

# Blackrock College Newsletter



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*"Is tú mo mhúscailt aiteasach ar maidin,  
Is tú an phaidir bheannaíos mo luí;  
Is tú mo chré, mo aspalóid, mo Fhlaitheas,  
Mo Cháisc a chinntíos dom mo Aiséirí."*

as Liodán Earraigh le Tomás Ó Floinn



## Easter 2013

Dear Parents

**Frs. Leman** and **Ebenrecht** could not have foreseen, when they built the Blackrock College Tower, how the four saints they chose for this '**symbol of the uplifting vision provided by a Christian education**' would inform the week following this year's St. Patrick's Day. **St. Patrick** is up there of course as is **St. Peter** whose successor, **Pope Francis**, takes up his Petrine ministry. At his Inauguration Mass on the **Feast of St. Joseph** (who is also above the Quadrangle), **Pope Francis'** homily offered rich reflection for all who care for young people. **St. Joseph, Pope Francis** told us, was to be "the custos, the protector". In **St. Joseph**, he saw those qualities we ought to bring to our privileged task: presence, fidelity, loving care, receptivity and sensitivity, a readiness and willingness to serve guided by God's will.

**"Let us protect Christ in our lives so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation".**

We look to **Pope Francis** for fresh impetus, a new spirit. He, in turn, challenges us. **"We also have to keep watch over ourselves ... over our emotions, over our hearts, because they are the seat of good and evil intentions; intentions that build up and tear down! We must not be afraid of goodness or even tenderness".**

This half-term has had many highlights, the fruit of good intentions of the heart, to build up our school community. Our 67th Senior Cup victory will be recalled for the resilience and determination of the Squad who never gave up. A talented J.C.T. added the 47th Cup completing a 24th Double. The success of our Choir at the Wesley Music Festival was a fitting tribute to the cultural excellence within the College; the 5th Year Family Mass, Addiction Awareness Day, Week for Sacrament of Reconciliation, Willow Wheelers visit to Ethiopia and the Aidlink – Goal St Patrick's Day project provided evidence of our faith in action; Seachtain na Gaeilge, Environment Awareness Week and the visit of our Senior Soccer Team to St Bede's were amongst an extensive range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activity that provided our boys with the encouragement to live life to the full. **Goodness, Tenderness, Caring, Presence, Truthfulness.**

**Pope Francis** reminds us that authentic power is service; that Catholic education is about the cultivation of the habits of the heart. The Easter mysteries confirm us as more than a philanthropic NGO. The story of **Jesus'** passion, death and resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. It confirms **God's** love for us and is a celebration of the triumph of love over hate, of life over death and provides the assured hope that the Kingdom of God will prevail.

Pope Francis concluded his homily by referring to this hope as proclaimed by **St. Paul**, the great missionary and fourth saint of our Clock Tower. **"The hope that we bring is set against the horizon of God, which has opened up before us in Christ. It is a hope built on the rock which is God".**

Finally, I thank you all - our Spiritan Community, my colleagues, parents, pupils, past and present – for having the confidence to share your goodness and tenderness. May the **Spirit of the Risen Lord** continue to inspire all that we do.

Yours sincerely

**ALAN MacGINTY**  
Principal



## Second Year



### Application Cards

The Second Year boys have now completed a short but very full second term in the College. Each boy should look back at his Application Cards over the term and congratulate himself on those areas he repeatedly did well in, and resolve to tackle those areas which may have been highlighted for improvement. Parents should continue to ask their son each Monday what standard he achieved on his Card from the preceding week – this encouragement is a vital part on each boy's progress.

### Parents' Events

Two seminars for parents of Second Year were organised this half-term, the first being a very well attended talk for fathers only. It was given by Mr Owen Connolly, a family counsellor, who spoke of the importance of the father – son relationship in a boy's maturing. The second talk was given by Ms Claire Healy, of the Trinity College Anti-bullying Service, a most informative presentation on the topic of cyber-bullying. We thank the Second Year Parents' Committee for arranging these seminars.

### Activities

Although Ash Wednesday took place during the mid-term break, the boys were given the opportunity to attend a Reconciliation Service in the College Chapel on their return. Each service was lead by a Religious Education teacher and facilitated by

clergy from the Spiritan community and neighbouring parishes. Seachtain na Gaeilge also took place this half term, with the boys enjoying treasure hunts and other fun activities.

### House Competitions

The House Cross Country competition was won this year by Chris Aylward, with Robert Sheedy coming second and Mark Dignam a close third. The House Art competition was won by Matthew Hally, and the House Table Tennis was won by James Kelly, just beating Charlie Fitzgerald in a nail-biting final that was attended by a large and vocal number of Second Year boys. The final term will see the conclusion of the Chess competition and the beginning of the Draughts competition, amongst others.

### Sports

Well done to Peter O'Reilly and Andrew Murphy, members of our Junior Cup squad, and to the Second Year boys who participated so successfully this half-term in table tennis, basketball, hurling, cross country and many other sports. The level of participation in clubs, societies and the whole gambit of extra-curricular activities by this year group is to be complimented.

## Third Year



Addiction Awareness Week was marked in Third Year by short talks to groups of 50 boys.

Drug and alcohol addiction were highlighted as areas of great concern, including the real and tangible damage caused to the development of the brain of teenagers by same. Excessive time spent on facebook and the possible negative impact on academic performance was the theme of one of the talks, which also gave plenty of food for thought.

Third year boys responded wonderfully to the appeal for Hats, Socks & Gloves for the Young Social Innovators class in Transition Year. The items collected will be available for distribution on their Friday evening soup run. Hopefully some of the current Third Year boys will continue this very worthwhile service next year.

Thanks to the Parents committee a most enjoyable Dinner was held in Killiney Golf Club on March 1st. As we go to press this is due to be followed by a most interesting talk by Mr Gerry Hussey, a leading sports psychologist. Areas due to be covered are goal setting, teamwork, exam preparation, dealing with setbacks and confidence building.

On our return after Easter there are **37 class days** remaining, providing a very real opportunity to consolidate gains made during the second term and for tangible remediation work to be carried out if or where necessary. In order to derive the maximum benefit from the final term we appeal to Parents to insist on receiving each of the remaining 7 weekly cards every Monday evening or the Tuesday in the case of the May bank holiday weekend.

