

OLS SPRING NEWSLETTER

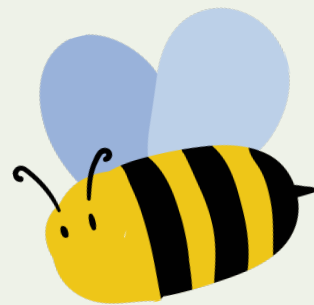
April 2025



**OUR
LADY'S
SCHOOL**
TERENURE

Top Stories

- Dome Opening Ceremony
- International Women's Day
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Ski Trip
- Le Cheile Day
- ASF Colour Run



Our Lady's School, Terenure



Principal's Message

As we welcome the brighter days of spring, there is a renewed sense of energy and optimism in the air. This season of growth and renewal mirrors the spirit of our Lady's — vibrant, forward-looking, and full of promise.

This edition of our magazine is a celebration of everything we value as a school community: kindness, resilience, and respect. It's a reflection of the moments, big and small, that make our school such a special place. From academic achievements to artistic expression, sporting triumphs to acts of everyday generosity, we are proud to showcase the talents and character of our students.

Spring is also a time of looking ahead — to new goals, new challenges, and new beginnings. For our 3rd and 6th year students preparing for State exams, I want to acknowledge your hard work and encourage you to stay focused and believe in your ability. You have the support of your teachers and the entire school community behind you.

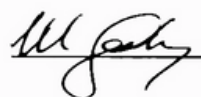
To our parents and guardians, thank you for your continued partnership. Your support and encouragement are at the heart of your child's success and the strong community we enjoy here.

We are especially looking forward to House Spirit Day when we return — a highlight of our school year. It truly epitomises the values of our school, teamwork, inclusion, and pride in belonging. It's a day when energy, enthusiasm, and community spirit come together in an inspiring way.

Let this season remind us of the power of growth both in nature and in ourselves. As we look ahead with positivity and purpose, may we continue to support one another, celebrate our shared successes, and take pride in the school community of Our Lady's, a community that values kindness, inclusivity and respect.

Warm regards,

Marguerite Gorby
Principal





Students' Message

Another wonderful term it has been, here in Our Lady's. We can hardly believe we are approaching our last term in OLS. After midterm we came back to an action packed term filled with activities and events for everyone to get involved in.

Seachtain na Gaeilge was filled with craic agus spraoi this year along with the ceilis and Tráth na gCeist. To get everyone prepared for our annual Ceilí Mór we organised a House Haon, Do, Trí for the junior half of the school. This gave us a great opportunity to demonstrate our dancing skills while learning some traditional Irish dances such as Bailaí Luimnigh! The Céilí Mór proved a great success as the hockey pitch was swarmed with a sea of green and lots of luascadh! Money was also raised for Pieta House as each year group participated in a rincethon Ciorcal Cainte which was a great opportunity to put our Irish skills to use outside of the classroom. Mar a deir an seanfhocal, "Beatha Teanga í a labhairt!" (the life of a language is to speak it)!

Cultures from all around the world were displayed during the quiz, fashion show and food festival during **Culture Week**. Our knowledge was tested about different customs, fashions and food during a very competitive quiz as we learned that ice cream originated in China while the traditional colour of bridal attire in India is red!

A highlight every year, the Colour Run took place in March, co-ordinated by the dedicated Active Flag Class during **Wellbeing Week**. Doused in orange, green, blue and pink paint we ran the route together. The day was made even more special by students creating a guard honor for the 6th Years to mark our last ever colour run! It was a lovely day to wrap up an active and enjoyable week!

International Women's Day in Our Lady's is a very special day in the calendar. A group of lucky 5th Years as well as few lucky sports representatives from the student body all had the honour of meeting past pupils, Olympic swimmer Ellen Walshe, and Annemarie Hughes, head of Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity at the IRFU. Not only did we hear about the incredible achievements both of these women have accomplished but we also got an insight into what life in Our Lady's was like when they were students.





