



GROVE NEWS

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A few words from Mr. Dooley

We reach the end of another action packed term here in Our Lady's Grove. We have welcomed new faces, student and teacher, and we have said goodbye to those who will always be part of the family and dearly missed.

As always, our wonderful ladies have been participating and achieving in a wide variety of events and challenges both within and outside school and I hope you will enjoy a flavor of their success in the pages that follow.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my teaching and administrative colleagues for their consistent efforts in 2018. Their duty of care towards our students and their attitude towards continuous professional learning are real strengths of our school community.

I would also like to extend my thanks to you our parents/guardians. We are partners in the girl's holistic formation and appreciate your support at home, constant transport requirements from you and your willingness to become actively involved in the school community. We wish all of you and yours a relaxing and enjoyable festive season and look forward to working with you again in 2019.

Merry Christmas,

Colm Dooley



1st years, 5th year mentors and Prefects, August 2018

Welcome 1st Years

At the end of September, first years went to Larch Hill Adventure Centre as part of our Transition to Secondary School and Wellbeing Plan.



We were delighted to meet with many of our 1st year Parents at the 1st Year Parent Welcome Evening where Parents had the opportunity to get an insight into the workings of the school, to meet each other and most importantly to hear about life as a Grove Girl from our 6th year Leadership Team. 5th Year Mentors are also working hard with the students in order to help them manage the challenges of Secondary School. We hope that all 1st years are making friends, involved in school life, are working hard and feel happy in our school.



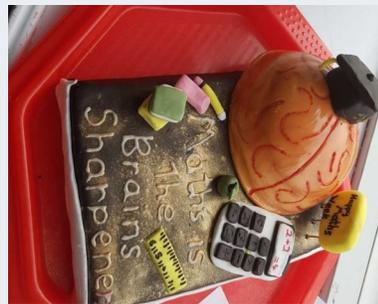
Resilience Academy

All second year students are taking part in a 6 week resilience programme designed and delivered by Pieta House. This programme is financed through fundraising. Many thanks to the Prefects and Student Council who organised a fundraising day in October and to all the students and teachers who took part. We raised 600 euro for Pieta House.



Maths Week

Maths week took place in October. Students were challenged every day by the changing classroom door numbers, daily problem solving tasks and of course the creative expression of Maths through baking. Well done to everyone who took part. It would have been a 'sine' not to.



Science Week

Science week took place from November 11th to 18th. The egg drop challenge was great 'craic.' The group one winners were Zoe Walsh, Rachel Lebanca, Laoise de Hora, Eva Cloney and Sarah Hughes. The Group 2 winners were Natalie Badin, Fiolla Hysa, Niamh NI Bhaoighill and Aya Abdulrazzaq. The daily activity winners were Jenny Cooper, Gerogia Ryan Swan, Alicia Duffy and Luisagh Guerrine. The tower building challenge was won by Anna Doyle and Anna Cunningham.

Help the Homeless

3rd Year CSPE are running an appeal for donations to help the Homeless as part of their CSPE action project. All donations are gratefully received.



Well done to Emma Babos who won a Highly Recognised Award in the National Sci-Fest competition. Follow [@olgrove_science](https://twitter.com/olgrove_science) for regular updates about all things Science.

Student Leadership Team



'She believes she can so she does'

Each class has a class captain and deputy class captain and student council representative. Each class group also has a 6th Year Prefect who meets with her class group regularly while 1st year students have a dedicated group of 5th year mentors who act as big sisters to guide and support them. The Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl work with all year groups and meet regularly with Mr. Dooley and Ms. Lyons.

The student council meets monthly and represents the student voice in policy and decision making as well bringing student concerns to management. They also run school events and initiatives. The Green Schools committee is another forum for school leaders.

In September two leadership training days were organised for school leaders, one around the general theme of promoting wellbeing in the school community which was lead by Ruairi McKiernan and Susie Q, and one connected to sustainable development delivered by Eco-Unesco. Thank you to all the girls who give up their time to act as leaders in the school community and we encourage all students to be everyday leaders in our school.

Work Experience Placement Data Base

Have you a work experience opportunity for our students?

We're building a database of employers

Email r.mcdonnell@jesusandmarycollege.ie if you can help.

Future Choices

4th and 5th year students attended the Careers Fair hosted by Our Lady's Grove and other local schools in St. Killian's German School in November. 6th Year students learned a lot at Higher Options in the RDS in September while 4th years are just back from work experience and are using that learning to begin thinking about potential career options. We have had a range of fantastic speakers in to talk to Senior Students including



speakers from UCD, DCU and Maynooth University as well as Past Pupils and a most engaging talk from Ms. Maher from OLG Primary School about the rewards and challenges of Primary School teaching. Follow [@olgrove_guidance](https://twitter.com/olgrove_guidance) for updates



1st years interview 6th years for College Aware week

Debating and Poetry Aloud



The Debate Club meet at lunchtime on Mondays in Room 19. These sessions are characterised by lively discussion on current affairs, controversial issues and topics of interest. The UCD Junior Schools Debating Competition is held annually and is open to every school in Ireland. We have three teams of third year students competing this year, all of whom have been very successful in their opening rounds. At senior level, we are currently making our way through the Concern Debates competition. Some of the topics we have encountered this year include; 'The United Nations has become irrelevant,'