It has been a very exciting and fruitful term on the sporting field, with the JCT squad

bringing the Junior Cup back to Blackrock for the 47th time. Congratulations to Jay Mion and his team on their great achievement. The Cross Country Team contested the All Irelands where they finished in a highly commendable 7th and the Table Tennis Teams are currently performing very well in multiple Leagues and Cups.

Stephen Rooney, David Fenn and Conor Cowhey have represented the College in Debating and Shane Fenelon and Ross O'Reilly were members of the "TRAD" Group who performed for a visiting school from Denmark.

Finally Sean Hassett represented Ireland in a Modern Pentathlon European competition in which he was placed 14th overall, with the Team finishing in 4th place.

With a long final term ahead it is really important that the Year Group commit to the extra-curricular activities available which will include Tennis, Cricket, Cycling, Athletics, Soccer Leagues and an inter school Gaelic Blitz.



*Hugo Burke, Richard Dunne & James McGowan in JCT final vs. Belvedere*

**Date for Diary**- Very important Parents' Conference **Wednesday May 15th @ 7.30pm** dealing with the subjects and choices available for **Leaving Certificate 2016**

## Transition Year



### WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT: LARGEST HUMAN SHAMROCK

This year marks the 25th St Patrick's Day badge campaign. To mark the occasion, we felt we should do something extra special and applied to the *Guinness Book of Records* for permission to set a world record by forming the largest human shamrock.

On March 6th at 11.00 a.m., under an ominously cloudy sky, first year students from Willow Park joined forces with our second, third, fourth and some fifth year students to form a gigantic shamrock. A total of 815 students, wearing bottle green t-shirts (kindly sponsored by *Irish Items* and Coady's Architects) were directed to different parts of the shamrock which miraculously took shape before our very eyes.

The *Guinness World Records* guidelines for the record attempt were very rigid. Every aspect of the operation had to be filmed, documented and photographed. Boys were stewarded by their teachers, counted by means of a clicker system, all under the watchful eyes of timekeepers and stewards.

The record attempt involved a huge amount of behind the scenes work. I am particularly indebted to Mr Brian Herlihy who invested a huge amount of time, thought and energy into making this event a reality. I would also like to thank my colleagues who helped with the stewarding, filming, organisation and many other aspects of the record attempt. Their support was very much appreciated. The architect Donal O'Donohue who designed and calculated the measurements of the







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shamrock did a fantastic job. I am very grateful to the College's superb maintenance team under the leadership of Fintan O'Connor. Their professionalism, patience and skill resulted in a very complex event running like clockwork.



Largest Human Shamrock

Special thanks also to the Transition Year Record Attempt committee who took ownership of this record attempt and did trojan work in order to make it a success. The publicity team, guided by Mr MacGinty and led by Maurice Buckley, William Trueick and Jake Warde, was responsible for the great press and media coverage we received. I am very grateful to several Transition Year parents who helped on the day: Mr Patrick Cowhey was one of our official witnesses; Mr Paul Warde's *Phantom* helicopter took amazing footage of the event while Ms Orna Cassidy took some wonderful photographs. Having such excellent visual documentation will add to the quality of the material which will be submitted to *Guinness World Records* as part of the required data for our world record claim.

Our record attempt was witnessed by some special guests, including Father Norman Fitzgerald and Mr Brendan Flood (founders of the original St Patrick's Day badge project), the CEOs of GOAL and Aidlink and Mr Ruairi Quinn, Minister for Education and Skills.

I have very special memories of this extraordinary day in the life of Blackrock College. Probably the most abiding one is my sense of the school community really coming together to participate in something very special. There was a tremendous atmosphere of excitement and fun in the school. I doubt if any of the boys involved will ever forget the day they were part of the world's largest human shamrock. Once again, a thousand thanks to everybody who helped us. All that remains now is for Guinness World Records to ratify our record attempt. Fingers crossed!

## GOAL/AIDLINK ST.PATRICK'S DAY BADGE PROJECT

The largest school fundraiser in the country looks like it is going to be a great success again this year. The boys have worked with great enthusiasm and energy in the hope of raising a significant amount of money for GOAL and Aidlink. They have also shown tremendous initiative in setting up a Paypal online account to promote and sell badges overseas. Over 170 students were involved in the project. They visited primary and secondary schools, approached businesses both in Ireland and abroad for support and distributed over 150,000 badges nationwide.

On Friday 1st March, twenty Transition Year students put in a very long, but productive, day selling badges in the Dundrum Shopping Centre. They raised ?1,100. A fantastic achievement! Well done to them and many thanks to Mr Luke O'Toole who supervised the collection throughout the day.

The culmination of the campaign was a city centre street collection on March 14th and 15th when shoppers were bombarded with a shamrock charm offensive. Special thanks to Mr and Mrs Anwar-Hameed (parents of Amir) who very generously made a shop unit in the St Stephen's Green Shopping Centre available to us as a base during the collection days.

## LOLLIPOP DAY

More than fifty Transition Year students participated in the annual Lollipop Day collection on 22nd February. The money raised is in aid of the Oesophageal Cancer Fund. The boys were great ambassadors for the Charity and looked very fetching in their pink caps.

## TRANSITION YEAR LECTURE SERIES

The lecture series continued this term with lectures on *Addiction Awareness Day* (21st February) whilst on February 26th, Fr Peter McVerry gave a truly inspirational talk on the subject of homelessness. This talk linked in very well with the current Y.S.I. project on homelessness. Fr McVerry is a great communicator and his openness really impressed the boys. The lecture series will continue next term.

## YOUNG SOCIAL INNOVATORS

The Transition Year YSI group would like to extend a big thank you to all those who contributed to their *Hats, Socks and Gloves Day* on 26th February. The day was a huge success as we collected well over a thousand items of winter clothing. We have started handing these out on our Friday night soup runs in the city centre. Especially in the cold weather, this makes a huge difference to the people who are sleeping rough in the city. It has also been an extremely rewarding experience for the group and has really opened their eyes to the issue of homelessness on the streets.

Seventeen boys from the YSI group presented their project, *Ending Homelessness: Real Change not Just Spare Change*, to a panel of judges in the Helix last week as part of the YSI Annual Speak Out. The event was attended by students from sixteen other schools, as well as teachers, family and friends. The results of the day will not be released until early April. However, if successful, the group will be asked to present their project at the YSI Annual showcase in May of this year. We wish the guys the best of luck in this competition and hope that it will be a launch-pad for their goal of ending homelessness nationwide.

