



Summer Newsletter

June 2026

As another school year draws to a close, there is a palpable sense of gratitude and achievement throughout Mount Anville. The final weeks of term have been filled with celebration, reflection, and anticipation as we look back on a year marked by learning, growth, and a deep commitment to our Sacred Heart mission.

Throughout the year, our students have embraced every aspect of school life with enthusiasm and generosity of spirit. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, on the stage, through social outreach initiatives, or in the many extra and co-curricular activities that enrich our community, they have demonstrated the values that lie at the heart of a Sacred Heart education.

We extend our warmest good wishes to the Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle students and wish them every success as they embark on their state examinations. We are immensely proud of all they have accomplished and are confident that they will approach the weeks ahead with the resilience, confidence, and determination they have developed during their time at Mount Anville. In particular, we congratulate the Leaving Certificate Class of 2026, whose leadership and contribution to school life have left a lasting legacy.

This year we say goodbye to three stalwarts of Mount Anville, Joan Foley, Fiona Ryan, and Maeve McCarthy, who have collectively given over 90 years of service to our school. I would like to personally thank them for the exceptional service they have given to our school over the course of their tenure.

They have been exemplary educators inside and outside of the classroom and have had an overwhelmingly positive influence on the thousands of students who have been lucky enough to have been educated by them. I wish Joan, Fiona, and Maeve long, healthy, and happy retirements and thank them most sincerely for their care of and commitment to the girls.



As always, I am grateful to our Board of Management and the Mount Anville Sacred Heart Education Trust for their continued guidance and support. Their commitment ensures that the values and vision of Sacred Heart education continue to flourish within our school community.

A sincere word of thanks to our parents and guardians for the trust and partnership you provided throughout the year. The strong relationship between home and school is one of Mount Anville's greatest strengths and I am grateful for your continued support.

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated teaching and support staff. Their professionalism, generosity, and unwavering commitment to our students are evident every day. They nurture not only academic excellence but also the personal growth, confidence, and character of each student entrusted to our care.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of the newsletter and to the many events, initiatives, and achievements featured within its pages. It offers a wonderful snapshot of the vibrancy, talent, and spirit that define life at Mount Anville, and I would particularly like to thank Muirna Walsh for her work in creating this publication assisted by our 5th Year photographer Amy Keaveny.

As the school year draws to a close, I wish all members of our school community a restful and enjoyable summer break.

May the weeks ahead provide an opportunity for some family time and a well-deserved rest.

— HAPPY —
Retirement



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Reading for Pleasure Literacy Target

One of our literacy targets is to encourage students to read at least two books per term and we ask students to complete an online Rate your Book form for each book read. We add an extra incentive by linking this target to house points.

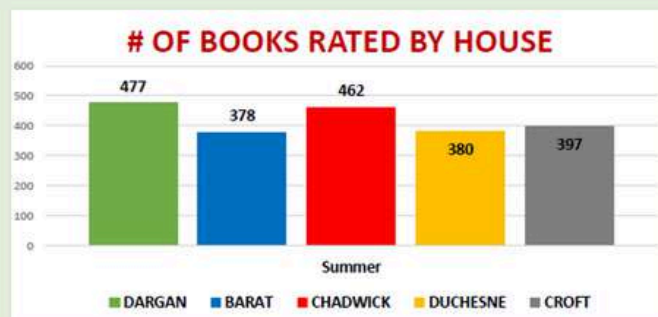
New Book Collections

Autism Collection

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With collaboration from Ms Grainne Marrinan, the library has acquired new reading materials meant to support our neurodivergent students as well as the staff working with them.



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DARGAN	477
BARAT	378
CHADWICK	462
DUCHESNE	380
CROFT	397



Who says that graphic novels and comics are “not real books”? Graphic novels are very versatile. In fact, they can:

- Help reluctant readers approach reading with no fear,
- Teach visual literacy,
- Support the curriculum,
- Support language learning,
- Help you develop empathy,
- And make it easier to detect the tone of a written text.

