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# ROSEMONT NEWS

Summer 2019



As another very successful year is drawing to a close in Rosemont, I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents for their hard work and contribution to what has made the academic year 2018/19 a success.

On behalf of all the teachers and staff at Rosemont I would like to wish the girls doing State Exams the very best of luck. You have worked very hard and deserve every success; we are with you every step of the way.

To our full student body, thank you for an academic year which has given so many causes for celebration. Our graduation ceremony for the class of 2019 and prize-giving ceremony is testimony to it all.

To the Student Council who have worked hard throughout the year, thank you. Your introduction of Fun Friday has proven a great addition to the spirit of Rosemont.

Wishing you all the most enjoyable summer break.

## Academic Excellence

### Student Awards 2019

Student of the year	Rachel Bennett 6th yr
1st year Student of year	Katie Nicholson
2nd year Student of year	Maureen Lemonnier
3rd year Student of year	Abigail Sheridan
TY Student of year	Tara Hodgins
5th year Student of year	Isabel Forbes
6th year Student of year	Katie Smyth
Junior student of year	Sophie Galligan
LC student of year	Aoife Healy



Janet Dean  
Principal

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## STEM

### Junior Maths Enrichment Programme in Maynooth University

Rosemont School received an invitation from Maynooth University for our 2nd and 3rd years to participate in their 'Junior Maths Enrichment Programme', which is a 6-week course run by students from the university to help advance students' problem-solving skills. The course was held in the John Hume building on the university campus every Wednesday.

On my first day of the course, we were given a set of cards and were told to make different sets of the cards following some criteria. We were in small groups, which gave me a chance to mingle with others starting the course and make friends. At the end of that class, I had made a few friends and had learned key skills related to solving word problems and forming sets when given set criteria.

Over the next 5 weeks, we learnt about Binary numbers, Algebraic problem solving, Criss-Cross theory and the theory of contradiction by grouping chickens! I found the course really helpful as it improved my ability and speed to solve complex word problems and by talking to the tutors in each class, I also got some information on the route Maths can take in college along with what careers you can go into with subjects such as Pure Maths.

It was a fantastic opportunity and I would recommend this course to anyone who likes a bit of a challenge and would like to improve their problem-solving skills.

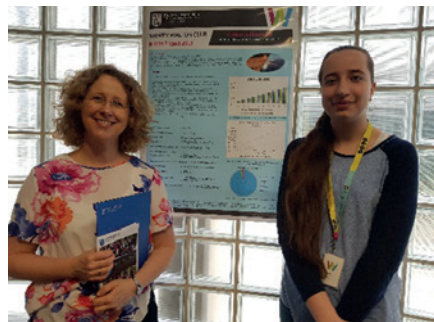
Siddhi Srivastav (2<sup>nd</sup> yr)



## Cool Planet

On Monday the 13th of May the first year students went with their Geography teacher Ms Doyle and science teacher Ms Nesbitt to the cool planet experience in Powerscourt Co. Wicklow. At 10am the tour/experience started. We participated in lots of different activities such as discovering our carbon footprint, playing games, watching videos, we even participated in a pretend game show and lots more. The main idea of the museum is to spread the word about climate change and teach people about it. We all learned so much about how to change our actions to prevent climate change for the best, such as stop using single use plastics and use as much public transport when you can. Overall it was an amazing day out.

Katie Nicholson (1<sup>st</sup> yr)



## TCD Walton Club

Congratulations to Tara W (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr) who has taken part in the TCD Walton Club for this academic year. Her projects displayed in TCD science block, "Is Mars a Planet 2.0? Is Mars habitable and if so how do we prepare it for human life?" and her robotics project, "Robotic Companion" were absolutely fantastic and we are exceptionally proud of her.

## Family BBQ

Despite the weather on annual barbeque in aid of Luaralynn was a great success and the support for students and their families was exemplary. Congratulations to the student body for organising and for raising €2,190.00 for such a great charity.



# Languages Department

## French

This academic year students from First to Transition Year have been corresponding with a school in Paris called Les Vignes. Both schools really enjoyed receiving the letters at regular intervals during the year. In addition, we had a teacher from Les Vignes come to get to know the school better and to work with me to see about setting up language exchanges between the two schools. Watch this space!

In the meantime, some of our students are going to Paris in June for a two-week exchange. As French schools don't close until the end of June they will be able to stay with a family and go to school. I have heard of plans also to pay a trip to Roland Garros for the French Open!

