



Notre Dame Secondary School

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Newsletter



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Principal’s Message

Our Summer newsletter captures the many highlights of the second half of our academic year. The wonderful commitment of our students and the extraordinary dedication of the staff to achieve so much each year is amazing. Thank you for all your support during the year. I’d like to wish you all a happy, safe and restful holiday,

Mildred Brannigan

Congratulations to :

Well done to Kirsty Byrne (5th Year) who participated in the 18th National Session of EYP from the 4th-8th of March 2015 in Dublin

1st Year Choir who were awarded the silver medal in the Fr. Martin Cosgrave Cup Arklow Music Festival

Sponsored Cycle congratulations to all students who took part and to the Parents Association for organising such a great event

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Hannah Wagner Coffey who came 3rd in the Girls Under 16 - 200m Sprint in the Leinster Schools Track & Field Events in Santry

Erica Fenner & Katherine Beach who were selected as Head Girl & Deputy Head Girl for the forthcoming academic year 2015/2016.

All the class of 2015 who graduated on Thursday 21st May 2015.

All of our Transition Year students who graduated on Monday 25th May 2015.



TY French Class



TY French Class



Ana with her 3rd Year Class



Sponsored Cycle 2015

Félicitations à Notre Dame !

Résultat du concours vidéo 2014-2015 de la FTA sur le thème : Le coup de foudre !

Plus de 500 élèves ont participé au concours cette année. Félicitations à tous les participants et leur professeur.

Le jury s'est réuni et vous trouverez ci-dessous les résultats.

Il y avait trois catégories :

- 1) Meilleur film
- 2) Film le plus imaginaire
- 3) Film le plus créatif avec la langue française

Les gagnants 2014-2015 sont :

Pour le film le plus imaginaire, ***L'Amour non partagé***, classe de Transition Year de l'école **Notre Dame Secondary School**, Churchtown, Dublin 14.

Congratulations to the **Transition Year French class** on winning first prize in the category of '**Most Imaginative Film**' in the 2014-2015 French Teachers' Association Competition, for their film **L'Amour non partagé**. Bravo les filles!

My Time in Notre Dame

By Ana Gonzalez Suero

I have been studying in Notre Dame Secondary School for a year.

It is going to be an unforgettable period in my life.

I have learnt and improved my english, which was important; but I have also made really good friends that I will never forget.

At Notre Dame School, apart from learning about the subjects, you learn about yourself.

Everyone has been very nice and kind to me. Every time I had a problem, there they were to help me.

I'm glad of having come to Ireland and chosen Notre Dame School to study at.

I would recommend this experience.



Prizegiving 2015

Notre Dame Prizegiving 2015

On Wednesday 20th May 2015 we celebrated the outstanding achievements of our students over the course of this academic year. In presenting special awards we also acknowledge the hard work and commitment of all students. Congratulations to all our prize winners especially our cup winners.

Joanne Cregan Cup (Good Fellowship at Senior Cycle) – Grace Walsh

This cup is awarded each year to the student who, in the opinion of her teachers is an asset to her class and school and who is a positive presence in Notre Dame.

Caroline Healy Cup (Mathematical Sciences) – Orla Flanagan

This cup is awarded each year to the student who shows great skill, endeavour and ability in the area of Mathematics and Science.

Hilary Fanning Cup (Student of the Year Award) – Lucy Hassett

Each year this cup is awarded to the student who demonstrates skill, ability and commitment in her academic work and is also very involved in extracurricular activities within the school. The recipient of this cup is described by her teachers as a student who attained high academic standards all through her school years. She has worked consistently and has been supportive of other students. This cup is awarded each year to the Notre Dame student of the year.

Senior Hockey Cup – Roisín Mc Grath

Each year this award goes to the student who gives her all on the hockey pitch. This student inspired and encouraged others, particularly the younger players. Roisín is a very positive sports person with a great attitude.

Sports Shield - Emma Boyle

Good Fellowship Junior Cycle – Aisling O'Neill



Student Enterprise Awards 2015



Sports Day 2015

Supervised Evening Study

There was a big increase in students availing of our Supervised Evening Study last year from 2nd Year, 3rd Year, 5th Year and 6th Year. Evening study begins on Monday 01st September. This is an opportunity for students to stay on top of their study.

Booking forms available from the school office.

Student Enterprise Awards 2015

Congratulations to all TYs who participated in the Student Enterprise Awards Projects.

