

# OUR LADY'S TERENURE

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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### Junior Cycle Results



A massive congratulations to all the TY students who received their Junior Cycle results on Wednesday 9th October. Well done to everyone for your hard work and dedication. We congratulate our students who achieved three or more distinctions. In celebration, on Thursday 10th October all the TY's enjoyed a fun day of activities. TYs participated in teamwork activities with TeamWorks. This involved solving riddles, playing charades and x's and o's. We then watched Barbie in the lecture theatre. To top it all off, we each got an ice-cream from Teddy's ice-cream van! It was a really memorable day of celebrations. A big thank you to Ms.Donlon for organising.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over this half term and welcome you to the October edition of our school newsletter.

It has been another exceptionally busy term as we all launched ourselves back into the busyness of life in OLS both inside and outside the classroom. Please encourage your daughter to get involved in some of the many extra curricular activities that are on offer in the school as it is a great way to create new friendships, develop talents and promote wellbeing.

This Newsletter will give you a flavour of the many activities that are on offer for your daughters and also the opportunities that we provide for students to engage in new pastimes and develop new passions.

There is a real autumnal feeling around the corridors as they are decorated for Halloween and House notice boards have also been festively decorated. The festive display in reception reflects that we are celebrating both Reading Week and Halloween during this last week of mid term.

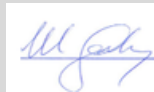
Congratulations to our Junior Cycle students for their outstanding results! Their hard work, determination, and commitment to their studies have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder. They have set a high standard for future students, and we're excited to see what they will achieve next.

Well done to our 1st Years on their successful fundraiser for Project's Abroad Kenya and for organising Fright Night in conjunction with our Student Leadership Team. The enthusiasm and willingness to help others is inspiring. The funds raised will make a real difference in our community, and I encourage all our students to continue embracing opportunities to give back.

We Look forward to our whole school Dress-Up Day, Haunted House on Friday. It's a fun event, but it's also an important fundraiser for Crumlin Children's Hospital. I know many are already planning some fantastic costumes, and I'm excited to see the creativity on show.. Remember, while it's all about fun, it's also about coming together as a school to make a positive impact in our community.

I wish you and your families a restful break and look forward to seeing our community return refreshed after the holidays.

Kind Regards,



Marguerite Gorby  
Principal



# MESSAGE FROM THE 6TH YEAR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Head Girl, Rachel Davis (centre), Deputy Head Girl, Maria Hennelly (left), and Sports Captain, Katie Kennedy (right):

## *Student Voice*

What a whirlwind of a first term it has been! From Inter House Soccer to Maths Week and Fright Night, the past 8 weeks have been jam packed with events and activities. Extracurriculars have begun as we had our biggest sign up day ever with hockey, camogie, badminton, Drama Club, the Green Schools Committee and many more all in full flow.

Study Skills week was rounded off with our first ever Mind Games challenge in which the houses competed against the clock to spell out a study tip. Maths Week brought quizzes, scavenger hunts and, of course, the annual competitive Countdown which filled the GPA with house t-shirts and laughter.

We kicked off the first round of Interhouse Sports with basketball and soccer which saw the hockey pitch swarmed with students and teachers staying active and displaying teamwork skills to win some points for their house. It was great to see all of the year groups working together, especially the 1st Years!

Members of our 5th and 6th Year leadership groups hosted Fright Night for the 1st Years who danced the night away in some seriously spooky costumes. Money was raised for the Kiboko Primary school in Kenya. It was great to see our 1st Years getting involved in all aspects of life at Our Lady's.

L house had a very successful Jersey Day in aid of GOAL, their chosen charity this year, and they managed to raise an amazing €1,688.70. C House also did some fantastic work raising money for Crumlin Children's Hospital with our festive dress up day, A massive well done to everyone for getting so involved. It was fantastic to see everyone's creative and spooky costumes!

We hope everyone enjoys the well deserved break, HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!

## House Events

We have had a very busy few months this term with our many house events.