Keeping all of this in mind, the library launched a brand-new Graphic Novel Collection. While we're starting very small, we hope the collection will grow over the years—with the enthusiasm and collaboration of our students!





Library News

IEN Collection

To support our most reluctant and/or struggling readers, the library collaborated with the IEN department to create a collection of books we like to call “Easy to Pick Up, Hard to Put Down”. These are books that are:

- Short,
- Printed in dyslexia-friendly fonts,
- Written in plain language,
- Full of illustrations.

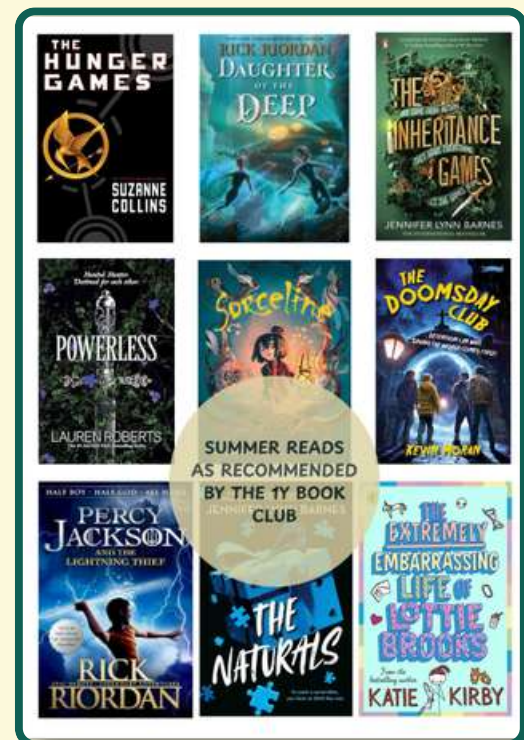
If a student ever feels like they need a little pick me up, these stories are a great choice! Wholesome, heart-warming, and inspiring, these books are meant to help anyone who reads them feel more at peace. They are also great for EAL students who are still getting to grips with the English language.



Summer Reading

Please click [here](#) to discover our recommended reading lists. There is a separate list for each year group. Please encourage your daughter to keep up her reading during the summer.

In addition, during each of their final sessions, our lovely MTA Book Clubs came up with some reading recommendations for the whole school community!



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Green Committee

We have had a great year as a Green committee. One of our biggest achievements was receiving the Green Flag for sustainable travel. We were very proud to raise the Green Flag with our school community. It was a special moment that celebrated all the hard work and effort put in by students, teachers, and staff throughout the year.

We also organised and took part in Green Week. During Green Week, the whole school went for a walk together to promote healthy living and caring for the environment. Students and staff also made a great effort to walk to school whenever possible instead of using cars. Together during this week, we raised over €1000 to support Barnardos and the work they do with children and youth in Ireland. It was wonderful to see everyone doing their best to help reduce pollution and support a cleaner environment.

Finally, before the year ended, we collaborated with the Ethos team in a Pre-loved trainers initiative, with the shoes donated to 'Our Shoes' charity to be sent to children in Africa.

Being a Green Prefect has been a great experience. We learned the importance of teamwork, responsibility, and protecting our planet.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for supporting our green initiatives and helping to make our school a better and greener place for everyone.

Together, we can continue to make a positive difference for the environment!

From your Green Prefects 2026

Rachel Bennett, Sarah Stewart, Isabelle Weber, Isabelle Davy and Natasha Connolly



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The Veronica Dunne Memorial Cup Competition

The Veronica Dunne Memorial Cup competition was held on Thursday 23rd April and proved to be a fantastic event. The performers were Tong Wei Wang, Lily Yang, Aoife McPolin, Caroline Croke, Nina Sheehan, and Winnie Zhao.

It was an outstanding competition, with an exceptionally high standard of performance from all participants. Lily Yang was named the winner of the Veronica Dunne Memorial Cup. Lily played the piano and performed an impressive selection of pieces by Tchaikovsky, Ravel, and Chopin.

