

Eureka Secondary School Summer Newsletter 2012



Eureka Fashion Show

The annual fashion show took place in the school gym in early December. This is a major fundraising event for the school and raised over €4,000. Organised and co-ordinated by Ms Jackie Glynn, the show featured pupils and teachers modelling clothes from a variety of local fashion boutiques including Dazzling Divas, Cloud 9, McElhinneys, A-Wear, Ebony, Lucy Lockets, Vanity, Bernie Kellett (vintage wear) and United Colours of Benetton. Models included several Transition Year pupils, Repeat Leaving Cert pupils and the following teachers: Mr Hurley, Mr Whitty, Mr Murphy, Mr Gray, Mr Wright, Ms Brady, Ms Goode, Ms Phillips, Ms Foley, Ms Violette, Ms Weir and Ms Shalvey. Transition Year pupils also performed three group dances during the evening. A group of pupils formed an art group and worked on staging design. A number of pupils also modelled hats which they had made themselves, under the guidance of Ms Weir. Sponsorship was very kindly supplied by the Headfort Hotel, Lynch's Pharmacy, Gormley's Pharmacy, Cross St. Bistro and Super Valu. As always, Ms Cronin was sound technician on the night and played a huge selection of pre-compiled songs, each appropriate to the respective clothes & models. Thanks to all pupils & teachers who took part, and especially to organiser Ms Glynn, and to Ms Cronin & Ms Weir.



French

French Week

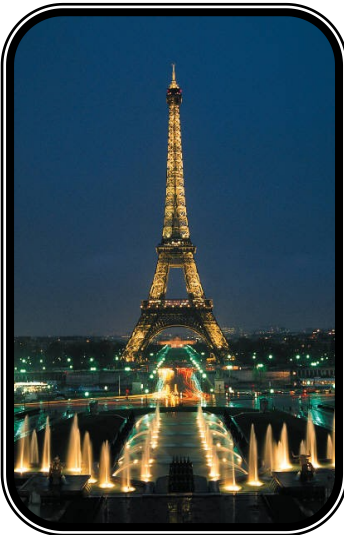
This ran from 27th to the 30th September. Lunchtime activities included French films, bingo & a table quiz. The French Theatre Company visited the school and presented plays to both junior & senior classes. These were enjoyed by all audiences.

Pen Pals

A pen pal scheme has been introduced this year. Pupils in various classes regularly exchange letters and other correspondence with pupils from a number of schools in the Brittany region of North West France.

Ms Noemie Violette

French "Assistante", Ms Violette was welcomed to the school in October and has been of enormous help in all classes, with oral, aural and written work. Transition Year pupils and Leaving Cert oral classes benefitted considerably from the experience of conversing with a native French speaker throughout the year. Ms Violette returned to France at the end of May and we thank her and wish her well with her further university studies in France.



Transition Year Musical - Cinderella

This year's musical took place in mid March, at a new venue - the St. Vincent de Paul Hall, Kells. The traditional story of Cinderella was produced by Ms Naughton & Mrs Harte, and was given a very untraditional treatment!! The producers wrote a completely original script, incorporating current events and popular culture in a novel and engaging manner and with hilarious results! The cast

of over 80 Transition Year pupils rose to the occasion, presenting lively pop songs, inventive dances, together with a very entertaining storyline which was very loosely based on the old fairy-tale!! Art work and sets were designed, built and painted by Ms Weir and her TY art group. The sets drew wide acclaim, with their colour, imagination and versatility. Running for four nights, the show played to packed halls of very appreciative audiences. The lead roles were played as follows:

Cinderella: Lauren Molloy

Prince Christopher: Rebecca Beirne

Lionel, The prince's aide: Fiona Mallon.

Stepmother: Juliana Martyn

The three stepsisters: Andrea Farrelly, Joan Owens &





Eureka's Got Talent

This took place over a period of ten weeks, starting in early October and culminating in a grand final in mid-December. Comprising singing, Instrumental playing, drama, comedy & dance, each of 64 acts performed on stage in the gym in one of 8 weekly lunchtime heats, before an audience of pupils and teachers. Each week, three teacher judges marked each act. Following completion of the 8 lunchtime heats, 36 acts subsequently progressed to the two semi-finals which were held over two extended lunchtimes at the beginning of December. Based on marks awarded, this list was then narrowed down to 16 acts. The final took place in the school gym on the night of Thursday 15th December. Featuring a full rock band to accompany singers and three external judges, the 16 acts taking part performed to a packed house. Congratulations to all pupils who took part at the various

stages of the competition. Getting on stage at lunchtime in front of hundreds of pupils is no mean feat, and pupils are to be commended for their bravery!!

