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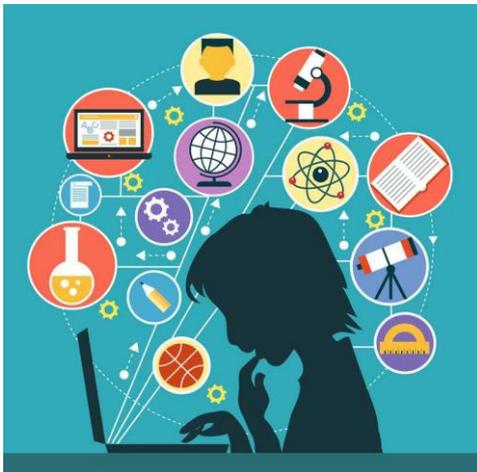
**The 2nd
instalment from
our Champion
Reader, Sarah
Maria Griffin**



We hope you are all keeping well girls. Some of you are in the midst of your end of year exams, albeit in a very different format to what you are used to. We hope you are honest to yourself and to your teachers in how you complete these tests. They will allow you to get a sense of where you are at in your learning in each subject area and help you to see where you need to do more work and where you are doing well.

This week we said an emotional farewell to our Leaving Certificate students with an online celebration to mark the end of their time as students in St Aloysius. While we will have many more encounters over the coming months and years, this week was a landmark in their lives with all of us here in St Al's. We will miss you walking our corridors and the fun, care and respect for each other that you have shown throughout your journey from 1st to 6th year. Thank you for all the memories you have shared with us. We look forward to our future with you as our esteemed alumni.

**Some more samples
of the amazing work
happening in our
online classes. Well
done everyone!**



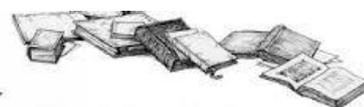
Next Thursday we will take to the pavements for our annual school walk. We are encouraging you to don your runners and finest sportswear and take part in the 5k challenge. Bring your family and share your success through the St Aloysius Club on Strava. We'd love if you share photos of you out on the school walk that we can post on Twitter & Instagram and in next week's final Student Bulletin for the year.

Ms Savage & Ms McGlade

**OUR ANNUAL
SCHOOL WALK
GOES VIRTUAL**



Sarah Maria Griffin chats to Dave Rudden



The Robert Dunbar
Memorial Libraries

Our Champion of Reading, Sarah Maria Griffin was busy this week chatting with fellow author Dave Rudden. Many of our students will remember meeting Mr. Rudden in Cork City Library with their English teachers last year. He later tweeted the school hoping to read some of the short stories written by our students.

If you have any questions about zines, writing or publishing for Ms. Griffin or want to share your finished zine with her please feel free to email Ms Walsh and she will forward them for you.

Link to the new video:



With summer holidays just around the corner and a little more time on our hands than usual, why not make reading a priority in your daily activities. Reading is a wonderful way to help unwind and escape into another world. To really indulge in your latest book, find a time in the day when you are less likely to have interruptions. Find a peaceful space inside or outside where you can socially distance yourself from the endless news updates and social media notifications. Set your phone aside, prepare a nice warm drink, put on some background music, have a blanket to hand.... then sink into the pages of a good book.

Did you know? Irish public libraries provide all users with a wide range of free online services including eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, online courses and online newspapers. Find out more by clicking on the button below... [Your Local Library](#)



Virtual 5k School Walk



As students in 2nd to 6th year would be aware, it is tradition to complete a 5k school walk. Due to the current situation a school walk wouldn't be fit to take place the way it normally has been. This year a virtual 5k school walk has been organised. All students are invited to take part in the virtual 5k walk and the invite is extended to your immediate family.

How it will work; while using the app Strava and joining a St Aloysius club, you will complete your 5k walk around your local area and save the results from the walk. By saving the results, all members of the club will be able to see each other's efforts.

You are encouraged to take photos while you are out for the walk. When posting the images use #StAls5KWalk . This can be used on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. If you are posting your photos on Twitter, include the school in your caption by tweeting to @stalscork

While walking you will be reminded to follow the social distance regulations of staying 2 meters away from others and stay within 5k of your homes. If you are sharing photos on social media please remember to dress appropriately for a school event.

Please see the attached PowerPoint that explains how to set up the Strava app and how to join the St Aloysius club on Strava.

All the best girls.

From the PE department.



Don't forget to have an ice-cream when you finish your walk!!



