

The Wesley Update



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Mrs Barbara Kenevey Retires

The College marked the retirement of another long standing member of staff this June. Mrs Barbara Kenevey leaves the school after thirty years of service in the Art Department, both as a teacher and subject co-ordinator. Since her arrival in 1981, Barbara has fostered an appreciation for art among the pupils, developing extra-curricular activities such as the Arts and Crafts club. Her influence is also evident throughout the campus in the many pieces of student artwork which grace the walls. As a token of their gratitude the pupils presented her with a painting of 'Spring Flowers' by Serena Huggard in a special assembly. We would like to wish her every happiness for the future.



Serena Huggard and Mrs Barbara Kenevey

Arts and Sports Awards



Khetty Cup Winners for Cricket - Daniel Paul, Josh van der Flier, Aoibhinn Ní Shuilleabháin, Julie van der Flier and Kirstin van der Flier

The annual Arts & Sports awards attracted a large and enthusiastic audience on Wednesday, 11 May. The guest speaker, Aoibhinn Ní Shuilleabháin, spoke animatedly and frankly about her experiences in broadcasting and teaching. She also described the thrill of winning the Rose of Tralee competition, and the many opportunities for travel and showcasing Ireland which her tenure as Rose afforded.

On a more personal note, she described her journey from dismal failure in Higher Level Maths at Christmas in her Leaving Cert year to an A1 in the final examination. She attributed this result to sheer determination, hard work and ultimately, curiosity and enjoyment. Her words had resonance for many pupils, not least those in Sixth Year.

We were entertained by the Wesley Flute Quartet, winners of the Chamber Music Award, who played an interesting contemporary piece by Ian Clarke; and a composition written and performed by Alexander Andrew, winner of the Spirit of Music Award.

In addition to the usual awards for music, literature, art and sport, there were, astonishingly, ten Outstanding Achievement Awards: Stephen Gibney (Athletics), Cormac Benn and Barry Percy (Bridge), Robert Burke, Robert Fitzgerald, Shane Madeley, David McCrea and Thomas Samuel (Hockey), Temi Ogunyemi and Roxanne Renner (Netball).

A reception was held afterwards in the dining room, where, much to the delight of the prize-winners, Iníon Ní Shuilleabháin posed for photographs.

WCDMUN2011



Marian Hosseinkhah speaking at the Opening Ceremony

Wesley's ECDL Course Recognised Nationally

Fiona Clarke was presented with her European Computer Driving Licence Certificate by President McAleese in March. She was one of five ECDL students who were invited to the Convention Centre Dublin to mark the half a million ECDL skill cards that have been distributed in Ireland.

Wesley was invited to send one student who would represent all of the post primary schools in Ireland. This reflects the College's long involvement in the ECDL programme since its beginning in the late 1990s. Wesley College also has the distinction of being a Certified ECDL Test Centre.

The ECDL programme is a choice subject within Transition Year and is normally taken by fifty students in the year. It consists of seven modules which students must pass to achieve their ECDL Certificate.



Business Innovation Award

Congratulations to Glen Byrne who won this year's Business Innovation Award for his project *Elevate*. Glen's business idea was to produce a device that would lighten the load or spread the weight when carrying heavy schoolbags. Our thanks to Mr Philip Robinson, the adjudicator, who did an excellent job putting our budding entrepreneurs through their paces.

Wesley welcomed 370 student visitors onto its campus for the 4th Annual WCD Model United Nations Conference, held over two days in March. Drawing participants from across Ireland and the UK, WCDMUN saw students debate a wide range of international issues on nine different committees. The event was opened by Iranian Human Rights Activist, Maryam Hosseinkhah, who spoke of her experiences of imprisonment and work with the Amnesty International "one million signatures" campaign. Following this, Secretary General Yvonne Corcoran (5th Year) implored the delegates assembled for the conference to "step up to the plate and prove ourselves" in resolving even the most difficult of international problems.