## FAITH FRIENDS

24 students have just completed the *Faith Friends* programme with the Confirmation class in Willow Park. The boys trained with Ms Orla Walsh over 8 class periods since the 8th January. They then led teams of 6th form pupils through their preparation for Confirmation on February 23rd. The boys' commitment to the programme ensured that they made a deep impression on their young charges. The students involved will receive Faith Friends certificates in a special ceremony in Kimmage Manor in May. Six of them have applied to do the *John Paul II Awards* based on their involvement with *Faith Friends*. This is our fourth year working on the *Faith Friends* programme. Many thanks to Ms Orla Walsh, Mr Myles Ryan and Mr Terry O'Reilly for making this important initiative so successful.

## DRAGONS' DEN

The entrepreneurial spirit has been very much in evidence amongst this year's Transition Year students in preparation for the forthcoming *Dragons' Den* competition which will take place next term.

## IRISH ORALS

Irish orals were included in the TY Easter exam timetable again this year. From 2012, the weighting of marks for the oral component of the Leaving Certificate Irish exam will be **40%**. This is a significant increase in marks and underlines the importance of oral fluency in Irish. By including an oral component in the Irish exam this Easter, we are alerting students to the vital importance of improving their fluency.

## SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Seachtain na Gaeilge was once again a tremendous success this year. We were delighted to invite the Transition Year students from Sion Hill to join us for our annual Céilí. Needless to say, a great time was had by all.

Many thanks to Ms Anne Payne for her tireless and enthusiastic organisation of a truly fantastic week of activities.

## STUDYING EUROPEAN LANGUAGES ABROAD

Some Transition Year students might be planning to work on their European languages next term by spending time abroad. Please notify the Dean in writing if your son is going to be away next term. If your son is likely to miss his Portfolio Assessment at the end of term, please ask him to schedule an appointment to do his Portfolio Assessment in advance of his departure.

## COLLABORATION WITH ST JOSEPH OF CLUNY

Five of our Transition Year students Brian King, Gavin Coll, Jonathan Crooks, Lars Jager and Ronan Turner made a big impression when they performed in the recent St Joseph of Cluny show *Back To The 80s*. Featuring classic hits from a vintage pop era, the boys really entered into the spirit of the show and performed with gusto. We were delighted that St Joseph of Cluny invited our students to audition for their show.

## COLLABORATION WITH MOUNT ANVILLE

For the fourth year running, our Transition Year students have been invited by Mount Anville to participate in their end of year show. This year the girls are staging a fashion show on April 25th (possibly 24th also, depending on ticket sales). The show will encourage and promote the goal of community and should be as big and as exciting as the *SUCH* show was in the past.

### Categories

- Recyclable material
- Fashion in the future (2050)
- Occasion wear



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- Local shops/Casual wear
- Fashion through the ages (50's, 60's, 70's)

After each category, there will be a form of entertainment (dance). Depending on the number of categories our students are involved in, there might be 30 – 40 boys involved in the show.

## GAISCE

I would like to remind parents that students need to collect Gaisce confirmation forms from my office and return them to Mr Kehoe by the end of April so that he can process their Gaisce documentation. This year, we have a record number of students involved in Gaisce. They will receive their bronze awards on their last day of term (May 29th)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- Trip to China 2nd - 10th April
- Transition Year Work Experience 15th – 19th April
- Modern and Classical Languages Week 22nd – 26th April
- Fashion Show in collaboration with Mount Anville 25th April
- 2nd and 4th year show will be staged 29th April – 2nd May.
- Summer Concert 9th May. **Please note change of date from that printed in the official calendar.**
- Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela (Camino). 4th – 11th May
- Music, Art and Drama (MAD) Week - 7th – 10th May.
- Master Chef Competition – mid May
- Transition Year Day of Reflection – 21st May
- Portfolio Assessments – 27th and 28th May.
- Class ends for Transition Year 29th May.



# Fifth Year

## Lent 2012

Father John Kilcran CSSp. (Class of 1966), a member the Spiritan provincial leadership team, was Chief Celebrant at the Fifth Year Family Mass. He told the gathering that the most important journeys in life are not measured in miles or kilometres but are the learning experiences we accrue from thinking of others and providing a shoulder to lean on. The journey of life helps us to remove ourselves from the centre of the agenda and reach out to others. A cheque for ?3,000 was presented to Mr Greg Stratton, Director of SPIRASI by Ted Collins. This was the proceeds of the 24-Hour Fast organised by the 5th Year boys earlier this term.

## Rugby

Zach O'Hagan, Jack Power, Tristan Brady, Dillon Coghlan, Sean Kearns, Nick Timoney, David O'Connor, Jack Dwan, Jeremy Loughman, Dane Fitzpatrick, Cian O'Dwyer and Evan Holland were all part of the SCT squad that defeated St. Michael's in the Final of the Leinster Schools Senior Cup on Monday the 18th of March. We congratulate them and we are all very proud of them. All house rugby teams have been busy this term as the Leinster Leagues commenced. The house seconds were extremely unlucky with losses to Belvedere and Clongowes and unfortunately will not proceed further in the competition.

## Model United Nations

A delegation of Fifth Year pupils represented Blackrock at the Wesley College Model United Nations on the 22-23 February 2013. They represented Iran on a number of different UN committees: Michael Feely: Environment, Conn McCarrick: Political, Kevin Heavey: Economic and Social, Jonathan Hunter: Human Rights and Jack Hanrahan: Health and Youth. An emergency resolution submitted by Iran was overwhelmingly passed at the General Assembly level. In recognition of this, and of the boys' high standard of public speaking, they were awarded the 'Best Delegation Award' for the conference. This is a fantastic achievement as over 500 delegates from around Europe were in attendance at the Conference. Conn McCarrick received a Highly Commended Delegate award, while Kevin Heavey and Jonathan Hunter were commended in their respective Committees. I thank Mr Conry for his facilitation of this wonderful opportunity. The boys now look forward to representing Myanmar at the Saint Andrews International MUN over the Easter Break!