Students' Message

The day ended by inaugurating both women and current students, Charlie Murphy (L6 – Captain of the Dublin Minor Football team) and Éile Caffrey (B5 – Captain of the Dublin Minor Camogie team) onto our wall of inspiration. Undoubtedly, we all left that day feeling very inspired and touched by the inauguration of Charlie, Éile, Ellen and Annemarie onto our Wall of Inspiration.

Last Friday, laughter spilled from the hockey pitch as all the houses took part in a fiercely contested **House Hockey** tournament. Decked in green, blue, red, purple and yellow house t-shirts, tutus and facepaint, each house battled it out to claim victory. It was neck and neck but B house secured victory after a very close match versus L house.

Rounders is now in full swing with different year groups competing with each other. With the sun shining it has been the perfect way to spend a lunchtime with friends while keeping active!

As 6th Years we had a very informative **talk from a nutritionist** about how to create healthy eating habits and the best snacks to maximise energy for studying and our upcoming exams.

The **Easter ceremony** was organised by the P5s and Ms Farrell and they created a wonderful atmosphere in the GPA. We sang together and listened to the wonderful prayers and reflections. There was a great display of talent showcased during a meaningful ceremony.

Our Lady's annual **House Hunt** took place this week. Teams of students from each house had the task of finding clues hidden all around the school in a race against time. There were many Easter eggs and house points up for grabs and it was great to see students from 1st to 6th Year working together. Our school rounders competition is well under way with teams from both senior cycle and junior cycle battling it out to claim the title!

Minor Camogie team through to Dublin A final!

A huge well done to our Minor Camogie team who are in the Dublin A final for the 3rd year running. We look forward to cheering them on when the final takes place on Friday May 2nd against Coláiste Íosagáin. There was also a bake sale held to raise funds for the new away kit!



Students' Message

Badminton all Ireland finals

We were very proud of the badminton team consisting Julia McNamara Quinn, Anna O'Brien, Maeve Gannon and Zoey King on their amazing achievement of making it to the Badminton all Ireland finals, finishing as runners up, the second best team at their age group in the whole of Ireland.

Athletics

Well done to Ruby Farrelly who represented the school in Scotland claiming a silver medal finishing second in the team event and to Sarah Kiernan who came 2nd in both 400m and 200m during the Leinster Indoor Competition!

Swimming success

Congratulations to Zoe Browne, Laura Potts, Sylvie Marley and Caitlin Comerford who represented OLS today in the Irish Schools Senior Relay Competition. The team came 2nd in the freestyle relay and 3rd in the medley, a fantastic achievement.

Leaderboards:

With the houses neck and neck we can't wait to see everyone participating in the events of our final term. Make sure to check the leaderboard below! Looking ahead, Spirit day is on Monday the 28th of April and we can't wait to see full participation from everyone, 1st to 6th year as we head into the final events of the year, leading up to the awarding of the Inter-House Cup and Inter-House Sports Cup.

The Council for 2025/2026 has been newly inaugurated and have already been busy coordinating Spirit Day. We can't wait to see all that they achieve next year.

It was great to see students taking initiative as the Student Council hosted a bake sale to fundraise for free sanitary product machines in the bathrooms

As a parting word we would like to wish the best of luck to all sixth years who are doing their orals over the next few days.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter!
Rachel, Maria and Katie



Students' Council

It's been another busy and productive term for the Student Council as we continue working to make our school environment more welcoming and inclusive.

This term, we introduced colourful and uplifting posters in the bathrooms to brighten the space and promote a positive atmosphere. We are also collaborating on the introduction of sanitary products in school bathrooms – an important initiative we're proud to support.

Finally, we hope everyone enjoyed the activities during Wellbeing Week as much as we enjoyed planning them.



House News



Academics

Congratulations to Freya Nugent, Ria O'Sullivan and Tara Gaffney whose entry 'Revamped Rio' has made it through to the live May finals of this year's Junk Kouture competition.



