



Green Schools – Our First Green Flag!

This year we were delighted to raise our first Green Flag for Litter and Waste. This achievement was only made possible by the hard work and commitment of the whole school community over the past three years.

The path to achieving our first Green Flag involved a variety of initiatives, including waste audits, awareness campaigns, action days and classroom work. The Green Schools Committee, comprising of students and staff members, has made this achievement possible by meeting regularly and carrying out the necessary actions to improve the way we manage our

waste and recycling in the school.

During the three year programme the Maryfield Parents' Association 'Spring Clean' was invaluable to the achievement of the flag and the Green Schools committee would once again like to thank them for their support.

Our flag raising ceremony took place on Friday 21st March. The entire school gathered on the front lawn to witness this important event. The school was very pleased to have Aodhán O'Riordáin T.D. in attendance to assist the Green Schools Committee in raising the Green Flag.

The next step in the Green Schools Programme involves examining energy usage in the school and identifying ways in which we can reduce our energy consumption and costs. It is important however, that we continue to manage our litter and waste responsibly.

We would like to thank the whole school community for their participation in the Green Schools Programme and we hope to have your continued support during the next school year as we endeavour to achieve our second Green Flag.

*Ms. Brenda Parkinson &
Ms. Rebecca Carroll*

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Maryfield Student Council



This year the Student Council at Maryfield College had a very productive and innovative year. We began in September with a Student Council training day. The students studied the functions of a Student Council and assigned the roles of Chairperson, Secretary, Vice Chairperson and PR Committee members. We are happy to report that the goals we set ourselves were reached. Here are some of our achievements.

We ran 1st Year elections in November 2013.

We facilitated the application for ISSU student cards. Cards entitle students to discounts in well known shops and cinemas. The cards were issued to students in late December, just in time for Christmas.

We attended the Le Chéile Schools Trust Conference and Student Forum 2014. On 6th of February Úna Whelan,

Eilíse O'Grady and Ciara Drumgoole attended the conference at the Hudson Bay Hotel in Athlone. Student representatives attended with their Principals or staff representatives. There was an opening ceremony where Eilíse performed a solo and Úna played the violin. The students enjoyed their two days at the conference.

We held a 'Design a Logo' competition for the student council link on the school website.

This created an awareness of the Student Council within the school. The winner was Róisín Mc Gannon from 6th Year. Her winning design can now be seen on the Maryfield website.

We held an Easter egg hunt for all students.

We attended the Irish Second Level Students Union Annual General Meeting at Liberty Hall Theatre. During the Easter holidays Alice

Clarke and Irina Ciocan attended this excellent event along with representatives from Councils all over Ireland.

Ms. MacConville came to our meeting regarding the school journal. She found a suitable journal which will hopefully be introduced next year. Many Thanks to Ms. MacConville for her work on this.

We held a competition to design the cover of the new school journal. Watch out for the new journal cover as the winner is to be announced shortly.

Elections were held on 14th May. Going to press the votes are being counted. Hopefully we'll see new faces in the council for the coming year and we wish good luck to all running candidates.

This year has been a great success for the Student Council and we hope to continue this work next year.



Maryfield Student Council 2013-14

5th Year Úna Whelan (Chairperson)

Éilíse O Grady (Secretary)

Ciara Drumgoole

4th Year

Alice Clarke

Irina Ciocan

Ksenija Ustimenko

3rd Year

Gillian O Sullivan

Nadia Corrigan

Jenny Murphy

2nd Year

Aoife Lawrence

Mollie Skelly

1st Year

Sinéad Ganly

Gift Assan

Liaison Teachers

Ms. Togher, Ms. S Flynn and Mr. Mc Quillan



Young Social Innovators: Wellness Warriors

Our YSI class focused this year on Wellness in Maryfield. We understand that wellness involves looking after our health. This includes physical, social, mental, spiritual and nutritional health. We aim to educate students on how best to care for themselves so that they experience general wellbeing at home and at school. We selected this issue by building on the work of the 2013 YSI project, bringing improved wellness to our school.

