



GROVE NEWS

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Summer 2019

A few words from Mr. Dooley

Our Lady's Grove 2018/2019 academic year is coming to a close. As always, our wonderful ladies have been participating and achieving in a wide variety of events and challenges both within and outside school. I hope you will enjoy a flavor of their success in the pages that follow. Prize Giving 2019 really highlighted the diversity of interest and achievement in our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my teaching and administrative colleagues for their consistent efforts throughout the academic year. Their duty of care towards our students and their attitude towards continuous professional learning are real strengths of this school community. Ms Lyons has completed her first year, and has been a wonderful hard-working addition. I would particularly like to thank Ms Toomey for her lifetime of committed service with us. We all wish her well in her new endeavors.

I would also like to extend my thanks to you our parents/guardians. We are partners in the girl's holistic formation and we really appreciate your ongoing support. I would particularly like to thank those who are actively involved in the Board of Management and the Parents Council. We all benefit from their contribution to the school.

After a long drawn out planning appeal process, hoarding is now up on the site of the hockey pitch. Clearing comes after hoarding, and building comes after clearing. We are all very excited to witness major progress on this new sporting amenity over the summer months.

I hope the girls all experience a summer of rest, fun and personal development and that they return motivated to reach and exceed their potential.

Yours in education

Colm Dooley

Farewell 6th Years

6th years bid a memorable and emotional farewell to the school community during the 6th Year Graduation on Friday May 17th. They shared their experiences of life in the Grove, recounting many extracts from the chapters of their lives here and offered words of wisdom to each year group. We would like to thank the 6th years for their contribution to the school community over the last 6 years and to wish them happiness, health and success in everything they do.



6th years at Powerscourt

Welcome 1st Years 2019/2020

We hope our new First Years are enjoying the last few weeks of Primary School. We can't wait to meet you all at the start of the new school year. Your Prefects and 5th year mentors will be waiting to greet you, show you around and answer all your questions. Your teachers are looking forward to meeting you too. Have a lovely Summer and see you soon!



Academic Excellence

Our Lady's Grove has a strong tradition of academic excellence and Prize Day is an opportunity to acknowledge this. Here are the recipients of Academic Excellence Awards. Alyssa O'Rourke (1st), Riona Ferriter (1st), Ciara Kelliher (2nd), Eimear Muldoon (3rd), Mesearh Abdullah (5th).



Prize-Giving and Awards

Prize-Giving and Awards Day took place on Friday 17th May. Prize day is a wonderful occasion for our community to acknowledge some of the great work and contribution made by our students to the life of our school. Here are a selection of nominees and awardees who were recognised on the day.



Junior Cycle Student of the Year award winners were Alyssa O'Rourke (1st year), Anna Cunningham (2nd year) and Samaya Ali Hassan (3rd year) with the following students all nominated across the three years; Katie Sayers, Eva Cooney, Molly Casey, Riona Ferriter, Aoife O'Neill, Meabh Joyce, Zoe Walsh, Sarah Hughes, Grace Lattimer, Millie O'Kelly, Enya Ferriter, Nikola Janicka, Louisa Dagg, Enya Ferriter, Ciara Kelliher, Sarah Wall, Sophie Redden, Salma AlHassen, Leah Fleming, Khadijah Hamed, Zainb Daoud, Maria Bools, Shannon Rochford, Abir Lamahadi and Helena Filanowska.

6th Year Awards

Maeve Boyce won the academic excellence award in Accounting, Maths and Music. Elena Ryzova won for French and English. Rachel Keenan Dillon won in Art and Chemistry while Derbhla Nolan won in Geography and Irish and Ciara Tomlinson won the Home Economics award. Congratulations to you all.

Senior Cycle Student of the Year

The award winner in 5th year is Amy Doyle with Orna Bools, Laura Vitola, Emma Babos, Caroline Curtin, Reshma Raji and Niamh Cunningham all receiving nominations. In 6th year Derbhla Nolan was the awardee while Sarah Robinson, Clodagh Kavanagh, Niamh Lynch, Eimear Burke, Rachel Keenan Dillon and Tia Bramble were all nominated.

Student Leadership



'She believes she can so she does'

We would like to thank every girl who has taken up the challenge of become part of the student leadership team as a Class Captain, Student Council Representative, Mentor or Prefect for all your hard work this year. We look forward to working with the new team in August. We encourage every girl to do her best to be an everyday leader in her class and in our school.

