



ROSEMONT
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Winter 2021



A very happy and peaceful Christmas to all, from everyone at Rosemont School

Note from Principal

As this term ends, I would like to commend the girls for their infectious good humour and their energy as they engage in the opportunities that school provides. Lunch times are a hive of activity within Rosemont. Book Club, Philosophy Club, Debating, Creative Club, Choir, Glee Club, Maths Club, Club Gaelige and Irish Music Club being among the events that take place over the week for all students in all years and that is just what is timetabled! The many themed weeks, Wellbeing week, Human Rights Week, Culture Week, Maths, Geography, Science and more all added in their own ways to the lunchtime school fun.

To our class of 2021, although moved on to stimulating pastures new, I applaud you on your outstanding Leaving Certificate results. Even through the most challenging two years, you maintained resilience, focus, and good humour and retained our record of first-rate Leaving Certificate results. Greater detail on where our girls have moved on to may be found on our school website page Academic Excellence.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and good health as we look forward with hope to the coming year.

When so many are alone or struggle over the Christmas period, we can all remember that the gift of giving others our time is the most precious treasure we have over Christmas.

As **POPE FRANCIS** reminds us: *"The feast of the Birth of Christ is not out of tune with the challenge we are living through, because it is the feast of compassion, the feast of tenderness. Its beauty is humble and full of human warmth."*

We thank especially our health care and other front line workers, including many parents and past pupils, who continue to work so hard for the good of all.

Lastly, I would like to thank and applaud all of the team, the teachers and staff, who have worked so incredibly hard every day this term. I hope you all get to take a well-deserved rest over the Christmas break. Thank you!

Janet Dean
Principal



Academic Excellence

English Department

First, second, and third year students have once again reached out to alleviate loneliness and isolation by writing over 300 letters and cards as part of the "Spirit of Christmas" initiative for Dun Laoghaire Rathdown charity Making Connections. We are very proud of the girls for applying their writing skills in such a considerate way.



Curricular activity is in full swing for all years, Second Years added that bit extra with their wonderful performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. TY's have covered *The Great Gatsby* by the legendary F. Scott Fitzgerald, which brought up very interesting opinions on life, love, and repeating the past. They all really enjoyed learning about the 1920s, and yes, they all had VERY strong opinions on Daisy.

We finished off the *Great Gatsby* by hosting a *Great Gatsby* Party for the 5th years, where we had jazz music, party games, refreshments, and dancing, as well as lots of character cutouts for photos!

The Musical:

The Rosemont Musical is a highly anticipated event that takes place in the school every year. It is a great opportunity for students in Rosemont to get involved in something that's not academic. Normally the musical takes place in November but this year because of Covid it will take place in March with hopes to have our live audience back.

This year's musical is 'Annie'!

The cast is made up of all years but there is a great opportunity in TY to get involved, whether that be on stage or off. Some TY's are singing, some dancing whilst others take on lead roles.

Rehearsals take place every Tuesday and Thursday, and since September we have been working on our dance numbers, songs and acting to make this year's musical the best one yet. The rest will have to be kept secret, but we hope to see everyone there in March.

Ella M, TY



*Happy Christmas everyone,
The English dept!*



Music Department

In TY music this term, Eve and Luisa organized a series of lunchtime concerts so students from second to sixth year had the opportunity to show off what amazing pieces and skills they had been learning in music.

It was a really good opportunity for students who didn't take music to be exposed to new music from different time periods, genres and cultures and also to hear the talent their friends and peers have that they may have never gotten to show off before.

It was great for the performers to show off in front of people other than their teacher and year group, and great for the audience members to be involved in these concerts and we hope everyone who participated enjoyed!!

In November, the senior music classes performed at the Rosemont Gala- they sang several pieces by artists ranging from Boney M to Justin Bieber and were widely complimented on a thoroughly enjoyable performance.

Music classes are preparing both choral and instrumental Christmas music now for a more intimate, Covid- friendly version of the usual Christmas Carol Service. We will perform some traditional carols like Away in a Manger, Silent night, O Come O Come Emmanuel, and some popular numbers such as <Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas>, and <Santa Tell Me>.

Our extra-curricular music options are going well and we have managed to facilitate the choir while social distancing. The music doors are literally always open to those who would like to participate in our many clubs and activities. Happy Christmas everyone. Ms Mahon



Home Economics

Happy Christmas everyone! I have included in this newsletter a great Christmas treat recipe.