## Comhairle na nÓg

Michael Feely and Conn McCarrick are busy at work with the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Comhairle na nÓg. The Youth Council are planning to host an event for Young People in the constituency before the summer. Other recent highlights include; a presentation to the joint- Oireachtas Committee on Education and Social protection and an interview for the Irish Times.

## Debating

Congratulations to Conn McCarrick who has qualified for the Semi Final of the Leinster Schools Debating Competition. This is Leinster's most competitive and prestigious debating competition. Commiserations to Kevin Heavey and Niall O'Sullivan who were unsuccessful in progressing to the latter stages of this competition.

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Fifth Years took part in many Irish-themed activities during Seachtain na Gaeilge in March. Early in the week, students competed in the Poc Fada and Cic Fada and the winners were given prizes. There were also performances from some of the year's musicians. Students also wrote and starred in their own films as *Gaeilge*, which were shown later in the week. Prizes were given to actors, writers, cameramen and editors. Many thanks to Ms Payne and the Irish Department, who organised a great week.

## Fifth Year Parents' Association

On Friday 8 March, parents of 5th Year students attended a social evening in Elm Park Golf Club. It was a very enjoyable and well attended evening and many thanks to the 5th Year Parents' Association who organised the event.

## Addiction Awareness Day

On Thursday the 21st of Feb the 5th years were given a series of presentations on the dangers of alcohol and drugs. The group was very fortunate to have a very high calibre of speakers including Kevin Deering: a retired Garda who specialised in the National Drug Unit, Dr. Conor Egleston: An A&E medical consultant in Drogheda, Dr. David Brophy: a Consultant Radiologist in St. Vincents Hospital, and Detective Sergeant Brian Roberts who is the national advisor on the Garda Drug Unit. Each 5th year student sat through two detailed presentations on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Initial feedback from the groups has been hugely positive particularly raising awareness about the choices we make and the consequences that follow them. *"Opportunity may only knock once, but temptation leans on the doorbell..."*

## Rowing

The Blackrock College rowing team has made great strides this term, with many 5th year students showing an impressive commitment to the programme. They recently competed in the Ern Hor, in Eniskillen. The team are turning their focus to the school championships, which will take place in Cork in April. However between now and then there are still the Trinity regatta as well as the Dublin and Skibereen Heads of the river, the next one being the Dublin head of the river on the 23rd of March. A big thanks to the coaches Laura Gannon and Mark McShane for their ebullient training and support.

## Wesley Inter-schools Music Festival

Congratulations to all 5th Years who participated in the 36th Wesley Interschool's Music Festival. The choral competitions were held on Friday 1st March. The Leman Choir received "Highly Commended" for their performance of "Adoremus in Aeternum" and the Libermann Choir won first prize in the Unaccompanied Vocal Ensemble with their performance of "Prayer of the Children". Congratulations also to: David Roper-Nolan, Luke Fitzpatrick who received 1st Class Honours, and Jonathan Ng who received highly commended in the Solo Singing Popular Division and Ross O'Leary who took first prize in the Over 15s Rock Guitar competition. Well done to all other participants!

## Swimming

In February the swimming team competed in the Leinster Swimming Competition. The relay team won the bronze medal with Harry Lawlor, Frank Vaughan and Paul O'Dea. During this competition 5th year students Frank Vaughan and Paul O'Dea also achieved their personal best 100m time.

## Football

Two teams made up of 5th and 6th year students had the privilege of travelling to Manchester for a match against St. Bedes. The boys flew off on Friday 8th March for a two day trip. They played against St. Bede's school. They also got to watch the 5th round FA Cup match, Man City against Barnsley F.C. They returned on Sunday afternoon

Meanwhile in the Millennium Cup, the A team have won their first match against Belvedere College 3-1, with goals from Robert Byrne, Ross Butler and Tom Curran. The B team are still waiting to play their first match but will have plenty experience after the trip to Manchester.





# Sixth Year



## Lent 2013:

While Ash Wednesday fell during mid-term this year, during the season of Lent sixth year students were presented with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to support both the Trocaire Lenten Box and GOAL Badge Campaigns, both of which focused on relieving poverty in India. Many thanks to Mr. Myles Ryan, Fr. Hyacinth, Mr. O'Reilly and the RE teachers, Ms. Nulty and the Transition Year students for providing opportunities for the students to celebrate the comfort of and to reflect on the challenge of their faith.

## Lectures:

Since mid-term the year group have been addressed by Oisín McConville, the Armagh GAA star, who told the students the story of his life as a Compulsive Gambler (Feb. 19th) and by Judge Catherine Murphy who outlined in a very clear manner how young men can end up in difficulty with the Laws of the State (Feb. 28th). Many thanks to Mr. McMahon, Ms. Sweeney, and the 6th Year Parents Association who made both of these most informative and well received forums possible.

## Extra Curricular Activities:

**Rugby:** We congratulate Charlie Rock and the SCT on their wonderful victory over St. Michael's on March 18th. All four Castle rugby teams had a very successful term and at the time of going to print the Castle 4ths were preparing for The Forster Cup Final. We wish them well and at the end of the Castle rugby season we thank Mr. Savage, Mr. T. O'Brien, Mr. Fawsitt, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Sullivan for all of their work with the Class of 2013.

**Cheerleading:** We thank also the sixth year cheerleaders, under the leadership of Ryan Conlan, Dylan O'Reilly, Ray Crotty, Shane Kelly and Michael McDermott, who have given unselfishly of their time and energy on behalf of both Cup teams this season. The support in the stand at our Cup matches this season, (particularly in the last 15 minutes of our SCT semi-final), has been a testament to their enthusiasm and creativity and we wish this group well for both finals too.

**Music:** There was a strong 6th Year representation at the Wesley Inter-Schools Music Festival on March 1st and 2nd. We offer particular congratulations to Andrew Cullen, Cathal Dunne and Simon Leonard who were members of the Libermann Choir that won the Marathon Cup for 'Unaccompanied Voice Ensemble' for the very first time. Other performance of note included Patrick Keegan in the O15s Rock Guitar category and Cian Godfrey in the O17 Solo Singing Popular.

**Pool:** In a most exciting final of the 6th Year Inter-House Pool Tournament, Conor Scally (McQuaid) defeated Daniel O'Byrne (DeValera) on the final black of the final frame. Many thanks to the House Representatives and students involved for the smooth running of this tournament during Term 2.