We raised awareness through wellness workshops for the month of January. For every week in January we concentrated on a different aspect of health and had various fundraising events to coincide with these weeks. Our fundraisers were themed; we had a cultural food restaurant, Christmas dress-up day and a smoothie day. We made resource packs including PowerPoint presentations and activities for the S.P.H.E junior cycle classes. We

have created a wellness tab on the Maryfield website which revisits the workshop contents. It also states our achievements and future goals. We plan to build a wellness garden in our school courtyard and continue our wellness workshops for the benefit of all.

We were selected to represent our *Wellness We Build Smiles* project at the annual YSI showcase in Citywest on 7th May. We had a great time at the event, learning much about other projects. Our favourite parts of the day were the silent disco, bouncy castles, presentations and awards show.

We are so proud of our achievements to date and are excited to see our project grow. We are the wellness warriors and we build smiles!

Link to wellness tab on school website

<http://www.maryfieldcollege.ie/index.php/students/wellness>

4R YSI Project

This year we decided to base our 4R Young Social Innovators project on the benefits of healthy eating. Our aim was to raise awareness of the advantages of a healthy diet, encourage students to make informed choices about their diet and help students to make a change. We created a healthy eating notice board and displayed lots of different healthy recipes for everyone to see. The notice board was themed for the various

seasons and holidays during the year. We also displayed seasonal recipes, healthy lunch ideas, photographs from Home Economics classes and general nutritional information. We held a healthy lunch day serving baked potatoes with a variety of healthy side dishes. This showed students just how simple it can be to have a healthy lifestyle.

We entered our project into the YSI Speakouts, preparing a drama and a song from *High School*



Musical, which we adapted to '**Healthy**' School Musical.

We created a recipe book to show how easy it can be to eat healthily. We included a variety of recipes. We held a competition for all Maryfield students to design the front cover of the recipe book. The winner was Jude Morrissey, 2L. In second place was Almendra Henriques, 2S.

Retirement of Two School Supervisors

During the course of the year we have lost two of our school supervisors to retirement, Carol Swan and Claire Grogan. They have been a constant presence on our corridors, in the locker rooms and at the canteen as well as supervising in class. While ensuring the smooth and safe running of break times they also provided a friendly face and often a listening ear for students outside of the classroom environment. They are both fondly missed and we wish them well in their retirement.

Nuacht ó Roinn na Gaeilge



ar a gcuid Gaeilge labhartha do Bhéaltriall na hArdteiste. Táimid lán cinnte gur éirigh go breá leis na cailíní go léir. Go n-éirí an t-ádh leo leis an gcuid eile de Scrúdú na hArdteistiméarachta!

Lá na Gaeilge

Mar is gnách, bhí lá iontach againn ar **Lá na Gaeilge**. Tháinig na scoláirí go léir ón Séú Bliain ar scoil ar an Satharn 29 Márta chun feabhas a chur

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Rinneamar Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh i gColáiste Pháirc Mhuire i mí Márta. Bhí eachtraí éagsúla ar siúl trí mheán na Gaeilge chun an teanga a chur chun cinn i slí spraoiúil suimiúil. Ina measc bhí tóraíocht taisce, tráth na gceist agus an comórtas spreagúil laethúil *Laoch an Lae*. Ghlac ár scoláirí

ón Dara Bliain go fonnmhar leis an gcuireadh a fuair said ó Ard Scoil Rís chun dul chuig céilí. Cloisim go raibh rince den scoth le feiceáil an lá sin!

Ba ócaid thar na bearta í Seachtain na Gaeilge agus tá sé ar intinn ag Roinn na Gaeilge fás agus forbairt a dhéanamh ar Sheachtain na Gaeilge sa toadhcháí.

Music Notes



The Music Department have had another busy and successful year thanks to the various performing groups in the school. September is no longer a nice leisurely month but a busy learning and recording time for the school choir for the RTÉ All-Island Choir Competition. We beat off competition in the opening round of recordings to meet four other schools in the Leinster Final, held in Maynooth College Chapel. It was a wonderful night and a very exciting time for all involved.



There are new members every year to the choir, so to get to know each other a bit better we had a choir breakfast on the 22nd January. The girls brought in home-made goodies for breakfast and the two Ms Flynn's supplied hot chocolate and tea for the thirsty singers.