You can gift them or add them to your Christmas tree for decoration. You just need a few Christmas themed biscuit cutters.

I hope you get to make them and enjoy them also. Happy Christmas and have an enjoyable and safe break.

Spiced Christmas Cookies

Makes 15 -20 cookies

Ingredients

- 100g/3½oz **butter**, at room temperature
- 50g/1¾oz **caster sugar**
- ½ tsp ground **cinnamon**
- ½ tsp **ground ginger**
- 150g/5½oz **plain flour**, plus extra for rolling
- 1 tbsp **cornflour**

For the icing

- 150g/5½oz icing sugar, sifted
- 2-3 tbsp lemon juice

To decorate (all optional)

- edible sprinkles
- edible sparkles
- edible glitter
- metallic balls
- icing pens
- crushed candy canes

Method

Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4.

In a bowl, whisk together the butter, sugar, cinnamon and ginger for a couple of minutes until light and fluffy. Using a wooden spoon, mix in the flour and cornflour. Stir until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs, then use your hands to form a ball of dough.

Lightly dust your work surface and rolling pin with a little plain flour and roll the

dough out to a thickness of about 5mm/¼in. Cut out shapes using the biscuit cutters, re-rolling the leftover dough as you go. Spread the shapes out on the lined baking trays.

Bake for 14-16 minutes, swapping the trays round halfway through cooking (to ensure the biscuits cook evenly). The biscuits should still be pale, but cooked. If making tree decorations, punch a small hole in the biscuit using a wooden skewer as soon as they come out of the oven. Leave on the tray to cool completely.

In a small bowl stir together the icing sugar with 2 tablespoons lemon juice, adding a little extra if the mixture is very thick.

Once the biscuits are cool, have fun decorating.

If you're making tree decorations, leave the icing to set before tying a piece of ribbon or string through the hole.

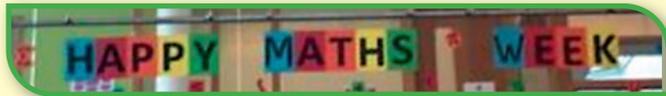


STEM – Science Department

The first academic term for STEM in Rosemont is a busy one.

We have had Maths week and Science week.

For Maths week every year engaged in additional games and competitions. As always student participation is immense.



In preparation for science week this year, TY students created a sign saying "Science Week 2021" which was hung in the halls. During the week we also took part in a general science quiz during our physics classes, the topics varied from meerkats to the atmosphere. We ended the week with making a spaghetti structure strong enough to hold a mini-Christmas tree. We also came together as a year group to participate in a debate with the notion 'Children under 12 should be vaccinated'. The debate brought to light many interesting points and overall, we had fun doing it. On the Friday after the debate we all watched 'future island' a show on RTÉ that focuses on the climate and science in the future. We were also given the chance to attend an astrophysics seminar held by Maynooth University about The Black Hole and Gravity alongside some of the 5th years studying physics

In Chemistry we learnt about acids and bases and did an experiment in which we made a ph rainbow. We started off with a small test tube and worked our way up to a bigger one to see better the Ph levels of an acid after putting the indicator in.

We have learnt about women in stem throughout history. Ellen Hutchins and Marie Curie to name a few. Iana G & Diana N, TY

«In physics class we have learnt lots of cool things!»

At the beginning of the year, us TY's learned about medical physics and how physics applies to us in real life. From MRI's to X-rays and PET scans, we got it all covered. Right after we had finished our 'Physics in real life segment', we started working on our Reel Life Science entries. Reel Life Science is a competition that challenges young people in Ireland to make short educational videos on a topic they've researched.

There was a delightful variety of topics researched and videos made.

Right after learning about medical physics, we started to work on a different side of physics, astrophysics. Learning about Earth, Planetary Systems, and the Stages of the Star. During science week, students at Rosemont were free to attend an online Astrophysics talk being hosted by professors at Maynooth University. Topics such as Black Holes, Galaxies and the Solar System were being discussed.

Towards the end of the TY's discovering the wonders of foreign worlds, we had to make a presentation on 'Moving to a different planet/celestial body other than Earth'.

At the moment, we are now watching a movie called 'The Martian' in our physics class! Yashfa S TY.

