



Summer
2017

Monaghan Collegiate School

“Have a great holiday” - message from Mr. Reid



One of the tricks of ageing is the acceleration of time and more significantly moaning about its passing. This year I will confess to succumbing to the temptation to moan as I feel that the past year has flown. It has been a very busy year with lots of opportunities and challenges for all of us.

The challenges facing young people in a complex and uncertain world are increasing. Which subject will they choose, what course will they do after school, where will they study, what can they afford to do? So many questions so few answers, increasing the stress fac-

tor.

Yet when one reflects on these questions they are quite similar to those of the previous generation even stretching back to my time. While without doubt these things cause stress it would appear that they are all manageable with the support of the parent and the help of the school.

What appears to cause more stress is relationship based stress, fitting in with others, feeling included and feeling valued, their sense of self worth. It is very important to us that no young person feels excluded or marginalized. As you read through our Newsletter, I hope that you

get a sense of a dynamic, inclusive, and child centered; a school where young people are given opportunities to express themselves within the boundaries of respect hard work.

It is a tall order to capture the spirit of such a school in a few short pages of the School Newsletter. I think when you read this edition of the Newsletter you will agree that our young reporters have done a very good job in conveying that sense of being really alive and relevant, while remaining true to the natural style and language of the young.

Finally let me wish you and your family a very pleasant and peaceful summer.

Table Tennis— All Ireland School Champions



Monaghan Collegiate School celebrated Table Tennis success on the 10th of March in the Lisburn Racket Centre. The under 15 girls won their matches in their category and progressed to the all Ireland finals in Dublin. The under 15 boys came runners up in their category. The under 13 boys came runners up in their category.

At the Dublin finals, the girls played really well and beat all of the competition to be crowned **All Ireland Champions!**

The school is very proud of each pupil and their successful teams.

By Joshua Keating

Welcome and Farewell



Pictured: Above top, Welcome, the incoming 1st year group classes 1M & 1C

Above centre, Farewell, the outgoing 6th year group

Above Left, Farewell, Brendan and Margaret Kelly Above Right, Farewell, Elaine and Padraig Ward

Student Enterprise



On Tuesday, March 7th, a number of Monaghan Collegiate School students took part in the "County Enterprise Awards" at Monaghan Institute of Further Education and Training. Having generated their business ideas early, the students had built up their enterprises over the last few months, participating in successful school events including the annual MCS "Sale of Work" in November and our school "Christmas Fair" in December. Each of the students involved took on various roles within their teams, from marketing to production and finance to public relations. As the competition approached, students devoted their time to completing

in the county finals.

On the day of the final, each of our teams represented our school with great pride and thoroughly enjoyed their business outing!

In the awarding ceremony, we experienced great success, with "Drone Media" in the junior category, the mini company run by both Daragh McGuinness and Joshua Hill, winning the Social Media award. This team had a large number of viewings of their drone video clips online, of Monaghan and the surrounding areas. Another successful Monaghan Collegiate School team was "Bake-in-a-Jar", the mini company formed and run by Transition Year students Rebek-

ah Greer, Megan Smith and Kerri Dickson. This successful team, with their innovative business project, to make baking easy for everyone, stands for their mini companies

They now progress to the National Finals in Croke Park where they will compete on May 3rd.

The management, staff and students of Monaghan Collegiate School would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those involved in this local enterprise initiative. Particularly we would like to acknowledge the efforts of our school teams, congratulate both of our successful teams who were awarded prizes and extend our best wishes to our senior team members, Rebekah, Megan and Kerri who are progressing to the national finals in May! It is certain to be another enjoyable entrepreneurial experience for our winning team!

International Day is an event held annually in the Sports Hall of Monaghan Collegiate School. It is a day for all the international students of the Collegiate to represent their countries and give everyone else a chance to see other cultures. International Day was held on the 15th of March 2017. Each country had its own stall which displayed things like food and clothes to represent where they are from. There was a service on the day which each of the students had a chance to tell us about their culture and their country. As well as the international students, the Irish students also were able to play a role on the day.