Yvonne and nearly 100 other Wesley students are responsible for this event, cooperating with Wesley staff to provide the pre-conference support, chair the committees and organise Security, Administrative, Press and Set-up staff. As well as hosting, Wesley students were actively involved in the committees, with a number being recognised for their contributions to the debates. On Saturday evening, Terenure College, representing China, were awarded the Best Delegation Award and the weekend finished with an evening Disco. For more information and pictures the Conference website address is www.wcdmun.com.

Short Story Prize

Congratulations to Callum Douglas who won the Transition Year Short Story Award for his compelling and provocative essay 'Use and Possession'. The composition was completed as part of their English Skills module this term. Well done also to those shortlisted for this year's award: Callum Douglas, Sophie Fitzpatrick, David Johnson, Maia Nunes, Kirstin Van der Flier and Katie Wilson.

Verse Speaking

Gianna Nordon (1st Year) enjoyed great success in the Verse Speaking competition of the Sligo Feis Ceoil recently. She won three perpetual trophies, including the prestigious Yeats Cup for Under 16s which dates back to 1965. Well done on a great achievement.

Shaw Award

The finals for the Shaw Award for public speaking took place in May. The standard was exceptionally high and the topics varied. Following the many original and entertaining speeches, Nadia Armstrong and Alex de Valera were deemed the joint winners of the Junior Section, with Helen Major taking first in the Intermediate section.

Ross O'Carroll Kelly Comes Calling

Ross O'Carroll Kelly arrived on the scene in January 1998 and ten novels, two plays and acres of newsprint later, he is a legendary presence in the Irish psyche. The R O' C K phenomenon was enjoyed by an audience of two hundred who stayed behind after school on April 14, to hear his creator Paul Howard. While Ross is a deluded ego maniac, his creator is none of those things. But Howard, a generous and very likeable individual, has his finger on the pulse. He has captured the zeitgeist for his huge fan base and future social historians and cultural commentators in decades to come.

This was Paul Howard's second visit to Wesley and, just like last time, he had his audience laughing at the outrageous Ross in crazy situations. In a Q & A session, he explained how a talk by Maeve Binchy on How to Write (when he was fourteen) helped him on his way: eavesdropping was the trick. He told his audience

Will Hill

On April 7, talented author, Will Hill visited the College to promote his new book *Department 19* – a novel brimming with action, horror, history, the supernatural and, of course, vampires. This is first novel and it's safe to say we're 'sucking' it up. It revolves around the British government's most secret agency established in the early 1900s to eliminate the supernatural.

After he delivered an entertaining presentation to the Preps, 2nd and 3rd Years, it was question time! Hill was met with many responsive questions about the process of writing, his favourite character and his thoughts on turning his book into a film. We were intrigued about the inspiration for Hill's work. He laughed and said *Dracula*, explaining that, after reading it for his English class when he was around our age, it became the single most important thing that led him to become a writer.

This enjoyable visit ended with the announcement of the winners of the writing competitions. Luke Campbell claimed first prize for his original opening to a novel, with Helen Major and Owen Connolly second and third respectively. First place in a competition to write a response to the opening pages of Hill's novel, went to Mustafa Assaf. Aisling Redden was second, Stephanie Elliot third, with Joint 4th place going to Ella Gaynor, Ross Delaney and Catherine Woods. The author was presented with a token of our appreciation by Zoe Gregory.



Gina Ryan, Kyle Douglas, Christopher Tebbs and Freddie Trebble with Patrick Ness

- Edwina Hilton (3A4)

that he works ten hours a day and a book can take anything from three to six months. His next novel is called *NAMA Mia!* Mark Strong, on behalf of everyone there, thanked Paul Howard for a memorable visit and presented him with a gift.



Patrick Ness

The award-winning novelist, Patrick Ness, paid a return visit to Wesley in May when he spoke to Preps, 1st and 2nd Years. Ness is the creator of the vibrant and imaginative *Chaos Walking* trilogy, which has been translated into several languages. He treated us to a master class in creative writing and, with the help of volunteer Adam Hyland, showed us how to shape and make a story.