A very happy Christmas from all in the STEM department!



Modern Foreign Languages

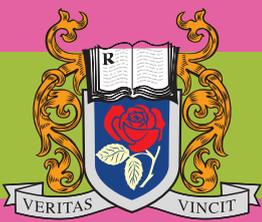
Bhí foireann shóisearach ag Rosemont i mbliana don chomórtas díospóireachta eagraithe ag Gael Linn.

Rosemont had a Junior team this year for the Irish debating competition organised by Gael Linn. The team consisted of Fiona B, 2nd year, Beth O'L, 2nd year, Kate S, 3rd year, Martha J, 3rd year and Charlie S, 3rd year. The girls worked really hard to prepare their arguments against the title «Teachers shouldn't

give homework to primary school children». The competed in Áras Chrónáin in Clondalkin and were narrowly beaten on the night. Maith sibh a chailíní!

Nabeeha M and Ella O'L were members of the senior Irish debating team and had their first debate a couple of weeks ago. This was their first year on the

senior team, and they successfully got through to the next debate which will take place after Christmas!



Le gach dea-ghuí

TYs also had the chance to go to the cinema to watch the Irish film <Arracht>, meaning 'monster', which was filmed in Connemara and details the life of Colmán

Sharkey during the Famine, and the struggles he and his family had.

Nollaig Shona daoibh, the MFL department!

History

Lecture from Tomi Reichental

We were so lucky to have the privilege of Tomi Reichental, a Holocaust survivor talk to our 5th and 6th year history students. Tomi is now 86 and has been speaking to school students for many years. It was fascinating to hear from an actual survivor. He first of all took us through his early childhood in Slovakia where he was largely oblivious to what was going on in Europe. But life was to change for him as 30 of his relatives were taken from his small village and brought to Auschwitz. Soon he was being jeered at by other children who saw him wearing the Star of David.

In 1944 he and several other members of his family were brought to Bergen-Belsen, a workcamp. They spent 5

days in a cattle truck on the journey. In Belsen, the work was very hard and food very scarce. He told a lovely story of how the Jewish people tried to help his older brother celebrate his Bar Mitzva in the camp, making a small cake out of bread, margarine, and sugar. They were eventually liberated, and he and his brother went back to their home which was still intact.

His optimistic attitude and his fighting spirit in the face of so much suffering were very impressive. He reminded all his listeners about the importance of taking responsibility for one's actions and of the importance to care for others. A really thought-provoking lecture!

Well done to all my students for all of their hard work this term.

Happy Christmas everyone!

Ms Farrell

Business Department

The Business Department have just held their annual Enterprise Week here at Rosemont. There have been a number of different activities put in place to try and promote Business in the school. There have been several guest speakers giving talks to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, TY and 5th Year Business/Accounting students on topics such as Financial Literacy, Earning & Spending, Investing and Protection, and Real-life Business. Business/Accounting classes have also had Scavenger Hunts, Quizzes and Dragon's Den activities during class time this week. We have also incorporated lunchtime activities so those who do not study Business can also participate in Enterprise Week. These

activities include a mixture of Business Kahoots, Business Logo Bingo, Business Dingbats and Business Abbreviations.

The TY's have been busy working on their mini company module and showcased their products for the school at the Annual Christmas Market. They got the chance to sell their products to the school. 1st Years have just finished learning about their consumer rights and when they are entitled to a repair, refund, or replacement. They have also been busy writing letters of complaint! 2nd years have been working on their marketing skills in preparation for their CBA next term. 3rd Years are working on Preparation and Analysis of Final Accounts. 5th and 6th year students are working hard on their Leaving



Certificate courses and developing their skills and knowledge on the various Business and Accounting concepts.

A very busy first term here at Rosemont, a huge well done and thank you to all staff and students involved.

Ms Lyons

Art

Congratulations to Ava S, 2nd year whose work with water colours is displayed in Rosemont's Christmas image this year.

Junk Kouture

This year in Art class we have been working on our Junk Kouture project. Junk Kouture is a nationwide Art competition which involves creating fashion from recycled materials. We began participating in Junk Kouture in September and it is still ongoing. It is a huge project.

One group's project is inspired by the Greek myth of Medusa. They incorporated elements of her within the colours they chose; green, white, gold, and elements of their outfit with snakes and ancient Greek fashion styles. Most of their materials include linen sheets, cardboard, tin foil, newspaper and materials from home!

