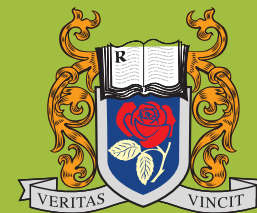




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# NEWSletter

Winter 2017

## STEM

Science week was an enormous success in Rosemont. Aside from the ongoing quizzes and activities taking place in the school throughout the week, the girls got the chance to experience a Sky Dome Planetarium.

Students interacted with the planets, stars and galaxies and experienced the wonders of the cosmos without travel. The 50-minute astronomy lesson covered the stars, constellations, the seasons, planets and more. They learned about The Orion Constellation, The Pegasus Constellation, Ursa Major and Ursa Minor. They also learned about the stars mainly the sun and how it influences day and night. The Equinox and the Summer Solstice were very interesting topics. The girls also learned how the tilt of the Earth's axis influences the seasons. The planets were amazing to discover as we saw their original sizes compared to the sun. They also learned about the sunspots which turned out to be hurricanes on the sun! The SkyDome helped students grasp abstract astronomical concepts and was most engaging, realistic and educational.



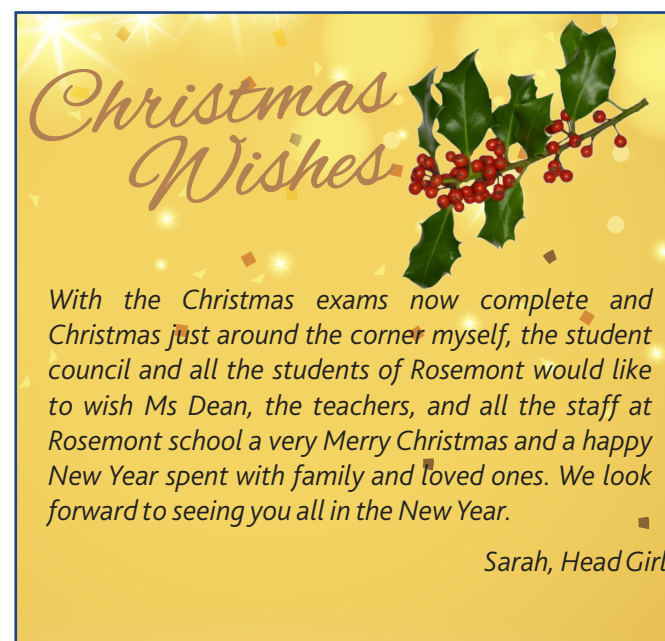
## Student Council

### Annual Céilí

The annual céilí took place in October. This event is organised by the Student Council. The goal of the céilí is to encourage the younger and older years to get to know each other and to further build our strong sense of community between the students. The céilí took place in the Sports Hall. The students enjoyed themselves immensely and as always it was great fun! Gabriela, 6<sup>th</sup> Yr

### Shoe Box Appeal

This year Rosemont once again took part in the annual Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Both staff and students from all years brought in shoeboxes for girls and boys from the ages 2 to 14. These shoeboxes will now be sent off to children in Africa and Eastern Europe. We are most aware that for some of them it might be the only Christmas gift they get this year. Susanna, 6<sup>th</sup> year



Sarah, Head Girl

## Academic Excellence

### ISTA Senior Science Quiz

Three sixth year students, Inés, Gabi and Susanna, competed as a team in the Irish Science Teachers' Association Regional Finals of the Senior Science Quiz in UCD in November and came in second place, just one point behind the winners. There were 43 teams in the competition. Team members had to be in 6<sup>th</sup> year with questions drawn from Leaving Certificate syllabi in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and general scientific knowledge. It is a great achievement for the girls and the school.



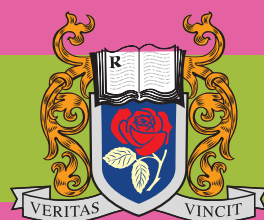
### University Scholarship Awards: Trinity and UCD Academic Awards

Congratulations to Rosemont graduates, Sarah McDonnell, who was awarded an Entrance Exhibition Award from Trinity College Dublin and Catherine Egan and Róisín Bennett, who received an Entrance Scholars Award from UCD for their outstanding results in the Leaving Certificate exam. Sarah is studying Law in TCD and Catherine and Róisín are studying Physiotherapy in UCD. We are very proud of you all.



*The Principal, staff and students of Rosemont School would like to thank you all for your support in 2017 and wish you all a most peaceful and happy Christmas and prosperous new year.*





## Book of Kells

A facsimile copy of The Book of Kells came to Rosemont in November, on loan from one of our families who are lucky owners of this exceptional document. 1,480 copies were printed in 1987. The copy that came to Rosemont is number 1444. Fifty copies were numbered in Roman numerals and given as gifts. Number I was presented to Pope John Paul II and a copy was gifted to the Provost of Trinity College among others. It was a wonderful opportunity for the girls to be able to leaf through the text and inspect the finer details in their own classrooms.