Students were required to devise a new business idea and present this idea to their peers in the Mill Theatre on Friday 01st May. Out of the 4 projects presented the winning concept was presented by Amy Neligan Coleman and Alanna O'Connell.

We hope that these budding entrepreneurs will, one day, announce the setup of a new business.

Sports Day 2015

After a false start on Friday 8th May we postponed our sports day to Monday 11th May which was a much dryer day. Headed up by our PE teacher, Miss Jordan, each student (and teacher) was given a colour and set off for the afternoon to earn their team points through the various events.

Alongside the usual athletics events, there were plenty of others involving throwing, obstacle courses, wheelbarrows, heavy ropes and three-legs. The white team emerged victorious, earning themselves medals at the end-of-year awards ceremony. The penultimate event was the 100m sprint. Each year group competed against each other to discover the fastest student in each year. These students then went forward to the final and the winner Hannah Wagner Coffey received the overall sprinter of the year plaque.

Hockey Success



Well done to our Junior Hockey Team who got through to the South Dublin League Final this year against Sion Hill on Saturday 14th March 2015. The team played a thrilling final in front of a **Great** crowd of supporters. Although they created many chances a very good Sion Hill defence kept the scores level and forced the match into penalties. Unfortunately Notre Dame were unlucky and lost but they did themselves and the school proud. **Well done girls!**



The Notre Dame Minor A Hockey Team played their South Dublin league final against Sion Hill in St. Andrews on Saturday 21st March 2015. Unfortunately even though the match was end to end excitement, the girls narrowly lost. They played with great skill and determination. Although not victorious on the day, the girl's hard work and dedication throughout the year has not gone unnoticed and all supporters and all of Notre Dame know you are winners and we are very proud of you. We can't wait for next year to see you achieve the success your talent and hard work deserve!



Corinthians Success

By Jayde Murphy, Aisling O'Neill & Roisín Doherty 3rd Year

We have been part of Corinthians Hockey Club since 6th class and over the years we have had two major victories. In 2014 we won the LHA Minor Shield against Muckross Hockey Club and in 2015 we won the LHA Junor Shield against Avoca Hockey Club. Since 2012 we have improved tremendously not only as individual players but also as a team. We have had the same team for the last two years and we have grown and progressed together. Our coaches Ally, AJ and Neil have been by our sides through thick and thin – from training sessions in the rain to all of our victorious wins. Without them we would not be the team we are today.

We can't wait for 4th Year and what the next hockey season has in store for us!!

Hockey 2015



Netball 2015



Gartan 2015



Chemistry

1st Year Trip to Gartan

By Emma Harlick 1st Year

On the 20th April 2015 all of the 1st Years met in the school, we were allbuzzing with excitement at the week ahead.

After a long bus journey to Donegal we finally arrived in Gartan Outdoor Activity Centre and we were shown to our rooms to unpack and get ready for our first activity, canoeing.

We were split into our teams and we rowed across Gartan Lough. When we reached the other side we played some team building games and football.

The following day we went to Glenveagh National Park. We were given maps to navigate our way to the castle and we also had some refreshments in the tearooms. In total we walked an impressive 11.7km.

On our final day we went surfing, after we arrived on the beach and did some practice on the sand only a small number managed to stand up on their boards but we all had fun trying.

On our last night we had a party and watched High School Musical. During our week away we had a tidy room competition every night and after the final inspection the prize was awarded to Yin Yin, Kaitlin and Tanya.

It was a wonderful week and I will never forget it. I have become closer to all my friends.

Trinity College Chemistry Lecture

By Katherine Beach 5th Year

The 5th & 6th Year Chemistry classes went with our teacher Miss Higgins to Trinity College to attend a lecture on the topic of Chemistry. There were a number of speakers who each in turn spoke about their career paths and how they used Chemistry in their jobs. They had all studied Chemistry for their Leaving Cert or A Levels and had studied Chemistry in college. There was a huge variety of occupations, some of which were surprising as we had never before realised these jobs were Chemistry based or strongly linked to Chemistry. Each talk was very interesting and it was extremely useful to see the different career paths open to us due to our study of Chemistry.



Music Mania 2015

Music Mania 2K15 – What a success!