We had four Irish dancers, Megan Allister, Jordan Pratt, Molly Greenan and Estelle Lambe. They went in two groups, Molly and Estelle were up first and then Megan and Jordan. They danced very well and added some of the Irish culture to the day. The American team who had been working closely with 1st Monaghan Presbyterian

Church also joined in on the day by teaching the school choir and the school band a song for the service. Bethan Hill and Lynsey Forde performed a song called 'I will wait' by Mumford and Sons but they decided to sing it in Irish which made the song a lot more fitting for the day. They were accompanied by Kamon Mc Guire and Lauren Allister with their instruments; the box drum and the guitar.

Every year one group is decided as a winner for the best stall. This is based on their stall and how well put together it was, how much they helped others learn about their country and also how well they presented when they gave us a talk about their country during the service. This year we had the pleasure of Theresa Pratt, who was one of the people on the American team, to choose the winning country. Theresa chose Mexico as the winning country which they definitely deserved.

Overall the day was very successful and all the students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the day. It

was very interesting for us to see other countries and their cultures.



Winning stall Mexico
Students Herbeth, Jose, Sara & Jimena
pictured with invited guests

CSPE Action Project

By Jane Hill

As part of their CSPE course work, Form 3 had to do an Action Project. For their Action Project they held a dessert day, 'D-Day', on the 17th October 2016. Students were allowed to wear a pink or blue T-shirt or tie instead of their school uniform, if they paid €1. They were also able to have a dessert for €5.

D-Day was held to raise awareness of our local cancer charities, Crocus and Monaghan Cancer Treatment Support. A representative from both charities was invited to speak at D-Day, to tell the students what their charities did. Both representatives spoke at assembly. All money raised was divided between the two charities and this money was presented to them at the school Carol Service. In total over €2800 was raised, along with awareness of our local cancer charities.



Muscular Dystrophy Ireland

Pupil Ben Norry organised a t-shirt day for pupils within the school. On the day everyone was given the opportunity to wear a T-shirt (for a small fee!) and received a cool treat all in aid of Muscular Dystrophy Ireland. A grand total of €455 was raised and Ben is pictured being congratulated by Mr Reid for all his hard work.

Carrickmacross Cancer Society

The staff annual Christmas Jumper day was this year slightly different than previous occasions. Organised, promoted and managed primarily by Joshua Keating in 4th Year. He gathered together a team of students who requested that this years Jumper day be expanded to the whole school community. This was in order to raise funds for Carrickmacross Cancer Society who had provided invaluable assistance to a family within the school at their time of need. A grand total of €1265 was raised on the day and presented by Joshua, friends and members of the family to the charity.



Junior European Champion



For the third year in a row June 2016 saw the European Pipe band & Drum Major Championships held in Forres in the far north of Scotland where thousands of competitors would participate in various events watched by somewhere in the region of 25,000 spectators. Third form pupil Jason Nicholl knew the odds were stacked against him as he faced previous British, European & World Champions not to mention the 10 hour journey to reach the venue.

Jason travelled with younger brother Lee, who would also compete and some other friends and competitors. On the morning of the competition everyone had a very early start as dress judging commenced at 9am, this is where a judge inspects every aspect of your uniform for uneven socks and laces or creases in jacket or kilt. Competitors do not know the dress marks until end of the day but obviously the idea is to get as few faults as possible. Then came the waiting, for approx. 5 hours, until Jason and all his fellow competitors took to the arena to show their skills in marching and deportment whilst also being judged on their mace flourishing (throwing and spinning) all has to be done to the particular timing of the tune the band is playing. After a very competent display from Jason there followed a further wait until all other competitions were completed and then at 5.30pm everyone gathered at the finale for the result announcements. The Junior Grade in which Jason was competing was the 2nd one to be announced and as the official read out 'Winner of the hundred pipers shield and Junior European Champion 2016 is JASON NICHOLL' There were wild celebrations amongst his friends and family whilst Jason had to compose himself as he made his way to the platform to collect his trophy. The long journey had certainly

The Choir: a first year view!