The adjudicator, Sarah Sew, Professor of Violin and Head of Chamber Music at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, was incredibly impressed by all the competitors and awarded each performer a highly recommended mark.

This is a competition that continues to grow with each passing year, and with so many wonderful musicians in Mount Anville, it is sure to become even more popular in the years ahead.

By Mr Lynch



John Locke Institute

Huge congratulations to Yolanda Fang, a Second Year Philosophy student, who has been awarded a €500 scholarship to attend a prestigious John Locke Institute Summer School at Radley College in Oxfordshire.

Yolanda earned this scholarship through her outstanding essay, which examined the famous words first spoken by Theodore Parker in 1853 and later popularised by Martin Luther King Jr.: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

In her essay, Yolanda argued that there is insufficient evidence to justify confidence in the reliability of this claim, presenting a thoughtful and well-reasoned philosophical analysis. Her success reflects her intellectual curiosity, critical thinking skills, and ability to engage with complex ideas.

This is a remarkable achievement, and we wish Yolanda every success as she takes part in this exciting opportunity this summer.



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EAL Trip

On Monday, May 11th, the EAL department went on its spring excursion to Co Wicklow. The first stop was Mount Usher Gardens in Ashford. Though it was a little overcast and drizzling, the intrepid group set off on the one-hour walk of the beautiful gardens in good spirits.

Along the Avoca River, the group was treated to many different varieties of trees, shrubs, plants and fauna from all over the world. A group photograph was taken in a nice spot, and it began to brighten up nicely as the end of the walk approached. A nice, packed lunch (with some treats from the cafe) was then enjoyed by all before setting off for the next destination.



In the hills west of Kilpedder, the coach turned into Altidore Castle. Built in c1730 for General Thomas Pearce, our group enjoyed a guided tour of the ground floor rooms with current owner Philip Emmet and son Thomas. The students enjoyed learning about the art, land and history of the castle and its links to Irish leader Robert Emmet (1778-1803). House pet cat Bat also proved an enjoyable interest. After another group photo, the students made their way back down the long driveway to their awaiting coach to return to Mount Anville.

"We have one to two trips a year and they are a good way to learn and improve our English outside school. We all really like the EAL trips!"

Sarah Han 3A

Thank you to all involved for our kind welcome, and to Ms Ballester for accompanying us on our excursion.

Mr O'Riordan (EAL Coordinator)

MUN

Our Model United Nations team had a fantastic weekend for the final conference of the year, hosted by Educate Together Wicklow. Seventeen students represented Mount Anville and had the chance to show off their leadership skills across two days of lively debate.

The delegation of Russia was awarded Distinguished Delegation, and every member also received an individual award for their dedication and skill. Congratulations to Amy, Maisie, Emily, Hannah, Clodagh, Isabelle, and Winnie for a remarkable victory.

Our delegations of Ukraine and Iraq also performed strongly, with several newer delegates participating with confidence. Well done to all involved.

By Mr Poulton & Ms Baker



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Bake Sale

On March 2nd the TY musical marketing team marked the launch of the 2026 musical ticket sale with a Pink Bake Sale. The whole TY year made the most delicious contributions, and our Legally Blonde Pink Bake Sale was a sell-out success. Jigsaw - The National Centre For Youth Mental Health Services was the chosen charity, and the marketing team visited the charity's head offices to donate our bake sale proceeds. On our visit we not only got to present our donation in person, but we also learned a little about what Jigsaw does for young people in Ireland today. Steven Short Jigsaws' Fundraising Coordinator wrote to our TY students:

Thank you to all the girls there in Mount Anville TY so much for your caring support in donating €487 to Jigsaw. Because of you, more children will have someone to talk to, someone to listen and somewhere to turn when they're struggling with their mental health...You are part of our movement of passionate people who believe in a future where every young person's mental health is valued and supported.