Big congratulations to Lia Tobin Howes and Ava Montague from TY. Both students individual entries have made it to the long list of the ReLove Fashion competition for 2025. Both girls had online interviews with the judges



Academics



Congratulations to Estella Graham, 5th-Year student, who received a prestigious BSTAI award (click [here](#) to read more) for achieving the highest result in the country in the Junior Cycle Business Studies exam. This is an outstanding achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her success. Also, a huge well done to her teacher, Ms. Phelan, for her dedication and guidance in helping Estella reach this remarkable milestone. Both Estella and Ms. Phelan have represented our school at the highest level, and we extend our warmest congratulations to them both!



Academics



Congratulations to Aimee Dignam, TY3, who came 1st place at the National Final of the **ActionAid speech writing competition**.

She has been crowned national champion, winner of over 90 entries from across 23 schools. She performed her speech with great power and passion, competing against 5 other very strong candidates from 4th-6th Year. Her speech focused on the importance of the female voice in international aid and at times of crisis. Well done, Aimee!



Dublin student wins national speech writing competition on theme of women in emergencies

A 15-year-old student from Our Lady's School Terenure, Dublin - who has been inspired by UN Women Goodwill Ambassador, award-winning actress Emma Watson- has been announced as the winner of a national speech writing competition aimed at raising awareness of global issues that impact and discriminate against women and girls globally.

Aimee Dignam won the ActionTalks competition, run by ActionAid Ireland with funding from Irish Aid, with a powerful speech on the role of women's leadership during emergencies, conflict and climate disasters.

Aimee revealed she has been inspired by award-winning actress and humanitarian, Emma Watson and her work advocating for gender equality and empowering young women. A speech Watson gave on equality at the UN has been a huge influence on Aimee. The actress played a key role in launching the HeForShe campaign, which aims to mobilise men and boys as advocates for gender equality.

Said Aimee: "Emma Watson made an incredible speech on gender equality, and I loved listening to that speech. It has been really empowering, and I have used it in my life."

Drawing on powerful examples from the Philippines and Nepal, Aimee explained how women serve as effective community organisers and resourceful problem solvers during crisis recovery.

Aimee referenced research demonstrating that countries with higher female leadership experience lower disaster-related mortality rates, while highlighting that women continue to face significant barriers to decision-making positions. She called for greater recognition and support of women's leadership in disaster response and planning.

Reflecting on her chosen topic, Aimee shared: "When I saw this topic, I knew it was something I wanted to do because I know it's a really serious topic and it's been around for way too long. It's something I'm passionate about and I think deserves to be spoken up about."

She added: "Young people are the upcoming voices for the world. I would say to them, if not you, then who? It is really important that we are able to step up to become the future leaders and make a change."

ActionAid Ireland, which runs the competition annually, received 90 entries from 23 schools across 12 counties. As the first-place winner, Aimee received a €500 voucher, and her teacher, Gemma Hayes, received a €100 voucher.

This year's competition invited students to write speeches on compelling global themes, including: the leadership role of women during emergencies, conflict and climate disasters, the impact of climate change on women's rights and overseas aid and women's rights organisations.

Karol Balfe, ActionAid Ireland CEO said: "It was heartening to see so many students across the country take part in the competition this year and share their views on global issues so articulately and with such passion. The high standard and obvious passion made it very difficult to judge at every stage of the competition. Aimee clearly researched the topic of women in emergencies at length, she developed strong arguments and then delivered the speech confidently. We are delighted to announce Aimee as the winner of ActionTalks and she should be very proud."

The finals were held at Europe House in Dublin, the official venue of the European Commission Representation in Ireland. The distinguished panel of judges included Carl O'Brien, Education Editor of The Irish Times; Sara Hakim, School of Sanctuary Director; and Maria Riordan, Education Officer at Irish Aid, Department of Foreign Affairs.

This competition is supported by Irish Aid (Department of Foreign Affairs), which funds ActionAid's Women's Rights Programme, a programme that works to eliminate violence against women and girls. Irish Aid programmes are funded by Irish citizens and play an important global role in supporting women and girls.

TY Update

What's On Next Week

DCU

Next Tuesday TYs will be attending DCU for the Leaders on our level conference. There will be lots of interesting speakers there.

