



## A Week in the Life of Dominican College

November 2016

### Sports Update

#### Camogie success

On Friday our Year 8 and 9 junior Camogie team, accompanied by Miss McCoy, attended a NEBBSA sponsored Camogie blitz at North Coast Integrated College. Our Year 9 junior team won the tournament and our Year 8 team also reached the final in their section. Emma, Aoife and Sophie are pictured proudly holding the cup. Well done, girls.



Meanwhile Our Netball team continued their unbeaten run with a victory over Ballymoney H.S.

#### Jake Wallace u13 call up for N. Ireland squad

Well done to Jake Wallace, Year 9, who heard last week that he has had a call up for the u-13 NI squad who will compete in an international tournament this weekend in Sunderland. This is a superb achievement for Jake, a central defender, who captained our cup-winning Year 8 team last year and we wish him every continued success. Jake is pictured in his international strip.





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## U16 Gaelic Team

This week both our Under 14 and Under 16 Gaelic teams have qualified for the Ulster championship quarter- finals; this is the first time the school has had a team represented at this high level. The U16 team overcame St Joseph's Derry before succumbing in the quarter – final to Drumragh Integrated in a closely contested match in Cookstown. The boys were defeated by the narrowest heart-breaking of margins- a single last minute point.



Well done to all the members of the team, pictured below. The boys are a credit to the school.

Well done Mr Carey too for his superb coaching and mentoring of the team.

The team deserve great praise:

Colum Lynch, Jack McKenna, Issac Cameron

Chad O'Neill, Lorcan McMullen, Eamonn Devaney

Bart Drozd, Sebastian Kania, Christy Bradley

Alan Thompson, Conor Devine, Eoin Crawford

Logan Johnson, Danny Liken, Dawid Ryczko

Adam Kosinski, Kye Carter-Woods, Ciaran McLaughlin

Our U14 Gaelic team have also qualified for the Ulster quarter-finals- again the first time this age. This team, coached again by Mr Carey and Mr Hynds, have followed in the footsteps in their U 16 counterparts and hope to go one step further by beating St Joseph's Derry next week to go through the semi-final. Good luck boys!

An update on the U14 boys' match will follow next week



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## Rugby trip

More than 50 pupils from all year groups attended the recent Ireland international game in Dublin with Mr Hynds and Mr Carey.



## Art

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November our GCSE and Art students attended the Royal Ulster Academy art exhibition in The Ulster Museum. The pupils used the experience to discuss and discover some of this year's pieces with a view to inspiring and unlocking their own creative talents in their GCSE and A level portfolios.

## English



As the school again prepares for its Readon campaign, our Year 9 pupils along with Mrs Manson have completed their work with our local library in researching their English project. A special thank you to Mrs Margaret Roberts and all the staff of our local library for all their help and support.

Mrs Manson also travelled with her Year 14 Media students to the Belfast Media festival to hear some inspirational speakers.



Year 9 pupils continued to read to succeed in the AR programme.



## History

The school was delighted to welcome a team from Armagh City and Banbridge council to school to host two History workshops on The Normans and WW1. Full article on school web.

## Music

Our choirs continue to prepare for the Carol Service which will be held on the evening of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December in Star of The Sea for friends and families of Dominican alongside the local parish. The school carol service will be on the morning of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and promises to be a highlight of the school year.

## ICT

As our A Level pupils prepare to set off for a special trip to Seagate in Derry, Mr McDaid continues to closely monitor our Year 11 App groups as they prepare for this year's competition.

## Pastoral

Solomon Theatre Company gave a hard-hitting and provocative drama, "Last Orders" on the dangers of alcohol to our Year 10 pupils. Beth Gibb from Action for Mental Health continued her series of workshops on exam stress for Year 11 and 12 pupils.

## School visitors

This week saw the return of some past pupils.

Roberto Biondo left us in 1996 to study History and philosophy in Queens before taking a Masters' degree in Cultural History at Manchester. Following two separate spells of teaching English in China, Roberto has decided to apply to do a PGCE in History and we were delighted to welcome him back to observe the work of the History department.

Tony Wright left us in 1997 and went on to develop a successful career in music, firstly in the very successful post-rock group And So I Watch you from Afar and, more recently, as a solo artist under the name Verse Chorus verse. Tony previewed new material from his as yet unreleased new album as part of the Atlantic Sessions series of gigs this weekend. Tony has agreed, plans permitting, to perform at the Dominican centenary concert in March 2017.





## **Charity**

This year our school SVP group, led by Mrs Willighan and Miss Smyth, are helping co-ordinate the event which will support the work of our local SVP society.

All pupils in form 1-5 must bring in £1 as usual for the annual Toy Appeal. On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of November senior pupils from the SVP group will go around each form class and collect their £1 donations during PD. L6 and U6 pupils have also been asked to donate £1 to the Toy Appeal, this money will also be collected by members of the Senior SVP group during PD on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

Additionally all pupils in Years 8-12 have been asked to bring in an item for the food hampers. This year we are going to trial each form class making a food hamper.

Full article on the web.

## **Liturgical**

Last Week Fr Raymond celebrated a special mass for the deceased members of the Dominican community. Pupils were also encouraged to record the names of their dearly departed on leaves on a special tree of remembrance. Thank you Mrs Gillen for donating the tree and to Miss Rainey for organising the mass.



## **Habitat for Humanity**

Miss Campbell, Miss Smyth and Mrs Leonard will travel to Romania next July with a team of sixth year pupils. Various fundraising initiatives will take place over the coming months. The group are currently selling special Christmas card with all proceeds going to charity.