



NEWSLETTER—NOVEMBER 2011

Excellent Exam Results in St. Mary's Congratulations!



This year's exam results were excellent: well done to all the students and their teachers.

In PLC, Fetac Level 5 a total of 32 modules were completed. Of these, 25 achieved Distinction (>80%), 7 achieved a Merit (>65%). At Level 5, these results compare very well with national standards for ALL students.

At Leaving Cert Applied, 4 students completed all their modules, and everybody achieved a Merit grade in their Leaving Cert Applied. All these students are now in Further Education.

8 students completed their Leaving Cert, sitting a total of 55 papers.

21 papers were at Higher Level, and at this level 91% of our students achieved a Grade C or higher. 24% achieved Grade B or higher.

34 papers were at Ordinary Level, and at this level 59% achieved a Grade C or higher, while 21% achieved Grade A or B. Again, these results compare very well with national standards for ALL students throughout the country.

At Junior Cert Level, 14 students completed a total of 95 subjects.

15 papers were at Higher Level, and 100% of these students achieved Grade C or higher, while 67% achieved Grade A or B.

70 papers were at Ordinary Level, and 78% of these students achieved Grade C or higher at this level, with 29% achieving Grade A or B.

10 papers were at Foundation Level, and at this level, 100% of students achieved Grade C or higher, while 90% achieved a Grade A or B.

We are very proud of these results, and the hard work over many years certainly paid off!

THE BIG KNIT



Thanks to everyone who knitted the little hats. We knitted roughly about 148 Hats! We sent them to the **Innocent Smoothie Ireland**.

We hope everyone enjoyed their time knitting patiently. 3/BC took photographs of some of the little hats.

Your hats will be sold in November and the money raise will really help the elderly.

By Laura G And On Behalf Of 3B/C and The Transition Years

Maths Day 2011

A big Thank You to our Maths teachers for organising another very successful Maths Day in St. Mary's.

It included a "Mathematical Treasure Hunt", loads of games involving shapes, a "Can You Predict a Minute" competition, Maths Pictionary and lots more.

We invited some of the boys from St. Joseph's with their teachers. We all had lots of Mathsfun!



TRIP TO BARCELONA

Diary Entry: Barcelona
- TYA/B

Dear Diary,

15/09/11

To-day we went to the biggest and most famous church in Barcelona. It's called *Sagrada Família*. I was looking forward to seeing it. Everyone told me it is huge and that you have to tilt your head back to see it properly. On the bus, I sat next to my friend [redacted]. A guide spoke to us about the building. She was Spanish.

This was the day that we would get our Junior Certificate results and my tummy felt a bit sick with excitement and feelings of fear: a mixed feeling.

The bus finally arrived in Barcelona. The driver showed us the restaurant called Hard Rock Café, which we were going to later on. I was amazed at the design on the sign. The sign for the "Hard rock café" was so big that people could see it from far away.

We moved on, and our guide explained to us about the '*Lisbon Cruise*'. She said the building look like a cake on top. When the bus finally stopped, we all looked out the window. I was dumbfounded. I couldn't take my eyes off the building. I was mesmerized. The building was white and it was huge. It had all different shapes. Its does look like a cake topping on the top - 'Wow!' I had never seen a building like that anywhere. I want to come back and go to the top the next time.



Signs of Life Exhibition

The Signs of Life exhibition opened in Filmbase, Temple Bar in September to promote the recognition of ISL.

A group of our students went for a preview and Medina got her picture taken and published in the Metro newspaper.



Tree Planting - Green School - 2011



On October 6th, to celebrate National Tree Day, the Green School Committee, with Ms. Eda Walshe, organised a Tree Planting in front of Rosary School. It was a cold day, and we were huddled together!

Andy prepared a huge hole, and we planted the tree.

It is a Rowan / Sorbus aucuparia / Caorthann:

Also known as the mountain ash, due to its leaf structure. A small tree, it is tolerant of poor soils (which is where it gets the name mountain ash) and makes a good coloniser. The berries provide food for birds, which help spread the tree.

We look forward to seeing it grow.

Marian School Visiting the Horses



The girls met the owner and learned about how to care for the horses. They got to feed apples to the horses. A lovely day was had by all.

Green Schools Action Day

We had a Green Schools Action Day on the day of our Halloween break.

This involved putting on high-visibility jackets and picking up litter (wearing gloves!) from the avenue. We were very surprised, and shocked at how much litter there was! We collected several black bags of litter and the teachers joined in and helped us too!

When we got back to the school, we all cleared out excess paperwork from our classrooms, the library and AV room. The teachers cleared out their presses and rooms too.

We filled a few green Bins with paper waste