In the Collegiate choir, we have pupils of all different ages and voices. Everyone has a part to play. We meet at lunchtime every Tuesday to learn new songs for upcoming events. Our Music teacher at lunchtime rehearsals is Ms. Fleming, but there is also lots of other teachers who join in with either the singing or helping to teach. The choir takes part in lots of the school services and special occasions, always giving a great performance. We recently had an American Band come to our school for a workshop and to teach us a lovely new song for the International Day Service. The choir and the Ulster Scots Band thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and had great fun singing all we learnt.

Also at Christmas time, we did some caroling in town. The choir loved singing Christmas carols and giving the Christmas cheer. There are lots more events that we have participated in also. I would recommend everyone who can sing to join!

By Naomi Gray



Energy Saving Team 2016/2017

This year the Student Council with the help of their co-ordinator Ms. Diane Wright choose 'Energy Saving' as their topic of interest and the Student Council joined forces in February this year with a group of 'Energy Saving' enthusiastic pupils' and Mrs. Siobhán O'Connor, School Administrator to form a team to examine our energy usage in the school and see how savings and improvements could be made.

Energy Awareness Week was held from the 15th May to 19th May and comprised of a number of activities including a trip to Shabra Plastics in Castleblaney, to McElvaney Waste and Recycling Centre in Clontibret Ms. Wright held an Art competition with Form 1 to promote Energy Awareness week. There was a Composting Demonstration and also a 'clean up' day with groups to picking up the rubbish which had blown around the



On the 22nd May, some of the senior members of the committee, Matthew Waller, Jean Ray Van Rooyen, Charlotte McMahon, Philip Farrell, Lauren Allister and Gemma Treanor gave a power point presentation to the Board of Management on our activities. Following this, the school had an Energy Saving Audit by the Sustainable Energy Authority in Ireland and we were invited to make the presentation again to the visitors and to some of Form 5. We were highly commended for our efforts and encouraged to go for a 'Green Flag'.



The change!!!

Moving from primary to secondary

Such a big change

The feeling was being nervous

As everything was so strange,

Every pupil and teacher so kind.

And the rooms were hard to find,

Such a big difference from

One room to more,

And the time change going from 3 to 4,

But after a while we got used to the change

And everything didn't seem as strange.

The Play of King Lear

By Amber Bouchard

Last year on the 6th November, all of year five went to see 'King Lear', a Shakespeare play performed by Cyclone Rep Theatre Group, at The Garage Theater, Monaghan. The play was performed by 6 cast members, three female and three male. Of course, this weren't enough actors to cover all the different characters in 'King Lear', so some actors had to play more than one role.

The best thing about the performances was that at key scenes in the play, the actors would fall out of their role to speak to the audience, explaining in detail what was happening. These breaks weren't awkward or interrupting, as they wove them into their play. To support the 'asides', they also played a Power point slideshow in the background, which we could use to take notes on key themes like: natural versus unnatural, or madness and violence. The performance was interactive as they asked a students to join them at one point during the play to say a few lines and act out the scene. This was hilarious! Overall it was worth attending to learn more about the play and hopefully this will help us when we come to write our exams.

Interview of past pupil

Amy Allister

By Megan Allister

1. What was your favourite subject in school?

English

2. What was your favourite thing about the Collegiate?

I loved how close-knit it was in the Collegiate – everyone knew each other and there was a real sense of community and belonging. In a small year you get to know your classmates and teachers really well.

3. What do you miss about the Collegiate?

I miss seeing all my school friends every day. We all got really close in our last year and I miss seeing each other all the time and living close by.