We had inter-house basketball, inter-house football, and inter-house countdown.

Next term make sure to dig out your house t-shirt and get involved in all our house events.



## House Charity

Each year our sixth year leadership team from each house choose a charity to raise money for.

This year L house's charity chosen was GOAL. To raise money we had a jersey day and everyone donated at least three euro.

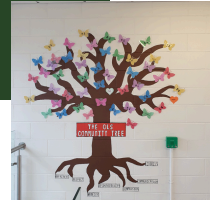
This year C house's charity was Crumlin Childrens hospital. To raise money we had a dress up day and everyone donated five euro.



# Student Council

The 2024/25 OLS Student Council has now been elected and is ready to positively impact the school community. Most recently, we elected our Chairperson (Matilda Murray, M6), Vice Chairperson (Sophie Brown, B2), Public Relations Officer (Emma Killian, P6) and Secretary (Matilda Dunne, M3). We'll be completing Irish Second-Level Students' Union training in the coming weeks, and are really looking forward to learning the skills needed to advocate for the issues that matter most to our school community. Huge congrats to all the new members!

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## Amber Flag

Amber Flag have had an exciting first term back in Our Lady's, dedicated to promoting mental health and well-being within our community through a culture of support and understanding, with a variety of initiatives. Our first activity this year was a 'Just Dance' first thing in the morning for mental health week! Our aim was to get everybody up and active and start their day on a more lively note and even with a few treats! Throughout that week we tried to brighten the girls day through notes and motivational stickers. The Amber Flag's favorite activity this year had to have been the lunch time karaoke, won by Georgia Hallows in M1! The whole school gathered together in the gpa and had fun together as a community and took a break from their busy school day. To spread positivity and brightness throughout Our Lady's The Amber Flag tree was recently decorated with butterflies to represent "growth, repair and new beginnings" for this school year. Demonstrating the inclusivity in OLS, every year group is presented on the tree along with the members from The Amber Flag. Our hope is for this display and quote to be taken into account and flourish within the girls mindset going forth.

The Amber Flag committee aims to reduce stigma around mental health issues and encourage open conversations. We create safe spaces for individuals to share their experiences. Our mission is to empower all the girls in OLS to prioritise their mental health and seek help when needed, ultimately building a more compassionate and resilient community.



# Green Flag Committee



## Active School Flag

Hi everyone! We are the active school flag class. Every week in class we organise fun events for the entire school and focus on getting the whole school active as often as possible. We are learning how to lead a range of physical activities and have received whistles and badges to identify us as the ASF leadership team. We will be planning many more events throughout the year so make sure to get involved! Our first task this year was to survey the whole school about their physical activity levels, what sports they play and their ideas for events in the future. The surveys were sent off to the University of Limerick to be analysed. Several weeks later we received our results which are helping us to plan lots of fun events for you all 😊. Our first Active School Flag event was relays. Students and teachers raced on the same teams. Lots of fun was had! We are currently organising a Run in the Dark fundraiser with all TY's and have a fun whole school activity planned for after mid term.

The Green School Committee for 2024/2025 has been formed. We have had our first number of meetings and we are really excited to be beginning our journey of achieving a whole new flag. Each flag takes two years to obtain. Last year, we received our Green Flag for litter and waste. We are now commencing our two year journey of obtaining our Blue Water Flag. We are on a mission to encourage sustainable use of water throughout our school and local communities.

Four of our committee members have also been accepted for An Taise's Water Ambassador Programme. They will attend a seminar with other schools across Dublin where they will receive training for their local area. We wish them the best of luck on their training day.





# TY Updates

So much has happened in Transition Year so far!

The TY Reps were elected from each class. TY1 : Connie Harte, Niamh Ryan, TY 2 : Keelan O'Grady, Eimear O'Shea, TY 3 : Ella Meade, Aimee Dignam, TY 4 : Aoife O'Connor, Aoife Fennell.