Break time rehearsals were a great help in preparing the school choir for singing 'Defying Gravity' at Wesley Feis. The First Year choir also performed at Wesley singing 'Can you Hear Me' complete with sign language. Both choirs

performed wonderfully at the feis and it was great to hear and see choirs from other schools perform.

The School Choir is open to all students from 2nd to 6th Year and rehearsals take place once a week at a lunch-time decided in August. There are no auditions but if you like to sing, we want you in choir. So come along next year, we'd love to have you!

The Flynn Twins (Ms. Maura & Ms. Susan)



Salter's Festival of Chemistry

Alexandra Ichim, Hannah Byrne Kennedy, Danielle Harte and Emily Callan represented Maryfield College at Salter's Festival of Chemistry at Trinity College Dublin on Saturday, 10th May 2014. Well done girls!

Art Trip to RHA Gallery

The 5th Year Art students visited two exhibitions in the RHA Gallery in Ely Place. With Ms. Draper and Ms McLoughlin they enjoyed *Connemara*, an exhibition of new work by Dorothy Cross and *Souvenirs*, an exhibition by James Hanley. The girls were fortunate to meet the artist James Hanley himself who happened to be present. He gave an impromptu talk on his work which was very much appreciated!



Library News

The *Bring-a-Book, Buy-a-Book Sale* was held in the library in April. Run by 2L and their form tutor Ms. McLoughlin, it proved a great success. Prices began at €2 but as lunch wore on, canny bargain hunters picked up great deals. Over eighty books were sold raising €105 for St. Michael's House. Well done to 2L for their expert organisational and sales skills!!



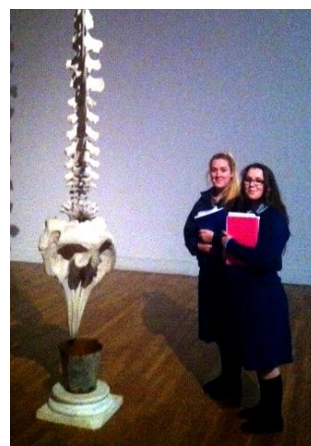
1st Year Trip to Dublin Zoo

On the 19th May we departed from Maryfield with our bags full of goodies and with an air of great excitement. When we arrived at the zoo we were given worksheets and maps which helped us decide the locations that would be of most interest. We completed our worksheets with the help of information boards and by observing such animals as the red pandas and fruit bats. We then enjoyed a picnic lunch and were visited by a curious peacock that let his feathers and colours shine. Its beauty obliged us to take pictures. We then visited the Africans Plains where a zookeeper informed us about the various animals. For the last fifteen minutes the girls in blue descended on the 'zoovenier' shop leaving the shopkeeper with a healthy profit!

Alexandra Ichim 1S

Colour Run

Organized by Ms. Ryan's YSI class, the school had a great opportunity to get colourful in the *Colour Run* in aid of the Hope Foundation on 9th May. The concept of the *Colour Run* began in the USA in 2011. It is an event that promotes healthiness, happiness and individuality. Following a run around the Maryfield playing fields the students doused each other in various colour powders. The event certainly achieved its goal as multicoloured happy students had plenty of fun!



Retirements

This summer four of our longstanding dedicated teachers have decided to depart from Maryfield. Marian Lewis Byrne, Ann Foley, Ann Murtagh and Tommy Murtagh will all be retiring. As well as teaching their subjects, they have each contributed to school life in a myriad of other ways that have inspired students, and indeed colleagues, on life's journey.

As an integral member of our Modern Languages Department, Ms. Lewis Byrne moved easily from teaching French to German throughout her career at Maryfield. However, all students know her best as the distributor of lockers with the unenviable task of allocating either the highly prized top locker or the not-so-popular bottom locker. For the record girls, this was based simply on alphabetical order! She displayed endless patience in training new First Years in the intricacies of using a combination lock. Her warm, friendly and light-hearted personality has endeared her to many generations of Maryfield girls.