Congratulations to all semi-finalists and finalists, and to the winners of the Final who were: *(Pictured above, right to left)* **1st:** Emmagene Cooke, L.Cert (solo singing), **2nd:** Justine McCabe, 1st Yr (singing & guitar), **3rd:** Aoife McKeever, 2nd yr. (drama monologue). Other finalists on the night were: **1st Years:** Messiana Kirstindottir, Hannah Ward, Aoibheann O'Reilly, Aoife Flanagan & Rebecca O'Reilly. **2nd Years:** Tshepang Mahasha, Megan Foley, Shauna O'Reilly & Faith Dever. **3rd Years:** Katie Yore & Niamh Linnane. **5th Years:** Aine Bennett, Judith Burke, Chloe Smith & Meabh McKenna.

L Certs: Aoibhinn Clarke, Michelle Mullen, Matthew Smith & Chris Grehan.

On the night of the final, while the judges were reaching their decision, a selection of choral and instrumental acts entertained the audience. This included 1st yrs *(pictured right)* singing a selection of traditional and modern Christmas songs. We are grateful to all the 2nd half entertainers for their time and for the huge amount of effort and preparation invested in each performance.



1st Years trip to National Concert Hall

In November, all 1st Year classes attended a special concert by the RTE National Symphony Orchestra, at the National Concert Hall, Dublin. Entitled "Music in the Classroom", the orchestra, conducted by Gearoid Grant, performed music in a variety of genres - classical, pop, jazz, musical theatre, film music etc. all accompanied by an explanatory commentary given by the conductor. A study of the instruments of the orchestra is an integral part of music at both Junior & Senior Cycle. Pupils were afforded the opportunity to engage with orchestral instruments both aurally and visually, in a live setting, and at an appropriate level of detail for their age group and musical experience. The orchestra also presented a variety of musical excerpts to demonstrate the characteristic features of music from the main historical eras. The group who behaved admirably on the day are pictured on the front steps of the National Concert Hall.

Debating

The Eureka debaters are at it again! The team are enjoying great success at the moment, following their convincing win against St. Oliver's School, Oldcastle. Well done to the team and their coach Ms Shelley.

Team members: Louise Rickard, Claire Condon, Samantha O'Brien-O'Reilly & Shelley Stafford.



Public Speaking

Congratulations to Samantha O'Brien-O'Reilly who enjoyed victory over 14 students from other schools in the Soroptomy Ireland Public Speaking Competition for girls. She won all of her Regional rounds, qualifying for a place in the All-Ireland Public Speaking Finals, where she was narrowly defeated. The school is very proud of her achievements. Thanks also to her coach Ms Shelley.

Dissolving Boundaries

Once again, Eureka has been involved with the cross border initiative, Dissolving Boundaries. 2nd Year Rang Donal, together with their teachers Ms Brady & Ms Shalvey, were twinned with Cullybackey High School, Ballymena, Co. Antrim. The pupils of both schools worked collaboratively throughout the year on various online projects, including the design of a website. To celebrate its centenary in April, this year's topic was the Titanic! During the year, the pupils and teachers of both schools who had been working on the project, had a face to face meeting in Belfast, where both



groups visited a Titanic exhibition at the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, in Cultra. While there, both sets of pupils and teachers visited a parochial house and an old schoolhouse, and worked together further on their Titanic project. Over 160 schools have taken part in Dissolving Boundaries on both sides of the Border. In recognition of Eureka's & Cullybackey High School's constantly impressive work, the two schools represented all secondary schools in Ireland at a special ceremony in NUI Maynooth, on Thursday 24th May, where they were awarded a prize by a representative of the Minister for Education, Ruairi Quinn and by the President of NUI Maynooth. During this special ceremony, both schools presented their online project together, with Cullybackey High School presenting their contribution via video link from the University of Ulster in Coleraine.