Students will meet outside the Helix at 9.30am beside the DCU letters. The conference will finish at 2pm. Students should wear their school uniform (not TY hoodie) and bring a packed lunch and snacks as there won't be an opportunity to purchase food.



Development day

Next Thursday the TY's development day this is our 3rd development day.



TY 1- Self Defence
TY2- First Aid
TY3- Retreat
TY4- Town Tour

TY UPDATES AND WHAT'S COMING UP

WELL DONE ON COMPLETING WORK EXPERIENCE BLOCK 2 AND 3. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE SUBMITTED ALL REFLECTIONS AND UPLOADED YOUR EVALUATION

AGE ACTION

Thank you to those who signed up to help the charity Age Action. The course will begin on Tuesday 25th where members of the community will get assistance in how to use their phones, laptops, ipads etc. Ms Donlon will meet with those involved on Monday 24th.

SUBJECT CHOICE

Week beginning 24th February will be subject choice week. You will hear lots of information regarding choosing subjects for next year

GAISCE HIKE

A reminder to pay the deposit for the Gaisce Hike in Glendalough if you are interested in attending. Deposit is due on or before next Friday 21st

SIGN LANGUAGE

Sign Language continues for group 3 on Tuesday 25th.

GOLF LESSONS / BARISTA

A reminder to complete the google forms on the google classroom if you are interested in Golf Lessons and/or Advance Barista. Both are run outside of school. See the GC for more details

28th
February
2025

TY Updates

Great TY Bake Off

The bake off will take place over two evenings, March 12th and March 26th. The total cost is 10 euro. You can pay on easypayments.

Tallaght University Hospital Talks

Next week, there will be a series of talks on the following careers at Tallaght University. Keep an eye on the GC for more information and times:

- Role of a theatre nurse
- Role of an accountant
- Medical Scientist
- Human Resources
- Healthcare assistants
- Social Worker
- Hospital Psychologist
- Phlebotomist

Gaisce Hike

The list of names for the gaisce hike have been uploaded to the google classroom and a meeting was held today at lunch to go through what is needed for the hike. Please see the google classroom for more details. You also need to complete your room preference. The form is also on the google classroom.

Leaving Cert Subjects

On Tuesday the 25th and Wednesday the 26th of February students received information about Leaving Cert subjects from the teachers of these subjects.

On Thursday the 27th of February at 2pm Laura Creevy from Maynooth University gave students a talk on choosing college courses and leaving cert subjects.

Then today 5th year students spoke to the TYs about choosing the correct subjects and what the content is like for these subjects. If you have any questions regarding Leaving Certificate or Leaving Certificate Applied, please don't hesitate to contact any staff member for more advice and information.

31ST MARCH- 4TH APRIL

COMPLETE YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE INFORMATION FORM ON THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM. DEADLINE 28TH APRIL
WORK EXPERIENCE TAKES PLACE 6TH-9TH MAY

TY UPDATES

TY BAKE OFF

On Wednesday, the 26th of March, the TY bake Off took place. The girls made it a very close competition with cakes, cupcakes etc.. However, they did manage to select a winner! Laura Potts, from TY1, won the showstopper round. Laura made hedgehog theme cupcakes which won over our judges. Mr.Rhatigan and some 6th years.



GARDA NIAL KENNY TALK ON ROAD SAFETY

Garda Niall Kenny came in to talk to TY students on Tuesday about Road Safety. We learned the dangers of drink driving, speeding, using a mobile and much more. They were shown some thought provoking and difficult videos also, which definitely encouraged safe driving.



CULTURE WEEK FASHION SHOW

On Tuesday, the culture week fashion show took place. There was many people who attended and many cultures were represented such as India, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia Mauritius, South Africa, and there was also cultural music for each person. Well done to all!



AGE ACTION:

The students have completed the Age Action programme, congrats to all who took part and received their certs! The members of our community were thankful to everyone who took part and shared their knowledge of how to use mobiles, laptops etc.



On Thursday students travelled to Microsoft in Leopardstown to take part in the Dream space event. They enjoyed learning about Microsoft and different careers within the company.

