

# Eureka Secondary School

## Newsletter - Summer 2018



**Eureka Youth Ministry Initiative:** Some students visited Lourdes with the **Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** in September. **Anna Byrne, Sarah Bradley, Nichola Cadden, Carol Cassidy, Rebecca Foley, Bróna Ryan & Rebecca Wright.**

**A Farewell to Eureka:** A weekend of celebrations took place over the October Bank Holiday weekend to give people an opportunity to visit the school before the big move to the new school. A **Eureka Memories Facebook** page has been set up for **Alumni**.

**WSE-MLL:** A positive report was issued by the Department of Education and Skills who visited the school in November for a Whole School Evaluation – Management, Leadership & Learning inspection.

**RTE Mass:** We were privileged to take part in a special mass to celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week in January. which was broadcast live on RTE 1 television Teacher: *Ms. Harte.*

### CEIST Award



**Nichola Cadden** was a worthy recipient of the CEIST Award at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass.



The **Annual School Awards** took place at the end of May. Congratulations to ALL, and a special mention for **Ayomikun Ali** who achieved an excellence in attendance award for never missing a single day in her whole school life.



### Sportspersons of the Year 2018

Junior Sportsperson of the Year **Ruth Smyth**

Senior Sportsperson of the Year **Emily-Jo White**

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**Gael Linn Debates:** Ghlacamar páirt i gComórtas Diospóireachta an Phiarsaigh arís i mbliana, don chéad uair le tamall de bhlianta. Bhí dhá fhoireann againn, le ceann amháin san iomaíocht i Roinn na Sóisear agus an ceann eile i Roinn na Sinsear. Cé nár éirigh le ceachtar den dá fhoireann aon ghradam a bhaint amach, is cinnte gur léirigh siad an-chumas, go ndearna siad sár-ionadaíocht thar cheann na scoile, agus go bhfuilimid an-bhródúil astu - go háirithe toisc go bhfuil siad go léir óg a dhóthain le páirt a ghlacadh sna ranna céanna arís an bhliain seo chugainn. Ba iad **Ciara Ní Chorcráin, Cáit Nic Criostail** agus **Caitríona Ní Fhloinn** a bhí rannpháirteach ar an bhfoireann sóisear. Ba iad **Órla Nic Casarlaigh, Áine Ní Chorcráin, Ciara Draopar** agus **Áine Ní Thorpaigh** a bhí mar bhaill den bhfoireann sinsear. Treise leo! Múinteoir: *Mr. De Hál.*

### Student Enterprise Awards

First years, **Cáit Melady, Sophie Mooney, Shauna Murphy & Sinéad Mqakany**, came 2<sup>nd</sup> at Junior Level with their project entitled "*The Art of Conversation*". Second years, **Aoife Dunne, Clodagh Gallagher, Emma Muldoon, Ella Rice & Emma Smyth**, came 3<sup>rd</sup> at Intermediate Level with their project entitled "*Break the Stress – Study for Success*". **Leonne Yore**, whose enterprise project entitled '*The Woolly Craft Maker*' won first place in the County Final and she went on to represent Meath and in the All-Ireland Final where she won a **National Intermediate Award** for the best business display at the **All-Ireland Student Enterprise Awards**. Teacher: *Ms. McCormack.*



**Business:** **Jennifer Brady & Orla Casserly** achieved excellence awards from Maynooth University for their results in Business Studies at Junior Certificate Level.

**Debating:** TY students, **Áine Corcoran, Louise Cullen, Ciara Draper & Alex Martin**, won the **Meath County Council Library Post Primary Schools Debating Competition** They received a €50 book voucher each as well as €500 for the school. Teachers: *Mr. Devine & Ms. Doherty.*

**Delvin Book Fair Short Story Competition:** TY students **Orla Casserly** won first prize in the **Junior Category** and **Helena O'Connor** won second prize in the competition. Teacher: *Ms Glynn*

### Modern Languages:

**French:** TY students attended a French film ***Ma Vie de Courgette*** in the **Irish Film Institute**. We were sad to say goodbye to our diligent assistant **Pauline Day** who has returned to Nantes. She was popular with the students & made a great contribution to the French Department.