**Soccer:** On Friday March 8th, our senior soccer squad under the captaincy of Sam Walsh travelled to Manchester for the annual fixtures between Blackrock and St. Bede's College. In the first XI game, Blackrock went down on penalties after a 1-1

draw while our second XI lost 2-4 despite leading 2-1 during the second half. We thank the sixth year students who travelled for their service to Senior Soccer in the College over the last two years.

**Table Tennis:** Congratulations to Jack Donnelly, Mark Doyle and Daniel Webb who are strongly placed to win the Leinster League this season. They will also represent the College in the Leinster Schools Cup finals next term and we wish them well in that.

**Olympiad:** Tim Sheedy, Shane Kelly, David Kelly, Conal McCluskey and Conor McCabe have all qualified for the Linguistics Olympiad final to be held in DCU on March 20th. We wish them well and in particular congratulate David Kelly who has already finished 3rd in the Senior Chemistry Olympiad. Many thanks to Ms. Nolan and Ms. McGee for facilitating these academic opportunities.

**Gaelic Football:** We congratulate also Neil Gorey who was a member of the Kilmacud Crokes team that won the Minor A Dublin Football Championship on Sunday 3rd February, defeating St. Sylvesters of Malahide by two points in the final.

## 6th Year Parent's Association:

The Parent's Committee is continuing its excellent work with much creativity and effort being directed towards fund-raising for the trip to Kenya this summer. The DVD committee would welcome any video material which parents might like to submit for inclusion on the Class of 2013 disc. All items for inclusion can be left at reception in the College. Finally, the Graduation Committee is working hard on the planning and organisation of the Graduation Lunch in the Pavilion in Leopardstown.

## Mock Orals:

When the students return from Easter Holidays on April 8th, a week of mock oral examinations in Irish, French, Spanish and German will take place. These mocks will present the students with a most valuable opportunity to prepare for the State Orals which begin on the following week, April 15th. Many thanks to Ms. Fitzgerald for her organisation of this timetable.

## Important Dates for Term 3

**Tuesday 7th May**  
**Sunday 12th May**  
**Sunday 19th May**  
**Saturday 25th May**

**6th Year Parents Conference @ 7.30pm**  
**Sports Day @ 2pm**  
**6th Year Graduation Mass @ 12noon**  
**Academic Prize Giving @ 10.30am.**

As the sixth year students approach the final term, they should rest assured that they can make significant academic progress in these final weeks and that there are support systems and help available to them within the College in the run up to the Leaving Certificate. We wish the Class of 2013 all the best with these final preparations.

# Halls of Residence



The Boarding School has had a very busy term in all aspects of school life as a boarder. It has been a very positive and enjoyable experience for all concerned and we are all looking forward to returning to our families for the Easter Break.

The following activities are taking place throughout each week: Public Speaking, Wednesday evening Mass in the Oratory, Boarders' Choir, Boarders' Book Club, and Boarders' Cookery Class for 5th and 6th years. Thanks to all the adults who help organise and oversee the continued success of these activities.

A number of Boarders made their confirmation alongside Willow Park School, it was a fantastic service celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. It was wonderful to see so many Parents and Guardians travel from overseas particularly from Spain to witness their sons' confirmation.

The Wesley Music Festival followed the following week and a number of Boarders were involved in the winning Choir (1st time in the Colleges history), as well as in the College Orchestra (Tim Crowley, Robert Murphy, Ian Leavy and Lorcan Brophy), who

performed to a Highly Commended level, Well done to all the boys involved.

Sports wise, it has been a very busy term for our Boarders, we have representatives on most teams from Senior Cup Team to the Under 13 C's to the 2nd Year Basketball Team. We wish all our boys' all the success and fulfilment in their upcoming competitions.

We extend a special word of congratulations, to Oliver Jager and Jeremy Loughman, on their recent selection to the Irish Schools Rugby Team.

The 6th Year Boarders' mothers had a wonderful lunch in the Seapoint Restaurant in Monkstown, we would like to thank Mrs. Julie Crowley for her organising of the event.

Thank you once again to all the Castle staff for their sterling work throughout the year. The Castle is a vibrant and wonderful environment due to the attitude of enthusiasm and care that both the staff and boys have for their home.



## Commerce & Economics Society

On Tuesday 19th of February, the Commerce and Economics Society was delighted to welcome Mr Don O'Callaghan and Mr Garret Coady to Blackrock College. Don is the Vice President and General Manager of Tech Group Europe and Garret is the CEO of Bluebridge Technologies. They are both in the pharmaceutical industry and they specialise in further processing medical equipment.

They gave an overview of their career to date, outlining the necessary components for a successful business and explaining how a successful multi-national corporation functions. The underlying message was to never ever give up and always give everything 100%. The boys were rewarded a very important message and a useful insight to the business world. We are delighted that Mr O'Callaghan and Mr Coady gave up their time to be with us.

# Pastoral Care Programme



This year Ash Wednesday fell during mid-term but Sixth Year students who were taking advantage of study opportunities in the College, were facilitated by Fr. Hyacinth's visit to the Study Hall with ashes for distribution. Our Lenten tradition of offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the school was maintained with services lead by RE teachers and Confessors drawn from our Spiritan community and priests of the Diocese. We are grateful for their support.

The Faith Friends programme, begun in January, drew to a close on the Monday of our return when the TYs made their concluding visit to Willow Park. The Willow boys made their confirmation on Saturday 23rd of March and five of the 'Rock boys, representing the whole group, participated. Ms. Orla Walsh expressed enthusiastic satisfaction with the participation of all the boys. As last year some of them intend to use this experience as part of their contribution for the John Paul II awards.

The Pastoral Placements continued with 26 boys acquitting themselves with much appreciation from the centres they visited. After a six class preparation they are clear as to their role and the attitude they are expected to adopt. It can be a very challenging two week placement but the boys benefit greatly from the reflection that inevitably coincides with their contribution.

Preparation for Camino Pilgrimage continued. The boys due to travel to Spain in May were introduced to their chaplain for the Way of St. James, Fr. Marc Whelan, when we walked the first practice trail as a group. No casualties! Tomorrow the second trial beckons around the Hill of Howth and back through the Bog of Frogs. Let's hope the snow stays away.

Work has begun on next September's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Once again Blackrock has been invited to bring 6 Leaving Cert. boys to assist the sick pilgrims. Applications have been received and interviews completed. We await word on the final selection.

