringing together students from across the region to compete in design challenges ranging from Longest Flying Distance to Best Plane Aesthetics. The STEM Challenge allowed them to demonstrate their talents and celebrate the magnificent achievements of Amelia Earhart and her unique aviation link with Derry in a way that was both fun and educational.

WOMEN IN STEM May 2022



"I enjoyed the Amelia Earhart experience because I learned a lot about Amelia Earhart and was taught new skills. The experience showed me how to work in a team and how all of us could work together even if we didn't know each other. This experience helped me progress in my skills and showed me engineering techniques and skills."

Neamh Given 9A2



"I really enjoyed the STEM Challenge as it was a fantastic opportunity. I got to learn a lot more about Amelia Earhart and her courageous journey across the Atlantic Ocean. I liked making the toy airplanes and being able to use our creativity. I was so proud and delighted when we won the best interview of the day. We are now more knowledgeable about Amelia Earhart, and we realize how big an impact she made and her significance today."

Rihanna Devlin 9A2



STAFF FAREWELLS



MR KEVIN CONROY

In the time Mr Conroy has taught in Loreto as Head of Religious Education, he has been committed to his role, loyal to his team and the students he served.

We thank you for your leadership and for being the gentleman that you are. We wish you much contentment in your new school

STAFF FAREWELLS



MRS CHRISTINE MCCANN

Mrs C McCann has graced Loreto with 32 years of her boundless energy and enthusiasm. She has led the PE Department from strength to strength.

We thank you, Mrs McCann, for inspiring so many to participate, to appreciate team, to find fitness and experience success.

We are delighted you will join our ski trip and we look forward to you joining us often in the future.

STAFF FAREWELLS



DR RICHARD BOYLE

Dr. Boyle, Head of Spanish and Teacher of Irish has given 37 dedicated years of service to Loreto.

Dr Boyle, has made a positive, lasting imprint on so many students and three decades of past pupils.

We wish you a long, happy and exciting next chapter, as you continue to embrace life in true Dr Ricardo Boyle style!

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5th-8th October 2022

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