Patrick Ness read from *The Knife of Never Letting Go* and gave many useful hints and much advice to budding writers. He also spoke of his latest book, *A Monster Calls*, which was inspired by an idea and plot outline by Siobhan Dowd, who died of cancer before she could begin working on the book. Ness, who had never met Dowd, did not try to imitate but rather to honour her inspiration and has produced a powerful novel about thirteen-year-old Conor O'Malley, as he struggles with a sick mother, an absent father, bullying at school and horrific nightmares.

Before his visit, all pupils were invited to read the opening page of his new book and to continue the story. Ness adjudicated and declared Gina Ryan, third, Christian Maclachlan, second and Dirk Van Breda, first.

After the Q&A session, Conor Potts thanked Patrick Ness for coming. Before he left, the author met Eleanor Long, Carolyn Maclachlan and Isabelle Wilson who, as their Literature Prize entry in 4th Year, had captured artistically the 'Hole in the Noise' concept, which features in Ness's trilogy. He was very impressed and took home a photograph of the project on his iphone.

READY STEADY COOK

The knives were out at this year's annual Ready Steady Cook competition on March 9, when twenty budding chefs battled it out to create mouth-watering desserts in one hour and thirty minutes. The prizes were once again generously sponsored by the Wesley College Parent Teacher Association.

The students' work was carefully assessed by Stephen Gibson, Head Chef and co-owner of Pichet Restaurant. He was assisted by two guest judges from the P.T.A., Mrs Mary Higgins and Mr Gerry McGuinness. Each prize winner was awarded with a voucher for the Cooks Academy cookery school, along with a t-shirt and book by Nick Munier, co-owner of Pichet restaurant.

The judges were astounded by the level of skill displayed by the young chefs. Assessing the students' creativity in choice of dish and presentation, as well as their technical abilities, the judges felt that the standard was exceptional. The great crowd of supporters looked on eagerly in anticipation of the results and to sample the desserts themselves!

Hercules Conquers

Hercules started as an idea to raise money and became one of the highlights of our Transition Year. The TY show, in aid of Habitat for Humanity, was performed by the 4th Years in Our Lady's School Hall.

On behalf of the directors, I cannot praise our principals highly enough. We could not have asked for a more hard-working group of people, so thanks to Callum Douglas, Joyce Murphy, the Muses, Sam Byers, Spencer Christie, Ross MacMahon, David Winn, Conor Young, Isabelle Wilson and Luke Davison. In fact, Ms Spicer remarked that everyone shone onstage!

Apart from the cast, a group of dedicated volunteers formed the set design team, headed by our creative director Becky Raethorne. Ross MacMahon joined the production team to do the stage direction with Laura Breen. We were especially lucky to have the fantastic choreography of Marina MacMahon. By Sunday, the acting was magical, the sound cues were bang on time and the backstage crew produced seamless changeovers.

This is a chance to say thanks to everyone. There was our head of costumes, hair and make-up, Daisy Maloney, aided by the very talented Simon Blay, and her team who made sure that everyone looked incredible! Thanks also to Jason Hogan for videoing the show, to Jordan Boyd for the ticket and poster design and our amazing live pianist Alastair Greene. There is one person without whom the show truly could not have gone ahead and that is our magnificent sound man, Andrew Verso. Finally, I would like to thank the two sponsors - Helix Health and Denis I Finn Solicitors. It's great to know that every cent raised will make a difference in Romania. There is even talk of doing it all again next year, so watch this space!

