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LORD MAYOR'S YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR

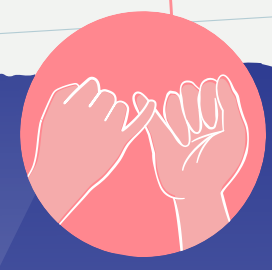
'I was delighted and honoured when I got the news that my classmates had nominated me for the Lord Mayor's Young Person of the Year Award. I was shortlisted as one of eleven recipients and invited to City Hall to receive the award. A devastating diagnosis a year ago meant a long absence from school and some very tough times in hospital. My friends support throughout was amazing. I am so grateful to those friends who helped me continue my studies and maintain a positive attitude. They nominated me for my bravery and perseverance throughout it all.'

Mia Darney



As Mia's friends, we witnessed first hand how challenging this past year has been for her. When we heard of the Lord Mayor's Award, she immediately came to mind. She shows so much strength and is an inspiration to her classmates every day. We are thrilled to have her back in school with us!

Shauna Lane, Áine Byrne, Fiona O'Connell



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Congratulations to Vicky Burke on having her story, "The Weight of Nothingness" published in the Irish Times Fighting Words 2019 magazine. Vicky is a 6th year student and a member of Cork City Library's Young Writers group. She plans to study English in UCC and hopes to become a children's writer in the future. We wish her every success and look forward to reading her first novel!



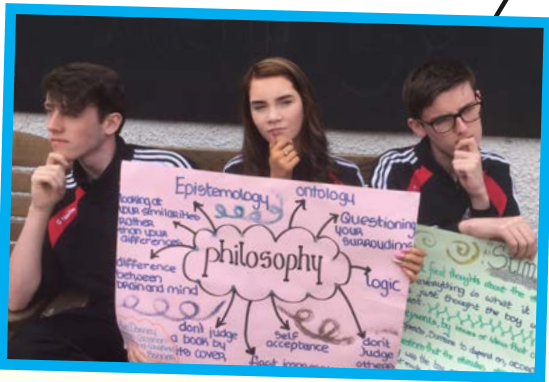
Tiffani Wong
Class Siobhán, First Year.

GAMES CLUB

Our Board Games Club is a fun way to meet friends, socialise and discover new games. We play many games such as Chess, Draughts, Connect 4, Guess Who, Frustration, Headbandz, Articulate, Pictionary, Dobble, Trivial Pursuit and UNO just to name a few. There are other card games too.

We get a 40 minute break, so we eat our lunch and try to finish a game in that time. Sometimes our teachers come in to play against us! I really enjoy this club and have met loads of new people from other classes. My personal favourites are Dobble and Frustration.

St. Aidan's **BOARD GAMES CLUB** takes place **EVERY TUESDAY** at **LUNCHTIME** in G01!



St Aidan's foray into Philosophy in 2018/19 really energised and engaged our TY students in many ways.

This is what they said:

"I really liked Philosophy because it made you think differently and view life from a different perspective and keeps you thinking".

Philosophy is not about finding answers although it is wonderful when we can draw a clear solution or conclusion to epistemological problems, but life is seldom so clear cut. It breathes in the shadows. Philosophy is about finding the right path on which we can journey. It is as its Greek cognates suggest: the love of wisdom. This course engages our students to start looking in places outside of their comfort zone to learn about themselves and also to learn how to disagree with respect of other and varying opinions. Our students are amazing philosophers and it's a true pleasure to learn with them.

Ní h-ualach bhúir léinn

Rossai



The students pictured here have excelled on a personal level in the learning of their chosen instrument. World Championships, local competitions, Comhaltas, orchestral performances and grade preparations are amongst the many achievements of this talented group of musicians. We wish them every success in their own musical journeys and we hope to see many more students follow in their footsteps.