Ms. Foley, also a member of the Modern Languages Department, specialised in the teaching of German throughout the school. She also works as a State Examinations Commission Advising Examiner bringing her expertise and eye for detail back to the classroom. A lifelong lover of German language and culture, she has led many school trips to towns and cities from the Rhineland to the Danube. Ms. Foley has also acted as Year Head and is currently Year Head to our Second Years. Her Second Year students would certainly agree that Ms. Foley has gone over and above the call of duty to help them settle in to life at Maryfield. Exam classes will also know Ms. Foley as the teacher who organised after-school supervised study.

Ms. Murtagh has been a very valuable member of our Home Economics Department. We have all been treated to the aromas of baking and cooking wafting through the corridors and have admired the craftwork and needlework executed so brilliantly by her students. Concerned for the holistic wellbeing of our students she has spearheaded a drive towards healthy nutritional eating as well as the nourishment of students' spiritual and emotional development. With her warm smile and caring personality she has encouraged students as their Year Head and teacher to seek the best that life can offer.



Tommy Murtagh, Ann Murtagh, Marian Lewis Byrne and Ann Foley

Retirements continued

Mr. Murtagh has worked as an inspiring Science and Biology teacher having written the school text book for Leaving Certificate Biology. However, he was in no way confined to the Science Department due to his active involvement in such diverse areas as music, technology and foreign travel. The organiser of many school trips, he has introduced students to the delights of both East and West, accompanying them to such far-flung destinations as Moscow and New York. We all became accustomed to hearing his accomplished playing of cello, bass and guitar at school concerts, religious ceremonies and musicals. Generous with his time and expertise he has come to the assistance of those of us less skilled in the area of technology. With an acute awareness of the wider life at Maryfield he has been the perfect person to keep the school website right up to date.

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to our retirees and we wish them happiness and fulfilment in the years ahead.



Tearful students bid a fond farewell to their teachers



Ms. Murtagh as Year Head in 2011



Ms. Lewis Byrne on school trip to New York



Ms. Foley and Mr. Murtagh on Brooklyn Bridge



2014 will be remembered as the year we nearly achieved greatness. Another All Ireland camogie triumph was cruelly snatched away from us by Lady Luck while our basket-



Hockey Report

The Maryfield senior hockey team have had yet another successful season. Following last years defeat of both the junior and senior teams in the final of the North Side League the teams had to dig a little deeper to ensure victory during the 2013-2014 season.

We entered two competitions this year, the Leinster School Girls Senior 4 League and the North Side League.

The Leinster competition started in November with comprehensive wins over St. Joseph of Cluny, St. Raphaela's and Mt. Sackville. The team was even on points with Rathdown School and so the last game was a decider as to who would top the section.

The game was epic! We lead from the start only for Rathdown to equalize and for the rest of the game we traded scores. Nothing could separate the teams so the match went to silver goal, golden goal and finally penalties. Two hours after the game



Sports Report

ball players also tasted bitter disappointment in the Dublin finals in March. That's not to say that this hasn't been a good year; a Dublin camogie title, final day supremacy in the North-

side Hockey League along with four medals at the East Leinster Athletics Championships combine to give us plenty to cheer about.

had started Rathdown were victorious 10 - 9 following a penalty shoot out.

Though defeated, the girls played a fantastic match against a school with much superior hockey facilities and a former international player as their coach.

The quarter finals brought us to Wilson's Hospital School in Co. Westmeath. Unfortunately it wasn't to be our day. Despite numerous attempts on goal we just couldn't get the ball in the back of the net and sadly lost 1-0 on a very wet grit pitch in February.

Nevertheless, the team entered the North Side League with the confidence of their success in Leinster behind them. When the initial stages of the competition were over we found ourselves level on points again this time with St. Joseph's, Lucan.

A play-off was needed to decide which team would progress to the final. Yet again the

teams traded scores, and progressed to silver and golden goal. Victory was ours on this occasion.

Finals day on March 26th and together with our vocal supporters we comprehensively defeated St. Dominic's of Cabra 5-0. Our team captain, Cliona McCullough, raised the cup for Maryfield in her last game in the school colours.

Well done to all students and thank you for your dedication over the years. We wish our three 6th Years all the best in their exams and future college courses.

I would also like to thank all the parents who have umpired matches throughout the season and in particular to Nora Lee who has given so much time over the years umpiring matches for the students of Maryfield College.