- Ella Ryan



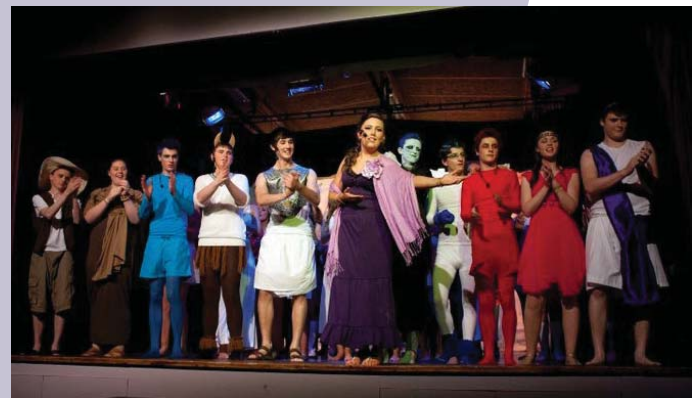
Lucy Harris, Deirdre Cassidy and Grace O'Reilly with Stephen Gibson

For the second year running, first prize was awarded to Deirdre Cassidy (5th Year) for her raspberry & chocolate trilogy. Once again, Grace O'Reilly (2nd Year) took second place for her trio of fruit desserts, while third prize was awarded to Lucy Harris (5th year) for her velvet chocolate mousse. There is no doubt that we have seen a glimpse of the future; many of our young chefs have a career in food ahead of them.

Past Pupil Success

School of Biochemistry and Immunology student and past pupil, Lara Dungan, who is studying for a PhD in the laboratory of Professor of Experimental Immunology, Kingston Mills, beat off international competition to win two awards at the British Society of Immunology annual congress recently. Lara's research, which aims to shed light on the underlying causes of autoimmune diseases such as Multiple Sclerosis (MS), won her both the Bright Sparks in Immunology award and the Young Scientist of the Year award.

Another former pupil and composition student, Breffni O'Byrne, will have one less concern as he plans his post-graduate future with Simon Bainbridge at the Royal Academy of Music in September. He has received the prestigious Leverhulme scholarship, which covers the entirety of his fees for next year. Breffni is no stranger to success, having already won the coveted NCH Jerome Hynes Composition Award and the international Gunter Bialas Competition in Munich.



The cast of Hercules

Interschools Music Festival

The first weekend of March saw Wesley open its doors to host the 33rd Annual Interschools Music Festival, the busiest Festival to date. Almost seventy choirs from all over Ireland competed for top prizes in what was, yet again, a stunning evening of top quality choral singing. Wesley was very well represented with the majority of its eight choral groups receiving highly commended certificates, but it was the Chamber Choir who, for a fourth consecutive year, took top honours in the David Wilson Cup competition and were awarded the cup once again – a fine record indeed and thoroughly deserved victory for this seemingly unstoppable group of choristers conducted by Ms Áine Balfe.

The weekend did not stop at choral music – rock bands, solo singers, pianists, wind and brass players, duets, chamber music, string players and orchestras all participated on both Friday and Saturday and Wesley musicians produced many notable performances, which earned them certificates or placings in an array of disciplines. Top prizes were awarded to Eilis Dexter who won the Notre Dame Cup for U16 classical singing and Maia Nunes who won the Woolfson Cup for O16 popular singing. Eric Sheeran Purcell claimed the Stanstead Cup for U14 strings and Phoebe White was awarded the Hamilton Cup for U16 strings with her sister, Carla, retaining the Arbuckle Cup for Stings O16 for another year. The Whites, with their brother Rory, were awarded the Senior Chamber Music Cup, with the Wesley College Flute Trio taking silver medals in the same competition. Rebecca McKimm earned a gold medal in the classical singing competitions and Tara Masterson Hally also took gold in the popular singing class. Silver medal successes also came for Maia Nunes (U17 classical singing), Alice Marcoux (U14 popular singing),

Joyce Murphy (U16 popular singing), Edwina Hilkton (U15 Irish song), Ellen Malone (U15 classical guitar), Beth Dover (U14 strings), Rory White (O16 strings) and the Wesley College Flute Duo (U15 chamber music). Wesley vocal duets were particularly strong with gold medals going to Gianna Nordon and Edwina Hilton, and silver to Leah Murtagh and Alice Marcoux. Wesley's Chamber orchestra, led by Carla White, took first place and the Rathfarnham Concert Band Cup and the College Orchestra were also highly commended in the final competition of the weekend.