Another first for the French Department was doing the DELF A2 exam in the Alliance Française on April 8th. The Eight students from TY French who opted to do the exam had to do a Listening, Comprehension and Written exam that lasted around one hour and thirty minutes and an individual oral exam with three parts. As well as getting a diploma for this exam it will be a great help for the French oral in the Leaving Certificate which is 25% of the exam.

There is a lot of learning work to be done in any language, French is no exception. With that in mind I have loaded vocabulary and grammar in Quizlet and I would encourage everyone to use it. It is free for students and can be used on any platform and with any digital device. The big advantage Quizlet has is that students can hear the word as well as see it. There are also a variety of ways to learn and students can test themselves while allowing me to see their progress.

I have experimented with Edmodo and put up self-correcting quizzes in vocabulary and grammar also to help the students learn in an active way. Edmodo also welcomes parents to view what's there and to access the student's progress report.

Well done girls and enjoy the break.

Ms Murphy



## Irish

Nuacht ón Roinn Gaeilge

D'oibrigh na cailíní go léir go dian sna ranganna Gaeilge i mbliana. Bhí an chéad bhliain agus dara bliain an-ghnóthach i mbun tionscadail don tSraith Shóisearach nua. Rinne said cur i láthair, fiseáin agus agallaimh. Maith sibh as an obair dhian!

Rachaidh go leor cailíní go dtí an Ghaeltacht i rith an tSamhraidh. Beidh sibh an-líofa ag teacht abhaile!

Go n-éirí an t-ádh leis an tríú agus séú bliain sna scrúduithe. Tá sibh reidh anois!

Bainigí go léir sult as na laethanta saoire!

Everyone worked really well this year, especially 1st and 2nd years who prepared CBAs for the new JC.

Several girls will go to the Gaeltacht and will gain fluency.

All the best to the exam classes.

Ms Brogan

## Spanish

¡Saludos! News from Rosemont's Spanish Department

Greetings from the Spanish Department, where the girls have had an action-packed term.

Most recently, TY students have been busy preparing for the DELE exam. The DELE Spanish Diplomas are internationally

recognised Spanish- language qualifications and are awarded by the Cervantes Institute. The TY girls did the exam on Friday May 24th, and we wish them muchísima suerte!

2nd year students of Spanish worked really hard in term 2 on their Classroom-Based Assessments and produced work of a really high standard, with some wonderful creativity on display!

Five of Rosemont's Transition Year students were lucky enough to spend one month in Senara School on Exchange during the second term. The girls attended school each day and stayed with Spanish families, which really honed their language skills. The highlight of the girls' trip was the time they spent with their classmates doing the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage in the north of Spain leading to the beautiful city of Santiago de Compostela.

After a wonderful Graduation Day, the LC Spanish students are working hard on revision and we look forward to seeing them again in school for their LC Spanish Revision Day on Friday June 14th.

Ms O'Malley





## Business Studies

2018-2019 has been another great year for Business in Rosemont. Our 1st & 2nd years have been working hard on the new Junior Cycle Business Studies course developing a lot of new skills & knowledge. 2nd years have recently completed their first Classroom Based Assessment. They came up with a number of very interesting & innovative product ideas, developing and compiling a Business Plan around these.



Transition Years have been getting to grips with their new subjects of Business & Accounting with some students choosing to go on and study these further for Leaving Cert. They also had the wonderful opportunity of taking part in both the AIB Build a Bank Challenge and the Student Enterprise Awards where their public speaking and teamwork skills were commended.

Senior Cycle students have been studying Business and Accounting at Leaving Cert Higher level. Best of luck to the Leaving Certs who will be sitting exams on both subjects in June. 2019-2020 is set to be another exciting year in the Rosemont Business Department as we introduce our first Rosemont School Enterprise Week.

Well done to all the Business and Accounting students on all their hard work this year.

Ms Delaney

## English

Lemony Snicket, Mildred Taylor, Anna Carey, Roald Dahl, and, of course, JK Rowling, were just some of the many authors discussed by Rosemont Book Club over hot chocolate on Wednesdays in the library.

The English Department is also delighted with the all the work achieved this academic year with the launch of Library Leaders. Watch this space.  
Ms.Kelly

1<sup>st</sup> year poetry competition was won by Ella Moore with her poem Burning Brightly Blue.