MUSIC GIVES A SOUL TO THE UNIVERSE, WINGS TO THE MIND, FLIGHT TO THE IMAGINATION AND LIFE TO EVERYTHING - Plato

“A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step”

Lao Tzu


1000
POINTS

Congratulations to our 1st year students who have reached 1000 points on our VSware System. One of the many benefits of the VSware Student Information System, is the opportunity to record positive student behaviour and award points based on this behaviour. For these students, gaining 1000 points on VSware is not about being the best, but doing their best.

Well done!



Our 5th year Leaving Certificate Applied students complete a number of tasks as part of the LCA programme. A task is a practical activity where the students get to apply their learning and gain credits towards their final result.



This year, all students took part in an Enterprise task. Class Ruairi ran a very successful market, selling tea, coffee and a variety of cakes and sweet treats to staff and students of the school. Class Eithne ran a movie day for 1st and 2nd year students. The students really enjoyed this event and both classes were happy with the profit they made.

Hotel, Catering and Tourism students planned, prepared and served a three-course lunch for some of the lucky teachers while Graphics and Construction students designed and made a number of educational toys out of wood.



Callum and Lorraine are seen here proudly displaying their finished pieces.

Class Ruairi are pictured with Ms. Cotter in their market and first year students are delighted to attend class Eithne's movie day.

Junior Achievement



Junior Achievement's Finance Your Future programme was conducted by the professional, talented and extremely kind Jessica Lynch. She is pictured here with Mr. Breen and students from 4th year class Fiachra.

"We received a booklet filled with various exercises and enjoyed many different interactive activities which were organised by Jessica. Throughout this programme, we had the opportunity to learn lots of essential information for the benefit of our future in finance, as well as gaining an interest and further understanding of business. We'd like to thank Jessica for doing an outstanding job teaching, entertaining and inspiring us to finance our future!"

Jagoda Lniska



A huge thank you to Pedro and Antonio for gripping the imaginations of our first years during another Junior Achievement session on The Economics of Staying in School with the apt subtitle "Inspiring Young Minds".



ART

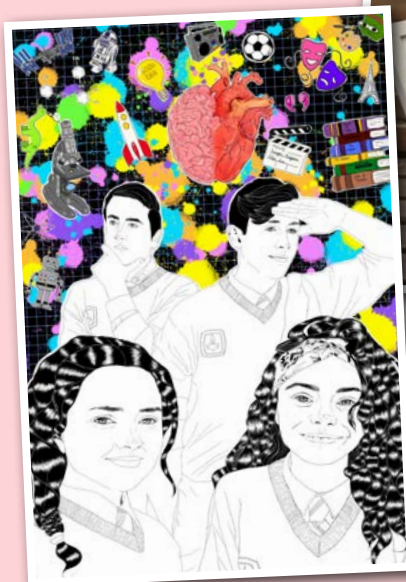


Cork County Council Arts grant

LCA1 Class Eithne are eagerly awaiting their chance to work with Mr. Brendan Ryan, a ceramicist artist from Whitechurch, Co. Cork. Brendan graduated from Crawford Art College and works as a full-time artist. He has worked as far afield as Hungary on a bursary award.

St. Aidan's has been granted an Artist in Schools Scheme funding by Cork County Council for our students to work with Brendan and make a permanent piece of art for the school. A launch in September will see the opening of the piece with the Lord Mayor of Cork as guest.

We look forward to seeing the work on display!



+ Jagoda Lwiski's 2019/20 journal cover



My Education, my Future

As part of Cork Lifelong Learning Festival, CIT Access Service, in conjunction with CIT Arts Office & Crawford College of Art and Design, held an art exhibition by second level students from CIT Linked Schools from throughout Cork City & County.

Over 150 students participated in this programme with each art piece depicting which direction the students will go following secondary school. The exhibition ran from the 9th to the 13th of April at the James Barry Exhibition Centre, CIT.

Our 2nd year art class, pictured here, exhibited their sculptural pieces. Special commendation was awarded to Katelynn Mullane's piece and she received a goody bag of art supplies. Congratulations Katelynn!

Thanks to CIT and the access office and to our talented art students from St. Aidan's C.C!