Addiction Awareness Day organised and run by Ms. Siobhan Sweeney and Mr. Conor McMahon took a new format on Thursday 21st February with a variety of speakers and topics covered in different years. This is the second year we have had this worthwhile event, provoking questions and discussion aimed at empowering students to make wise decisions and avoid entrapments that have potential to destroy lives. A very valuable day!

Sunday 10th March, the Fourth Sunday of Lent was the occasion for the celebration of the 5th Year Family Mass. The theme of Family linked nicely with the celebration of Mothers' Day, while the Lenten theme suited the presentation of the proceeds of the 5th Years' sponsored fast in aid of Spirasi. In attendance was Mr. Greg Straton, Director of Spirasi, who expressed his appreciation of the ?3,000 raised by the boys. Fr. John Kilcrann, a member of the Provincial Leadership Team, (and a past pupil) acted as principal celebrant. In his homily he drew parallels between the journeys of the Prodigal son and the elder brother and our own Lenten and life journeys. The boys won many congratulations for their obvious preparation and participation.

This month of March holds much promise in the days ahead. We pray for the Irish Church as we celebrate the feast of St. Patrick; we pray for the Universal Church as the Vatican conclave selects a successor to St. Peter. And we pray for each other that the beautiful Paschal Liturgy encourage the light of Easter grow stronger and brighter in our hearts.

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



David Kelly, David Lynch and Tim Sheedy (6th year students) were entered for this year's National Science Olympiad competition. Congratulations to David Kelly who came joint third and won a Bronze medal at the event.

To develop their science project skills second year students are presently working on a project for an internal Scifest competition to be held in the College during the final term.

There will be a prize for the best project in each class group, and then prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Second year in a final overall competition.

Running parallel to the internal competition, there is a regional one taking place on the 14th May in the Blanchardstown Institute of Technology.

The following students have entered their projects:

### Group Projects:

Tom Dowdall and Oisín Kavanagh: "To compare the different ways to heal a muscle." Jack Crowley, Dylan McCarthy, Ricardo Mei: "To investigate whether plants grow in artificial light only."

Cian Reilly and Jack Stacey: "To show the effects of long periods of screen-time on eyesight."

Peter O'Reilly, Patrick Patterson, and Luke Powderly: "To investigate the effects of Helium filled rugby ball."

Conor Byrne, Johnny Devlin, Rory Linnane: "To investigate the growth of plants with

other liquids apart from water."

Ross McCann and James Kelly: "To investigate the changes in the Irish beef market."

Louis Manahan, Hugh O'Carroll: "How and why does food go stale?"

Alan Francis, Liam McNeill, Mark Rolland: "To investigate the use of profanity in the reduction of pain."

### Individual Projects:

Chris Aylward: "The effect of temperature on battery life."

Jack Caffrey: "To investigate alternative energy resources in Ireland."

Roy Finn: "Why does toothpaste and orange juice make your mouth feel funny?"

Patrick Haugh: "Making cheese with different types of milk."

John Heavey: "An investigation into how a boat is prevented from rocking."

Mark Heavey: "To investigate the effect of Bernoulli's Principle on aerofoils and other shapes."

Shane Holohan: "Hand eye coordination vs. Hand touch coordination."

Mark O'Connor: "Investigation of the effect of music on endurance running."

Marcus Ryan: "Do sports/energy drinks affect how you play FIFA 13?"

Robert Somers: "Can sporting performance or physical activities (e.g. jumping) be affected by a placebo?"

We wish them every success in their endeavours.

## Seachtain na Gaeilge



Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl ón 4ú go 8ú Márta i mbliana.

Bhí atmaisféar iontach timpeall na scoile i rith na seachtaine agus bhí a lán daoine gníomhach ins na himeachtaí éagsúla a bhí á reachtáil. Bhain gach duine idir scoláirí agus mhúinteoirí ard taitneamh astu.

I measc na n-imeachtaí bhí ceardlanna damhsa le Brónach agus d'éirigh léi buachaillí nach ndearna 'steip' de dhamhsa Gaelach riamh a chur amach ar an úrlár agus iad a chur ag damhsa go paiteanta. Fuair na foghlaimeoirí céanna deis a gcuid céimeanna a chleachtadh ag an gcéili in éineacht le cailíní Cnoc Sióin. Ócáid bhliantúil is ea anois an cluiche peile idir daltaí na hIdirbhliana agus na múinteoirí. Bhí an bua ag na múinteoirí arís i mbliana ach bhain gach duine an-spraoi as an gcluiche agus níor gortaíodh aon duine!

Bhí go leor imeachtaí taitneamhacha eile ar fáil. Má bhí daltaí le feiceáil ag dul timpeall na scoile agus na dtailte le billeoga páipéir, ní ag fánadóireacht a bhí said ach ag obair go dian dícheallach ar an tóraíocht taisce a bhí bunaithe ar stair agus ar threolaíocht na scoile.

Bhí tráth na gceist, comórtaisí poc fada, cic fhada, taispeántaisí ceoil agus scannán ar siúl chomh maith. Míle Buíochas le Roinn na Gaeilge as na himeachtaí go léir a eagrú dúinn.



Comórtas Peile - Múinteoirí vs. An Idirbhliain



# Leman & Libermann Choirs



The scope of the College's musical talent is truly staggering and it's difficult to overstate the choir's contribution to this.

At the beginning of the year, the Libermann Choir qualified for the Leinster finals of the All Ireland School's Choir competition in Drogheda, an event that was televised on RTE. Though they didn't receive first place, they were highly commended nonetheless. Both the Libermann and the Leman choir would continue to turn heads in the months that followed for their uplifting performances at the Helix, Spiritan Youth Day and at the School Carol Service.

Indeed, the combined efforts of the Leman and the Libermann choir were central to the success of the Leman Concert in January. Many will agree that this year's Leman Concert was one of the very best. In particular, the Libermann Choir's arrangement of "Prayer of the Children" would go on to win 1st place at the Wesley Feis 'unaccompanied vocal ensemble' competition this month. In addition to the Libermann Choir's cup winning success at the competition, the Leman Choir were highly commended for their arrangement of the Latin chant "Adoremus".