Representing Eureka at the ceremony, pictured left to right: Ms Shalvey, Nadine Smith, Tshepang Mahasha, Caoilainn Clancy, Ms Brady and 2nd Yr Year Head, Mrs McNiffe.

Congratulations to the class and to their teachers on this important very worthy achievement!

Young Social Innovators “Darkness to Light”

On May 12th, as part of the Young Social Innovators programme, TY class Rang Niamh participated in a 5km charity walk at the Phoenix Park, Dublin, led by their teacher Ms. Cronin, and accompanied by Ms. Glynn. The walk, entitled “Darkness into Light” was organised by Pieta House, Dublin, a centre which specialises in the prevention of self-harm and suicide. The walk started in darkness at 4am and finished in brightness as the dawn was rising. The event has been described as a “symbolic and beautiful event” and marks the recent upsurge in suicides, in the hope of their prevention and reduction. The class, through organising a bake sale, and through gaining sponsorship for their walk, managed to raise over €1,000, a cheque for which they presented, on the night of their graduation to Marie Peelo, a representative from Pieta House. The students, with the assistance of their teacher Ms Cronin, have made a video diary of their experiences on the walk. This was shown on the night of their graduation & can also be viewed on the school website. Congratulations to all involved (*pictured above on the right*).



Maths

To mark “Maths Week”, a group of students attended a Maths seminar in Cavan College. There, they met with Maths Magician Jeffrey Andrews who demonstrated for them “The Magic of Maths”!! The group is pictured right, with their teacher Mr Farrell and with Magician, Mr Andrews: Left to right: Meabh O'Reilly, Natasha Carry, Katie Moran, Aisling Luddy, Sarah Tobin, Hannah Harcourt, Carisa Sheridan, Chloe Smith & Ellen Casey.





School Library News

Fun Quiz

This quiz was held in September for 1st Years only. The winners were: 1st Sophia Geraghty (Room 9) and 2nd Aoibheann Smith Room 7.

A participation prize was awarded to Christina Cassidy (Room 7).

Senior & Junior Book Clubs

The Senior Book Club Chairperson is Sophie Tevlin (5th Yr) and the Secretary is Caoimhe Byrne (5th Yr). The club meets in the library every second Friday at lunchtime. New members are always welcome!

The Junior Book Club elected Emma Meegan (2nd Yr) as Chairperson and Breege Cahill (1st Yr) as Secretary. This club meets every second

Thursday lunchtime. Members enjoy discussing their books and sharing their favourite new reads! Again, new members are welcome!!

Christmas Book Presentation

In December, there was a display of new and seasonal books, kindly supplied by Ms Bernie Higgins of The Bookshop, Navan. Pupils from both book clubs presented a Christmas book selection and compiled a recommended reading list.

World Book Day

The library hosted a quiz to mark World Book Day. Congratulations to winners: **1st:** Rachel De Souza (Room 9), Eva Trybus (Room 8) and Katie Bowser (Room 31) **2nd:** Ajoke Zaybab (Room 9), **3rd:** Lauren Thompson, (Room 9).

A participation prize was awarded to Shona Rochford (Room 42).

Ciorcal Comhrá

For four Mondays in April Mrs Carolan, along with 5th yr pupils Ruth O'Reilly, Ciara Donnellan, Sarah Tobin & Aoife Flattery, organised conversational Irish in the library in a relaxed informal lunchtime setting. This was very successful and well attended by pupils from all years. Refreshments were served.

Library Monitors' Party

Library Monitors had their end of year party in May. Finger food and other refreshments were served. Leaving Cert. Year Head Ms. Bird presented a small gift of appreciation to two Leaving Cert Library Monitors - Naoimh Keogh & Rhianna Ryan Ives. Both students were great assets to the library and will be missed enormously. We wish both girls the very best in their Leaving Cert exams.

C.S.P.E

2nd Yr C.S.P.E. pupils Room 31 (*pictured below left*) on a recent visit to the Criminal Courts of Justice, Dublin, and Room 12 (*pictured below right*) on a visit to Leinster House. Both trips were organised by C.S.P.E. teacher Ms Dillon.



Photography

Congratulations to Jessica Farrelly, Saoirse Ni Riain, Shannon Forrest & Eileen

McDermott, whose photos were presented in Dublin to the Norwegian Ambassador to commemorate the tragic Norwegian massacre.