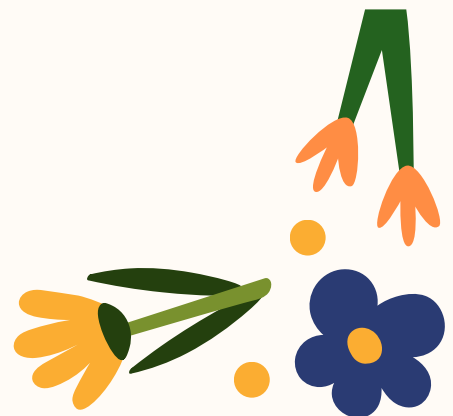
TY Bake Off





Musical

This year the TYs performed their musical **SIX** for three nights. The girl put so much effort into the musical and deserve a very big well done. It was a wonderful showcase of their talent and commitment. A special mention to Ms Reilly and Ms Malone who steered this ship. Ms Maguire led the TYs in creating a wonderful set. Thanks to all the students and staff involved in all aspects of the show! What a performance it was!





Dome Opening Ceremony

The Board of Management and the Sisters were invited to the official dome Opening Ceremony, celebrating the completion of the dome project, a testament to OLS's dedication to fostering a culture of physical activity, sport and student well-being. The school extends its deepest gratitude to the school community and particularly the Board of Management and the Sisters of the Religious of Christian Education for their invaluable support and involvement in this project. Katie Kennedy, Sports Captain, spoke on behalf of the student body and thanked the key contributors to the dome's completion.



International Women's Day



On International Women's Day we invited four incredible women, current and past pupils of OLS, to speak to us about their experiences of sports and leaderships. Their messages were truly inspirational and motivational following a reception in St Joseph's Hall, we inducted them on to our Wall of Fame





About the inductees

Charlie Murphy, 6th Year. Charlie has excelled in her GAA career, which began, like most girls, in her local club's academy at the age of six, playing both Football and Camogie. From the academy, she progressed to Go Games until U12, and then onto League and Championship from U13. Her talent was noticed early in both codes, where she played up a year alongside her sister Ruby, winning many league and championship titles up to the age of U16. At U16, she was called to trial for Dublin Football and Camogie, where she was selected for both codes, eventually winning Leinster titles in both. At U17, she was again picked for both Dublin squads but had to make a decision on which to choose. She opted for Football, where she was made vice-captain for the Dublin Minors, winning the Leinster B Championship and exiting at the semi-final stage. Following this, she again made the Dublin Minor Football team and had the privilege of being asked to captain the team.

Éile Caffrey, 5th Year - While Éile is also a dual-code player, her passion is Camogie. Her love of and skills in both Camogie and football were developed in St Judes where she followed her older sister Iseult (also a past OLS pupil) from a very young age. She currently captains the Dublin Minor Camogie Team. 2024 brought her All Ireland medal success as part of the Dublin Minor Camogie Team beating Wexford in a replay. She is also part of the OLS Camogie Team who has made it to the All Ireland quarter finals in the last two years and to the semi final this year.



About the inductees

Anne Marie Hughes, Head of Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity in Irish Rugby.

Anne Marie began her career as a PE and English teacher, so sport has been central to her journey to becoming Head of Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity (ED&I) in Irish Rugby today. While teaching, she completed a Masters in Education and from there began her work in sports development with a passion for making sport more accessible to a wider audience. Having worked on a number of development programmes in governing bodies, such as Basketball Ireland and Golf Ireland, she focused on creating better opportunities for youth and females, including the design and implementation of a safeguarding programme while working for Sport Ireland.

She joined the IRFU in 2015 as the organisation's National Safeguarding Lead, ensuring that the IRFU developed a robust Welfare Programme in line with legislation and national standards. The Programme was key to ensuring a safe and fun environment was in place across the clubs for all age-grade players. Hearing the voice of under-represented groups, such as youths and players with a disability, became a core element of the safeguarding programme and led to the formation of the 'Spirit of Rugby' Programme that Anne Marie has managed since September 2017, ensuring the values of the game are embedded across all rugby programmes. In 2024 the role evolved further with an increased focus on inclusivity and diversity across the game, leading the implementation of policies and programmes, such as the Spirit of Rugby Leadership and Women in Rugby Network, as important pillars of the Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity strategy that are being developed and implemented by Irish Rugby.