4. What would you change about your time in the Collegiate?

I'd have kept sport up for longer. I got lazy and gave up Basketball in Transition Year.

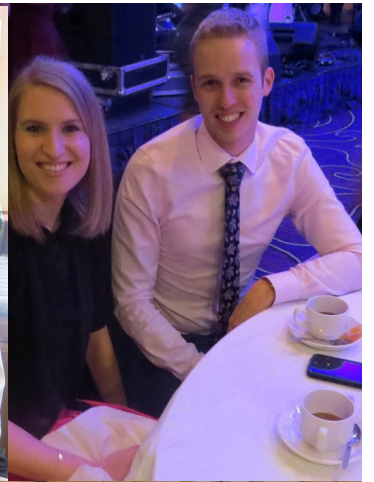


Rugby

This year MCS had 3 girls pulling on the white jersey representing Ulster, Lucinda Kinghan, Kelly McCormill and Ella Garland.

The School teams played various matches and tournaments throughout the year and also welcomed the Ladies World Cup trophy to the school







Easter Service

by Conor McGuirk



On Thursday the sixth of April 2017 MCS had its Easter service. The service started with a few words from Mr. Reid who welcomed the parents, teachers and students. After the opening Canon Berry, from the School Board prayed. This was followed with a reading from the Bible, given by Mrs Wright. The school choir then performed a beautiful song that was called "Resurrection", which was the theme of the service.

Head Girl, Hannah Dudgeon, gave the second reading before the visiting speaker was invited up. Mr. Steve Wright, who is a Barrister of Law, was invited to give a talk on the case for the resurrection beyond reasonable doubt, which was very compelling and engaging theme. He discussed all the different theories of the resurrection of Christ, ending his talk by proving that the resurrection must have taken place.

After the sermon everyone joined in to sing "See What A Morning". At the end Rev. Agnew a member of the board was presented with an

amazing picture of his children, sketched by our own Art teacher, Mr. Pollock. He gave a thank you speech and talked about his devotion to Christ and really motivated the students to keep their heads down and study, because he didn't, and had had to go back to school when he was older. He told us why he decided to devote his life to Christ and how much fuller our lives would be if we did so. Then things ended with Mr. Reid thanking the choir, the teachers, the parents and the students for coming and wishing everyone a Happy Easter!



Running club

Running club is held on a Monday at lunch time where we do long distance running, many students run 5k in the time we have, we time each time and try and beat the time each week. We had success at our first competition Autumn 2016 with two medals being awarded. Emma Geary won a bronze medal in the 2000m steeplechase at the District D cross country competition. Ryan Corley won a medal for 5th place in the 1500m cross country. Congratulations to Emma, who has had a very successful year:

- Silver medal - 2000m steeplechase - at the clubs Ulster track and field championships
- Bronze medal - 2000m steeplechase - clubs all Ireland track and field competition
- 8th in Ulster clubs cross country, which qualified her for the clubs all Ireland cross-country championships
- 17th out of a field of 70 in the schools Ulster cross country Championships
- Selected for 2016/2017 Ulster endurance squad
- Received a County Monaghan Athletic board award for achievements in 2016



Ski trip 2017

By Ryan Wilson



Pupils and staff went on the annual Ski Trip to Ehrwald, Austria. The trip comprised 24 hours of professional ski instruction over six days with assessment and a race at the end of the week. The resort provided the opportunity to explore over 30km of slopes and opportunities to ski through valleys and forest trails.

Within 12 hours of skiing all our first time skiers had progressed to slopes higher up the mountain, with peaks rising above 1,900m and by the end of the week everyone had completed a series of more challenging blue/red runs. The advanced groups had the opportunity to experience powder skiing at its best, following the significant snow falls earlier in the previous week, with instructors who provided challenge to everyone. The black slopes were tried and conquered by Mr Lovett, Sandra Mancewicz and Troy Jennings. All students were also given the opportunity to visit the Zugspitze. The Zugspitze, at 2,962m above sea level is the highest mountain in Germany.