**German:** TY & 5th year students went on an educational and cultural tour to **Berlin**. It included a guided tour taking in Brandenburg Gate, Charlottenburg Palace & the Soviet War Memorial, an excursion to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, the DDR Museum, the Reichstag and a visit to the Berlin Zoo. As part of German studies 1st & 2nd year students made a day trip to the **Irish Film Institute** to see a German film, ***Die Wilden Kerle*** (The Wild Soccer Bunch). This was a very fruitful and enjoyable experience. Teachers: *Ms. Barry & Ms. Gilsenan.*

### Foreign Trips:

**Ski Tour:** Second Years went to **Marilleva** in **Italy** on a Ski trip in February.

**Erasmus:** TY students went to **Belgium** and **Italy** as part of the Erasmus programme.

**TY Tour:** TYs toured **Northern Italy** taking in **Pisa, Lucca, Lake Garda, Verona & Venice**.

**Spanish:** TY & 5<sup>th</sup> year students went to **Cadiz** in **Spain** to gain an appreciation of Spanish.

**Spanish:** Second Year students had a fantastic, fun-filled trip to **Malaga** in Spain as part of their Junior Cycle language and cultural studies. They enjoyed top-class accommodation and food in the Principe Sol Hotel with a variety of activities each day. Highlights included a visit to Tivoli World Theme Park and an action-packed morning at Aqua Mijas Water Park. Students learned about the Arab influence in the South of Spain, with visits to the 'Alcazaba' Arab fortress in Malaga, **Marbella** oldtown centre, **Granada**, Spanish classes and a 'Spanish Language Treasure Hunt'. A truly memorable trip, with students commended by all on their impeccable behaviour. Thanks to GTI and Kells County Councillor Seán Drew for sponsoring branded hoodies.



Fifth year students, **Ciara McDonnell, Andrea O'Reilly, Carmel Byrne** and **Eva O'Byrne** were awarded **Scholarships to Spain** this Summer for winning the **Post Primary Languages Initiative Spanish Video competition**. They were presented with their prizes by the Spanish Ambassador to Ireland Jose Maria Rodriguez Coso. Teachers: *Mr. Gray & Mr. McKee.*

**Science Olympiad:** Four students, **Ciara Brady, Carmel Byrne, Áine Corcoran & Sarah Kerins**, were selected to compete in the National Science Olympiad based on their excellent Junior Certificate Science results.

**SciFest:** **Róisín Murtagh** (1st yr.) won the **ISTA award** with her project entitled: *"An investigation into noise pollution in my environment"*, and Third Years, **Katie Conachy, Emma Jane McKeon & Ruth Smyth** won in the **Senior Intermediate Category**, for their project on mobile phone usage. Teachers: *Ms. Byrne & Ms. Wright.*



### **Aerprize National Winner**



Our 5th year students who qualified for the Aerprize National Final were **Clodagh Kelly, Carmel Byrne, Lidusa Nagyova & Eva O'Byrne**. **Carmel Byrne** won the National Prize which is an all-expenses paid 7-week trip to the USA to train for her Private Pilot's licence. Teacher: *Mr. Lynch.*

**Webwise Ambassadors:** TY students **Jennifer Brady, Alex Martin & Ava Reilly** were selected as Webwise Ambassadors for Safer Internet Day. They got to visit **Facebook HQ** in Dublin for a training session with other students from all around Ireland. Teacher: *Ms. Mullaghy.*

### **Social Media for Active Retirement Citizens**

TY students and **Moynalty Active Retirement Group** took part in a social media course as part of the **Age Friendly Alliance**. They won a **National Award** via **Garda Dean Keirns**. The students were **Eva Boyle, Alannis Carr, Chloe Casserly, Tara Connolly, Aibhínn Costello, Leah Donlon, Aileen Farrelly, Marie Kearney, Amy Lynch, Georgia Lynch, Poppy Maguire, Amy McCabe, Katie McGee, Anna-Louise McManus, Katie Murphy, Nyah O'Connor, Aisling Reilly, Shelly Smith, Stephanie Thorpe & Shauna Woods**. Teachers: *Mr. Devine & Ms. Harte*