The Habitat Café was a great success and kept the competitors and audiences supplied with tea and buns. We wish them well as they prepare for their trip to Romania this June. Many thanks once again to everyone who helped over the weekend – students, parents, teachers, past-pupils and members of the PTA. The Festival simply could not happen without their help. Special thanks go to our magnificent Festival Administrator, Mrs Anna Miller, who works tirelessly to ensure that the Festival runs so smoothly and successfully.



Lost in Flight

Wesley welcomed back former pupils, and now a four piece alternative rock band Lost in Flight, to a special whole school assembly where they performed three of their tracks. Mark Lavery, Ivan Campbell, Dan Fox and Billy Campbell have enjoyed notable music success, with their second single, *Chasing Nothing*, featuring on MTV's *The Hills*. They received a rapturous response from an audience who will no doubt be following their progress in the coming years.



Feis Ceoil Wins

Congratulations to some of our very talented students who achieved outstanding results in this year's Feis Ceoil. Rory White (4th Year) won Commended in the Clyde Twelvetrees Cup for Violoncello Concerto. He then went on to win Senior Violoncello and the Bach Prize for Unaccompanied Violoncello played from memory. This is an outstanding achievement, especially as Rory was competing in senior competitions against third level students. Phoebe White (2nd Year) won the Dempsey Cup for Junior Violin (U17). She was also Very Highly Commended in the Terry O'Connor competition for Junior Concerto playing.

Eric Sheeran Purcell (1st Year) won Commended in Junior Violoncello (U13), while Paul Mullen (4th Year) won the Stanford Prize in Organ for the second time in as many years. This competition was open to competitors in Senior & Junior Organ. We hope all four will continue to achieve such success in their musical journeys.

SCIENCE NEWS

Walton and Cocker Prizes



Jeremy Dover, Ellen Horgan, Glen Byrne, Eoin Meldon, Jonathan Lewis and Thomas Wyse-Jackson

The Walton and Cocker Prizes for excellence in the study of Physics, Chemistry and Biology are awarded for the best essays submitted by 5th Year students. The essay topics this year included invasive species in Irish waters, imaging in medical physics and forensic chemistry. The following were awarded prizes:

Walton Prize for Physics: Glen Byrne - "Is there anybody out there?: Exoplanets and life beyond the solar system"

Cocker Prize for Biology: Jonathan Lewis: "Diabetes: A threat to Western societies"

Cocker Prize for Chemistry: Jeremy Dover: "Chemical Boosts: performance enhancing chemicals in sports"

In addition to the main prizes, four students have been awarded School Science Prizes for their essays. These were Thomas Wyse-Jackson, Eoin Meldon, Ellen Horgan and Emma Sutton (not in photo).

Scifest

On Wednesday, May 11, Wesley was represented at SciFest in Blanchardstown I.T. by five 1st Year teams and two from Transition Year. Two groups won prizes: John Baddely, Andrew Burgess and Owen Clarke (1st Year) won first prize in their category with their project called *Dense Gases*. Lara Sutton, Scott Ringland and Grace Barry won the Discover Space award for their project measuring rocket aerodynamic. This project also goes forward to a national final to find the best space-related project in this year's SciFest. Well done to all of the twenty students who took part.

Salter's Festival of Chemistry

Four 1st Year students, Robin Stratford, Stephen Boyd, Christian MacLachlan and Conor Maguire, took part in a great day of chemistry challenges in Trinity College on Saturday, May 7. Using forensic techniques they correctly identified the right suspect in the case of the Mysterious Death of Captain Salter. After a pH colour-change challenge in the afternoon, there was a brilliant demonstration lecture with lots of flashes and bangs as well as plenty of thought-provoking chemistry ideas. Christian had a close-up view when presenter John Daly set off a small but very loud hydrogen explosion in his hands!



Spanish Exchange

On Saturday, February 19, eighteen 3rd Year students went on a trip to Leon, Spain. We had an early start that morning and had to be at the airport before 4.45a.m! Everything went well though and we all got to Madrid safely. A four hour bus trip gave us all a chance to catch up on our sleep.