### Burning Brightly Blue

The memories flash throughout my mind,  
I'm losing moments I thought would be bind,  
Anywhere I go, there's reminders of you,  
From books, to pens, to paper, to blue,  
An image appears, tears spring to my eyes,  
Of when we played cards, how you were so wise.

Burning brightly blue was all your eyes would do,  
But my heart has been broken from missing you.  
I miss our chatter like babbling brooks,  
I miss the papers, the hugs, the books,  
I miss the walks, the talks, the bloom,  
And the smile that lit up a room.

Everything seems doomed, as your passing it still looms,  
But I'm determined my memories won't fade,  
You are forever trapped in my gaze.

## Debating

### Student Awards 2019 - Debating

**1st year Debater of Year** Elena C G

**2nd year Debater of Year** Niamh B



We had a really successful year with our debating teams. 4 of the second years qualified for the All Ireland finals of the Matheson Mace debating competition. This was out of a student participation of over 600 students nationally. Our finalists were Niamh Boyle, Sabastine Pennington, Karolina Butterly and Nicole O' Brien. They were also well placed in the finals. As they are only second years they are all geared up to participate again next year along with other second year students.

We were also very proud of Hilary, who qualified to represent Ireland in the upcoming world school's debating in August.

In school many first and second years debated topical issues each week. As the year went on so did the skill of the students. Here's to a great year in September 2019!

Ms Farrell

# Music & The Arts



## Art Trip to Collins Barracks – Museum of Decorative Arts

On Wednesday 10th April we visited Collins Barracks and were brought on their 'Highlights Tour'. The tour guide was very friendly, he had a lot of knowledge and we all learnt something new.

While there we went to see the Eileen Gray Exhibition. Gray is a famous Irish architect and furniture designer, this is a permanent feature of the Museum. I saw other exhibits too that are of great benefit to my Art CBA. There was one based on Ireland which displayed furniture and items from the past, it was called 'The Way We Were'. I have included a cottage in my Book Cover design, so I was able to see what a cottage looked like over 100 years ago.

The visit was a great experience I would definitely revisit the Museum as there was still so much we didn't see. Jean Caffrey (2nd Yr)

### Watch out for...

The Summer Show is on at the RHA Gallagher Gallery until August. It showcases a mix of fine art by both very well-known artists and new emerging talent. Always worth a look!

Ms O'Connor

## Music

### Student awards 2019 Choir Student of the Year Niamh Ní Fhoghlú

This has been a big term for the Music department. The Junior and Leaving Certificate all had their practical performances just before the Easter break. The girls shared their talent in a number of informal concerts for friends and teachers in advance of the practical exams, and by the time the examiners arrived, they were well-prepared, and all gave marvellous performances.

These same students, and several other very able singers and performers then took the opportunity to share their talents once again at the Graduation Concert and Mass on Friday, 17th May.

The preparations for choir began 10 weeks in advance of Friday's Graduation Concert and Mass with a choir workshop to introduce the new music for this year's programme. The music class from each year then decided on a musical gift to offer the graduating class, as well as 1st and 2nd year, who performed as a year group. The programme ranged from folk and pop, to classical, and film music and the 6th years, as well as their families and friends greatly enjoyed the performance.

Overall it was a wonderful opportunity to make music, have fun, share the wide range of talents here in Rosemont with parents and friends, and close the year on a celebratory note!  
Ms Mahon

## Coaching

At our 6<sup>th</sup> year graduation ceremony, one of our parents commented, "Thank you Rosemont, my daughter now knows who she is". I was reflecting on this simple yet profound phrase, and I could not but think of all the coaching sessions this student had had with her coach over 6 years of a Rosemont education. The first year settling in as she explored her new school environment, getting to know new class mates, subjects, staff and the curiosity to want to learn and grow, to her final coaching session, a reminder that she had done the Leaving Cert marathon and was now approaching the end of the year, with the encouragement to maintain her pace. This student like all of her class had come a long way to being who she now is and it is this gift that she will share with the world.

Coaching is without doubt a unique space for a student and her coach where a student can engage, grapple, embrace and at times rebel against her personal growth and development. Concepts like ownership for learning, growth mindset, grit and good humour and hard work are all part of this conversation.

