

THE LASALLIAN

Celebrating Academic Success and Extra Curricular Achievement

DLS Pupil Newsletter

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Celebrating 300 years of John Baptist de La Salle - our school's founder

Saturday 6th April 2019 was a very special day for De La Salle College Belfast.

Pupils, staff and members of our Lasallian community travelled to Knock Shrine to participate in the Jubilee Celebrations of 300 years since the death of our founder Saint Jean Baptiste De La Salle.

This Tercentenary Commemoration in Knock involved the coming together of Lasallian schools and colleges throughout Ireland to celebrate the rich history and heritage that we continue to build together, in unity with the

one million students and 32,000 Lasallian educators around the world.

The students of De La Salle College Belfast participated in the celebrations and contributed to the wonderful events of the day which culminated in a very special Mass in the Knock Basilica.

We prayed for all of our community, alumni and any deceased pupils, staff and relatives. A very proud day for our school, all Lasallian schools and for the De La Salle Brothers.

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Noel Dunlop

(Christ the Redeemer)

My favourite part of De La Salle Open Night was seeing the Sports Hall as I am very energetic and love to play sports. If I was to describe the school in three words I would describe the school as 'bright', 'welcoming' and 'enjoyable'. I know that I am only a primary six pupil but I know that La Salle is at the top of my options.



Jayden Hyndman

(St. Peter's Primary School)

My favourite subject in the school was the ICT Department as I really enjoy playing games and learning how to use code to create an app. I would really like to go to De La Salle next year after seeing it tonight. I loved every minute.

Declan Rainey

(St. Colman's)

My favourite part about open night was playing penalty shootouts in the P.E department. The subjects that I enjoyed the most were technology and science because I really enjoyed the 3D printer and the science experiments. After seeing De La Salle on Open Night I think that I would really enjoy going to it.



The Diana Award



The Diana Award Be Strong Online Ambassadors received vital training about mental health from T.A.M.H.I. (Tackling Awareness of Mental Health Issues), an organisation based in N.I. which works with sports clubs, schools and youth groups who use sport to raise awareness of mental health and resilience. The team underwent training to ensure that they are able to give advice on mental health to young children and ensure that they have the understanding of how our mental health is important and has a huge impact on our lives.



DLS Spanish Trip



24 DE LA SALLE
PUPILS, FROM ALL
THREE KEY STAGES,
ENJOYED A ONCE IN
A LIFE TIME TRIP TO
SALOU, SPAIN,
WHERE THEY
IMMERSED
THEMSELVES IN
SPANISH CULTURE
AND LANGUAGE.

Nathan McArdle

I really enjoyed the trip to Barcelona. It was my first time and I would definitely go again. My favourite part of the trip was going to The Nou Camp and I really enjoyed the traditional Spanish food that I had never tried before as well as meeting people from another culture.

Ben Morrow

I enjoyed my trip to Barcelona with my Spanish class as we got to live a once in a lifetime experience. We got to see the Sagrada Família which was a breath-taking sight. It was amazing that we were able to speak Spanish to all the different Spanish people who we met and that we were able to order our own food with the knowledge we have learned in class.

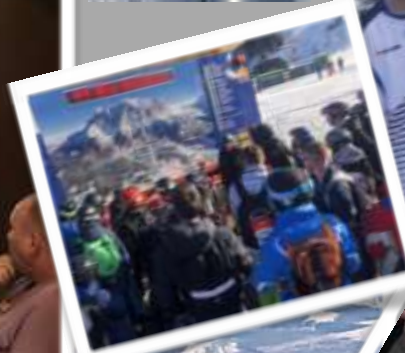




2018 DLS SKI TRIP



IN 2018, DE LA SALLE PUPILS EXPERIENCED AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP TO EHRWALD, AUSTRIA. THIS YEAR IS THE 41ST YEAR DE LA SALLE PUPILS HAVE GONE TO AUSTRIA.



DLS Charity Fundraising



Earlier in the year, a memorable morning was spent talking about MND and also the importance of maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. The school also presented a cheque of £2851 to Anto and Conall Finnegan on behalf of deterMND from the money they all raised during their Santa Hat Aerobics for MND. Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is an uncommon condition that affects the brain and nerves. It causes weakness that gets worse over time. It is fatal and can cause a shortened life expectancy, but some people live with it for many years. There is no cure, but there are treatments to help reduce the impact it has on your daily life.



Digital School House



De La Salle team, Resurrection, arrive in London for the digital schoolhouse Esports final 2019.

After seven months of hard work, skill and determination throughout both school heats and regional qualifiers, team Resurrection, Pearse Kerr, Tiernan Graham and Christopher McCurry proved worthy contenders. Also attending was Ryan Butler who got to experience being the audio mixer for the live stream of the event.

The highly anticipated grand finale of the Overwatch Digital Schoolhouse Esports tournament came to an explosive end at Gfinity's London arena, as De La Salle battled it with seven other teams out for the title of UK Esports Champions 2019.



Ukie's Digital Schoolhouse powered by PlayStation, delivers its annual Esports tournament to schools & colleges across the UK. Its aim, to provide an immersive careers education experience. Students aged 12-18 years can participate as players or fulfil professional roles crafted by the video games industry, for education. Skills that students develop whilst participating in the tournament are recognised by the Duke of York's Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (iDEA).

Youth Sport Basketball



BY JOSEPH WILSON 9C

Although I had played some basketball at Primary School, I was still extremely excited to improve my talents at De La Salle this year. For six weeks, after school, we received top class basketball tuition from experts in the game. This culminated with a match against Hazelwood Integrated School when every player managed to have some game time. It was a memorable experience and I know that my game has improved a lot. I would recommend Youth Sport Basketball to anyone in the school next year.

OTHER NEWS!



JUDO CHAMP!!!

Well done to Peter Cassidy on winning a silver medal at the British Judo Schools Championship. Peter won 4 out of 5 fights in the British Schools Championships, representing our school De La Salle. Throughout this year Peter has competed in several different events and his hard work and training has truly paid off and this is seen in his amazing results.



AN BHFUIL GAEILGE AGAT?

Congratulations to our Year 10 pupils who achieved their silver fáinne last month.

Comhghairdeas le daltaí bhliain 10 a d'éirigh leo fáinne airgid a fháil.



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