

## **TY Update & What's On Next Week**

### **Catholic Schools Week**

This week, our school celebrated Catholic Schools Week and came together as a school community to celebrate our faith. Morning prayers took place over the intercom, family dinners were shared, and our school as a whole reflected on the week's theme: 'Communities of Service.' Very well done and thanks so much to the RE team in the school who led us so well this week!

### **TY Development Day**

On Monday, TY's had their third TY Development Day.

TY 1 met Ms. Coffey and Ms. Parsons outside The Little Museum of Dublin where they learned about the history of Dublin City. They then listened to a 1916 walking tour with their earphones before having a tour of Dublin Castle, including the State Apartments. They finished the day by having a tour of the exquisite Irish Emigration Museum (EPIC).

TY 2 headed to Dublin Zoo where they met their Guide for the day, Ms. McGinley. They started the morning with a very educational conservation module before all students took a tour of the Zoo and had the chance to interact with all of the wonderful wildlife and animals on offer there.

TY 3 completed their Certified First Aid Course. This is a very valuable course as it improves students' self-esteem, teamwork and communication skills, and prepares them for unpredictable situations and responding to others' injuries with methods such as CPR. They were treated to an engaging, hands-on set of workshops from experienced first aid instructor, Tom, in Lourdes Hall.

TY 4 worked on their independence skills as they made their way into town to meet their spiritual guide, Anita Phelan, for 'A Pilgrim Path' retreat held in Dublin City Centre. Participants did a 'pilgrimage' visiting the main churches on both sides of the Liffey, learning about the historical, political, social and spiritual significance of the parish church communities. The retreat also included time for reflection, and TY4 got to enjoy lunch while sitting at the Garden of Remembrance, leaving them with lots to reflect upon and explore!

TY 5 took part in a Self Defence Course in St Joseph's Hall, where they learned how to defend themselves without having to do any complicated manoeuvres. A great opportunity for the girls!

### **Junior Camogie Final**

A huge congratulations to our Junior camogie team who won against Dominican College in the A Championship Final. They came back from being 7 points down at

half time to drawing the match which resulted in the match going into sixteen minutes of extra time, winning by two points with a score of 3.13 to 4.8! They will now go on to play against Gorey Community College in an All Ireland Quarter Final next Saturday. Best of luck!

### Toastmasters

The Toastmasters course started back up again this week on Thursday. Toastmasters is a 13 week course in which to help gain confidence in public speaking.

### TY Reminders

#### Next Week

##### Work Experience - Block 2

Next week, our TYs will go on their second week of work experience. Please make sure you have filled in the form on Google Classroom or else you will not be permitted to go and will have to attend school as usual. We hope you enjoy it!

##### Work Experience- Block 3

The week after next, we will take part in our third week of work experience. Be sure to fill out the form on Google Classroom for the block and enjoy yourself before the midterm!