The trip was led by Mrs Wright-Kendrick and we are thankful to Mr Killoran, Mr Lovett and Mrs Hollinger for coming with us. They commended the progress made by all skiers on this year's trip.



Transition Year students got to enjoy two whole days of First Aid training. Philip was very nice and explained everything very well. We learned the theory side first and then got to do some practical, including learning how to perform CPR; what to do if someone is choking; what to do if someone is bleeding; treating burns and much more.

At the end of the second day we were

given random scenarios and were told to act using the information and skills we had learned in the course. My drama skills certainly kicked in when I was asked to pretend I was choking and someone else would have to act and do something. The day was really interesting as we had to watch people acting out scenarios, which inevitably ended with up with some humorous outcomes –

most memorably when one student was performing CPR on the doll, only for the head to accidentally fly off!

I would definitely recommend students to do a First Aid course because you never know when you might need to use it! It was certainly training that I will never forget!

Interview with Miss Kells

By Emma Brown and Mollie McDonald

As First Formers we are new in Monaghan Collegiate School and so is Miss Kells, so we decided to ask her a few questions to find out a bit more about what motivates her.

- **What do you think of Monaghan Collegiate?**

I think it's a lovely school. Most students are very diligent. It's a vibrant and exciting place to work.

- **What was your favourite subjects in school?**

My favourite subjects were Home Economics, History, Geography and Business.

- **What college did you go to and what did you study?**

I went to St Angela's College, Sligo. I studied B.Ed. (Bachelor of Education) in Home Economics, with Economics.

- **Why did you choose to be a Home Economics teacher?**

I had a love for the subject and I wanted to inform other people about the importance of Home Economics. My favourite teacher was my Home Economics teacher.

- **What is your favourite recipe?**

My favourite recipe is lemon drizzle cake.

- **If you hadn't become a teacher what would you have done?**

I think I'd work in an Agri-food company either Marketing or Product Development.



What is it like to be an exchange Student?

By Hagan Drescher

There are 19 exchange students at Monaghan Collegiate School this year, from nine different countries. All of us got the opportunity to go away from home for one year to attend school in Ireland and to improve our English skills.

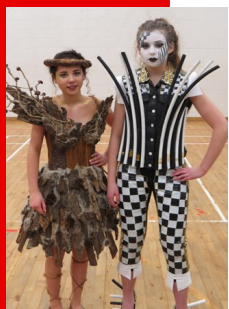
The first few months were quite difficult because everything was new to us. We had to get used to the new country, new people, different food, a new culture and a new school, with a different school system. Another small problem was the communication because sometimes, at the start, we couldn't understand schoolmates or the teachers. However we got used to all these things and our English skills improved quickly over the last months, so that now we can communicate with each other well.

For most of us was it also different to be in quite small classes, but we like that, because in this way it is easier for the teacher to teach and provides a better study atmosphere. The teachers have always been open and helped us when we have had problems with different tasks. The same thing applies to the other students, who helped us when we couldn't understand something or even explained it in another way for us. All in all we didn't have many problems learning new things, due to the good teaching of the teachers and the help from the other students.

Another event that encouraged this exchange of culture was International Day. On this day we presented our countries to the other students, teachers and visitors. We got to show interesting facts about our country, like famous places, famous people, traditional food and so on. In this way we had time to learn much about each other's countries.

Overall, this year was a great year for us in which we had new experiences, which will help us in the future. In a few weeks everybody will go back to their home countries and finish school there. Even though we are saying good bye, we hope to sometime meet each other again!