'Art has a role in education of helping children become like themselves instead of more like everyone else'

Sydney Gurewitz Clemens



Jessica Brooks Stout
Home Economics



Kieran Wentz
Junior Academic



Roisín, Daniel & Niamh Mulcahy Music, Geography and Student of the year awards



Jack Taylor
Pupil Endeavour



Courtney Craven
LCA



Fiona O'Connell
Gaeilge



Alison Power
History



Adam Sheehan JCSP



Sean Varian
6th year student of the year



Jessica Ricken
French



Kelly Matthews
5th year student of the year



Shauna Lane
Principal's Award



Shauna Lane
English



Sophie Leahy Jackson
Exceptional Pastoral Achievement



Mia Dorney
Dr Steele Community Award

2019

SOLAS AWARDS WINNERS

- The John O'Brien Memorial Maths: Kelly Meany
- English: Shauna Lane
- Science: Rebecca Galway
- Gaeilge: Fiona O'Connell
- Technological: Cian Hayes
- Art: Vicky Burke
- Geography: Roisin Mulcahy
- French: Jessica Ricken
- History: Alison Power
- Business: Robyn Andrews
- Home Economics: Jessica Brooks Stout
- Music: Roisin Mulcahy and Daniel Mulcahy
- Junior Female: Natalie Huggins
- Senior Female: Nicole Bolger
- Junior Male: Adam Murphy
- Senior Male: Jake Collins
- Exceptional Pastoral Achievement: Sophie Jackson Leahy
- Edward Pope Memorial: Megan O' Connor
- Pupil Endeavour Junior Cycle: Jack Taylor
- Pupil Endeavour Senior Cycle: Rachel Galgey
- JCSP: Adam Sheehan
- LCA: Courtney Craven
- Exceptional Co-Curricular: Wheelchair Basketball Team
- Best Class: Class Marcus
- 1st Year Student of the Year: Daniel Smith
- 2nd Year Student of the Year: Chloe Foo
- 3rd Year Student of the Year: Niamh Mulcahy
- 4th Year Student of the Year: Jagoda Lniska
- 5th Year Student of the Year: Kelly Matthews
- 6th Year Student of the Year: Sean Varian
- Dr Steele Community Award: Mia Dorney
- Junior Academic: Kieran Wentz
- Senior Academic: Alison Power
- Best Junior Certificate 2018: Josh Ryan
- Best Leaving Cert Applied 2018: Lydia Conway
- Best Leaving Certificate 2018: Quintain Noonan
- Principal's Award: Shauna Lane
- Guest of Honour: David Goulding, Head of Maths, CIT, past pupil 1998

SUPPORT TEAM!



From back left to back right: M Lordan SNA, S Millard SNA, K Kelleher Home School Liaison, N O'Keeffe SNA, J Furlong Behaviour for Learning, S Flanagan SEN coordinator.
Front row left to right: M Mc Sweeney SNA, K Murphy School Chaplain, P Hyde School Completion Programme and Mike Forde Guidance Counsellor.

St. Aidan's is a lively, busy and happy place. Providing a supportive pastoral care system is at the core of everything the school represents. We believe students that feel happy and secure in their school environment will thrive.

The Support Team in our school provides assistance to our students who may need extra support with their learning.

This team is made up of:

- Special Education Needs Co-ordinator
- Behaviour for Learning Teacher
- School Chaplain
- Home School Liaison Officer
- School Completion Officer
- Guidance Counsellor
- Special Needs Assistants
- Year Heads, Class Tutors & many Support Teachers.



Parental Support is provided by Kay Kelleher, our Home School Liaison Officer. Ms. Kelleher also arranges various talks in the Parent's Room on the first Friday of every month at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend.

WHAT A YEAR!

From trips and tours to self-development and academic programmes, TY has certainly been a stimulating experience for all of us. There have been so many different partnerships, events and programmes; always something for everyone! Despite all the precious memories we've made, the beauty of this year wasn't in just the experiences we've had together as a year, it was our growth as students and as people. These memories, experiences and opportunities have crafted the perfect fertiliser to not only aid in our bloom, but to bring us closer together.