Well done to our TY students!
By Ms Marsh

IMTA Junior Pi Quiz

Congratulations to all the girls who took part in the IMTA Junior Pi Quiz this season, and especially to our outstanding Junior team who have achieved a remarkable national victory.

A particular congratulations to Zihui (Ariana) Zhou, Athena Wu, and Qiaobing (Cindy) Qing, who came 1st place with an impressive score of 19 out of 20, getting just one question wrong in the entire competition. The competition came down to a nail-biting tiebreak, where the team showed great composure and emerged victorious.

Competing with three team members instead of the usual four makes this achievement even more exceptional. The team finished first out of over 1,000 teams nationwide, becoming IMTA Pi Quiz All-Ireland Champions and the first girls' school ever to win the competition. This victory also completes a clean sweep of the Junior maths competitions this season for Mount Anville, an extraordinary accomplishment. Well done to all the girls involved. We are immensely proud of their hard work, teamwork, and mathematical excellence.

By Mr McMahon & Mr Reilly



JIGSAW
Young people's
health in mind



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Debating

Congratulations to Gráinne Hunt and Ellen Brosnan in 5th Year who took part in the Senior National Mace Final on Saturday 25th April in UCD.

It was a super achievement to make it that far!

The girls have done a wonderful job representing our school this year in various debating competitions and we thank them for the dedication and commitment to debating in Mount Anville.

Well done girls.



Yoga

On Monday the 4th of May, 1st Years had their last Yoga class before their Summer Exams. To mark the occasion, we did some new Yoga postures and perfected the most popular ones done throughout the year. There was a lot of focus on fun and laughter!!!

Yoga is good fun and helps you to relax and is a toolkit for life.

Huge thanks to all the girls who have been so consistent, dedicated and committed this year.

You have been so fantastic !!

Namaste 🌸 🙏

By Ms. Ballester



German Language Essay Competition 2026

Three students successfully took part at the German Language Essay Competition hosted by the Austrian Embassy this year. Qiaobing Qing and Quinnie Zhang competed in the Junior Category and wrote their Essays on the topic of their favourite Austrian Federal State.

Adona Deju Zewdie competed in the Transition Year Category, which focuses on environmental challenges. Her essay topic depicted how we should plan mobility more consciously in our modern world.

All three students achieved a certificate and prize for the high standard of their essays and German language skills.

Well done girls.

By Ms Caton



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Gaelic Games

U14 Gaelic Football

Mount Anville's U14 team produced a spirited performance in the Regional Final, showcasing the tremendous skill, determination and team spirit that they displayed throughout the campaign.

In the Regional Final in UCD on Tuesday, 19th May, Mount Anville battled bravely against a strong Our Lady's Terenure side after arriving unbeaten to the decider. Despite missing influential defender Alice Brosnan through injury, the girls delivered a superb display full of courage and quality. Ruth Byrne was a standout performer, leading the scoring with six impressive points, while Annie McAuliffe added 1-2 in a notable attacking performance. Captain Isobel Bailie, Sophie Porcu, Keira Costello, Lily Martin, Lauren Heraty and Siobhan Leonard were among the standout performers as Mount Anville fought hard throughout before Terenure pulled away late on. Although defeated, the team can reflect with enormous pride on a fantastic first season and an outstanding campaign.



Over the course of the campaign, there were many exceptional performers for Mount Anville - from captain Isobel Bailie, wing-backs Keira Costello and Lily Martin, midfielder Isla Conlon, and forwards Ruth Byrne, Annie McAuliffe and Peggy Meehan. Lauren Heraty, however, emerged as Mount Anville's standout player this season, producing a series of commanding displays that consistently drove her team forward. Her exceptional ball handling, powerful high fielding, physical strength and relentless work rate made her a hugely influential presence in every game. Time and again, Heraty's determination and leadership inspired those around her, particularly in the most demanding moments of the campaign. A superb dual player, she also excelled on the camogie field, and her performances have deservedly earned her a place on the Dublin U14 Camogie panel, underlining her status as one of the school's outstanding young athletes.