Junk Kouture



On Monday 6th March, 9 students from Monaghan Collegiate School worked busily backstage in the Millennium Forum Theatre in Londonderry. The annual northern regional final of Junk Kouture was about to begin and the months of hard work and creativity was going to be showcased on the catwalk. Four entries from Monaghan Collegiate School were among the 79 successful outfits

selected to participate at the regionals. The show was jam-packed with incredible works of wearable art made from a vast array of discarded materials. Megan Smith, Charis Hagan, Abbie Woods and Monika Lukosiute all took the catwalk with confidence and poise to show off their outfits to the judges. At the end of the show the top 19 outfits were selected to progress to the next

stage of the competition. 'Uptown Funk' made by Shannon Forde and Charis Hagan and 'Out of the Woods' by Megan Smith, Rebekah Greer and Kerri Dickson were both selected in the top 19! They went on to compete in the Grand Final in the 3 Arena in Dublin with a coach load of supporters to cheer them on. Both teams did very well a great night out was had by all.



Music Department

The Music Department have had a great year, we received funding from the Ulster Scots to buy a range of instruments, including ukuleles, violins, guitar, flutes, clarinets, recorders, a keyboard and a banjo. This has greatly enhanced and enriched our music making in the school and in the community. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the kind generosity of The Ulster Scot organisation for the funding.

As a result of this funding we were able to form the Ulster Scots Band. This band plays for all our special occasions in the school Prize day, Carol Service, and the Easter service. We currently have 16 members who meet once a week to perform and learn new pieces.

After the mid-year examinations, we had an opportunity to take

fiddle lessons with Keith, again kindly sponsored by the Ulster Scots, students and teachers have been and continue to avail of these lessons with the aim to complete a London College of music examination in September/October.

In transition year, the students are learning to play the ukulele, we are currently learning songs in the popular repertoire, having successfully learned the most popular chord progressions in this style.

On International day, our choir and the Ulster Scot band were invited to take part in a work-

shop with an American group who were here on a mission with First Monaghan Church. This was a great opportunity for our pupils to learn some music from their culture. Teresa the leader separated us into groups depending on the instrument we played and split the choir in two. We all went to separate rooms to learn our parts and then came back together to put it all together and then we performed it as part of the International day celebrations.



Carol Service

By Anna Berry

The annual school Carol Service took place on the 21st of December 2016, in First Monaghan Presbyterian Church. It featured performances from the student choir and the newly formed Ulster Scots band. They all played, sang and performed familiar and unfamiliar Christmas carols and songs to the teachers, students and guests in the church. Pupils, teachers, members from the Board of Governors and Board of man-

agement read passages from the Bible to remind us of the well-known Christmas story. The speaker at the service was Canon Berry. He used an engaging illustration that illustrated the point in his talk that God loves everyone like they are an individual. After the service there were refreshments in the church hall.

Third Form also presented a cheque of the funds they had raised during their CSPE Action Project to representatives from Crocus and Monaghan Cancer Treatment support.

It has been a busy year in the Careers Department in Monaghan Collegiate School as students explore their career options, conduct research, take on work experience and make decisions about their next step on their educational and career journeys. In August 2016, our former Form 6 students obtained their Leaving Certificate results and we enjoyed a morning of congratulations and celebrations with them, as they reflected on their success. The following two weeks were spent in school ensuring all of our past pupils, had the careers support and advice they needed in assisting them to secure their place in their University or college course of choice. Our progression list shows that students progressed to pursue their studies in areas including; Veterinary Medicine, Commerce, Science, Primary education, Nursing, Engineering and Business to name but a few, with more of our students taking on apprenticeships and entering the world of work. The notion of “Lifelong Learning” is very much alive with our students as they look forward to learning, gaining more knowledge, up-skilling and training in order to remain key players in their chosen field in the future. Much comes into play when making career choices and students are often reminded to remain mindful of their skills, qualities, characteristics, interests, hobbies, aptitudes, values and strengths upon building on their education and career portfolios.