Class Captains 2019/2020

Class Captains work to promote an encouraging and engaged atmosphere in their class and year. They work closely with their Prefect and the class tutor to enable student voice and contribution to the school community.

The class captains for the new academic year are Laoise deHora, Maebh Joyce, Diana Neculai, Alyssa O' Rourke, Millie O Kelly, Nicola Janicka, Aisling Snyed, Catarina Donatella, Shannon Rochford, Sarah Wall, Aisling Fox, Ana Luisa Israel de Silva, Aoibheann McDermott, Karimah Zaiter, Chloe Coughlan and Katie O Reilly.



Tia Bramble Prefect of the Year.

Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl



Emma and Caroline lead the team and work closely with Ms. Lyons and the Student Council.

Prefects 2019/2020

Amy Doyle, Reshma Raji, Mese-rah Abdullah, Megan Clarke, Anna Priestley, Sara Priestley, Orna Bools and Niamh Cunningham. The Prefects work with year groups to help them manage the challenges of school life and also encourage participation in and run a wide range of clubs and societies.

Mentors 2019/2020

Katie O Reilly, Aoibheann McDermott, Bronagh O Neill, Casey McKillen, Katie Hannafin, Sophie McNulty, Gianna Kader, Megan Ryan, Aoife Fitzsimons, Karimah Zaiter, Ellen Heneghan, Julie Lhuillier, Eavan Walsh, Katie Murphy, Gemma Quearney, Emma Murphy Leech, Elaina Donoghue Gray and Martha Brady. The mentors work with a small group of 1st years throughout the year and act as an older sister to help them as they get used to life in Secondary School.

Transition Year News



The TY foreign trips took place in April. On the 8th, twenty-five students went to China for twelve days. The students visited Beijing and Xi'an. It was a once in a lifetime trip taking in

famous sites such as The Great Wall, The Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Terracotta Warriors.

Meanwhile, on the 11th April, 19 students went to Stratford for three days. They visited some of Shakespeare's famous locations, as well as Warwick Castle and a trip to the Cadbury's factory. The last term



was a busy one for TYs leading up to their production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. The whole year group participated in making the show a wonderful success taking on roles on stage, backstage or front of house. The performance was very well received by a huge audience on the evening of the 14th May.

Before graduating, the TYs also got to do some end of year trips. They enjoyed an active and engaging trip to the 'Explorium' on the 8th May. They also got to visit the National Gallery, The Natural History Museum and had a great tour of the Facebook offices on the 16th May.



Congratulations to all TYs on their graduation from a busy but fulfilling year.

Transition Year

Awards

Congratulations to Elaina Donohue Gray who is the Transition Year Student of the Year and to Ellen Heneghan who won the Transition Year Academic Excellence Award.



Good Luck Third Years

Good Luck to all our third years in the State Examinations. We look forward to working with you in Transition Year and hope that you will engage fully in everything, take every opportunity you are presented with and make opportunities wherever and whenever you can.

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Follow @olgrove_TY for all things Transition Year and @olgrove_guidance for everything to do with careers, work and courses

Science news

Is the golden ratio more common in males or in females? Molly O' Shea, Sarah Smith Koehler and Tess Ryan answered the question with their winning sci-fest project. Congratulations to the winners and well done to the many students who took part in the competition.



The Great Grove Dance-Off

Organised by Fifth Year Prefect Applicants the Great Grove Dance-Off took place on Tuesday May 14th. The 5th years developed and taught a challenging dance routine to all class groups who then performed it and a 30 second improvisation in the hall in front of the whole school. Maybe it was the new blue floor, but the standard was exceptional and the atmosphere electric. Some of the teachers were so inspired, they took to the floor with an interesting medley of moves. Well done to 1B the new Dance Champions. We're already looking forward to next year.



Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass

6th year students, their families and teachers together with Father John marked their graduation from Our Lady's Grove with Mass in Holy Cross Church on Thursday 16th May followed by a wonderful Graduation Ceremony in the Dundrum Parish Centre.



A Fond Farewell to Ms. Toomey

The whole school took some time on Friday 17th May to celebrate Ms. Toomey's amazing service and contribution to our school. There were speeches, there were gifts, there were tears there was laughter and a song. We wish Ms. Toomey all that is good as she starts a new part of her life.



