

1st Year

First years have had a great year. They have been working hard since Christmas, academically, on the sporting field and in lots of other areas. The girls have been busily working on their archive projects and we look forward to seeing the results of their labours very soon. All first years attended a tree planting ceremony in February when a copper beech tree was planted to mark Catholic Schools Week. We will watch it grow and mature alongside the girls in the coming years. First years have been a great support to fund raisers during the year, especially the Lourdes Fund, by not only buying but also bringing in cakes for the recent Cake Sale. In March the girls attended a quiz at St. Michaels and, while having an enjoyable evening, helped raise €1300 for the Hope Foundation.



2nd Year

Early in February, one of our 2nd years, Georgia Collins, suffered the tragic and unexpected death of her mother, Lynda, herself a past pupil of Muckross. This sad event had a major impact on all her year, and indeed on the school.

But all was not grief and sadness. There was a very successful workshop on cyber bullying and a presentation promoting mental health for young people, followed by a concert by Keywest, an up and coming band. Out of school, Jill Byrne and Georgia Collins got to meet Justin Bieber, which caused great excitement.

3RD Year

Since Christmas, the focus of 3rd year has been on their first state exam. They had many study skills classes as well as a seminar hosted by Ms. Ní Choileáin, in January. Mock exams took places in February with overall very pleasing results.

In March, 3rd year student mourned with tremendous dignity and respect the untimely death of their dear classmate, Aisling Crowe - ar dheis Dé a hanam. Following this, the girls raised €350 for Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children. Their retreat took place in early May. It was a day of reflection, thought, prayer and song.

4th Year



We started off a good year with our production of 'Oliver' in late January. The play was a success and the girls had a lot of fun getting to know the Marian boys!

Not long after, we started our Dublin Culture Week. Learning about Dublin and seeing the sites was very interesting and we would like to thank Mr. McArdle and Mr. Maloney for organizing the whole thing and putting up with our bad punctuality.

Our trip to Munich was the highlight of our year! All of the girls really bonded and we grew closer as a year. Visiting the Salt mines and Dachau were the most interesting parts of the trip while making Australian and Canadian friends was one of the best

memories!

Although we weren't granted a Fashion Show, our table quiz with St. Michaels College was a success and we all had fun.

We've also enjoyed the smaller things we've done during the year. For instance, our flash mob is going well and our guest speakers have been great.

We've had a ball this year and we hope next year isn't too much of a shock.



5th Year

It has been a very busy year for 5th years academically and well done to all our 5th Years who had so many sporting successes this year.

5th years showed their musical talent on numerous occasions throughout the year including their performances at the Helix, at the Wesley Feis and the Muckross Glee Club's debut at a school assembly. The success of the 5th Year French debating team continued in the New Year but they were knocked-out in the semi-final. Well done girls you did yourselves and Muckross proud.

Muckross Park has a long tradition of letting 6th year pupils go to help out in Lourdes. There was a huge interest again this year from the 5th year. Congratulations to those who were selected.

Next year, in addition to our Head Girl there will also be a Deputy Head Girl and 25 Senior Prefects. The girls attended a Leadership Seminar Morning before they submitted their applications. 5th years then selected 4 girls who will be interviewed by a panel for the position of Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl.

During the Easter holidays the 5th years took a well deserved and very successful trip to Paris for 4 days with 10 of their teachers. A very big thank you to Mr. Breslin for organising the trip and to the teachers who accompanied the girls.



6TH Year

6th years were welcomed back from Christmas holidays with a pizza party in January. It was thoroughly enjoyed although a few tears were shed watching 'The Lion King'.

The whole year went to see Hamlet in December and 'An Trial' in February, just before the mocks. The great results were celebrated in the mock party, organized by the 4th/5th years. (Many thanks.)

It wasn't long before the Pre-Debs, which took place in City West in March. The girls had a great night!

But it was back to work before the orals in March and the project work deadlines in April.

The girls got a break from studying on Sports Day, taking part in lots of team games. The highlight of the day was winning the staff vs. 6th year's hockey match 2-1.

They are looking forward to their graduation night on Friday 27th May. There will be a mass in the chapel followed by a reception in the school.

Best of luck in the Leaving Cert. We hope all your hard work will pay off!

Leaving 6th year

It's the beginning of the end for us all in 6th year. As we prepare for our graduation mass we can't help but think back to the beginning of 6th year where we walked in, knees trembling, awaiting our different expectations for the oncoming year, as well as our futures further ahead.

It's been a year full of hard work, laughter and friendship. We've all grown closer throughout this year than we have at any other time.



Of course none of us feel like we've filled our black jumpers, but as I take a look at my fellow 6th years, I see how much we've all grown from what we used to be in 1st year. We all know the school inside out and we'll be sad to see the back of it.

We're in the process of choosing our graduation song, a song we feel defines our departure and the presence we've had in the school. Soon we will be receiving our rings and bidding farewell to our fine teachers, some of whom have taught us for the whole 6 years.

There's been laughter and some tears, many of which were caused by the Unspoken Exam, but I would happily consider this one of the best years I've had at Muckross, despite the study, study, study.