I'm really looking forward to us all seeing the end results.

Niamh B, TY

Senior Art Students Gallery Trip.

Thursday 9th December 2021 was the day for our trip. All 10 of us headed off into town on the Luas and travelled all the way to The Hugh Lane Gallery on Parnell Square. The Hugh Lane has an exceptional history centred around the ground-breaking vision of Sir Hugh Lane himself. Hugh Lane held the first exhibition of Irish Art in 1904 in London and continued to innovate by endowing the Gallery with a unique and exceptional collection of modern art, including the first impressionist paintings in any public



collection across Britain and Ireland. Sir Hugh Lane presented the collection to Dublin Corporation (now Dublin City Council) in 1908. The classical entrance compliments its modern art collection.

We had recently studied The Impressionist movement, so we were particularly keen to view the two Claude Monet paintings on view. We had a tour guide booked so at 11.15 we met our guide and off we went. The Hugh Lane features many great Irish artists and our guide brought us to view the large-scale Sean Scully paintings. Large bands of colour, layers of paint and simple forms are the key features of Scully's work. The girls were hugely impressed with this abstract artist. His paintings are based on childhood memories and working as a young man on the building sites in London.

The Gallery also boasts a collection of 6 unfinished paintings by Francis Bacon and his studio which was brought over from London piece by piece. His studio was an absolute mess however he

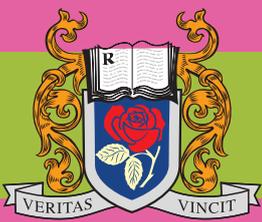
claimed that it helped him paint and kept his mind busy. His work is world known and is found in the best Public Collections.

Next our guide brought us to the European section where Edgar Degas, Berthe Morisot and Claude Monet are all on view. We were delighted to see Monet's work on the wall as we had studied his style, techniques, subject matter and brushstrokes all of which are key features of the Impressionist movement. Our guide gave us a great insight into his techniques and composition.

After the Hugh Lane Gallery we stopped for some lunch and then made our way to the National Gallery of Ireland for a whistle stop tour of some key paintings. A day packed with visual culture!

Enjoy your Christmas break and wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Ms O'Connor



Geography

Sixth year geography students visited Larch Hill to research our Leaving Cert Field study. The Field study accounts for twenty percent of our final marks so we were eager, enthusiastic, and well prepared by Ms Doyle. We spent the previous week planning our objectives and aims for the day, so we were organised and ready for our study. We arrived bright and early and were blessed with a day of beautiful weather. We donned our wellie boots and got to work. We started by observing our site and prepared our equipment. Then it was time to wade in and begin our observations. We spent a most interesting and informative day in the river, and certainly learned a lot from our experiments. Who'd have thought that velocity, gradient and valley profiles could turn out to be such fun! Lara K, 6th year

From the 15th to the 19th of November, the Rosemont Geography Department organised Geography Week in the school. The objective of this week was to give all members of the school community a flavour of the importance of Geography around us and to irradiate the significance of geography in today's day and age, in a creative and stimulating way.

Every year group was involved in enjoyable Geography activities throughout the week- The first years took charge of designing and

creating beautiful posters promoting Geography and putting them up around the school. The second years played Geography games in class, while the third years created their own weather instruments! The Transition Years prepared a challenging quiz for fifth and sixth years to complete at lunchtime, and had the opportunity to attend a European Movement Ireland program that reviewed the issues raised and the targets set during the recent COP26 conference, focusing particularly on the impact on Ireland and the EU.

A fascinating geography quiz question was announced every morning, and students put their answers into a box outside Ms. Doyle's room, who would then pick a daily winner.

This year's Geography Week was a huge success and could not have been carried out without Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. Lyons and their dedication and creativity! Without a doubt, it was an opportunity that opened everyone's eyes to the prevalence of Geography and stressed the influence of our actions on our futures.

by Nabeeha M, TY

To Students, Parents and Staff, I wish you all a very happy Christmas. To a fantastic 2022!