Our time in Transition Year has whizzed past like a thrilling blizzard of new experiences, opportunities and most significantly, self-evaluation. We opened doors of opportunity and learned crucial lessons throughout the year.

I believe that anyone who has the option should definitely go for TY, not just for the potential rewards and certificates, but for time to grow and learn more about your future path through the various adventures that will inevitably ensue.

Jagoda Lniska



This year I was given the fantastic opportunity to take part in the UCC + Easter Camp.

I chose Psychology, Early Years and Childhood Studies and Social Work. Attending lectures on these courses and going on campus tours gave me a greater insight into what it would be like to attend UCC. Each group had a student ambassador who assisted and guided us through the week. My ambassador, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, was on hand to answer all my questions. He was very professional and was a great role model for all of us. Attending the Easter Camp in UCC has confirmed my ambition to pursue a career in education. The UCC+ Programme helped to provide this amazing opportunity for me but in particular I would like to thank Mr. Forde, my career guidance teacher, for making it a reality.

Jodi Hughes



BUILDING CASTLES WITH CLASS MARCUS



BLOOD BROTHERS AT THE INEC



WORLD BOOK DAY

"ONE CHILD, ONE TEACHER, ONE BOOK, ONE PEN, CAN CHANGE THE WORLD" MALALA YOUSAFZAI



JANSSEN SITE VISIT



BOYS MINOR SOCCER TEAM



DPS FUNDED SPANISH TUITION WITH CARLA & FATIMA



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAM



PLC OPEN DAY



TY TRIP TO KENMARE



STUDY SKILLS AT CIT



GRAFFITI THEATRE WORKSHOP

"EDUCATION IS THE KINDLING OF A FLAME, NOT THE FILLING OF A VESSEL" SOCRATES

Environment



The internal courtyards of our school have undergone an amazing transformation in recent years.

As any gardener knows, the weeds will return with a vengeance if the garden is left untended. There is no fear of that happening in St. Aidan's as the Green Team are constantly working and improving our school environment. 2nd year students are pictured here planting seeds in the vegetable garden, thanks to Ms. Lee's and Mr. Lyon's initiative to sow seeds collected at the checkout of a local supermarket.



'It is our collective and individual responsibility to preserve and tend to the world in which we all live'

Dalai Lama



Meanwhile, our 1st year litter pickers took to the estates surrounding the school, with two teams competing against the clock to fill a bag of rubbish and a bag of recyclables.



STAR PUPILS
AT WORK!

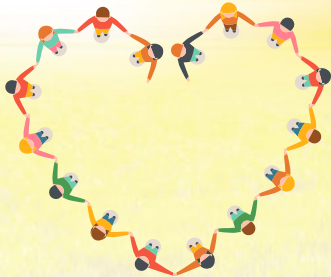
CHARITY



The Daffodil Day Team 2019 raised an incredible **€5183** in aid of the Irish Cancer Society during its annual fundraising week in March.

The team worked enthusiastically and professionally throughout the week, selling daffodils in St Aidan's, at the gates of Scoil Oilibheir and at Decky's Shop. The team received praise locally for their diligence and their good manners.

Well done to all involved and to Maeve Flavin Murphy and Mr. Breen for co-ordinating and organising.



A huge thank you to Mr. Geasley and Mr. Healy for once again raising awareness of the work of Pieta House by organising staff and students to take part in the annual Darkness into Light walk. We are very proud of the 60 students who walked in the small hours of the morning in what is a moving and memorable charity event.



NOTHING CAN DIM THE LIGHT THAT SHINES FROM WITHIN – MAYA ANGELOU

Congratulations
graduates
2019



CLASS COLMCILLE

*"Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can."*

Arthur Ashe

*"Your education is a dress
rehearsal for a life that is
yours to lead."*

Nora Ephron



CLASS EOIN



CLASS SÉAN

*"Love the life you live.
Live the life you love."*

Bob Marley