The competition was organised by Cultúr Navan. Pictured left with their teacher Mr Murphy & the Norwegian Ambassador to Ireland, Mr Roald Naess.

Green Schools

Congratulations to 5th Year Aoife Cosgrove who came 2nd in the Meath County Council Calendar Competition, the theme being "Anti-Litter".



TY Tour to Italy

TY pupils have just returned from a six-day trip to Italy (pictured left). Led by Ms Mullaghy who was assisted by Ms Byrne, Ms Harte, Mrs Ganley and Ms O'Reilly. The girls covered large tracts of Northern Italy. They began by flying into Venice, where they then took a water taxi and received a guided tour of the main sites. Next on to Pisa, where the pupils saw the famed "Leaning Tower" and the medieval town of Lucca. This was followed by a full day's sightseeing in the historical city of Florence. Attractions included the main cathedral square Piazza del Opera del Duomo, Michelangelo's famous sculpture "David", the Uffizi Gallery and the Ponte Vecchio. A recreation day was had in the Gardaland theme park. Next stop was the beautiful city of Verona, where the girls received a tour which included the town's amphitheatre and the famous Romeo & Juliet balcony! A half day was spent in the pretty town of Sirmione, on



the edge of Lake Garda, where the girls took a speed boat tour on the Lake. Further recreation was provided at the Canveland waterpark. By all accounts, it was a hugely enjoyable trip. Thanks to the pupils for their good behaviour for the duration of the trip and to the teachers for giving up their time and

taking care of day to day issues. Thanks especially to Ms Mullaghy for her meticulous planning & preparation, prior

Science News

BT Young Scientist & Technology Competition

Congratulations to Lydia Igoe, (pictured right) whose project was selected for display at the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition at RDS in Dublin.



Global Stamp Competition

Congratulations to Rihanna Ryan Ives, Shelley Stafford & Siobhan Kearney whose stamps were shortlisted in the International Year of Chemistry Global Stamp Competition. Stamps available to view on school website.

ISTA PharmaChemical Ireland Senior Science Quiz

Well done to the Leaving Cert students who participated in the Regional Finals of the Senior Science Quiz and on reaching the Finals in Trinity College in November. They were Shelley Stafford, Siobhan Kearney, Rhianna Ryan Ives, Niamh Shaw, Eimear Quigley & Samantha O'Brien O'Reilly.



BASF Science dictionary launch

Thanks to Fifth Year Chemistry students who launched the Science Dictionary with the Minister for Education, Ruairi Quinn, at Department of Education Skills headquarters in, Marlborough Street, Dublin. They were Andrea Geraghty (pictured left) and Sarah Halpin & Sadbh O'Toole (pictured right).



Nanoscience Poster Competition

Congratulations to Transition Year student Ellen Casey who came 3rd in National Nanoscience poster competition. She received an iTunes voucher from CRANN (Centre for Research on Adaptive Nanostructures and Nanodevices) in Trinity College.

Second Years visited W5 in Belfast

Dublin is European City of Science 2012 so there will be lots of opportunities for students to participate in science competitions - all the information will be posted on the school website. www.eurekasecondaryschool.ie

English

2nd Yr Drama

Room 13 students, together with their teacher Ms. McKenna, recently performed their play "The Merchant of Venice". They concentrated on the trial scene - the scene of highest tension. Each pupil presented a quote in an artistic & eye catching manner, all of which were then displayed on the back wall of their classroom. Banners, large posters (pictured left), and props were designed and made by class members to bring the play to life, culminating in a colourful & interesting

interpretation of the Shakespearean drama!

1st Year Book Launch

Room.6 pupils have just launched their very own novels. They worked to produce their first copies. They then edited these and produced second copies. They then engaged in peer - editing and some teacher editing before printing their final copies. Front covers, blurbs & all aspects of book production are incorporated into this project. Books are currently displayed on stands in their room.



History

2nd Year

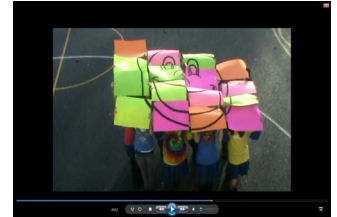
Rang Orla have created displays & exhibitions as part of a series of projects in relation to topics on their history course. Very impressive charts, documents, drawings & games were displayed in the library by all pupils of this class.