## The Irish National Youth Ballet & Rosemont

The Irish National Youth Ballet is a company for ballet dancers aged from 10-20 years. In 2016, after succeeding in the Junior Company I auditioned for the Senior Company and was offered one of the 20 coveted places. Our show this winter is The Nutcracker and will be running the second week in December in The Pavilion Theatre. I will be performing a solo role which is The Arabian.

Last summer I was also given the opportunity to go to the Royal Ballet School in London for a summer course. I auditioned along with over 1,700 other applicants and received one of the 200 places. People from all over the world attended and I was one of the only Irish girls selected. Ava, 3<sup>rd</sup> year



## Gaeilge 24

Ar an Aoine an 17ú lá de Shamhain, ghlac an chéad agus an dara bhliain páirt i nGaeilge 24. Is í aidhm an dúshlán seo ná daoine óga a spreagadh chun labhairt as Gaeilge amháin ar feadh 24 uair a' chloig: ar scoil, sa bhaile, le cairde, timpeall an bhaile agus eile! Ghlac na mílte páirt ann i mbliana. Fuair gach dalta T-léine agus banda chun cuidiú leo atmaisféar maith a chruthu. Chuir daltaí Rosemont tús leis an dúshlán le hamhrán 'Tóg mo lámh' a chanadh le chéile ag na paidreacha an mhaidin sin. Rinneadar cluichí agus tráth na gceist i rith an lae. Bhaineadar taitneamh as. Beidh teastais á fháil acu go luath.

## Sports

### Basketball

This year Rosemont have four teams entered into the Basketball Ireland Schools League.

The Senior and Cadette teams have had exciting and challenging games against schools in South Dublin and Wicklow. Many of the games had nail biting final quarters where teams were fighting basket for basket.

The girls did exceptionally well in this new league and will continue to train throughout the year in preparation for the 2018 league.

The Junior and Minor teams have been training extremely hard with basketball coach Siobhan Caffrey and will begin their league games in January.



## Education for Life Transition Year

### Rosemont Musical – The Adventures of Mary Poppins

The Rosemont production of Mary Poppins was a great success this year. Throughout the last few months, both students and teachers put in a huge effort to pull together this production. The atmosphere was electric on the two evenings as the audience were transported into 1910s England. With a mix of comedy and adventure, it was a 'practically perfect' evening for the whole family. The acting and singing from the cast was exceptional. We all found it a great way for the students in all years to bond, and with the teachers also. The Art department and students put in such hard work into the back drops and props, we all enjoyed watching them develop. I think we will all miss the rehearsals and performances, but we look forward to the DVD of our production which will be on sale soon. Tara, 3<sup>rd</sup> year



### Coaching

Students have completed at least three of their one-to-one coaching sessions, and parents have been met. Our three-way partnership is full steam ahead for this academic year.

### Debating

On Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> two Rosemont teams took part in another round of the Mace Junior Students' debating competition. Out of the 64 teams involved our two teams of Hillary and Henrietta and Sofia and Lucy reached the finals. Henrietta again took the overall best speaker award of the day. Well done girls.



On Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> the TY students held a presentation night for our parents. The objective of the evening was to give them an insight into what we have done in Transition Year so far. Doing these presentations helped us all a lot with developing our confidence and our ability to speak to a crowd. The TY programme in Rosemont is a great opportunity to grow and develop as a person and gain new experiences and skills. The presentations varied from our TY module on Tuesday mornings, to our academic subjects such as English, Art, History, and the Sciences, Business, Accounting and Spanish. At the end of the night we got the chance to display our mini businesses. The evening was a big success and we are looking forward to our next presentation evening in April. Caoimhe & Megan, TY

This year TY Students are participating in the AIB Build a Bank challenge. To begin each student had to create a CV with an accompanying cover letter and then attend an interview with an AIB representative. The roles on offer were: bank manager, assistant bank manager, financial controller and marketing manager. In addition, there were two optional roles that we decided on, which were digital officer and customer services.

The theme for our bank was 'magic'. We named our bank Abracabanka. We open our bank once a week on a Wednesday at lunch time from 1.20 – 2pm. We gave our customers a loyalty card to ensure their return to our bank each week. Each week we bring in baked goods and sweets to attract students.

We have opened many accounts and hope to continue to do so with the help of Rebecca and Lorraine from AIB Cornelscourt. Overall it has been a great success and we hope to continue this for the future. Grace & Megan, TY

As part of our business programme in TY we were given the opportunity to open our own mini business in the school. Altogether there are 5 mini-companies in the year. They range from companies that sell; Personalized Frames, Pet Collars, Hexashelf (shelves), B.OK boxes (boxes which have products inside to de-stress and relax you) and Trendy Tech (custom phone cases and charger protectors). We have advertised and marketed our products. In addition, we have been taking orders and selling at lunch time. So far it has been a great success and a great learning experience for all of us in TY. Ruth, TY