This year 2018/19 like other academic years before, we have completed another great year of coaching in Rosemont. Our students from 1st-6th met their coaches regularly and our parents scheduled their term meetings with their daughter's coach. Coaches attended presentations for the coaching programme each term. Topics included communication skills and use of technology. Coaches and staff alike received presentations on the Virtue Programme and how to be even more effective in coaching. This year's virtues were responsibility, kindness and diligence.

Coaching is an essential aspect of the uniqueness of a Rosemont education. Students can flourish as they grow in the sense of their own special combination of talents, capacities and their possibility of becoming the best version of themselves. Not only do our parents appreciate knowing that another adult has their daughters' best interests in mind, but students value the guidance they receive especially in this fast-paced world.

Ms Cassidy

## Student Council

### Student awards 2019 - Student Council student(s) of year Orla Murphy





# Sports Department

## Student Awards 2019 - Sports Student of the year

Junior Sports Student of the Year	Grace O’Kane
Senior Sports Student of the Year	Saidhbh Farrell
Senior Basketball Player of the Year - for her dedication	Emily Dunne
Junior Basketball Player of the Year - for exceptional progress	Lisbeth Mahesh
Senior Netball Player of the Year	Sophia Pennington
Junior Netball Player of the Year	Isobel Gross
Senior Hockey Player of the Year	Wareesha Ahmed
Junior Hockey Player of the Year	Emma Crowe



## Junior Netball Team – Silver Medal Winners

Congratulations to the Junior Netball Team on winning silver medals in the Netball Ireland League. The junior team, made up of 1st and 2nd year students, played two rounds of the league during the academic year. The team have trained extremely hard and had just one defeat during qualifying rounds to secure their place in the final.

The team played Drogheda Grammar School in the final, the game was extremely close with 14-14 score line with just 10 minutes remaining. The team gave it their all in the last remaining minutes and were narrowly defeated. A fantastic achievement for all the players involved and good luck in next year’s league.

Ms Mercer

## U16 Kildare Camogie Players – Leinster Championship Journey

“We started off the Leinster Championship with our first group game against Wicklow, which we won. Our next match was against Laois, which we narrowly lost. In order to get to the Leinster semi-final, we had to beat Westmeath in the last group match, which we did. We faced Carlow in the semi-final, it was a close game but unfortunately we lost by just one point”.

Eimear S (2nd year) & Saidhbh F(TY)



Alexandra A, Camia R, Maria H and Cassie H

## Green Schools Committee

**Student awards 2019**  
**Green Schools Student of year**  
Emma Hobson

### Green School Clean-up

“Ireland is amongst the top performing EU countries in terms of municipal waste recycling” -Epa.ie

On Monday, the 29th of April 2019, the Rosemont Green Schools Committee held a ‘Green School Clean-up’ in and around the school. The objective of this event was to clear our school of any unwanted rubbish and irradiate the exigency of separating our waste and cleaning up after ourselves.

The event kicked off at 3:20 and ran till 4:00. The 1st years were cleaning the downstairs rooms, the downstairs corridor and the atrium. The 2nd years were scouring the hockey pitch and tennis courts and the 3rd years were in charge of the upstairs corridors and classrooms. The 4th years were making sure that the school driveway and the school entrance was spotless. The 5th years were polishing up the balcony leading off the fire exit stairs and behind the school and the 6th years tidied the P.E. hall and changing rooms.

Thanks to this clean-up, an innumerable amount of lost property eventually resurfaced and was saved from being discarded. In addition to this, numerous bags of rubbish were collected and disposed of. It was a great chance to socialise while cleaning up!

Hopefully, it has been an eye-opener and has taken us one step closer to Rosemont saving the planet.

By Nabeeha Malik (1<sup>st</sup> yr)

## Green Flag Award

On Tuesday the 21st of May 2019, Emma Hobson (6th Year, Head of Green Schools), Grace Bradley (3rd Year), Sarah Fitzsimons (2nd Year) and I along with Ms. Doyle made our way to The Helix on the DCU campus representing Rosemont to collect our first Green Flag. This was for litter and waste and we as a team have been working incredibly hard over the past couple of years to be awarded with it.

We took pictures with mascots, were given talks by the council for Green Schools and were taught many new things about preserving the environment and actions we as students can make. Then we made our way to the main stage to collect our certificate and Green Flag. Overall it was a fun-filled day and a great experience for everyone that went. The school and the rest of the Green Schools team are so proud to receive our flag.