It's been a very busy and fruitful year for the choirs but it's not over yet. Right now they are practising for their next big competition in the Navan Choral Festival which will be followed by the Summer Concert in May. Utmost determination and commitment will be **re-choir-ed** for the exciting months ahead!



Wesley Feis winning Libermann Choir  
with Ms U O'Kane and Ms P O'Connor

## Careers & Counselling



All Leaving Cert students have now submitted a CAO application. A number of 6th years have also submitted their portfolios for relevant courses like architecture, art and design while others applying for music and drama related courses are awaiting auditions. As well as this some students have applied for scholarships in a range of different third level institutions. CAO will also allow students to use the Change of Mind facility from May 6th until July 1st 2013 at 5.15pm. With this facility students can change their course order as well as adding in new courses to their course lists. However, students cannot add in restricted courses at the Change of Mind stage. There is also a Late Application deadline to CAO of May 1st 2013. The message to all CAO applicants, even in these challenging economic times is still to apply for third level courses which are of interest to them and consequently they will be motivated to engage with these courses and find satisfaction and success.

Twenty six 6th year students have also made DARE applications this year. As well as this another twelve 6th year medicine applicants sat the HPAT test on March 2nd. These students will receive their results of the HPAT in late June.

A number of Leaving Certificate students have firmly accepted offers through UCAS in Great Britain. Others await final offers through UCAS.

Open days continue for Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses and a number of students have submitted applications for these courses. There are an ever increasing number of PLC courses, Level 5 and Level 6 FETAC on offer at present. Exciting opportunities are available to students when they do a Level 5/Level 6 FETAC course, which allows them the freedom to progress to Level 7 and Level 8 on the National Qualifications Framework. This progression can take place from one college to another or to a university. If a student receives a level 5/6 FETAC award he can use the result in place of his Leaving cert results. It is very important for all students to understand this progression and its implications. Further information is available from the career counsellors in the college.

At present many 6th years are busy completing field studies in Geography, research documents in History and Religion, notebooks in Home Economics as well as practical exams in Art, Construction Studies, Design and Communication Graphics and the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme. These students find it comforting that they have already completed work worth 20-40% of the Leaving Certificate examination in particular subjects.

Eleven 6th year students competed in the first round of the All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad last month with five qualifying for the final in DCU on March 20th. This is a contest in which students develop their own strategies for solving problems in fascinating real languages from around the globe. Students must use their ingenuity to solve puzzles such as deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphics; interpreting Tenji, the Japanese equivalent of Braille; and writing the names of football teams in Chinese. No prior knowledge of linguistics or a second language is required: even the hardest problems require only logical ability, patient work, and a willingness to think around corners. The goal is to develop students' problem solving skills and to inspire them to consider the fascinating range of careers at the intersection of language, linguistics and computing.

On March 6th five students from the college participated in an Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training day in St. Andrew's College. Students participated in a range of activities and obtained certificates on completion of the day. It is hoped that these students will play a leadership role and engage with college staff to successfully counteract bullying.

Counsellors in all year groups continue to monitor the academic attainment and extra-curricular involvement of all students in the college.

## Sport



Our Senior Basketball squad represented the college in the All-Ireland play-offs this term. The first match against Avondale was a close-fought affair throughout. Without playing extremely well, Blackrock were always in control. Avondale had one physically imposing forward who was more than matched by Shane Kelly (6th Year) who put in a superb defensive performance. David Lynch, Captain (6th Year) made the difference on offence. Coláiste Bheantraí, winners of the South Munster Competition were the next opponents. In one of the squads best performances this season and with only a 10-minute break, they took on a fresher St. Munchin's side and led 15 - 2 at the end of the first Quarter. Pride and spirit saw Blackrock contest the rest of the match but the deficit could not be made up. St. Munchin's went on to win the Championship.

Congratulations on our 2nd Year Basketball team as they qualified for the East Leinster Semi-Final beating Pobalscoil Neasáin 28-24. Pobalscoil Neasáin dominated the first and second quarters and led at the halfway stage, 8 - 15. The 2nd Year squad went on to play Ashbourne in the Semi Final winning 30-27. It was a real to and fro battle for the entire match but 'Rock kept their nerve for a hard-earned but deserved victory and East Leinster Final.

The Blackrock College SCT continued their Leinster School Senior Cup campaign with a victory over Kilkenny College in the Quarter Final 22-8. Kilkenny were tough, hard working and very well organised. Fortunately for Blackrock, Captain Charlie Rock (Sixth Year) and his squad did more than enough to pull through to the Semi

Final against a strong Roscrea. The Semi Final was a high-octane, high-drama encounter, which went our way - just! Roscrea were an excellent side where great physical presence aligned with skill, both individual and unit, almost won the day. In acknowledging this, we pay tribute to our boys as their never-say-die spirit turned around a 9 - 20 deficit in the closing 10 minutes. Congratulations to Captain, Charlie Rock (6th Year) and his squad on an extraordinary comeback. A deep resolve won the day. Blackrock College would now face St. Michaels in the Final of the Leinster Schools Senior Cup at the RDS.

Congratulations to Charlie Rock (6th Year) and his Senior Squad on bringing back the Cup to 'Rock for the 67th time. *Resilient* is the best word to describe this remarkable group of young men who never knew when they were beaten. As in the semi-final, with 10 minutes to go, it seemed all was lost as a multi-talented and disciplined St. Michael's side dominated possession and seemed to be in control of the game. We capitalised on a St Michaels error and followed it up with a surging solo run, retention of possession through phases and classic back play for a try in the corner. This historic movement is described anonymously because this has always been about the team/squad, not individuals. A special mention must go to the deserved coaching team of Mr. Smyth (Class of 1995), Mr. Savage, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Toomey and Mr. Harm Jager for their endless hard work with this special group of Leinster Senior Cup winners.



