



Marist Moments November 2019

St Mary's College, Dundalk



Wheelchair Basketball

As part of our social outreach programme the Transition Years have been fundraising for the Irish Wheelchair association. We collected for two days around Dundalk and managed to raise a great sum in aid of the charity. On Thursday 21st of November we then had the fantastic opportunity to try out wheelchair basketball in our local sports' centre. This was the highlight of our term so far! We were divided into 15 teams, two teams of five played each other at a time and it was very competitive! Not only was it great fun, it gave us a real insight into what being in a wheelchair feels like but also the opportunities that are still available. We are really grateful for this fantastic experience.

Faoi Airm Mhuire

St Mary's College has recently established a student ethos group, named 'Faoi Airm Mhuire'. The aim of the group is to promote the Marist Ethos amongst the students of the school. At the moment we have 15 members, from 5th Year and Transition Year. We hope to inform students about the Marist way and to set up an Ethos space in the school. We have worked on understanding the Marist ethos and how we see it in our school lives. We also met Fr Justin Taylor on his visit to the school and had an informative and interesting discussion with him about the Marist ethos, Mary and Jean Claude Colin. We hope that as a group we will be able to live in the way of Mary and help others to do the same.

German Exchange

Last week, a mix of students from German classes across various year groups participated in a German Exchange programme with our teachers Ms Woods and Herr Kronen. The school we travelled to was called Wilma-Rudolph Oberschule. Most days we attended a variety of classes until around 11 o'clock. We visited many museums such as Checkpoint Charlie, and also experienced many historical sites. We visited Sachsenhausen Memorial Concentration Camp which was a truly touching and humbling experience. It was interesting to hear stories from our exchange families about the Berlin wall as it was the 30th Anniversary of the fall of the wall when we were there. We also visited the Berliner Unterwelten tour which included a tour of underground war bunkers and the famous Reichstag. Overall the exchange was an extremely beneficial and worthwhile opportunity, and of course, we're all practically fluent in German now!



Brandenburg Gate



German Exchange Group

Rotary Leadership

Congratulations to Weronica Staszak who progressed to the Regional Finals of the Rotary Leadership awards, representing Dundalk.

La Bibliothèque

Cette année, 'St Mary's College', a décidé d'établir une nouvelle bibliothèque scolaire. C'est une occasion très passionnante pour les élèves car on espère à étendre et améliorer le choix de livres disponible aux élèves afin de les encourager de lire et s'intéresser plus à la lecture. On a créé 'un coin de recherche' dans la bibliothèque pour aider les étudiants avec leur travail et leurs projets académiques dans toutes les matières à n'importe quel âge. Les étudiants sont aussi impliqués dans le développement de la bibliothèque car on a les 'Library leaders' – une équipe des élèves qui aide avec la promotion et le développement du plan d'emprunt et des activités dans la bibliothèque pendant l'heure du déjeuner.



School Library



Research Area



Faoi Airm Mhuire Student Ethos Group

Debating

Four of our Transition Year students took part in the Leinster Debating Competition. The team put in a great amount of effort into debating the motion "the house regrets research that aims to create strong artificial intelligence" and have progressed on to the next round of the competition.

Sports Bulletin

- Our Boys' Lennon Cup Gaelic team were narrowly defeated in the Shield Final. The boys put in a great display of teamwork and dedication.
- Our Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams have progressed to the North East semi-finals for the 4th Year in a row
- Our Senior Golf team beat St Joseph's, Drogheda, by 6 holes
- Under 16 Boys' Gaelic team beat Gormanstown in a great start to their campaign
- Under 17 Boys' Soccer team had a great start to the year with victory against St Peter's
- Our Girls' Gaelic team also had a winning start to the year