This time last year we were busy playing a friendly teacher v's students game of rounders following our Annual School Walk



Student Notice Board



Let's keep the light of hope shining. Light your candle at 8pm tonight to show your support for those out there who are struggling or working in difficult conditions to keep everyone safe. Email pics to mshalley@stalscork.com

For Covid19 related information in a range of languages please visit <https://nascireland.org/know-your-rights/covid-19-world-service>

Our Meitheal Team 2019/2020

I would like to thank this years' Meitheal team for their great work with our current 1st year students. It means so much to know that our senior students are so willing and able to look out for their junior counterparts and keep a caring eye over them while offering support and advice throughout. You have done a wonderful job! We look forward to seeing you all do more great things in the school in the year ahead and I have no doubt you will have words of wisdom and advice for our new team who begin their leadership journey as next years Meitheal team.

Ms McGlade



A message from our Meitheal team 2020/2021!

Dear colleagues and students,

I am looking forward to working this year with a diverse, dynamic Meitheal group who have already impressed navigating a new landscape through email, WebEx and voice memo instruction!

We are looking forward to welcoming the new first years to our school community, as we begin a journey we will share together over the next six years. It marks a very special time in their lives as they prepare to become an active member of our school body.

Meitheal hope to make a valuable contribution towards creating a friendly and welcoming environment from September by organising fun activities in an inclusive environment. They endeavour to offer a friendly ear and will be readily available to offer consultation and advice.

Finally, I would like to thank Kealynn, Cáit and Christina for their help with the bulletin and to the group for their generous efforts thus far. Mar a deir an seanfhocal - *Ni neart go cur le chéile!*

- Ms White



Hello everyone! My name is Kealynn Dollard and I am a part of Meitheal 2020/2021! I'd like to introduce our wonderful team. We have nine girls on our team this year. Kealynn Dollard, Jasmine Cotter Willows, Cáit Mc Sweeney, Christina Maher, Hazel Harrington, Megan O' Driscoll, Tija Tony, Amy Wallace and Jessica O' Brien. We are all looking forward to meeting all of the incoming first years and can't wait to work with them this year! We are going to have an amazing year and will be here for anything that the incoming first years will need! We look forward to meeting you all soon!

-Kealynn Dollard

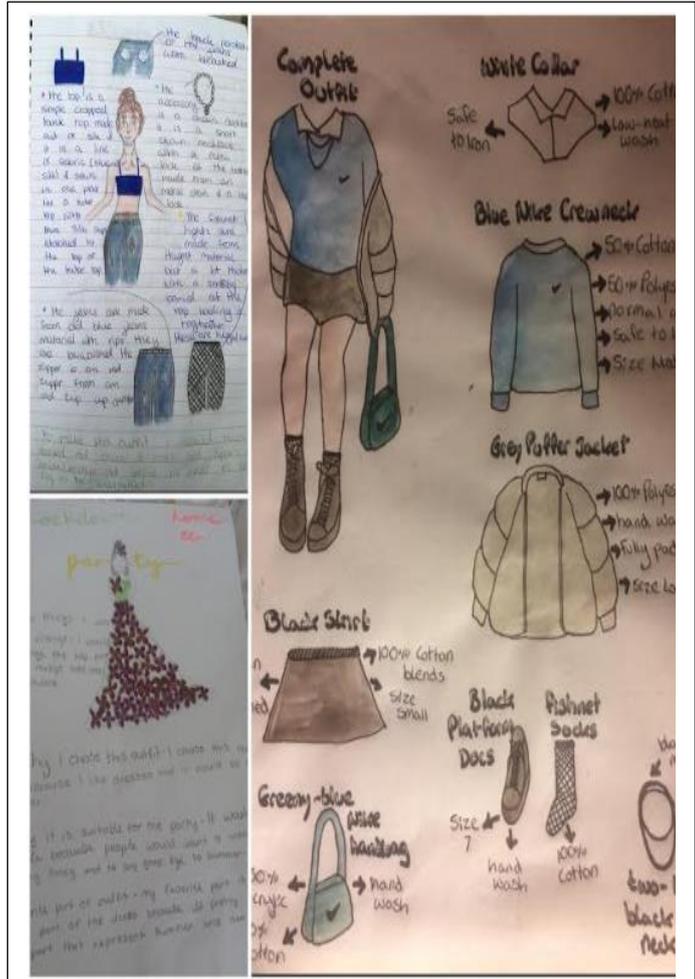
Hi everyone, my name is Cáit McSweeney and I'm part of the Meitheal team for 2020/2021. Transition Year was honestly the most fun I've had and I got to experience new things and it helped shape my decision to apply for Meitheal in a way that will stand to me in the future. TY allowed me to do more group activities and to get to know the others in my year.

Meitheal is based on the old Irish custom of neighbouring farmers helping each other out. Meitheal aims to tackle various needs in the school. I wanted to take part because this year of all years is when the first years need a helping hand in settling into secondary school life. I feel elated and relieved to have been chosen for the Meitheal team of 2020/2021 because I honestly didn't expect to be picked.