Isabel Forbes (5th Year)



## The School Talent Show

The school talent show organized by the student council was held the 7th May. The prefects promoted the idea of the talent show during prefect assembly and gathered the names of people who wanted to take part. We were informed if any of the participants needed any backing tracks or musical equipment. On the day, the student council set up all the microphones, speakers and any other equipment needed. The talent

show began, and the school was very excited. The atmosphere was electric. We had an array of talent and our three judges came to a decision about the winners. The final decision was made and the 4th years came a very close second to Maureen in 2nd year who won. Well done to Maureen and all the participants!

Abigail S

## Rosemont Development

Rosemont's Inaugural Gala and Auction was a great success! Over 180 parents, past parents, past pupils, staff, and friends of Rosemont enjoyed the lovely March evening, reconnecting to support Rosemont's educational mission!

Keynote speaker, Alain Rolland, entertained all of us with stories from his rugby career while also highlighting the importance of family and values.

The online auction and raffle were great fun and we raised over €8,000 with your help!

The success of this year's fundraising efforts allows us to upgrade our technology by adding a suite of tablets to our IT equipment for classroom use. By Rosemont providing an in-house tablet supply, we can continue combining established best teaching practices with the focused use of technology while avoiding additional costs for families.

Congratulations to our 3rd year parents who had the highest Gala participation rate! The 3rd years won a pizza and film afternoon!

Save the date for next year's Gala: Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Ballsbridge Hotel!

## Note from Head Girl

As the end of the school year approaches with many looking forward to the summer break... we spare a thought for those who have state exams.

Looking back on the year, a standout highlight for many was our trip to Italy including the spectacular cities of Rome, Pompeii, and Sorrento. Whilst we visited many unique and famous sites such as Mount Vesuvius, Sistine Chapel and the Ruins of Pompeii the fun we had and friendships built made the trip even more memorable.

Our other annual events such as the BBQ, the talent show and the musical Alladin all reinforce our culture at Rosemont of development, engagement and activities for all.

Finally we wish the best for our 6th year class of 2019 and for all to have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Grace Meaney, Head Girl



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## Student Awards – 2019

### School Spirit Awards

<b>1st Year</b>	Eve Rafferty • Holly Fleming • Isobel Gross • Katie Nicholson • Valentina Padilla • Olivia O'Driscoll
<b>2nd Year</b>	Eimear Stirling • Sabastine Pennington • Jean Caffrey • Maureen Lemonnier • Isabel Arigho • Anna Pollard
<b>3rd Year</b>	Abigail Sheridan • MaryAnne Aherne • Zoe Ferguson • Aimee Gross • Niamh Ní Fhoghlú • Grace Bradley • Jessica Disney
<b>TY</b>	Isabel Reisz • Sofia Pennington • Justine Barcoe • Sarah Johnson • Saidhbh Farrell • Ellen Molloy-Murphy • Tara Hodgins • Ruth Arigho
<b>5th Year</b>	Isabel Forbes • Grace Meaney • Caoimhe O'Driscoll • Megan Dunne • Rebekah Dunne • Marcela Espinosa
<b>6th Year</b>	Hannah Clarke • Stephanie Healy • Ursala McDonnell • Orla Murphy • Katie Smith • Emma Hobson

### Ownership of Learning Awards

<b>1st Year</b>	Olivia O' Driscoll • Ella O'Leary • Nabeeha Malik • Katie Nicholson • Holly Fleming
<b>2nd Year</b>	Maureen Lemonnier • Jean Caffrey • Alexia del Moral • Aoibhinn Roche • Ida Kim • Matilda Short • Wareesha Ahmed • Grace O'Dwyer • Eimear Stirling • Alejandra Acedo • Siddhi Sriastav • Kaci Ma
<b>3rd Year</b>	Siobhan Black • Mary Anne Aherne • Keelin Doheny • Sophie Galligan • Aimee Gross • Abigail Sheridan • Zoe Ferguson Niamh Ní Fhoghlú
<b>TY</b>	Tessa Barry • Amy Mc Hugh • Rachel Glennon • Kate Brown • Sofia Pennington • Tara Hodgins
<b>5th Year</b>	Sara Reisz • Ruth Farrell • Alexandra Pahomi • Isabel Forbes • Grace Meaney • Megan Dunne
<b>6th Year</b>	Rachel Bennett • Faye O' Brien • Emma Hobson • Grainne Mc Donnell • Ursala Mc Donnell • Rhona Doheny