# Sport



Jay Mion (3rd Year) and his JCT Squad kicked off their Cup campaign with a solid victory over Gonzaga in the Quarter Final of the Leinster Schools Junior Cup 32-10. It was a game in which the squad showed glimpses of its potential and lined up a Semi Final showdown with St. Michaels at Donnybrook. In the Semi Final St. Michaels, as is their proud tradition, proved to be excellent opponents and competed to the final whistle. The Blackrock College JCT ran out 20-3 winners, scoring 3 tries through Nick Gleeson, Stephen Kilgallen and Caelan Doris (all 3rd Year). The JCT would now look forward to what promised to be an epic Leinster Schools Junior Cup Final against Belvedere College. The Leinster Junior Cup Final lived up to all expectations with JCT Captain Jay Mion (3rd Year) leading home his team in a tight, hard fought, physical encounter 17-10 at Donnybrook. Belvedere battled hard and made it very difficult for a spirited and well drilled Blackrock College who defended their lead proudly in the dying minutes of the game to hold on for a well deserved victory. Congratulations to coaches Mr. Vanstone, Mr. Lambled, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Toomey and Mr. Harm Jager who prepared the squad for the campaign and 'Rock's 47th Junior Cup. The Junior Cup win over Belvedere College meant Blackrock College would celebrate their first Senior and Junior Cup double since 2006 and the 26th Cup double in the College's proud history.



JCT squad, winners of the Leinster Schools' Cup

We congratulate Captains Sam Walsh (6th Year) 1st XI and Cormac Stafford (5th Year), 2nd XI and their Squads on the way they represented us in Manchester, on and off the field, last weekend. On the field of play, St Bede's won both matches: the 1st XI fixture was decided on penalties after Tom Canavan (5th Year) had scored an excellent equaliser to secure a 1-1 draw; our 2nd XI led 2-1 mid- way through the second half with goals from Peter Murnane and Ben McCluskey (both 5th Year) only for St. Bede's to finish strong and secure a 2-4 victory.

A large group of athletes qualified for the second round of the School's Cross Country Championships. The event got off to a great start with Willow Park finishing in 2nd Place and, therefore, being the first to qualify for the All-Irelands. Mark Dignam (2nd Year) was the sole representative of the Junior Team since he was the only qualifier from the East Leinster's. He had a fantastic race but failed to finish in the top 15. The Intermediate team who, after an extremely tough 4.5 km race, finished in 3rd Place secured their place in the Finals. Luke McCann (3rd Year), their Captain, lead the team across the line finishing in a fantastic 7th Place with Christian McKenna (3rd Year) close behind him in 13th. Unfortunately, the Senior Team were not placed high enough in this round to qualify. The Finals will be held in the University of Ulster, Jordanstown.

Our Intermediate Team travelled to the All Ireland Championships, Captain Luke McCann (3rd Year) managed to finish in an impressive 14th position and the team finished in a very respectable 7th overall.

Table Tennis continues to go from strength to strength. The Minor A continue the defence of their Leinster Double of 2012 and are through to the Leinster Premier League semi finals and Leinster U13 Cup quarter finals following wins over St. Michael's, High School, St. Fintan's and Baldoyle N.S. The team is made up of Captain Charlie Fitzgerald, Rhys Hennessy, Oisín McEnroe, Louis Murphy, Kevin O'Donnell and Mark Rolland (all 2nd Year). The Junior A Team, following victories over St. Fintan's, Gonzaga and Salesian, are on the cusp of their 3rd Leinster Premier title in a row and are also through to the Junior Cup Quarter-Finals. Junior A are made up of Sam Hardiman and Captain Geoffrey O'Connor (both 4th Year), Laurence Shields and Sam Totterdell (both 3rd Year). The Junior B Team are also closing in on a top 2 finish in the League, with only their own A team likely to finish ahead of them. Victories have been recorded over Coláiste Éanna, Salesian College and Gonzaga in the league, putting the Blackrock Junior B into a commanding position. The team is made up of Captain Tim Maguire, Rory Murphy and Bernard O'Sullivan (all 3rd Year), Stephen Campbell and Kevin McCabe (both 2nd Year). Blackrock Junior C have won Division



Charlie Rock and the squad with the Leinster Schools' Cup

2 of the Leinster Schools League, the 8th Division 2 title in 11 years for Blackrock, with a perfect 24 - 0 record, recording wins over Castleknock, St. Fintan's, Belvedere and St. Tiernan's. THE JUNIOR C TEAM was made up of Stephen Campbell, James Cronin, James Dowdall, Captain Kevin McCabe and Des Roche (all 2nd Year). Blackrock Junior D Top Division 3 of the Schools League, with one remaining match to play against Deansrath, having recorded victories over St. Paul's, Coláiste Eoin, High School and Castleknock. The team is made up of Conor McShane and Andrew Robinson (both 3rd Year), Andrew Houton and Mark McCarthy (both 2nd Year). Finally, The Senior A go into their final league match against St. Fintan's with a 4th successive Leinster league title almost in their grasp, topping the points table comfortably, and also through to the Leinster Senior Cup Finals Day for the 6th season in a row. Senior A are made up of Captain Jack Donnelly, Mark Doyle and Dan Webb (all 6th Year), Andrew Campbell and Stefan Kelly (both 4th Year). Congratulations to Captain Hugh Kenny and the U14 (2nd Years) Hurling Team who won a hard-fought battle against Old Bawn C.S by a score of 2 - 7 to 1 - 6. Hugh led from the front putting the Old Bawn defence under huge pressure throughout the game. Patrick Patterson and Brian O'Doherty worked tirelessly to help take the pressure off 'Rock's defence. Midfielders Barry Hudson and Jack Stacey never stopped running from start to finish both making important scores to keep 'Rock's lead. Goalkeeper Mark Phelan was very accomplished in goal pulling off two important saves during a time of Old Bawn pressure. Hard work by Nacho Rodriguez led to 'Rock breaking down an Old Bawn attack and within twenty seconds a long ball by Barry Hudson was brilliantly flicked on by Kyle Murray into James Moriarty who scored the goal that killed off any chance that Old Bawn had of winning. All players deserve a pat on the back after this victory.



Jack Power about to touch down for SCT vs. Gonzaga

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## 5K ROCK RUN

### Inaugural 5K Rock Run

**Sports and Family Day - Sunday 12th of May 11am - 3pm**

Student Races - Parent and Child Races - Past Pupil Races - Mothers Fathers Sisters Brothers Aunts Uncles and Friends Welcome to walk run or Crawl !!! Money raised will go to the Union Mission Fund who assist charitable works throughout the world and the Sultan Hamud School Project.

Rolling starts - Turn up register and complete a timed run. Fastest on the day will win!!

Suggested Entry fee:

- School Boy / Girl €5
- Adult €30
- Parent & Child Race €30
- Family €60

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