An action packed music-filled three days were had in Notre Dame during our first ever *Music Mania* Event – 13th to 15th May. There was a fantastic buzz of music around the school, with live performances to be heard, competitions to be won and even our wonderful teachers were keen to show off their talents! Each morning of the *Music Mania* Event we kicked off the day with a musical start to get everybody going! Classes were visited for a “Guess the Song and the Artist” competition and “On this day in Musical History” facts.

Each lunch-time the canteen echoed with fantastic live music, in our *Busker’s Corner*. On Wednesday the 2nd Year Music class entertained us with some of their favourite songs, while on Thursday the sweet harmonies of the 3rd Year Music class could be heard and on Friday it was the turn of our Transition Year students.

Wednesday night was our annual end of Year Gala Concert. A wonderful night was enjoyed by our audience, as they were treated to Choir performances, Dramas, Solo singers and instrumentalists as well as Junior and Leaving Cert practical students performing some of their well-polished exam pieces.

Friday was a bustling day in the Notre Dame Music Department! In the morning the Junior School senior infant, first and second class students visited for some musical workshops organised for them by the Transition Year students. The students revolved around four different fun workshops – dance, song, making musical instruments and musical games. Both Senior students and Junior students alike had a great time!

Music Mania climaxed in a whole school event on Friday afternoon. The afternoon commenced with two performances from the 3rd Year students – who are the future of *Music Mania*!! They performed “The Cup Song” from Pitch Perfect and “All of Me” by John Ledged – very impressive!!

Next up we had the play-off to find the Notre Dame “Staff Wars” champion for 2015. Ruth Brophy from 1st Year stole the show with a whopping score of 67 – her personal best!

Suddenly, out of nowhere, the teachers confused us all as they appeared on stage doing a flash-mob co-ordinated dance to Uptown Funk by Bruno Marz!!! – What a surprise!!!



Music Mania 2015



Friendship Concert

Once we had gotten over that shock it was time for the Music Mania Table Quiz which was organised by the Transition Years. They did a great job, everyone had great fun guessing the missing lyric, naming the song and naming the Movie!

After we had given out the prizes and revealed the *Teachers Musical Facts* competition, there was only one thing left to do - Karaoke!! - The entire school joining together in an energetic and good spirited performance!

The Transition Year students played a great role in the co-ordination and preparation of Music Mania, which was a culmination on their years' work – with their Projects on *Careers in Music* displayed in the Foyer and their *Subject Songs* being taught in subject classes.

A huge THANK YOU to our Transition Years for all of their organisation before and during Music Mania. Thank you to all the teachers who made lots of fun cross-curricular links - adding music to their classes throughout the three days. Well done to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Years for creating their "*Walls Of Fame*" on which they shared with us their favourite Musical Artists and Musical quotes. And thank you to ALL of the students for their enthusiasm, energy, singing and dancing!! You all made MUSIC MANIA a huge success!!
KEEP MAKING MUSIC!!

Friendship Concert

Friendship Concert on April 17th when Pascack Valley High School Choir from New Jersey visited Notre Dame. Both Choirs performed separately, entertaining each other before joining together for the final performance of "Danny Boy" which both choirs had prepared. It sounded great! After the performances the girls gave a Cead Mile Failte to the visiting choir with hospitality and refreshments and new friendships were quickly made. Many thanks to Pascack Valley High School choir for visiting Notre Dame. We hope you enjoyed your visit to Ireland...We certainly enjoyed hearing your very talented choir!



Garden Fete



World Book Day

Notre Dame Garden Fete 2015

The tradition of the Notre Dame Garden Fete was revived this year by the Parents Association. The Fete took place in the grounds of **Notre Dame Secondary School on Sunday 17th May 2015 from 12 -3pm.**

It was a great day which was very well supported by families and friends old and new. Great fun was had by everyone!

Stalls / Events

Bouncing Obstacle Course

Petting Zoo

Hook a Duck

Beauty Stall (face painting, nails, glitter, tattoos etc.)

Plant Stall Thank you to everyone who donated plants

Cakes Thank you to everyone who donated *cakes*

Bottle Stall Thank you to everyone who donated *cakes*

Ice cream van

Tea Rooms

Sweets/Drinks

Popcorn

Retro Fair games

World Book Day

World Book Day took place on Thursday 5th March 2015. The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage tudents to explore the pleasure of books and reading.

Notre Dame celebrated the occasion by staging a series of literary events around the school. Both students and teachers dressed up as female authors and famous literary characters from history- Jane Austen, Emily Bronte, Agatha Christie, Emily Dickenson, Beatrix Potter, Mary Shelley and Peig Sayers but to name a few.