U14 Gaelic Football Squad: Erin Bowen; Emily Mason; Isobel Bailie; Sophie Porcu; Kiera Costello; Lily Martin; Emma Dillon; Lauren Heraty; Isla Conlon; Grace Jolley; Ruth Byrne; Peggy Meehan; Emma McGuane; Annie McAuliffe; Siobhan Leonard; Alice Brosnan; Maia Russell; Hillary Daly; Emma McHugh; Moya Bourke; Erika O'Mahony; Eve Downey; Ciara Buckley; Charlotte Costello; Amber Enright; Leia Hennigan; Ciara Hall; Allison Rose Micks.

By Mr R O'Reilly



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U14 Camogie

On Wednesday 13th May, the U14 Camogie team also endured heartbreak in a dramatic Regional Final against Rosemont after an extraordinary contest that went to extra time. Ballinteer Saint John's GAA grounds played host to one of the most thrilling schools' finals of the season, with the Mount Anville girls showing incredible resilience to repeatedly battle back into the game. Annie McAuliffe delivered a remarkable personal tally of 4-5, while Emily Mason, Emma Dillon, Alice Brosnan, Lily Martin and Lauren Heraty all produced exceptional displays. Mount Anville looked set for victory before a late Rosemont goal denied them at the very end.

Over the course of Mount Anville's run to the final, there were many outstanding performers, including Siobhan Leonard, Lauren Heraty, Ruth Byrne and Peggy Meehan. However, Annie McAuliffe and Alice Brosnan proved to be the standout performers of the season. Annie, a member of the Dublin U14 Camogie panel, consistently delivered exceptional scoring returns throughout Mount Anville's campaign while repeatedly producing crucial scores at the most important moments. Whether driving her side forward with powerful attacking play or showing composure under pressure, McAuliffe's influence on games was immense, and her performances marked her out as one of the finest talents on display throughout the competition.

Alice Brosnan also deserves enormous recognition for her outstanding contribution throughout the season. A member of the Dublin U15 Camogie panel, Brosnan was a commanding and assured presence at centre-back, consistently providing leadership and composure under pressure. Her superb high fielding, excellent reading of the game and outstanding striking ability made her a key figure in Mount Anville's defence, while her calmness and positional awareness repeatedly helped launch attacks from deep. Combining strength, skill and determination, Brosnan established herself as one of the team's most influential performers across the campaign.

Both the Gaelic Football and Camogie teams represented the school with great pride throughout the season, demonstrating outstanding commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship. With continued hard work and dedication, the future looks bright for Gaelic Games in Mount Anville.

Mount Anville U14 Camogie Panel: Emma McHugh; Keira Costello; Siobhán Leonard; Emily Mason; Emma Dillon; Lauren Heraty; Alice Brosnan; Grace Jolley; Ruth Byrne; Isobel Bailie; Lily Martin; Peggy Meehan; Erin Bowen; Annie McAuliffe; Emma McGuane; Hillary Daly; Rachel Nolan; Erika O'Mahony; Eve Downey; Ciara Buckley; Lucy Hassett; Amber Enright; Ciara Hall; Alison Hickey Dwyer; Lucy Campbell.

By Mr R O'Reilly



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First Years Triumph in Dublin Blitz

Mount Anville's first-year Gaelic Football team enjoyed a memorable day at the annual Scoops.ie Dublin Blitz in Sean Moore Park, where they were crowned champions after a series of outstanding performances.

After victories over Loreto Dalkey and Our Lady's Terenure in the group stages, Mount Anville progressed to the final on scoring difference despite a narrow loss to Mount Sackville. In the decider, the team produced their best display of the tournament, defeating Mount Sackville 3-2 to 1-1 in an impressive all-round performance.

Captain Lily Martin led superbly from defence, while goalkeeper Allison Rose Micks impressed with her composure and distribution. Kiera Costello, Emma Dillon, Ruth Byrne and Lauren Heraty all played key roles throughout the competition, combining strong defensive work with excellent attacking play.