Best wishes, Ms Doyle



Sports

1st Year Touch Rugby

We have been very lucky to have a rugby coach from Leinster Rugby come to school to teach us how to play touch rugby. Most of us hadn't played rugby before so we had a lot to learn and many skills to develop over the six weeks of training. Then we got to represent Rosemont in our first ever Touch Rugby Blitz. The blitz was held in Seapoint Rugby Club, it was a



huge event with over 300 students across a number of schools taking part. We had three teams entered and each team played in a different group and all matches had referees from Leinster Rugby. Everyone got an opportunity to play in the blitz, 27 of us played and we all had a blast. The event was a great experience and prepared us well for the second blitz in December. We were more confident going to the second blitz and our teams did really well, we placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in our divisions. Grace, Ellen Mary, Maureen & Zahra

Netball – Back to competition – 3 out of 3

Finally, after 2 years of no competition the Netball Ireland League is back.

Three teams travelled to St Michaels to compete in Round 1 of the league. The two 2nd Year teams had their introduction to netball competition as they missed the opportunity to compete in 1st year. Their inexperience did not hold them back, both teams won their match and are looking

forward to the next round against Drogheda Grammar. 3rd/TY A team had a great game and a comfortable win 24-7

*Wishing you all a very happy
Christmas and new year.*

Ms Mercer

Rosemont Sports Winning Streak - 1st week in December was filled with wins

1st Year Touch Rugby Leinster Blitz

2nd Year A – Win (10-9)

Team A – 1st

2nd Year B – Win (7-4)

Team B – 2nd

3rd/TY A – Win (24-7)

Team C – 3rd

Basketball Seniors v Ballinteer CS

Netball v St Michaels

Seniors – Win (31-16)

Education for Life

Debating

We have had a very successful term of debating with 1st and 2nd years. The 5th years, who have a lot of experience have volunteered to help me and they take a group each week while I take the other. Then we swap the following week.

You can really see the improvement in all the speakers at this stage. The girls have debated everything from Irish education to environmental issues to Rudolf's retirement!

Shriya & Olivia - 2nd years have competed in 3 rounds of a UCD competition, all on Zoom which is much more difficult. They have been against 7 other schools in each debate and have been placed second in all three debates! This means they will progress onto the knockout competition after Christmas. Ms Farrell



RE

As part of our 6th year traditions at Rosemont, on Wednesday and

Thursday 1-2 December 2021, 6th year students attended their overnight retreat at Lismullin Conference Centre, Co. Meath.



The Spirit of Christmas

As part of RE, 6th years decorated the school and ran a fundraiser for Laura Lynn. On December 17th the girls had a chance to dress down and wear Christmas accessories, participate in a baking competition and bake sale, as well as play Christmas themed games. The girls were working very hard on preparing this and made the day special for all! Well done.



A very happy and peaceful Christmas to all.

Ms Reisz

Building Leadership

Rosemont's building leadership series is growing from strength to strength, albeit via Zoom, our three evenings this term have connected with parents and facilitated them to support their teens. If you have missed these evenings and would like to learn more, you will find the recordings @ <https://rosemont.ie/building-leadership/>

Coaching

All students have engaged with their new coaches this academic term and parents have met via Zoom with their daughter's coach. Our three-way partnership is fully engaged to facilitate our students learning, engagement, and development.

Transition Year News (TY)

Everybody is thoroughly enjoying transition year so far. This is just a taster from our TY students on what they have covered so far outside of subject classes

DCU

One of the many experiences we got offered in TY is the CTYI programme in DCU. This is a programme where you can pick different college courses to study for one semester one day a week. These courses range from Psychology to Business to Law and Politics and lots more. The CTYI TY programme is a great opportunity to experience college life. The course is held in DCU campus.

Ella and I were two people who applied for this opportunity. We both applied for Law and Politics, and we were very grateful when we got to go.

To apply for this programme we had to submit an essay on why we wanted this experience. There were a number of reasons including the friends we would meet, the things we would learn and the experiences we would have. We also had to rate the subjects offered in order of what subjects we would like to

study, this is because not everyone gets what their first choice is as there are a number of students who apply for this course.

Every year CTYI do two semesters, one before Christmas and one after Christmas. The subjects that are offered in the first semester are also offered in the second semester and many students do the first semester and second semester.

What's included in the Law and Politics course is a number of different topics from Irish law and Irish politics including political scandals, women in politics, Ireland and Brexit, the Irish law system, children in the justice system and lots more topics which are all very interesting

We are assessed at the end of the semester on what we have done throughout these few months, and this just gives us some sort of experience of real college life.