In class, students had the opportunity to listen to extracts from famous novels and poetry that was acted out by students and teachers.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day!



Emmanuel 2015



Graduation 2015

Emmanuel 15

Congratulations to Notre Dame 2nd and 3rd Years and our 5th Year soloist - Amy Vance who participated in Emmanuel 15 on Tuesday March 3rd in the Helix.

Emmanuel is a project of the Dublin Diocesan Liturgical Resource Centre, now in its 8th Year, and promotes the use of Sacred Music in Secondary Schools. A unique collaboration of deaf and hearing students raise their voices and hands on the stage of the Helix in March as part of the Emmanuel concert series. Second and Third Year students from Notre Dame along with 700 other students from schools across the Archdiocese of Dublin took part in "Emmanuel 15."

"On March 3rd, all 2nd and 3rd Year students arrived bright and early at Notre Dame and departed with excitement for Our Lady of Victories Church. There we had our morning session which involved vocal warm ups, workshops, games and a short run over all of the songs for the concert later that night. Then we walked around to DCU campus where it was time for a well-earned break!

After lunch, we had our first proper dress rehearsal with all of the other students, the band and the lights!! The rehearsal was long but during it we got to hear our soloist from 5th Year – Amy Vance who sang the Irish song on the programme "A Chriost, Las Solas Duinn." She did a great job!!

After the rehearsal we got dinner in the DCU canteen and then it was time to take up our positions, as we could see the audience gathering for the concert. The concert itself was electric - all the hard work had paid off! The atmosphere was wonderful and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and the audience seemed to too! Our favourite song has to be the final one "Amen" - in rap style, we ended the concert with a bang - all 700 students and audience singing and dancing!

We went home on the bus exhausted but grateful we had the chance to perform as part of Emmanuel 2015.



1st Year Retreat



6th Year Gaeilge Class



Peter McVerry Trust

1st Year Retreat by Kaitlín Twomey

On Thursday March 19th, the 1st Years from Notre Dame Secondary School attended St. Benildus Parish Centre for their annual retreat.

Activities for the day included playing a game called "Heads Up" which is similar to Charades but everyone's favourite was playing football. We spent time talking about our talents and just seeing what makes us....."us". We all enjoyed writing a special prayer as it involved going deep into your thoughts and writing exactly what you were feeling. It was a little like getting to know each other all over again. We also talked about what kind of things make us the 1st Years complete. We recognized that everyone has a personality which adds to the atmosphere of the year. We realised that everyone really cares about each other and that we only want the best for one other.

On behalf of my classmates I would like to say "thank you" to the religion teachers who organised this event which became a wonderful experience. each other all over again. We also talked about what kind of things make us the 1st Years complete. We recognized that everyone has a personality which adds to the atmosphere of the year. We realised that everyone really cares about each other and that we only want the best for one other.

On behalf of my classmates I would like to say "thank you" to the religion teachers who organised this event which became a wonderful experience.

Peter McVerry Trust Fundraiser

Greg, from the Peter McVerry Trust, visited Notre Dame yesterday to give a talk to the 6th Years who recently organised a Burger Day to raise funds for this charity. He told the 6th Years about the great work the organisation is doing and how far the €200 they raised will go - ie 100 dinners for people in need or 1 months accommodation for people who are homeless and on the streets. At the whole-school assembly, the 6th Year class presented Greg with the cheque. Many thanks to the 6th Years for organising such a successful fundraiser, thanks to everyone who supported it and thank-you also to Greg for taking the time to visit Notre Dame!



6th Years host Staff Lunch



6th Years v Staff Match



Student Council



King Lear by Hannah McKernan & Elaine Scott 5th Year

In February Sackville Productions came into school to put on a condensed play of 'King Lear' by William Shakespeare. It took us through all the key scenes in 'King Lear' that we studied this year for Leaving Cert.

To make it more relatable, the adaptation put a modern twist on the traditional version. To do this, the company projected comic strip images and text to explain the subplot with Edmund, Edgar and Gloucester etc. In order to show that the play is still relevant today, some scenes portrayed the king as a rapper in inner city Dublin who owned three large companies "Kings Ringz", "Kings Binz" and "Kings Zingz". The King's empire of wealth was shared out between his two pelican daughters following an "announcement" that night that he was taking early retirement in order to pursue a career in the entertainment business. Obviously, Kingz plans for a future of frivolous fun and frolics are thwarted as neither of his daughters want him coming in at all hours wrecking their gaffs!