1st Year

Students from Room 9 produced a Medieval newspaper, demonstrating their skills via an advertising campaign which featured important aspects of Medieval life. These were displayed along the 1st Year corridor and enjoyed by all. Well done to both class groups & to their teacher Ms McKenna.

YSI 2012

This year Ms Weir's YSI team made 4 films to promote positive thinking and uploaded them to youtube. They currently have 1421 hits. The class taught all SPHE classes in the school about positive thinking and held a positive thinking week. If you haven't seen their films already then check them out on www.youtube.com/user/Eurekafilms2012 and don't forget "A positive attitude brings strength, energy and initiative".



Art 2012

Check out some great work being done by art students!



Public Access to Law Competition

2011 Team

In October, the Eureka team (*pictured right*) which won the All-Ireland in the Public Access to Law competition in April travelled to New York along with their coach Ms Pauline Cosgrove, assisted by Mrs Fiona Conroy & accompanied by Principal Ms O'Reilly & Deputy Principal Ms Moran, to participate in the World Finals of the competition. The team faced stiff opposition from highly experienced American & worldwide teams, yet delivered impressive performances & gained valuable experience.

The girls managed to find time to take in some sightseeing & to see the popular Broadway show "Wicked". Well done to the team & to their coaches!



2012 Team



This was another great year for Eureka at the Irish stage of the PAL competition which took place in April. Eureka defeated St. Macartans, Monaghan and Cistercian College Roscrea in two nail biting contests where the two Advocates Jane Burmanje & Sarah Walsh, Solicitor Emily Anderson, Court Clerk Marie McFadden, "Reverends" Anna Caffery and Saoirse Ni Riain and "Garda" Julianna Martyn & Ciara O' Connor gave worthy performances. TV reporter Orla

Carr, Newspaper reporter, Niamh Brady, Court Artist Laura Parry and photographer Shannon Forrest were a credit to their new professions! The jury from Eureka was made up of Kellie Cuniffe, Niamh Kelly, Niamh O'Kelly-Lynch, Megan Barry & Emily Parry.

After a tense time, Eureka narrowly lost out to Our Lady's College, Greenhills, Drogheda. However the top five teams that day all qualified for the international event at Empire Mock Trial, New York City in October 2012, so for the second consecutive year, Eureka will represent Ireland in the USA. Congratulations to the team and thanks to

Home Economics Week

The week took place in late April and was fun filled with many activities to suit all year groups! Each morning, a pupil made an announcement over the intercom, with specific information relating to a fact from a different Home Economics core topic. The weeks activities included: a poster competition, a craft exhibition at lunch time in the library and a bake class with 5th years. The proceeds of €300 from this bake sale held after the class was put towards the sponsorship of a 5th Year Home Economics pupil who participated in a sky dive for the Samaritans. In addition, a Home Economics "Walking Quiz" was held during one lunch time. The quiz was designed whereby all clues were located on posters which had been displayed all over the school, even in the most unexpected of places! This created great buzz as eager candidates had to search to complete the quiz, which covered all core areas of Home Economics.

Winners of the "Walking Quiz" were 1st Catherine Dolan and 2nd Nadine Smith (*pictured below left*). The Senior Section of the "Walking Quiz" was won jointly by Amanda Leonard & Aoife McKenna.



The winners of the 1st & 2nd Yr poster competitions are as follows 1st Yrs - 1st Lauren Anderson and 2nd Aisling McNamara. 2nd Yrs - 1st Sarah Armstrong and 2nd Megan Roe.

The winners (*pictured right*) from left to right are Megan, Aisling, Sarah & Lauren. Thanks to the Home Economics teachers Ms Grenham, Ms O'Shea & Ms Conaty,



Retirements

Two members of Eureka's staff have retired from teaching. In June of 2011, we said "au revoir" to Ms Mary Broderick, longstanding teacher of French and Irish, and this June we bid farewell to Mrs Irene Yore, teacher of R.E. and history and long time producer of school musicals. Both teachers have contributed so much to school life and to much laughter in the staff room!



Basketball

Division A Status

Eureka has for the first time been promoted to the "Division A" league for basketball. This follows last year's 1st Year team progressing to the All-Ireland Final. Eureka is the only school in the North East to achieve this honour. The school has had to play against 8 schools from Dublin and all teams have played at this level at a sufficiently high standard to remain in the "A" division next year.