TY 3 and TY 4 had their first development day at Fighting Words. They each wrote a brilliant song and performed it for the teachers.

The Active School class participated in a Cluster Day at Colaiste Bride, Clondalkin. Everyone had a great time and got to meet others who share their interest in sport!

We started preparing for our first work experience week in November.

The musical this year is 'Six: The Musical'. The leads were cast and everyone is working hard to learn the dances and lines!

Don't forget to check out our weekly TY Updates! You can find them on the school app and Instagram.



This year our school was fitted with a new podcasting booth in Room 17. This allows the TY Podcasting class to use proper equipment to get a full understanding of podcasting.



## Fright Night

The 1st year's enjoyed this year's fright night on Friday 18th. Everyone came full of spooky spirit. We had some incredible costumes from a penguin to a pumpkin. There were some great games for the night with some just dances, a variety of games and the catwalk of costumes. Congratulations to our raffle winners on the night! Everyone enjoyed a few treats from the TY run tuck shop. Thanks to the TY'S, 5th years and 6th years who helped organise the fun-filled night.





# The Charity Committee

The Charity Committee have been busy this term. On 11th October, we celebrated Jersey Day. There were lots of colourful jerseys around school and students raised a phenomenal €1,688.70 towards GOAL. Well done to everyone involved in promoting the day and to all those who contributed.

On Friday 18th October, the charity committee organised a Fright Night for 1st year students.

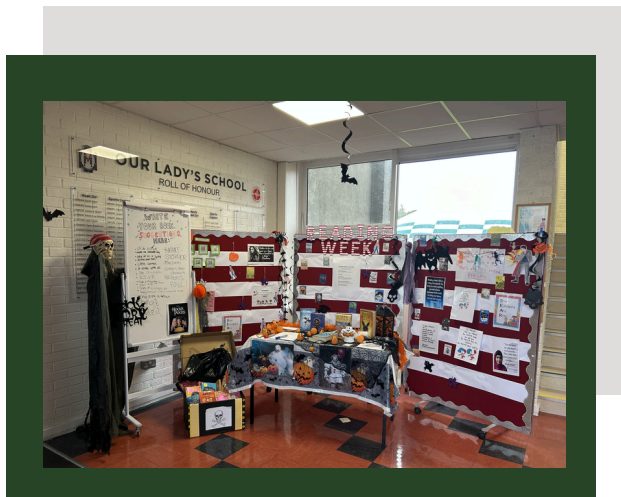
The charity group created a wonderful night full of games and songs and also featured a catwalk of best costumes! Well done to all the 6th year leaders, the charity committee and the TY reps who organised a fabulous night!



## Reading Week

Reading week took place from the 21st to the 25th of October. There were many activities running all week.

In Reception there was a reading week display where students could see the activities on offer. There was a bookmark designing competition and a hunt to find what book Wally was reading around the school. There were also lists of book recommendations on the reading week display. In some classes students got ten minutes of DEAR time. Which means they had ten minutes to read a book at the end of certain classes. There were also house points awarded to anyone who dressed up as a book character for dress up day on Friday.



## Mass

Our annual Open Year Mass took place on the 26th of September. We intended to walk to St Pius X Church however unfortunately because of the weather warning we had to have the mass in the sports hall.

Father Pat McGinley led our opening year mass for us. Our choir also sang and played the music for the ceremony. Our sixth year leadership team and staff also spoke about their hopes and goals for the upcoming school year.

It was a beautiful ceremony.



## Open Day

This year's open day, students put their best foot forward to introduce future students and their parents to our school. There were beautifully decorated classrooms based on their subjects and displays put up by the different clubs our school has to offer.

Ms. Ronan and Mr. Rhatigan gave a speech to welcome the new students and parents to the school community and informed them what school is like for an Our Lady's student. The open day is always an amazing way to get to know the school and get a taste for school life here .

We had such amazing help from all of the staff and students involved in the open day and our school wouldn't be the same without them!





# Debs 2024 Pictures