The standout performer of the tournament was Annie McAuliffe, whose pace, skill and finishing proved impossible for opposition defences to contain. McAuliffe scored a remarkable 14-4 across the tournament, including all of Mount Anville's scores in the final.

This historic victory marked Mount Anville's first-ever Dublin Blitz title, with the squad representing the school with tremendous pride, teamwork and determination throughout the competition.

First Year Gaelic Football Team: Allison Rose Micks; Rachel Nolan; Siobhan Leonard; Amber Enright; Kiera Costello; Lily Martin; Emma Dillon; Ruth Byrne; Lauren Heraty; Ciara Hall; Hillary Daly; Ciara Buckley; Emma McHugh; Annie McAuliffe; Peggy Meehan; Sarah Forde; Stephanie Rock; Amelia Grace O'Donnell; Lucy Campbell; Lucy Forde.

By Mr R O'Reilly

Orienteering

Congratulations to Sadhbh Hassett on her outstanding performance at an international orienteering competition in Scotland. She achieved an impressive second place in the sprint event, which was also a world ranking event, finishing just behind the current European champion. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of her hard work and dedication. Well done, Sadhbh!

A special mention also to both sisters, Sadhbh and Deirbhile, who completed an orienteering training camp for the European Championships in Slovenia.

A great accomplishment for both girls.



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Cricket

Mount Anville School cricket has gone from strength to strength this season, with fantastic progress being made across all year groups. It has been especially exciting to see the growth of the game among our younger students, with three competitive 1st Year teams taking to the field. Many students were completely new to cricket this year, but embraced the sport with enthusiasm, developing their fundamental movement skills, confidence, and teamwork while having great fun along the way. At the time of writing, the 1st Year A team has reached the semi-final stage — a brilliant achievement. The short cricket season concluded with a fun and energetic end-of-term cricket blitz, which perfectly showcased just how much the students had improved in such a short space of time. Our 2nd Year team also enjoyed a highly competitive league campaign and have gone from strength to strength throughout the season, earning a place in the Leinster Schools Final this Friday.

Both the Junior and Senior teams played some excellent, competitive cricket and demonstrated clear progress from the beginning of the season.

Well done to all the girls who came out, gave cricket a go, and most importantly, had fun!

By Ms King



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Athletics

East Leinsters

The East Leinster Athletics Championships took place in Morton Stadium Santry on Tuesday and Thursday last with a large Mount Anville group attending on both days. With over 3,000 athletes in attendance, from sixty - five schools, competition as always, was keen. Across the two days, the Mount Anville athletes performed exceptionally well, being crowned best school in all four age categories and the best overall school at the championships.

The medalists were as follows:

Minor

Chloe Vale (1st 500m)
Emma Jane Murray (1st Discus)
Hayley Assaf (2nd Javelin)
Hillary Daly (3rd Javelin)
Lily Canning (3rd 500m)

Junior

Maia Russell (1st 75mH, 3rd 200m)
Cara Rose Moran (1st Hammer)
Margot Charrier (1st High Jump)
Kate McGowan (2nd Long Jump)
Ellen McGloughlin (3rd Discus)
Rachel Kavanagh (3rd 1,200m walk)
Ariana Dillon (3rd 800m)
Clara Sargent (3rd Shot Put)
Maia Russell, Isla Conlon, Ruth Mahon, Kate McGowan (3rd Junior A Relay)
Moya Bourke, Ella Corrigan, Margot Charrier, Emma McGuane (1st Junior B Relay)

U16

Amelia Byrne, Emily Gannon, Zara Murray, Rebecca Ryan (3rd 4 x 300m Relay)

Intermediate

Adona Deju Zewdie (1st Discus, 1st Shot Put)
Zena Wakeford (1st Hammer)
Alicia Cotterell (1st Javelin)
Deirbhile Hassett (2nd Javelin)
Emily O'Brien (2nd Hammer)
Lindy Curtin (2nd 200m)
Faye Curran (3rd 80mH)