Enjoy your summer girls and training will recommence in September!

Ms. Gallagher

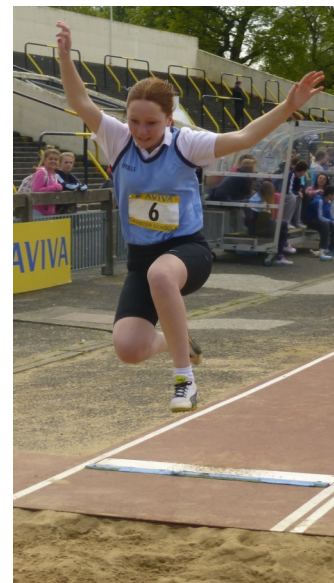
Athletics

Athletics is a growing sport in Maryfield and our participants benefited from two visits from Olympic athlete, Brian Gregan. Although the loss of Sarah McCarthy to the Leaving Cert. was always going to diminish our success in the world of athletics, there were still plenty of positives at the East Leinster Championships this year.

Megan Coomber continued her good run (no pun intended) in the 100m and long jump, winning gold in both. Amy Connolly also leaped to the front in the junior version of the LJ. The senior relay team, consisting of Megan, Stephanie McCaul, Ailbhe Fusco and Caoimhe Carroll combined to come a

close third. Poor Aisling Boland had a bronze medal of her own snatched away from her as she was tripped up only a few metres from the line in the 800m.

The Leinster Championships will take place soon with Megan and Amy going for glory.



Basketball

It's been seven years since Maryfield has failed to make a basketball final. This year two teams, namely the First and Second Year A teams, qualified to play in the Oblates Arena in Inchicore for their age group decider. The freshers took on St. Mary's, Baldoyle. Indeed, Baldoyle had previously handed our girls a heavy defeat in a game Mary-

field had only managed two points in. It wasn't close this time around either but our side put in a much better showing. The second years were even more disappointed as they lost to a team they had previously beaten. St. Dominic's, Cabra improved dramatically with the addition of an absentee from the first encounter and sadly our girls

couldn't quite match them on the day. The theme of disappointment was consistent throughout the other six teams' campaigns, most notably the under 19B team. The girls topped their group after an unbeaten run which would normally have earned them an easy quarter final draw. St. Louis, Rathmines didn't get all their matches played in

the other group and therefore finished in fourth spot, a place usually reserved for mediocrity. Caught unaware by having to play a top team so early, our senior citizens found themselves ten points behind after the first quarter. A spirited fight back only achieved a restoration of pride as the girls crashed out prematurely. Ah well, it's the taking part that counts...



Camogie

The Pink Army has endured some fallow years since their dramatic All Ireland success in 2011. The girls have had to make do with just one Dublin 7-a-side title and being runners up in last year's county championship final... very good by most teams' standards but this is the Pink Army we're talking about! The knowledge that eleven team members were going to graduate this year acted as a massive motivational tool and the girls set about their task with a clinical focus that saw St. MacDara's, Maynooth P.P and St. Wolstan's ruthlessly dispatched at the group stage. St. Dominic's, Cabra provided stiffer opposition in the semi final but the girls dug deep to bury them and set up a denouement in January against last year's winners, St. Joseph's of Lucan. A gripping but low scoring final followed and the girls emerged victorious thanks to a 1-7 to 0-4 scoreline. Coincidentally, 1-7 was what we scored against them in last year's decider but they managed to put 2-8 past us then. Captain Aisling Maher scooped the Evening Herald Sports Star of the Week award for her 1-2 contribution. She was presented her gong in May by the IRFU's Devon Toner, happily still a giant after being spear

tackled and dropped on his head in a match against Ulster a few days previous.

Winning at county level qualified us for the latest instalment of our nationwide adventure. Holy Rosary College of Galway mustn't have prayed hard enough before the match as they were made a holy show of by a 4-6 to 1-4 scoreline. This particular match was memorable by horrific weather conditions and pretty serious injuries to Eva Marie Elliott, Elise O'Grady and Aisling Maher. Pathetic fallacy or just occidental incidentals? Next came SHS Tullamore in the penultimate round. We were in no rush to play them due to the injuries suffered so we actually welcomed their point blank refusal to play on Parnell GAA club's all weather pitch (every grass field in Dublin was waterlogged at the time). Our hitherto hardest challenge eventually followed but our one goal lead at the final whistle sent them home empty handed (except for their hurls).