About the inductees

Ellen Walshe has an extraordinary record of success on the international stage of swimming. She was only 19 on her Olympic debut in Tokyo in 2021 where she was 19th in the 200m Individual Medley and 24th in the 100m butterfly. She won a phenomenal silver medal at the World Championships in 2021 in the 400m IM. Ellen was the first Irish swimmer to qualify for the Paris Olympics in 2024 where she qualified for the 400IM Final, only the third Irish Swimmer ever to do so. She was also a Semi Finalist in the 200IM, and a member of the Women's Irish Record breaking Medley Relay Team, which finished 11th overall. Ellen currently holds 10 Junior and Senior Irish records in different distances and events and we are so proud of her achievements.



Wellbeing Week

Students participated in a Zumba class with Luiza in the Sport Hall. It was a great opportunity for the students to move, dance, and laugh.



Staff and students competed in an obstacle relay. All had an amazing time!



OLS students and staff gathered on the Hockey Pitch for a Whole School Céilí led by the Irish Department. The students danced the Ballaí Luimni, Ionsain na Hinse, Sandstorm, Cotton Eyed Joe, Macarena and Dreolin

Active school Flag

All students were welcome to participate in a bouncy inflatable course beside Lourdes' Hall. This initiative arose thanks to the survey the Active School Flag class conducted at the beginning of this school year.



The Active School Flag also organised the annual colour run to finish the week on a high! This run is to support Special Olympics. This sport organisation transforms lives through sport for people with an intellectual disability from the age of 4 years old. Currently almost 8,000 athletes from across the island of Ireland participate in 15 different sports through Special Olympics.

Culture Week



We celebrated a super Culture Week recently with a cultural food tasting, a House Culture Quiz and a Students' Cultural fashion Show. Well done to all involved!



Field trips

TYs had a wonderful opportunity to take part in Dreamspace at Microsoft. They got a chance to see different careers that take place in Microsoft. It was a great afternoon.



Field trips



The TY students embarked on a two-day hike in Glendalough, embracing nature and teamwork.