'Thirty years on, the world is no closer to ending the global HIV and AIDS epidemic,' 'This house believes that social media does more harm than good,' 'This house would allow athletes to use performance enhancing drugs,' 'Assuming any form of life exists on Mars, this house believes we should not colonise Mars,' to mention but a few. Debate club and the tournaments we enter provide a safe environment for learning and ultimately move forward as a confident speaker. Come join us

Well done to the large number of students took the Luas into town in early September to take part in the national Poetry Aloud Competition. [Follow @olgrove_debating](#)



Wellread Initiative

The school is taking part in the national Wellread Initiative the purpose of which is to promote reading at home, in school and in the wider community. If you would like to get involved email u.coyne@jesusandmarycollege.ie and remember to gift a book this Christmas.

Art News

The Art Department is taking part in an Art/Science digital project with other Jesus and Mary Secondary and Primary Schools. Our Art department is working with 4th class

from OLG Primary to create some



artwork based on light. 2nd years are creating their self selected science themed 3D individual art works for the project.

1st Years have been working on the JCT designSKILLS project in conjunction with Textile Artist, Annemarie Cullen exploring the theme of place, focusing on images of home while creating their own stitch, print and recycled embellishment samples and completed artwork.

Bon Voyage

25 Transition Year Students are off to China from Monday 8th April to Saturday 20th April while 20 TY students are travelling to Stratford from Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th April.

Follow [@olgrove_guidance](#) for updates about our Wellbeing Initiatives.

Music News

The halls are, as always, filled with the sound of music as 1st to 6th years prepare for the Christmas Carol service. 6th Year music students are looking forward to their trip to the Concert Hall in January while T.Y. students are loving their ukulele module. And of course the Great Grove Sing-off takes place during Christmas Week. Follow [@olgrove_music](#)



Gaeltacht Trip

In early October, 3rd, 4th and 5th year students made the mammoth voyage to Achill where they enjoyed water sports, ceilis, ceol agus craic.



6th years going with the flow at the Dodder

On mange bien!

2nd Year students really enjoyed their French Café experience while TYs will be getting in some practice ahead of the bake off next week when they make Bûche de Noel. All students love working with our French Assistant Amandine while 6th and 5th years parlent sans cesse le français in preparation for their Oral French examinations.

Keep updated with all thing French by following [@olgrove_francais](#). We look forward to celebrating La Belle Vie with you during French Week in the New Year.



Great Grove Bake-Off



The Great Grove Bake-off takes place once again during Christmas week. This live streamed event, which pits the culinary skills of teachers against Transition Year Students, is heart-stopping rollercoaster of confection and emotion, Who will be crowned Queen or King of the kitchen?

Remember every vote counts!

Geographical Investigation

6th Year students took part in the Geographical Investigation of the Upper and Middle Dodder.

Grove Sports



We offer a wide range of sports as part of our extra curricular activities. The school is entered into Leinster Schools competitions in Hockey, Netball, Athletics, Tennis, Equestrian events and Golf. The school has two teams Senior and Minor taking part in the Leinster Schools Hockey League and also in the local Dublin South Central Hockey League. The players are very keen and are hopeful to progress in the local league with matches that remain to be played.

Well done to Claudia Moran who won bronze at the Leinster Athletics Combined Events Competition and Claudia went on to compete at the All-Ireland Finals. The D.CU. Cross Country event and the East Leinster Cross Country Championships take place in January and the best of luck to our athletes who will compete in these. The girls taking part in Tennis receive professional coaching every Thursday. The students will represent the school in the Leinster Leagues later in the year during the summer term.

We have three Netball teams and all are doing well with the first and second year teams unbeaten so far. The teams are all placed in the leagues and it hoped they can defend some of their titles which they won last year.

Ciara Doyle took part in the Irish Schools Golf Championships which took place earlier this year. Ciara hopes to play in further schools competitions next year. Good luck Ciara in your golfing endeavours



The students also take part in Pilates after school with two classes running and they also have the opportunity to take part in Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis and Volleyball at lunchtimes. Any student who wishes to join any Sports in January, please contact Ms. McDermott. Keep updated [@olgrove_sport](#).

Extra-curricular timetable	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Basketball club (hall) Debating Club (R.19) Drama Club (R.6) French conversation club (5th years R.13)	Netball 1st years: 3.40pm - 4.45pm Athletics & fitness for all 3.30- 4.30pm
Tuesday	Netball (hall) French conversation club (6th years R.13)	Hockey 4-5.15pm in UCD
Wednesday	Art Club (art club)	Netball 2-5th years: 3-4.15pm Pilates 1st-3rd years 3-4pm
Thursday	Badminton & Table tennis (hall) French club (1st-3rd years R.13) Film Club (R.6)	Pilates (4th-6th years) 3.30-4.30pm Tennis 3.35- 4.35pm Hockey 4-5.15pm in UCD