This modern adaptation made the play more interesting and memorable to us because we could relate to it. The modern day message about Lear's big ego, blindness and eventual decline and redemption was easier to follow through the company's ingenuity and humour. Overall, for the Leaving Cert exam, it made the plot easier to understand and it allowed us to get to know the characters better.

All Ireland Soroptimist Public Speaking by Erica Fenner

This year I represented Leinster in the All-Ireland Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition on Saturday the 7th of February in Athlone. I was chosen to represent Leinster after the heats in the Oak Room of the Mansion House in Dublin! My prepared topic was about women working for and championing others' freedoms, while the impromptu speech was about my views on 'Operation Transformation'. Taking part in a soroptimist competition was a highlight of my year. I got to meet so many wonderfully intelligent and opinionated people and I hope I get to take part in many more competitions of the sort.



Italy 2015



My TY Journey Poem by Ruth Purcell

Hello my friend I'm talking to you today,
To guide you through my Transition Year way,
I started the year not excited at all,
But I'm standing here today and I've had a ball.

We started off in Killary over in the west,
Staying overnight with my friends was just the best,
We all really bonded and had the chats,
Oh how I wish we could all just go back.

The whole year smiled out way through Fame,
Never missed a cue – that was the aim!
December came and work experience arrived,
I was in the Rotunda and I strived.
To be a doctor was more than I thought,
Watching all the heartbreak made me really distraught,
I soon realised medicine wasn't for me,
And found myself in Stein Study.
Playing computers all day long,
Watching Ted Talks and singing songs,
It wasn't that interesting needless to say,
You can't win em all – what a cliché.

Christmas came and before we left,
We had a course with Gary from Wezz,
We learned all the first aid you could in two days,
He was very impressed with us, full of praise.

We came back from our holidays and YSI kicked in,
We had plenty to do if we wanted to win,
I had a lot of responsibility and lots to organise,
Spread the word, bake cakes and buy supplies!
We held three fundraisers, all a success,
We raised over 600 euro, we felt blessed,
We performed our speak-out practiced through and through,
We did a great job, no one booed!

I went to the Royal Hospital to do my community work,
It was absolutely brilliant I couldn't help but smirk,
I loved talking to all the patients, they had a lot to say,
About how things were done differently back in their day.
They were such a pleasure to work with and always put a smile on my face,
I would definitely recommend it – what a fantastic place.

Within a few days Italy came,
We all arrived at the airport and hopped on the plane,
It was pizza and pasta all day long,
We managed to squeeze in just a few songs,
My favourite was the Vatican and all the beautiful art,
It was such a sight, one I hold dearly in my heart.
I will never forget all the fun we had,
It was quite the sight arriving back with all our bags.

After Italy I went to the four courts,
I popped in and out as I pleased for long or for short,
We got to go to the CCJ and see all the trials,
How scary it was sitting in the aisle,
Next to solicitors, clients and barristers,
It's safe to say there wasn't a murmur!

Throughout the year I feel I have grown,
I even did poetry aloud without a moan,
I helped out with Gala night and open day,
I put a smile on my face and was on my way.

I also bag packed for Down Syndrome Ireland,
What a great cause – we are all such diamonds.
I must admit I was very proud of myself,
When I completed all of my ECDL,
It took some time and a lot of work,
But now I could be a qualified desk clerk.

This whole year I really think I've grown,
I've made new friends and felt at home,
I can't believe how well we've all bonded,
And how magnificently I responded,
To all the teachers, projects and tasks,
I really felt proud of me and my class.

So that is the end of TY journey,
I feel I must have explained it surely,
Thank you for it all I wouldn't change a thing,
I'm ready to step into Fifth Year with a spring. ☺



YSI Showcase 2015

by Emily Guiney, Amy Neligan and Alanna O'Connell.

On the 6th May transition year students travelled to City West hotel for the YSI Showcase. It was the final event of the YSI projects of 2015. We left the school at 8:30 and arrived 9:00. Despite the bad weather we were all in high spirits and looking forward to the day. Over 5000 students from all over Ireland attended and the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement.