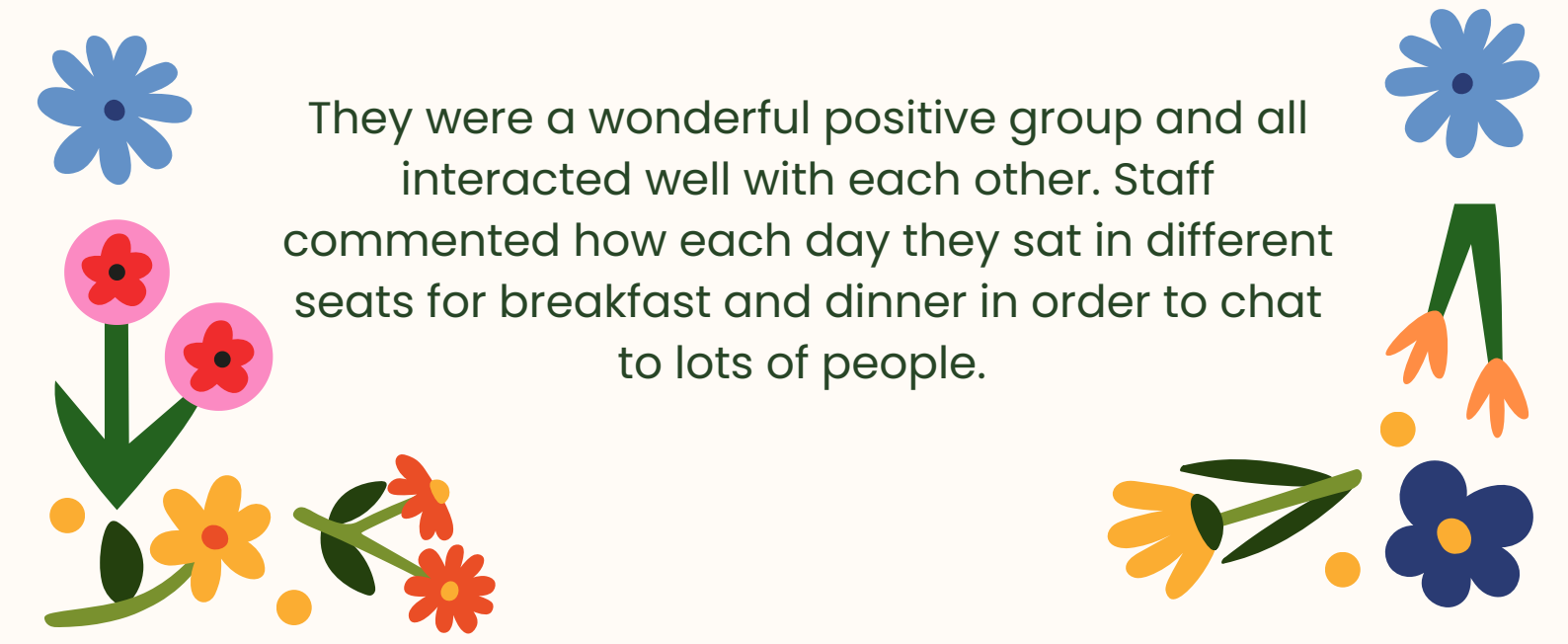




Ski Trip

On the 15th February, 48 students accompanied by six teachers set off skiing in Bormio, Italy.

The goal of this trip was to offer students a time for personal growth and development and also a chance to bond with each other whilst learning a new skill. Skiing is an exciting mental and physical challenge, and the girls certainly rose to the challenge!



They were a wonderful positive group and all interacted well with each other. Staff commented how each day they sat in different seats for breakfast and dinner in order to chat to lots of people.

Ski Trip

The group took part in five days of skiing. Each evening students engaged in a number of activities ranging from bowling, ice skating and curling. Accompanying teachers also arranged a table quiz and scavenger hunt for them and an overall competition was held.



The students are to be commended for their resilience, enthusiasm and positivity. All students completed four hours of lessons each day and there were no injuries to report aside from sore muscles! No one complained and each and every student was absolutely outstanding and a real credit to the school.

Sport Update



Badminton



Well done Champions !



Hockey



Congratulations to Katie Kennedy, Aoife Kennedy and Helen Duignan on securing promotion with Our Lady's Hockey Club 1st team into Challenge A, Leinster Hockey, alongside a number of OLS alumni.

Camogie



The Minor Camogie team have gone from strength to strength. They finished top of their group with 3 wins against Mount Sackville, Maynooth and MacDaras. Against their rivals Dominican College, the girls won their semi final and will now contest the A Championship final for the 3rd year running.

Camogie



The Junior Camogie team reached the Junior A Camogie final for the second year running looking to defend their title. Despite an excellent performance in the final, they fell just short against an excellent Dominican College team. The girls can look back with pride on another fantastic season.

Camogie

The Senior Camogie team ventured in the B All Ireland Series for the first time. In the semi final against Mercy College Roscommon, with 3 minutes to go and 7 points down, the girls staged a miraculous comeback to equalise with the last score of the game. In the end, the opposition proved to be too strong and the girls fell short by 3 points in the replay. A huge achievement to be proud of getting to that stage.



Swimming



**LEINSTER Senior
Schools 2025
Senior Girls FTR & MTR
DOUBLE SILVER**

Congratulations to Zoe Browne, Laura Potts, Sylvie Marley and Caitlinn Comerford who represented OLS today in the Irish Schools Senior Relay Competition. The team came 2nd in the freestyle relay and 3rd in the medley, which is a phenomenal achievement and reflects their dedication and commitment to their sport.

Well done girls!

