

THE Grammar-Gazine



Here at Saint Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School, we have a variety of different sports! There's football, volleyball, basketball, frisbee, athletics, and tag rugby.

The junior boys had a volleyball tournament on the 7th of October and played three matches; they won one match out of the three.

The boys under 16s beat Coláiste Pobail Fola 2-1, 25-18, 28-26, 15-9 and lost to St Declans 2-1, 25-23, 25-22 and 15-11.

Interview with Mr. Whyte

The first question I asked Mr. Whyte was, "What made you want to start the volleyball team?", he responded, **"I started the volleyball team because I wanted to start a non-contact sport in the school for the students, at the first training session there was barely anyone that came but, over time more joined which was good!"**, I then asked him "What is your favourite thing about coaching the volleyball team?",

he responded with,

"My favourite thing about coaching the volleyball team is how excited the players get after winning or losing a match. It's also good that you get to travel to games all over Ireland".

Interview with Ali Ormonde

Ali plays for the senior girls volleyball team.

The first question I asked her was, "What made you want to join the school volleyball team?",

Ali replied, **"At first I only joined because I wanted to try it out, but I ended up really enjoying it after the first match!"**.

The second question I asked was,

"What is your favourite memory in volleyball?", she replied **"My favorite memory of volleyball is the tournament that we had in**

Blanchardstown because the games were really fun, we didn't end up winning but had a good time either way!".



Girls Basketball

One of the many sports played here in Saint Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School is basketball.

Basketball is arguably the biggest and most successful sport we have to offer; varying from juniors all the way up to seniors.

Recently, the girls basketball has shone through, specifically junior girls winning both of their recent matches. I spoke to the person behind the success, Ms. Sweeney.

Good play comes from good training; when asked about training, her response was

“Productivity, decent numbers showing, good organisation and great commitment is very crucial for a team, even juniors training with the seniors.”

The most recent game was against Scoil Chaitriona in Good Counsel.

I asked Ms. Sweeney for her thoughts on this match, and it's clear that she is pleased!

“Two very challenging games, but the juniors excelled through their passing, rebounding, and movement on the court.

Seniors were unlucky in their game as they faced tough opponents, but showed great determination in their rebounding”

An excellent win for the juniors and a very narrow defeat for the seniors.

Great to see the girls getting on so well.

The girls basketball is always open to any new players, first and second year girls will start training and playing after Christmas, don't hesitate to join!

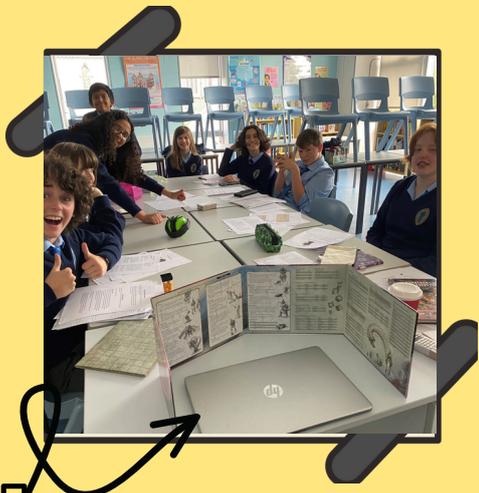
“Just join regardless if you know the rules or not, you learn everything from scratch and the longer you play, the better you get! It is very important to promote girls in sport throughout the school”



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Dungeons and Dragons is a fantasy role play game. Each player creates a character with skills, and controls their actions throughout the game. These characters go on adventures in an imaginary world. It's lead by a storyteller who describes the setting and challenges faced; the players and their characters have to respond to the situations. The length of the game depends on the actions of the characters. This club takes place on Wednesdays in the library after school with Mr. Donnelly.



DEBATE TEAM

Senior Debate club takes place on Friday in the library during lunchtime, it's run by Ms. Cullen. The senior debate team have recently been at a training round in UCD. The motion, "ban children under 12 from owning a personal technological device". The SPCGS teams did great, one team winning first place and another getting second!



The Annie TY musical production has been coming along smoothly, if you're a third year you should go because it will be you next year!

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR TICKETS...

DROPPING SOON

November 18th + 19th

Annie
TY Musical

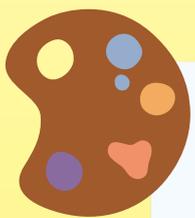
FOR MORE INFO ABOUT CLUBS + EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, CHECK OUT MS. BALFE'S EXTRACURRICULAR 25/26 INFORMATION BOOKLET ON THE WEBSITE!



OPEN DAY IN SPCGS!



Open day started with the school Orchestra playing World Union, and ended with the Star Wars Theme song. After this, the Grammar school choir sang their musical pieces.

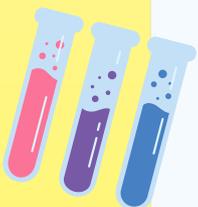


Multiple people across all years participated in Open Day!