**Cross Country & Athletics:** Well done to all the students who competed in both the cross country and athletics this year. **Cross country** was a great success with large numbers of Eureka girls competing at a high standard and some impressive placings and wins. A special congratulations goes to those who brought home silverware for the school. **Kate McCrystal** (2<sup>nd</sup> yr.) competed in the **Leinster Finals** where she came 9<sup>th</sup> overall and qualified for the All Ireland Finals where she came 19<sup>th</sup> overall. **Áine Corcoran** (T.Y.) came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Dunboyne Cross Country, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Cross Country at the North Leinster Schools Cross Country Championships and qualified for the Leinster Finals. **Áine** competed in the 800m as well as the 400m Hurdles at Senior Level and won **bronze** in the Hurdles. She was also part of a team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the team event at the **North Leinster Cross Country Championships**. The other members were **Aoife Thorpe** (5<sup>th</sup> yr.), **Mary Curran** (5<sup>th</sup> yr.), **Rebecca Keating** (5<sup>th</sup> yr.) & **Gráinne Cullen** (6<sup>th</sup> yr.).



In **Athletics** there were some impressive performances in sprints, middle distances, throws and jumps at local and provincial levels. We had our most successful year at the **Meath Athletics Championships** with a huge haul of medals and we won the **Frank Fagan Memorial Cup**. This is a perpetual Cup which is awarded to the most successful school team at the Meath Track and Field Championships. It is our first time to win this award. Congratulations to all the teams. Congratulations also to the girls who qualified for and competed in the **Leinster Finals of the Track and Field** in Santry. **Emily-Jo White** (Shot Put), **Shelly Smith** (100m & 200m), **Chloe Smith** (High Jump & 100m & Relay), **Kate McCrystal** (1500m & Relay), **Nadine Mangan** (Relay), **Cara Martin** (Relay), **Róisín Dolan** (Relay), **Mary Curran** (Relay), **Aoife Thorpe** (Relay). A huge congratulations to **Laura Cunningham** who won **bronze** in the **Intermediate Hammer Throw** at the **All-Ireland Athletics Finals** with a throw of 42.74m. Coach: *Ms. Mimmagh*.

Four of our students competed in the **Leinster Schools Triathlon** and all four students qualified for the **National Finals**. The race consists of a pool swim, road cycle race and a run. Super results in such a tough sport. Well done **Ciara Brady**, **Kate McCrystal**, **Ellen Murray** & **Aoife Thorpe**.

**Basketball:** Congratulations to both the **U-16 and U-19 basketball teams** in what was a very competitive season. Both teams did extremely well in the Regionals with the **U-19** team becoming **Regional Finalists** and making it through to the All-Ireland playoffs, in which they won three consecutive games on the same day, ensuring their place in the All-Ireland Semi-Finals. These were played in the National Basketball Arena against a very strong team Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal from Blarney who won on the day. Coach: *Mr. Hynes*.

Well done also to our **1st year Basketball** team on a very successful season. They were narrowly defeated in the Regional Final. They progressed to the **All-Ireland playoffs** and had outstanding victories against Belfast and Roscommon, but unfortunately lost to Tullamore, who progressed to the All-Ireland Semi-Final. It was noted at the All-Ireland playoffs by the referees and the organisers on the unbelievable team spirit and sportsmanship displayed by all Eureka squad members, which was a very proud moment for both coaches, *Ms. Wright & Ms. McCormack*.

**Golf:** Congratulations to **Rebecca Foley** who won the **Senior Individual Section** at the **Eastern Leinster Golf Championships** in Clontarf. This is a huge achievement.

**Ladies Gaelic Football:** Our **U-16 Gaelic Football** team had a very successful year going all the way to the **All-Ireland Semi-Final** but unfortunately they lost out in the cruellest fashion by a single point. Well done to **ALL** the girls. Coach: *Mr. Wright*.