1st Year

The team reached the all-Ireland play-offs in Limerick in May, performing very well all weekend. The team progressed to the Cup Quarter -Final where they had a convincing win. They were unfortunately defeated in the Semi-Final. The girls impressed spectators & opposition alike with their work ethic & team spirit. Well done to Ms Foley & her team pictured below:

Rose Finnegan (C), Amy Tobin (C), Clara Lynch, Hayley Doyle, Katie Morris, Katie Emmett, Ellie McGeogh, Aine Sheridan, Eirinn Lynch, Eimear O'Neill, Lauren Gibney, Caitriona Smith, Aoife Brady, Aoife Flanagan, Rebecca Murray, Caoimhe Hannon & Laoise Fleming.



2nd Year

Last year's All-Ireland finalists did themselves proud again this year with terrific performances, but unfortunately didn't progress to the All-Ireland stages. Well done to the team: *Edith Lynch (C), Mary Carpenter (C), Shianne Swarres, Ella Reilly, Kara O'Rourke, Rachel Conaty-Drew, Emily O'Donovan, Catherine Dolan, Catherine Brady, Emma Fuller, Sarah Grillet, Orla Kearney, Ciara Walsh & Amy Gaynor.*

A special thanks to the following J. Certs who gave up lunchtimes to help coach 1st & 2nd Yr teams:

Lydia McCabe, Sloane Reeves, Katie Dunne, Leanne Connell, Claire Bradley, Lauren Doyle, Aine Duff & Caoimhe Gibney.

Under 16s

Well done to the squad who played in this year's North Eastern League. A hard working & dedicated squad, Ms. Mimmagh hopes to see them continue their training throughout the year. The team was: *Caoimhe Gibney, Emma Clarke, Leanne Connell, Katie Dunne, Lauren Doyle, Aine O'Brien, Claire Bradley, Aoife Flattery, Sloane Reeves, Claire Brady & Aine Duff.*

Girls in Action

50 girls from 1st, 2nd & 3rd Yr took part in this programme which emphasises fun, participation & improved fitness. This year's activities included Zumba dancing, Taekwondo, self defence, toning, a dance fest & cheerleading. Well done to all pupils for the fun, energy & commitment which they brought to the programme.

Girls in Golf

Run by Headfort Golf Club &

Junior Golf Ireland, fourteen 1st Yr pupils are currently enrolled in the programme, which takes place after school, twice weekly. The girls will continue to practice their skills throughout the summer.

Special thanks to 2nd Yr pupil Orla McGovern, Junior Captain who has helped the 1st Years with their golf!



Athletics

The 1st Yr Minor Cross Country team (*pictured right*) won the Meath, North Leinster & Leinster Championships.

They then progressed to the All-Ireland Championships in St. Joseph's School, Galway, where they were placed a highly commendable 2nd.

The team was as follows:

Ellen Rooney, Rebecca Warren, Rose Finnegan, Rebecca O'Reilly, Laoise Fleming & Eimear O'Neill.



Soccer

The Eureka Under 15 soccer team won the Leinster League Final. Congrats to the team & their coaches Mr. Noone & Mr. Whitty.

The team (*pictured below*) Back row left to right *Marion Farrelly, Aine O'Brennan, Niamh O'Keeffe, Emma Carry, Ciara Boylan, Emma Fuller, Leanne Connell & Eimear O'Neill.* Front row left to right *Rebecca Murray, Hannah Quinn, Aoife Brady, Shianne Swarres, Aimee Lee & Katie Emmett*



LCA News

Catering & Tourism

As part of this module LCA pupils undertook a short tour of Trim. This involved a tour of Trim Castle which featured the added intrigue of the haunted room!! A walking tour of the town provided a realistic account of local history. Students and teachers then experienced the exemplary warmth and hospitality of the hotel industry from the Trim Castle Hotel manager Mr Noel Comer. Pupils & teachers extend their sincere thanks to Mr Comer for the generosity of his time, his professional insights into the hotel industry and for the lovely tea, coffee and goodies!