Grove Sports

Sports Person of the Year

This year's sports person of the year award goes to Karimah Zaiter who has represented the school in athletics and netball. She has competed every year at the East Leinster track and field championships taking part in discus and javelin. She has just completed her bronze Gaisce award. In Netball she has been part of the very successful school team and she has been selected for the past two years on the u-17 Irish netball team. She is a very dedicated sport person and we wish her well for the future.



The school is very well represented in a wide range of sports and the students take part both competitively non competitively. We had a large number of girls taking part in Hockey, Cross Country, Track and field Events, Fitness, Tennis, Netball, Showjumping and Pilates. The girls have also had an opportunity to take part in table tennis, badminton, basketball, gymnastics and volleyball at lunchtimes.

HOCKEY: We have hockey teams who play in the Leinster Leagues and the local Dublin South Central League. Well done to the captains for all their hard work throughout the year: Minor captain: Amy O'Reilly and Senior captain: Orna Bools. We have hockey players currently in the Leinster development programme Julie Lhuillier, Maria Bools and Orna Bools. Good luck to both in their training and future selection. Congratulations to Orna Bools who was selected for the Irish u-17 to play in Germany early in the summer. This is a fantastic achievement and we would like to wish her the best of luck.

Tennis: Tennis has a consistent turn out every year in the school with girls taking part weekly after school. This year we entered a team a Junior level in the Leinster Schools Tennis League. Well done to all the girls who took part. Thank you to the coaches Stephen and tennis captain Abir Lamchaali for all their hard work this year.

Athletics: The school is always very well represented each year at the Cross country and the Track and field championships with large numbers taking part. The cross country athletes compete in 3 events during the year and we again had a large number of athletes competing at the East Leinster Track and Field Championships. Well done to all athletes who competed and in line done to Claudia Moran who came 2nd in the U-16 shot putt and Éabha Nally who came 3rd in Inter Javelin. The junior B team reached the final of the relay. Well done to all the athletes the following students on their success at the East Leinster track and field Championships. Well done to Claudia who came 4th at the Leinsters.

Showjumping: The school have now entered teams and individuals in the Inter Schools showjumping events for the a number of years now. Emma Babos won the event at Boswell earlier this year. Emma is also taking part in a RDS amateur showjumping qualifier on the 26th of May, hopefully qualifying for the RDS horse show in August. We wish her every success in these events.

Netball: Congratulations Karimah Zaiter, Avril Fisher and Kerry Browne who represented Ireland at u-17 at a European tournament held in Gibraltar.

Beep test: The whole school take part in the beep test regularly throughout the year to assess their fitness and aim to improve their scores and all students did very well in improving their fitness over the year. We would like to commend Johanna Casey on achieving the highest beep score this year which was 11.6. This is an amazing score. The second highest score was 11 by Éabha Nally and 3rd was Eimear Muldoon with a score of 10.6. The whole school also took part in the Irun for fun programme and it is hoped all students will keep this up over the summer.

Congratulations to the 32 Transition year students who completed their bronze Gaisce award by getting involved in community work, developing their personal skills and being active in their physical recreation. The students also took part in their two day hike to complete the award. Well done also to our 3 silver recipients of the award who had to commit a greater amount of time in each element.

Our Lady's Grove Parents Council

At the end of another academic school year, the Parents Council would like to extend our thanks to all the hard work and efforts of our teaching staff and management in what has been a great year in Our Lady's Grove. Over the last few weeks we've had a few events worth highlighting as we wrap up the year.

Internet Safety Talk: On 1st April we had Ger Brick give a talk on internet safety, in what was a true eye opener for attendees. A very well received, but at times difficult to listen to, talk that gave some serious thinking points for all in attendance. Look out for Ger next year who will hopefully be back

Table Build: The Parents Council, Mr. Dooley and Ms Lyons gathered one Saturday morning with tools in hand to assemble new table tops. A good morning's work saw 200 new tables spread out across the school.

4th year play: The TY students years put on a fantastic production of the *The Importance of Being Earnest* in May. The hard work put into the production, and the good times had by the girls, could not have happened without the dedication of Mr. Doyle and Mr. Treacy. The play took place in the sports hall, and on display was the **brand new floor** just installed, and we've heard nothing but great reviews from the girls of their PE classes over the last few weeks. The new floor followed a **new coating of paint** earlier in the year and a **new heating system** installed.

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Have a great summer break, and we'll see you next year