Throughout the year, we have had numerous Guest Speakers in school, to inform our students of what various third level institutions have to offer. Representatives have visited MCS from as far as NUI Galway, Maynooth University, UCD, DCU, Ulster University, Dundalk Institute of Technology and a little closer to home more recently, Monaghan Institute of Further Education and Training. All of our Forms 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to attend these Careers Talks. We have taken the opportunities to go on a number of careers trips also. Early in the academic year, our Form 6 students went to the Higher Options Careers Exhibition in the RDS, Dublin and they also had the opportunity to attend Queens University Open Day with school and the DCU Open Day too. Form 4 visited the Careers Ex-

hibition in The Hillgrove Hotel and our Form 5 have more recently attended The UCAS Convention in Lisburn, Northern Ireland. Students are encouraged to avail of these internal and external careers opportunities, to allow them to gather more information, build on their portfolio of experiences and make informed careers decisions. We also held a Careers Information Evening for Form 6 parents and guardians, detailing the application processes for third level and important dates and deadlines. Furthermore, we took time to speak with Form 4 parents and guardians at their information evening, focusing on subject choice and entry requirements to third level.

Some dates and deadlines our senior cycle students should be mindful of are as follows. The CAO Change of Mind facility opens on May 5th and closes on July 1st. Students who have made application through CAO and wish to change the order of their courses or enter some new ones are advised to do so early! For our UCAS applicants, having received all replies by March 31st, courses must be accepted by May 4th. For students wishing to make application for Post Leaving Certificate courses at local institutes including MIFET and Cavan Institute of Further Education, applications can be made directly to these institutes online now! SUSI, the central application system for Leaving Certificate students wishing to make application for financial assistance for third level is expected to open in April.

It is important that students remain mindful of the importance of entry requirements to third level, notably their level of study in a subject, third language requirements, the importance of the Science subjects and indeed the importance of Junior Certificate grades for a number of third level institutions. Parents and guardians are most welcome to contact Ms Murnaghan our Guidance Counsellor in school to make an appointment, should they have any careers queries or should they require further information.

UCAS

Finalist of the National Dressage Championships

By Rhian Shields

I have been riding ponies since I was 4 years old. I was beginning to grow out of my pony for show-jumping so I decided to join Dressage Ireland last year. In my first few months I worked really hard and qualified for the Winter Dressage Finals. I have such a great passion for the sport and find it extremely challenging. Every competition I enter I have to learn up to 3 new Tests which take hours and hours of practice as they can be so tough to memorise.

During the summer I was so lucky to have the opportunity to be trained by Judy Reynolds, who rode for Ireland in the Rio Olympics. It was amazing, to not only meet someone I admire so much, but to be trained by her too.

Towards the end of the summer I qualified and rode in the National Dressage Championships. Every competition I ride in during the year leads towards the Nationals, with the hope of getting enough points to qualify. I have a different pony this year and, although it's a big ask of a novice pony, my goal is to qualify with him for this year's Nationals.

SCRIPTURE UNION

By Ellen Allister

SU stands for Scripture Union. SU is on once a week during lunch time. It begins with songs then a prayer. Each week we have a different speaker coming in to teach us and tell us more about God. Some of the speakers we have had were:

Ruth Quinn - Crown Jesus

Lizzie Allister

Charlie Mills

Steven McNie

Andrew McMullen - CEF

There were also various ministers from the Monaghan area.

The S U weekend went to Bushmills in Co Antrim at the end of March, with almost forty students attending. The speaker was Mr Gordy McCracken and all involved enjoyed the beauty of God's creation.

SU DINNER DANCE

By Megan Allister



On the 9th of March the Royal School Armagh invited us to their annual SU dinner dance along with Royal School Cavan and Armagh High School in the Hillgrove Hotel. We were very excited about the event as we had enjoyed it very much in previous years and loved having an excuse to dress up! Once we arrived we were served a lovely meal and were kept entertained between courses with a few that included charades and some impressions of our teachers. Afterwards the band came out and soon had everybody on the dance floor. A brilliant night was had by all.



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