St. Mary's School for the Deaf

Following Eureka's LCA class visit in December to St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Cabra, the class hosted a return visit to Eureka by St. Mary's pupils on May 17th. On arrival, the guest pupils were treated to scones and tea. They enjoyed a wide range of activities during their time in Eureka including a tour of the school, sports including hockey, basketball & soccer and an art workshop. Each student took their own completed stained glass artwork home with them. The visit concluded with lunch. Thanks to the Parents' Council who funded the morning scones and lunch and to Ms Duffy who organised & co-ordinated both visits.

Active Retirement

The class recently welcomed Margaret Lynch, a member of the local Active Retirement group. Margaret discussed with the class, current attitudes to the elderly.

Midway

The LCA class visited Midway, where they experienced first hand, the provision of education & training for people with special needs in our community.

Navan Travellers' Workshop

The workshop group paid a visit to the school in October, with their Living History project. It was an excellent day during which the travellers showed their traditional caravan (*pictured above*) and demonstrated some traditional traveller skills over a camp fire. Members of the travelling community gave very informative talks about traveller culture past & present.



Irish Wheelchair Association

The sports co-ordinator with the association spent a morning with the LCA class who participated in wheelchair basketball (*pictured left*). In addition, Jenny Kerr, a past pupil of Eureka who is a wheelchair user, participated in a discussion with the LCA class about the day to day experiences and challenges of a wheelchair user. As a follow up exercise, two members of the class spent a morning in a wheelchair in Kells, examining the town's level of accessibility for wheelchair users.

Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge

As part of the week's celebrations, the school invited the acting company Fíabín to perform for pupils. The theme of the drama was "The History of the Irish Language Down Through the Ages". To say that this dramatic presentation was lively would be an understatement! The actors fully engaged with their audiences, resulting in hilarious, chaotic scenes in the school canteen, the venue for this production.

The week also saw ceol agus craic in the form of a traditional lunchtime music session, and a Trath na gCeist quiz in the school library. Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations culminated in lunchtime Ceili dancing in the gym.

Thanks to all Irish teachers for their efforts in ensuring a very successful week!



Leaving Cert Graduation

The mass and graduation ceremony took place in St. Colmcille's Church, Kells on May 23rd. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Michael Smith and con-celebrated by Eureka's School Chaplin Fr. David Brennan, Kells Parish Priest Fr.



John Byrne & Kells Curate Fr. Liam Malone. This was followed by the graduation ceremony during which Leaving Cert pupils were awarded certificates and blessed with oils. Mentors & prefects were each presented with certificates and gifts. The annual "Student of the Year" award went to four pupils - Niamh O'Sullivan, Shelley Stafford, Lauren Finnegan and Aine Beggy. Head Girl Louise Rickard & Deputy Head Girl Clodagh Kenny presented flowers to the Leaving Cert Year Head Ms. Bird, to Principal Ms. O'Reilly and Deputy Principal Ms. Moran.

Following the mass and graduation ceremony Parents, students & staff retreated to the school canteen for light refreshments.

Wishing everyone a great summer!

Good luck to Leaving & Junior Certs in their exams!

Thank You



Thank you to parents who have returned the Re-Registration fees of €60 per student or €100 per family, to date.

Outstanding fees may still be paid at the office. Please make cheques payable to Eureka Secondary School. Alternatively you may choose to pay by instalments €20 X 3 per student or in the case of a family €20 X 5.

School Calendar 2012/2013

Re-Opening Dates:

Tue 21st August
Wed 22nd August
Thurs 23rd August
Mon 27th August
Tues 28th August
Wed 29th August

TY Induction — The Big Idea
TY Induction and Training for Prefects and Mentors
TY Induction — The Big Idea
1st Year Induction
Class for 2nd and 5th years (9.00 am to 12.55)
Class for all students

School Closures:

September
October Mid-Term
Christmas Holidays
Feb Mid-Term
March
Easter
May
June

Mon 24th
Mon 29th October to Fri 2nd November
School closes Fri 21st December – re-opens Mon 7th Jan
Mon 11th to Fri 15th February
Mon 18th (Bank Holiday)
School closes on Fri 22nd March and re-opens Mon 8th April
Mon 6th (Bank Holiday)
School closes on Fri 31st May for Summer Holidays

Open Evening:

Thurs 18th October

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Thurs 8th November	3rd Year
Thurs 6th December	6th Year
Wed 16th January	5th Year
Mon 28th January	2nd Year
Thurs 5th February	1st Year
To be decided	Transition Year