



Ursuline College Sligo



NEWS BULLETIN – 19/03/2021

Key updates and information for parents/guardians, staff & students

Green Council



Spring has sprung in UCS. Green Council 5th and 6th years Zara, Amanda and Yagmur planting courgettes, carrots, onions and radishes in pots and in the raised beds. Our trusty rhubarb never fails to make an appearance growing happily in the compost from our own compost bins. Great work girls!!!



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Transition Years

It's been a busy week for our TY students as they enjoyed musical workshops with Vanessa and a Haircare workshop with Ann O Reilly from RoutineHairdressing. They covered: Best Hair Practices, Cuts, Colour, Diet and Treatment etc. – handy hints for taming our lockdown manes!!!

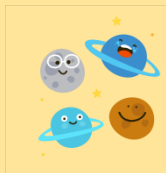




Our TY Student Enterprise classes took part in the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) this year. The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) is a cutting edge, world recognised, youth entrepreneurship education and development programme. It is managed and provided by Foróige in Ireland. There are only 2 categories in the Sligo county finals and two of our student enterprises came first in both categories - Anna Clarke and Anna Callaghan won 1st in the County Sligo finals for the Business category and Fiona Karki won 1st in the County Sligo finals for the Innovation category. These girls will be taking part in the NFTE national semi-finals in April. Congratulations girls on your wonderful achievement and good luck in the next stage of the competition!

Science

While studying the Solar System, our Junior Cycle students were asked to make a 3D model using only items they had at home. As always, their creativity and ingenuity was on display. Thank you to Sophie Quinn 1A and Georgia Scott 1A for their colourful projects. These are just a



sample of the wonderful work being done by all of the students during online teaching and



Just a gentle reminder....

The School Transport Scheme supports transport to and from school for children who reside remote from their nearest school. The scheme is operated by Bus Éireann on behalf of the Department of Education. Applications for Primary or Post Primary School Transport Schemes must be made [online](#). The closing date for applications is the last Friday in April (30th) for the forthcoming School Year.

COVID-19 update

The school community continues to work together to build a safe teaching and learning environment for all. Thank you to our 5th & 6th years who have returned to school safely. They have followed all of the strategies put in place and have adjusted wonderfully to help prevent the spread of Covid 19.

We look forward to building on all the hard work our students have done during remote learning so that further progress can be made in the weeks to come.

***"We are not in the same boat,
But we are all in the same storm!"***



learning. Simply out of this world.....keep up the great work!



St Patrick's Day

While our National Day of celebration was very different this year, festivities continued in UCS. Students were engaged in a whole range of activities commemorating our unique heritage and culture – everything it means to be Irish. Transition Year students wrote poems in honour of this and below is a sample of their work.

Aoife Hayes 4B, composed this poem, titled “I Love Green”

The green on the trees, the green of the
grass and the green on the floats and
dancers that pass,
On the day of the shamrock, the day of
the Irish.
Where people will march in honour of their
heritage.
I love green.
On the rainbow especially.
Green is Irish.
Green is my family.



And thank you to Claire Keegan 4D for this beautiful verse.....

As the marchers start marching,
Lambs start jumping.
We all eat bacon and cabbage.

It's one day a year,
we all laugh and cheer
as a wave of green approaches.

It's a celebration of Saint Patrick
with a huge sea of traffic
accompanied with laughing and magic.

Keep an eye on our social media pages, where you will find more poems and pics celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

Trócaire

Lenten Campaign 2021

This year Trócaire's Lenten Campaign focuses on exploring the impact of conflict on families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. The campaign focuses on Awut and Ajak, two women brought together by the horror of war. Their solidarity is an example of what Pope Francis talks about in his recent encyclical, **Fratelli Tutti**. At a time of great uncertainty and fear, it reminds us to always work together to protect the most vulnerable.



In Religion and CSPE classes, students have been working on activities to raise awareness about the difficulties in South Sudan – designing Trócaire boxes and campaign posters. Thank you to all of our students who are working so hard to raise awareness and make a difference - Our school ethos in action – Well done everyone!

Friday Feels



*“The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse”
By Charlie Mackesy*

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