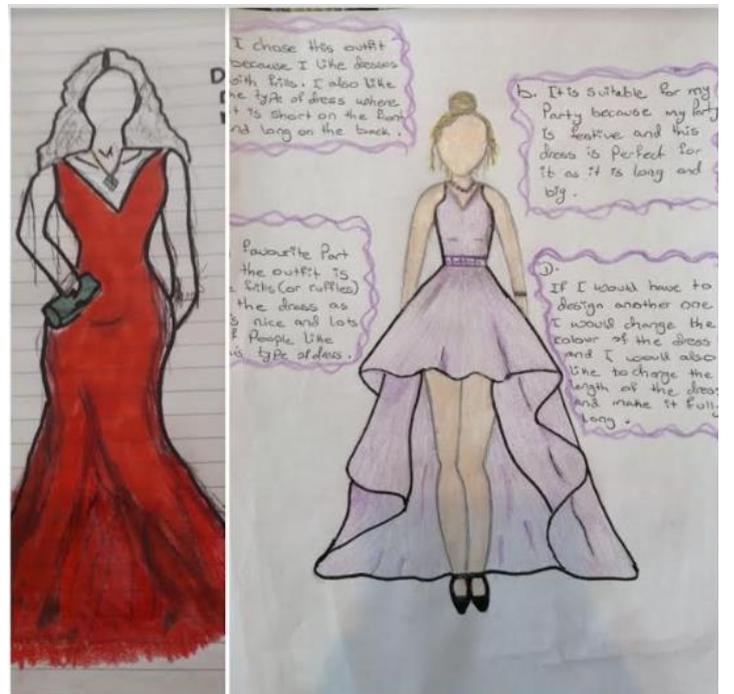
I really look forward to working with the team, Ms White, the other staff members and the student body because my intentions for going forward are to be open and welcoming to not just to the first years but to everyone. Furthermore, I hope to answer any queries that may appear during the year.

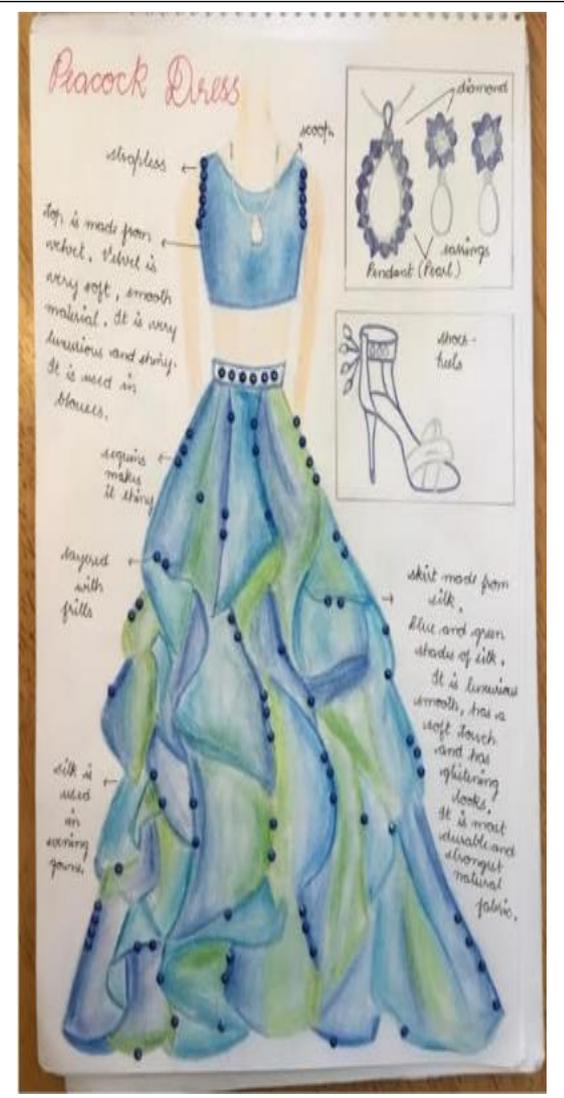
- Cáit

Budding fashion designers in the making!! It's all happening in Home Economics



First and second year Home Economics students were asked to design an outfit that they could wear to a party after lockdown. This lockdown dilemma project formed part of their summer assessment





Home Economics



This week is National Biodiversity Week.

Biodiversity is made up of two words,
Biological - living or life, Diversity - difference or variation.



It is important that we try to preserve and conserve the species that are native to Ireland. Check out the following link at the National Biodiversity centre,

<https://www.biodiversityireland.ie/projects/additional-survey-schemes/backyard-biodiversity/species/>

Find out what species you can find in your backyard! You can play your part by logging a record of what you noticed, all without moving outside your home place.

Biodiversity plays a part in our everyday lives, our air, water, food, areas of relaxation and in discovering of new medicines.



Professor E O Wilson, 1985 “This being the only living world we are ever likely to know, let us join to make the most of it” in the best way possible, for us and for future generations.

Don't Quit!

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow-
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out-
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

~anonymous~