Meeting our Spanish exchanges was both exciting and nerve-wrecking at the same time. At first it was a tad confusing because my exchange's name was Maria Jose, her sister's name was Maria Jesus and her mum's name was Maria too.

After lunch Maria Jose showed me around her town and I got to see the Cathedral, La Plaza Meyor and other beautiful buildings. We all met up on Saturday night and went out. Sunday was a family day and we

went to mass at the Cathedral in the morning. Later, we went to una bodega which is where they make wine and I got to try some Spanish tapas.

The next day we all had school and my first class was P.E with the Spanish version of Ms Tallon. We also got a tour of Leon from the principal of the school. On Tuesday, we went to school and then to the Musac which is the Museum of Contemporary Art. Wednesday we went on a trip to Astorga and the El Museo de Chocolate where we learnt about the history of chocolate making and bought delicious hand-made chocolate. Saturday came in no time and before we knew it we were back home in Ireland. We were all so sad to leave Leon and we're going to miss our new Spanish amigos.

- Sarah Roberts (3A1)

Green Week

The highlight of the year for the Green Schools committee was the awarding of the third International Green Flag for Water at the Green Schools National Award ceremony in Croke Park on May 24. As part of our application, we had to demonstrate that Wesley is maintaining the work of the two previous flags - Litter and Waste and Energy conservation.

Tara Connolly from *Voice* and Oisín Coghlan from *Friends of the Earth* gave challenging and inspirational presentations in Assembly on renewable energy and 'Climate change and human change'. 'Saving Planet Earth' was the theme for the art, poetry and song competitions, displays of which brightened up the Concourse. There were many imaginative entries for the competition to make an object out of recycled materials. Gina Ryan and Emily Ryan won first prize for their jellyfish - inspired chandelier made from the contents of their home green bins and Ping Clarke Ng was awarded second place for her bracelet, made from the keys of an old keyboard. Environmentally friendly gadgets were given as prizes to the other best entries.

Poster Competition: Ire Ife Alabi

Green Quiz: Spencer Christie and Orla Reynolds

Objects made out of recycled materials

Christopher Hill, Sadbh Grehan, Owen Clarke, Stephen Cooke, Julie Delany and Hali Mc Guinness

Art Competition

Grace Barry, Caroline Harbison, Louise Coates, Aisling Dooley, Nikita Ilyinski, Heather Woulfe, Ella Gaynor, Philip Allison, Katharine Woods and Kathy Beckett

Poetry Competition

Peter O'Donovan, Beth Dover, Andrew Nally and Louise Barrett

Song Competition

Anna Trebble, Christine McKee and Shannon Fulton

Other activities included a clean-up of the campus and a bake sale in aid of Tearfund's *Make Life Flow* campaign to improve access to clean water in Africa. We look forward to tackling the challenge of Travel, the fourth theme in the Green Schools Programme, over the next two years.



Ms Catrin Duffy with Niamh Reynolds and Lucy Gaynor receiving the Green Flag for Water

TY Mock Interviews

Many thanks to the 4th Year parents who gave so generously of their time for the TY Mock Interview morning in March. Weeks of preparation in job-seeking skills culminated in each student submitting a CV and letter of application for a job selected from a list of vacancies. They were each then interviewed for the position by a TY parent. Despite being a very nervous bunch of young people, they all performed extremely well and were very happy with the constructive criticism and positive feedback received. Well done to everyone!

Cuairt Scríbhneora

Tháinig Áine Ní Ghlinn, scríbhneoir is file atá ar chúrsa na hArdteiste, isteach ar an 10ú Bealtaine chun labhairt le trí rang ón gcúigiú bliain mar chuid den scéim Scríbhneoirí sna Scoileanna atá urraithe ag Éigse Éireann. Labhair sí faoina húrscéal 'Hurlamaboc' atá á léamh ag na scoláirí don Ardteist. Níos tábhachtaí fós, bhí seans acu ceisteanna a chur uirthi i rith na cuairte is bhí tuiscint níos fearr acu ar an úrscéal ina diaidh.