The Art room was full of pictures and beautiful clay sculptures, the labs were practicing fascinating experiments!

The Language room exhibited posters displaying the teachings of both Spanish and French.

The Irish room below also exhibited posters displaying the teachings of both the Irish language and Irish culture.





In the Music/Drama room Music was played with many different instruments, truly presenting the variety of instruments our school has to offer.

The Classics room was covered in illustrations, depicting Gods, Goddesses, and the notoriously absurd Ancient Greek and Roman mythology.

The Geography/History room itself conveys stories of the past including achievements across the world.

Finally, the English room showed beautiful inscriptions and the Home Economics room serving stunning, tasty bake-off-worthy, desserts!



BOOK REVIEW: DRACULA



BRAM STOKER'S 'DRACULA' IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS WORKS OF CLASSICAL HORROR LITERATURE, ALONGSIDE MARY SHELLY'S 'FRANKENSTEIN' AND ROBERT STEVENSON'S 'THE STRANGE CASE OF JEKYLL AND HYDE', WHICH WAS WRITTEN IN 1897.

IT HAS HAD A BIG IMPACT ON POP CULTURE BUT THE THING ABOUT DRACULA IS, DESPITE ITS HUGE IMPACT, VERY FEW PEOPLE HAVE ACTUALLY READ IT.

'DRACULA' IS COMPRISED OF DIARY ENTRIES, LETTERS AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS WHICH MAKES FOR A UNIQUE AND INTERESTING READING EXPERIENCE.

THE STORY ITSELF IS WRITTEN, ESPECIALLY FOR AT ITS TIME, AS A CLASSIC SLOW BURN GOTHIC HORROR, BUT WITH A TWIST THAT THE HORROR FOLLOWS JONATHAN HOME.

I FOUND JONATHAN AND MINA'S RELATIONSHIP VERY SWEET;

FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN HE BROUGHT HER TO TRY NEW FOOD, HE WOULD HAVE REMEMBERED THE RECIPE OR SPICE FOR HER TO TRY THAT HE THOUGHT SHE WOULD LIKE.

I FOUND THAT IT WAS A GOOD WAY OF BRINGING MINA INTO THE PICTURE BEFORE WE HEAR FROM HER IN A LETTER.

THIS TELLS THE READER WHO SHE IS AND HER RELATIONSHIP TO JONATHAN.

MINA IS AN INTERESTING CHARACTER BECAUSE SHE, ALONG WITH DR. VAN HELSING, ARE SHOWN TO BE THE SMARTEST CHARACTERS IN THE BOOK.

ONE OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS IN THE BOOK ARE THE INTERESTING AND STRANGE POWERS DRACULA HAS, SUCH AS CONTROLLING THE WEATHER AND TURNING INTO A WOLF.

HE HAS AN UNUSUAL WEAKNESS; WHEN A ROSE IS PLACED ONE HIS COFFIN HE CANNOT ESCAPE.

THOUGH THE BOOK HAS TIMES THAT CAN REMIND YOU THE TIME PERIOD OF WHEN IT WAS WRITTEN, THOUGH THAT IS TO BE EXPECTED FROM A BOOK AS OLD AS DRACULA;

THANKFULLY IT ISN'T SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS A LOT, SO IT DIDN'T AFFECT MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF READING.

THE STORY IS ONE I WOULD GENUINELY RECOMMEND - A LOT MORE PEOPLE SHOULD READ DRACULA!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN READING DRACULA, YOU CAN FIND COPIES IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.



Music in SPCGS!



Do you play an instrument?

If so... join our school orchestra!

It doesn't matter if you just started to learn your instrument or if you've been playing for years.

Newbie or Pro, all are welcome!

If you're interested, contact Ms. Balfe.

"Why should I join?"

You get the chance to socialise by interacting with students varying across year groups!

The orchestra plays during our special events in school, such as the Opening Service and the Christmas service.

Being in the orchestra can help you create a bond with your instrument.

There's also occasional trips!

"When is orchestra?"

Every Thursday during Lunchtime, don't worry you can still eat during orchestra :)



HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH



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| decorate | samhain | vampire |
| haunted | zombie | pumpkin |
| sweets | mask | costume |
| spooky | witch | |

CAN YOU FIND THE EXTRA HIDDEN WORD?

answer: _____



Thank you for reading the Grammar-Gazine! Have a great Halloween & be sure to check out next months newsletter!

COMPETITION!

CHALLENGE:

Write an original creative writing piece that depicts the theme of discovery! Let your creativity flow, your story can be funny, mysterious, heartfelt, etc. As long as you stick to the set theme of discovery!

To enter, submit your piece to Ms. Cullen by the 24th of Oct :)



Prizes include:
30 euro Easons gift card for 1st Place
20 euro Easons gift card for 2nd Place



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