Maryfield has a proud record in All Ireland finals. Wins in 1980, 1982, 1984 and 2011 have made us peerless by Dublin standards. St. Joseph's of Doon (Limerick) stood in our way of an unprece-

dented fifth title and the girls took to the field in Nenagh with plenty of confidence. What followed can only be described as unbelievably bad luck coupled with chronic officiating. The Limerick team proved quite a handful right from the start and our cause was not helped by the fact that our centre half back, Eva Marie Elliott, had to leave the pitch after only eight minutes of play due to an agonising ankle injury. This was frustrating enough but the referee seemed to be determined to get as much use out of his new whistle as possible, refusing to allow any free flow or momentum to build in the game. Any sort of physical contact was deemed a foul and it wasn't long before players started to receive yellow cards. Then a second disaster struck just before half time when an umpire called the referee's attention to an incident he had missed. Allegedly an altercation had occurred between our full back, Lora Smith and their full forward. In a situation like this, it is common practice that both players receive the same punishment but this was not the case here and Lora saw red while her new nemesis escaped even a booking.



Camogie continued

Three points and two Dublin players down at halftime made for a grim prognosis of the second half. However, what followed was nothing short of amazing. The girls found it within themselves to compensate for their bad luck with a trojan effort to draw the sides level and set up a replay for ten days later.

The legacy of the card happy referee from the first match left us with some major reorganising to do. Eva Marie managed to recover but Lora's appeal for leniency fell on deaf ears so Kaitlyn Murphy came into full back, Claire Meehan replaced her in the half back line so Shauna Harte played as a wing forward, pushing Louise Walshe into corner forward. There was a contrast in fortunes in the first half of this final compared to the last as we finished it four points to the good. We augmented our lead by a point early in the second

half but then sadly our momentum screeched to a halt. Doon threw everything their substantial resources could muster at us and overtook us by two points. It was heartbreaking when the full time whistle was blown and there was no hiding the disappointment as tears flowed freely throughout the pink ranks. The girls had given their all in what has been an immense effort but bad luck and excellent opposition colluded to cruelly deny them. Despite not lifting the cup, it was a huge achievement to get this far, a feat recognised at a special reception in the Mansion House. Along with our Lucan rivals and our Dominican neighbours who also made a national final, the girls received high praise from the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin and chairpeople from various camogie authorities. With eleven players about to graduate from our under 19 team, it is

time to look to the future. An extremely dominant campaign by our minor team also ended in bad luck, this time at county semi final level. Our girls had up until then obliterated any team they'd come up against, but facing a strong Portmarnock team without injured Maryfield star player, Ciara Lambe, was never going to be easy. The girls fought bravely and recovered from being nine points behind in the first half to draw level only to see the seashiders pull away again to win by three. Our under 16 team exited at the same stage in their own respective tournament, losing to Castleknock Community College who went on to be defeated by Loreto Beaufort, a team we had managed a draw against when we'd faced them.

Mr. D. Smith





In Memory of Catherine Lavelle

In December 2013 our esteemed colleague and treasured staff member, Catherine Lavelle, sadly passed away. Catherine had retired early from Maryfield in the summer of 2013 due to ill health. In her long career at Maryfield she worked as bursar and also as a teacher of typing and computer skills to senior students until 2005. Her loyalty, discretion and sense of humour are greatly missed. May she rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy to our dear colleague, friend and teacher, Elaine Flynn, on the death of her beloved husband Seán who died on the 29th of January 2014. May he rest in peace.

Art Department

Fashion Show: Junk couture



Badminton

There were plenty of inspiring performances this year by our six badminton teams despite any new additions to our trophy cabinet. The under 19A team drew 3-3 in the Dublin semi final against St. Joseph's of Cluny only to end up losing on points count back. It's the third time this has happened us at the penultimate stage and it never ceases to irritate.

Graduation Day at Maryfield