Seachtain na Gaeilge



Preps class singing in assembly

Ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana sa scoil seo idir an 12ú go dtí 16ú Márta. Ag céad thionól na seachtaine chan daltaí ón rang ullmhúcháin leagan gaeilge den amhrán cailiúil de chuid Lady Gaga 'Poker Face'. Níos déanaí sa tseachtain bhí Edwina Hilton ón tríú bliain le cloisteáil ag canadh an amhráin fíordheas 'Beidh Aonach Amárach', is sheinn Esther Glenfield, Emma Sutton, Jennifer Anderson agus Sarah McGurke ón gcúigiú bliain píosa ceoil traidisiúnta ar an bhfliúit. Ar an iomlán ba sheachtain an-rathúil í is bhain na daltaí go léir sult as na himeachtaí a eagraíodh le linn na seachtaine.

Wesley Sports

Sailing

Richard and Daniel Gilmer both sailed in the Dun Laoghaire Junior Series Autumn 2010. Daniel helmed a 2nd place overall in the series in an RS Feva, Richard helmed a 1st place overall in the PY class while sailing a Laser II.

Daniel has begun sailing a 420 since February 2011. These boats are mostly sailed by older teenagers so it involves competing against 17 and 18 year olds. Nevertheless, he successfully helmed his 420 to a 3rd Place in the Craftinsure Junior Spring Open in the middle of March

A Wesley Sailing team comprising Adam Hyland, Daniel and Richard Gilmer, Enzo Michel, Alex Rumball, Andrew Verso and Emmet Fitzpatrick competed in the St Gerard's Interschools Sailing Competition held at Greystones Sailing Club on May 11 and won the trophy for the schools team with the best overall performance.

Netball

On March 11 and 12, four Wesley girls made history, becoming the first ever students from the College to be selected to represent their country in netball. Roxy Renner, Temi Ogunyemi, Katie Ruddock and Rebecca McKimm had been attending training sessions with the Irish Under 17 squad, preparing diligently for the European Netball Tournament held in UCD. All of their matches were played with great determination and skill. Unfortunately, the inexperience of the Irish players showed and they were defeated. However, the girls acquitted themselves admirably and competed to the bitter end, doing their school and the supporters present proud.



Rebecca McKimm, Temi Ogunyemi, Katie Ruddock, Roxy Renner

Senior Girls Cricket



Senior Girls Cricket squad

Congratulations to the Senior Girls who won their final against Mount Anville by ten wickets. The last time it was won by Wesley was in 2008. The Senior 2 Girls also reached their final but lost to Alexandra 1 team in a very competitive match. Nonetheless, it was great all round effort by the girls.

The Junior Girls were victorious in their final against High School, winning by seven wickets. This great performance secured Wesley the title for a second year in a row.

Finally, well done to Carolyn Crampton who played for the Irish Under 16 team at Easter in Holland. Julie van der Flier was also selected for the Irish Women's squad to tour Sri Lanka.

Senior Boys Cricket

Congratulations to the Senior Boys 1st XI that reached the semi-final of the Cup. The team won their league section with wins against Belvedere College, Gonzaga College, Gormanstown College and St. Marys. The highlight of the league matches was Kirk Shimmins 103 against St. Marys.

They met St. Andrews in the final and despite the opposition being well positioned at 148 for three Wesley managed to restrict them to 155. This was in the main down to an excellent bowling spell from Aaron Copeland who finished with bowling analysis of 9 overs 5 for 21.

Unfortunately in reply both openers were lost early on as Sam Byers was trapped LBW and Kirk Shimmins was run out in a mix up with skipper Josh Van Der Flier. The batting never recovered and slumped to 73 all out with only Josh Van Der Flier getting beyond 23. Well done on getting to the final and congratulations to St. Andrews on their win.

For further information and news please check out the college website at www.wesleycollege.ie