60 groups were lucky enough to be chosen to present their projects again as part of the final leg of the competition. Whilst this was going on there were many activities for other students to avail of for example the silent disco, archery, climbing walls, face painting, bouncy castles and food stalls. Our year seemed to thoroughly enjoy the silent disco! We were also given the opportunity to watch the other groups perform their speakouts for a second time during the competition.

Even though we weren't part of the final 60 we were given the opportunity to create an A2 sized poster based on our project which could be voted on by text to receive an additional award which over 100 schools availed of.

Towards the end of the day we attended the award ceremony where we danced with Robert to some tunes, listened to some inspirational stories, were given a performance by 'The Original Rude Boys' and of course watched the other groups receive their awards.

Overall it was a very enjoyable experience and we hope the other years to come have as much fun as we did!



YSI





My Transition Year Journey by Grace Yarr

I didn't know what to expect from Transition Year, it sounded like so much fun from all I had heard from the years ahead of me and my sister. We went on a lot of enjoyable outings and trips and have taken lots of new classes.

My favourite outing was when we went to the Driving School in Mondello it was great fun and definitely the highlight of my year. I also really enjoyed being part of the school musical "Fame", it was an incredible experience performing on stage, the rehearsals and preparing the set were fun.



We started off the year with a trip to Killary, an outdoor activity centre for 5 days. I loved all the activities available in Killary. My personal favourites were the leap of faith, the giant swing and the bog. This was a great way to start off the year, it was a real team building experience.

We also went on a trip to Italy with Miss O'Rahilly and Miss Caldwell. We were all very excited to go on this trip and it certainly lived up to our expectations and more!



We got to go on work experience placements and I chose to go to a vet's surgery, a dentist's surgery and the DSPCA. They were all incredible places to work and taught me a lot but I have decided that I no longer want to be a vet or a dentist so I can rule them out for possible careers in the future.

I did 2 weeks community care in St. Michael's House Day Centre, Bon Accord in Churchtown. This was a great experience and I would go back to volunteer again.

We had the opportunity to take new classes this year. Steve who made Driver Ed. so interesting, yoga which has given me ways to relax. Working on ECDL, which I can now say I have finished and passed. Japanese, we learnt basic phrases and a lot about Japanese Culture and Chinese, we learnt more about language and a little about Chinese Culture.



We all had a blast in Transition Year, I thought it was great as it gave us the opportunity to learn more about ourselves and each other and I am now ready to move onto the new challenges in 5th Year.



Flag Presentation Ceremony



1st Years entertain at Senior Citizens Dinner

Notre Dame presented with Irish Flag by the Thomas F. Meagher Foundation

On the 12th of March 2015, Notre Dame took part in the Thomas F. Meagher Foundation School Flag Presentation Ceremony in Waterford. 5th Year students – Erica Fenner, Amy Vance, Rebecca Magrane and Shauna O’Connell were selected to attend the event on behalf of the whole school. They travelled to Waterford by train with Miss O Rahilly and were presented with the Tricolour flag at the Presentation Ceremony in the Kingfisher Club. Nearly three hundred schools across Ireland took part in the event where they each received an Irish flag that had been flown from 33 the Mall, Waterford, where Thomas F. Meagher flew the first Tricolour flag in 1848.

The event was attended by our President, Michael D. Higgins, who gave an inspiring speech on the importance of the Tricolour flag and its symbolic meaning. He highlighted that

“It is important that we, Irish, reaffirm strongly that the Irish Tricolour is an emblem of peace and brotherhood between the various communities who live on the island of Ireland, as well as a reminder of the bonds of friendship that tie us to other nations across the world. Indeed we are fortunate that one of the most recognisable symbols of our shared Irishness is a banner whose pattern of colours is one that conveys a vision of concord and harmony.”

The Thomas F. Meagher Foundation aims to promote pride in and respect for the Irish flag and its true meaning for peace in Ireland. The Foundation is named after Thomas Francis Meagher, Irish Patriot, US Army General and Governor of Montana who flew the first Tricolour flag on the 7th of March 1848 from 33, The Mall in Waterford at the Wolfe Tone Club.

The 2016 Flag Week will take place from the 10th - 17th of March 2016 leading up to St. Patrick’s Day. Flag week is a platform for schools around Ireland, such as Notre Dame, to raise funds for projects of their choice in their local area by selling Tricolour lapel badges provided by the Thomas F. Meagher Foundation.

The Foundation will also award scholarships and recognise students who are active citizens in their schools and communities.

Notre Dame looks forward to participating in 2016 flag week next year!