Coiste Gaeilge

Our first main event of this term was the Lá Fhéile Bríde poster competition for second year. We created and edited a fun, upbeat video, (that you can find on the School's Instagram!) hoping that it would teach the viewers some 'focail nua' and explain the competition rules to the second years in an entertaining way! A couple weeks later, we planned a 'Lá na bPancóg' event where we did a quiz and gave everyone pancakes for participating. In the run up to March, the Coiste members got ready for the main event - Seachtain na Gaeilge. With the help of Ms Kinsella, Ms Donnelly and Ms Malone, we organised many activities.





Coiste Gaeilge

Classes were busy with poetry writing, photo competitions, caption competitions, show and tell as Gaeilge and 'An Focal Is Fearr Liom' and 'An Ghaeilge i mo Shaol' posters. The céili mór event was the buaicphointe na seachtaine with the whole school out on the astro showing off their a haon, a dó, a trís. The sun even came out as we all did our 'Ballaí Luimní' and 'An Dreoilín'

We decided to follow up with a Rince-thon (more dancing) and a ciorcal cainte the following week. We were really grateful with the help of the Amber flag group and were delighted to help them raise funds for Pieta House, as well as getting everyone active and 'ag labhairt as Gaeilge'

Leonor Burke (L5) agus an Coiste Gaeilge '24-25



Lighthouse Amber House Flag



Amber House flag organizing a *Just Dance* session!



Lighthouse mentors meeting and passing advice to their mentees. A great opportunity to get to know each other better!



Library

This term, the library hosted lots of clubs during Lunchtime: Mindful Monday, Book Club, Writing Club, Lego Club and Games club were met with enthusiasm.

For Valentine's Day, the book club organised a book blind date with their own book selection. Lego Club helped by creating heart shapes structures to display in the library.

Writing Club was just launched after the mid-term break thanks to students who were requesting it. It is the place for writing games and weekly prompts.

On the 1st of April, the school and the library received the Reader for Life Award, organized by the Professional Development Service for Teachers. This award aims to celebrate achievements, the school implemented to foster a love for reading, thanks to initiatives created by students, staff and parents.

The first year in the **Accelerated Reader program** had a competition on writing book recommendations. Big congratulations to all! You read more than 37 000 000 words until now!

Library



Drama

We have had a lovely time in drama this year with students partaking in Drama Exams with the Royal Irish Academy and a Feis Competition.



The classes are fun and help build confidence, clarity and creativity.



Classes currently take place on Friday.

Charity Committee

This year the Charity Committee were busy raising funds and items for various charities. The students planned events throughout the year to promote giving back to those who need it.



DAFFODIL DAY

On Friday 28th March, we fundraised for the Irish Cancer Society raising funds for people living with cancer and to help with the research and treatments.

The work that the Irish Cancer do is incredible and you can find out more <https://www.cancer.ie/>

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraiser and everyone who wore a daffodil on Daffodil Day! We raised €900.

Charity Committee



SVP CLOTHING DRIVE

We ran a very successful clothing drive this term in aid of Saint Vincent de Paul. Thank you to everyone who donated clothes and shoes. All of the donations were greatly appreciated by Saint Vincent De Paul. If you would like more information on how you could support SVP, please see the website <https://www.svp.ie/>



Le Chéile Council

The *Le Chéile* Council was very active this term. Each day of **the Catholic School Week** had a different theme, and on each day the *Le Chéile* group delivered a message of hope over the intercom. It was a real team effort as each and every member of the *Le Chéile* Council got involved.

We had a special **St Brigid's Day** cross making event and this was very popular with many pupils who had great fun trying to produce a reasonable copy of the original!



The *Le Chéile* group outing to University Church on St Stephen's Green on Shrove Tuesday, where we joined the **Taize community of prayer** and enjoyed some free pancakes.

Le Chéile Day was on the 6th of March when we had special treats for students and staff and we also came together to film a short video encouraging kindness which was posted on the school's instagram account to celebrate the day.

Easter Celebration

Thank you to our wonderful Sisters of Religious of Christian Education for dropping off some lovely Easter chocolates for staff and students!