To mimic the college experience, we have our classes in a new building each week. Initially this seemed very daunting, but as the weeks progressed,

we have both become more familiar with the campus and its layout. People from across the country attend this course, with people traveling to Dublin all the way from Cork, and even Limerick. Every student attending the course is in 4th year, and around the same age as us. It is most interesting and enjoyable connecting and interacting with students our age, out of a school setting. At the beginning of each day, we have a two-hour lecture. For me this lecture is law. Afterwards, we have an hour-long lunch break, which we spend getting to know other students attending the course. Following our lunch break, we have an hour-long tutorial, which is spent researching for group projects or applying knowledge garnered in the lecture. The tutorial we have each week alternates between law and politics. Finally, to end the day we have another two-hour lecture. For me this lecture is politics. There's no denying that at the end of each day we are exhausted but have both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. At the end of our course, we will both be required to complete a number of assessments. For law we are required to present a group project and sit an exam. For politics, we must submit an essay and present a group project also. This course ends on the 17th of December and suffice to say we have both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and have benefited greatly from the fruitful experience.

First Aid

A few of our Tuesday modules consisted of a first Aid course. Siobhan, a former nurse taught us how to react in various situations ranging from seizures to burns and choking to nosebleeds.

We all especially enjoyed learning CPR on mannequins to the motivating beat of the Bee Gees Stayin Alive!

As we look into the future, we now have no fears around using a defibrillator and have gained confidence to step in and help someone in need.

As well as all the interesting and helpful skills and facts, we also learned the most important thing to do in an emergency, and that is to stay calm. Panicking won't help anyone. We have gained essential knowledge that will not only improve our future, but could also Save Someone else's life.

We all enjoyed the experience and we are now more aware of the dangers in our everyday lives.

Hell and Back

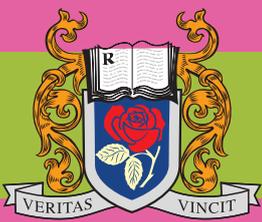
On arrival, we went straight to a 5 min warm up after that we were told by our instructor that we'll be covering a 7km obstacle course. We thought it's going to be easy but oh boy were in for a treat!

There were a lot of obstacles, we had to crawl through tunnels, jump over fences and climb up mucky hills. It required a lot of core strength and ambition. Many times we wanted to give up but there was only one way out and we had a great instructor who was really motivational and we wanted to make him proud.

While in the mud pit Zara and Niamh had a mud fight to which they both fell in and were left covered in mud, from the waist down.

While jumping over the barrels I stretched a bit too far and ripped my second favorite pair of leggings. A tear





came down my cheek but I had to stay strong.

At the end we were very exhausted, but we felt accomplished. My legs and arms were covered in bruises which showed how much effort we put in to make it to the end. Overall, it was a great experience to look back on and we learned great team work. Iana G & Diana N

Work Experience

In preparation for work experience, in our business class we made our CV's and wrote cover letters to send to employers and businesses.

There was a wide variety of jobs in which people were applying for. Some of these included working in retail, play schools, interior design, pharmaceutical labs, salons, health clinics and a vet all the way down in Tipperary.

During the week we all came back with funny stories, and encounters ready to share with the class. One student got the opportunity to work at Microsoft, however, she had a challenging experience as she had to program AI and write essays on different software development mythologies... On a different note, another student got to put down a dog!

Apart from all the challenges and nervousness we had to overcome, I think we can confidently say that we all learned skills and insights about ourselves that we wouldn't have known otherwise.

Such skills include working with children, answering phone calls, learning the ins and outs of how businesses are run, customer service and IT skills.

We are thankful for this opportunity and can't wait for our next week in February.

Carlingford Adventure Centre

We went to Carlingford on the 16th of September. Carlingford is a land and water adventure center in County Louth.

After leaving the school early, we arrived at Carlingford where we were greeted by our instructor Julien. Julien brought us straight to the lake where we got our wetsuits and life jackets

on and our canoeing journey began. We canoed out to a water trampoline and jumped into the lake, which was lots of fun. We dried off and went to have lunch in the adventure centre in Carlingford town.

After dinner we hiked up to the land sport area where we began our zip lining experience. Some would say it was fun, others might say, a little

traumatic, but overall, it was a great experience.

We then conquered the wooden maze which wasn't as easy as it sounds but we all made it out alive as we wanted to get down to the sweet shop In the town before heading home on the bus after a great day.

Nicola M



Bushcraft



One of our most recent TY modules, we went to Larch Hill to spend a nice day outside, using and learning bushcraft skills. Wrapped in warm clothes we arrived in a wooden clearing and started our day with a fun game to test our senses. Blindfolded we were guided through trees and had to recognise the same tree afterwards. Later, divided in 3 teams, we started the most challenging activity. With aid from flintstones and cottonwool we needed to make our own campfire. This took us some time but after many tries every team finally succeeded and started to collect dry wood to keep the fire burning for the rest of the day. Every group had great fun in building a shelter of branches, leaves, and wood which we had found and collected in the woods. Frozen and hungry from this work we were thankful to sit around our campfires and to drink hot chocolate. We ended the day with roasting marshmallows in the fire for our delicious smores.

Dublin Zoo

On the 16th of November the TY's were brought on a very exciting trip. There was a clear sense of enthusiasm in the air as we gathered our belongings and headed off. As we disembarked off the bus, we were amazed to see that we practically had the Zoo to ourselves.

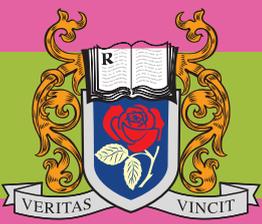
After passing the petting Zoo we had to stop for a picture at the infamous wishing chair. As we made our way through see various interesting animals, we made an essential pit stop at Starbucks.

There were plenty of intriguing animals, some of our favourites were the red pandas and seals, where we were overloaded with cuteness! We also loved the tigers and orangutans as they climbed right over our heads!

All in all, it was a great day, and we made some super memories as a year.

Ella M





Development

Thanks to our Rosemont Parents and the success of the Rosemont Gala, we have raised €22,000 towards the Rosemont Sports Fund! We are so grateful for your support as you help us invest in the Rosemont girls and their expanding sports teams and facilities!

Thanks to your generous support, we have purchased the following items for our Rosemont girls:

*Basketball Kit
for 2 Additional Teams*

Basketballs

Hockey Goal Keeper's Set x 2

Hockey Pitch Extra Set of Goals

Hockey Pitch Dugouts x 2

Hockey Balls

*Netball Bibs for 2 Additional Teams
Netballs*

If you have not had a chance to support the Rosemont Sport Fund, please consider doing so and help us achieve our goal of €50,000! Contact Kathleen Pacious for more information: development@rosemont.ie.

The Rosemont Gala took place at the Royal Marine Hotel on Saturday, November 6, and was a wonderful opportunity to meet and celebrate with Rosemont parents, past pupils, and staff!





Student Council

Student Council has been working hard this term to make the school environment as lively and interactive as possible. Two of the biggest events organised and run by Student Council this term have been Mental Health Awareness Week, running from the 15th to the 19th of November and Culture Week, running from the 22nd to the 26th of November. Activities such as scavenger hunts, culture showcases, yoga and meditation sessions, jersey and jeans day in aid of Jigsaw, culture quizzes and poster competitions have helped the younger years to engage more with the school community and have contributed to an amazing school atmosphere.

Some major achievements for the Council have also been discussing policies and making suggestions based on our experiences as students and what we feel would suit the school's needs best.



Our annual Shoebox Appeal also managed by Student Council was a huge success, with the school donating a total of 109 physical boxes to children in need in time for Christmas.

Overall, Student Council has achieved a lot in terms of both community awareness and involvement and we hope to carry this forward into next term with even more school events. Siddhi S, 5th year



Note from The Head Girl



Dear All,

We have reached the end of another school term yet again! What an eventful term it has been! We have held many fun activities such as scavenger hunts and quizzes for the likes of culture week and geography week. We all had a great time together, enhancing school spirit!

Well done to everyone for working so hard throughout the term. We're all excited to see what the New Year will bring. Get a well-deserved

break over Christmas and keep up the hard work!

On behalf of all the students, I would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers and staff of Rosemont who have made the return to school this academic year even easier and more enjoyable than we ever could have asked for.

We are immensely grateful for all the work that the Rosemont family put in every day for us!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Abigail S

Rosemont Head Girl