Senior

Jessica Carroll (1st 400mH, 2nd Hammer)
Sadhbh Hassett (2nd 1,500m Steeplechase 3rd 3,000m)
Naiose McCarthy (2nd Triple Jump)
Amy English (2nd Hurdles)
Ellen Brosnan (2nd 1,200m Walk)
Juliette Daly (3rd Hammer)
Amy Curtin (3rd Hurdles)
Aisling O'Donoghue (3rd High Jump)
Aeveen Brennan (3rd Discus)
Jessica Carroll, Amy Keogh, Abril Allende, Ana Rogan (2nd 4 x 300m Relay)

Congratulations also to the following girls who although they did not get medals, picked up valuable points for the team trophies by finishing in the top six in their events:

Annie McAuliffe, Juliet Cotter, Saoirse Calvert, Lily Martin, Willow Maughan, Lauren Mullen, Alannah Roche, Genevieve Cotterell, Siobhan Leonard, Emilie Davy, Lily Canning, Ruth Byrne, Iris McPhillips, Trudy Molins, Nicole Fagan, Ciara Kerr, Evanna Martin, Remi Barron, Laura White, Aoibhinn Crehan, Afric Crehan, Thea Murray, Annabel Wyse and Alicia Davy.



Well done to everyone on such excellent performances.

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Leinster Schools Athletics Championships.

On Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th, several Mount Anville athletes travelled to Tullamore to compete in the Leinster Schools Athletics Championships.

In the discus, Adona Deju Zewdie dominated the competition and claimed gold with a fine throw in excess of 39m. Adona, who represented Ireland in the schools international last year, has now qualified to represent Leinster in the Tailteann Games next month. Also on the field, the multi-talented Jessica Carroll claimed bronze in the hammer.

On the track, Maia Russell claimed silver in the 75m hurdles, with a superb technical run. A mention must also go to Rachel Kavanagh, Chloe Vale and the Senior relay who all finished 4th in their respective events. Well done to all who competed so well.

All- Ireland Schools Athletics Championships.

On Saturday May 30th, two Mount Anville athletes made the trip to Tullamore for the prestigious All Ireland Schools Athletics Championships. Having already come through tough qualifications in both East Leinster and Leinster, the girls were now up against the best in the country.

Maia Russell was first up in the Junior 75m hurdles. Running from the challenging lane eight, Maia executed a technically superb race to claim bronze, fighting all the way the finish to also record a new personal best.

Adona Zewdie was next up in the Intermediate discus. In challenging conditions for throwing, Adona also claimed bronze; her first medal in these championships.

Well done to both girls on their phenomenal achievements!

Ms Corcoran



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Sailing

Congratulations to Ella Rock, 4th Year, on an outstanding achievement in sailing, securing first place in the Irish 29er qualifying rounds, the 29er is a fast, high-performance double-handed boat.

Ella will now go on to represent Ireland at the World Championships in Kiel, Germany, this summer. This is a great milestone, and a testament to her dedication and hard work. We wish her every success as she takes on this exciting challenge.

Irish Schools Team Racing National Championships

On Saturday and Sunday 24th & 25th April, Mount Anville qualified and competed in the Irish Schools Team Racing National Championships in the Royal Irish Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire.

The helms were Rachel Kavanagh, Stephanie Rock, and Ava Ennis, along with the four crews Emily Donlon, Elaine McSwiney, Lily Martin, and Charlotte Murphy. The event took place in fireflies, double hand team racing boats and there were 24 teams competing overall in this event.

Mount Anville took 10th place out of 24 overall, which is a great result! Each race was challenging and tactical, and it was a very long and tiring day out on the water.

Over 100+ races were held over the 2 days of the competition, but the weather and atmosphere were amazing, and we all had great fun.

We look forward to our next competition!

By Rachel Kavanagh



Hockey

Congratulations to Rebecca Ryan and Georgia May Agnew, who represented Ireland as members of the Irish U16 team. Congratulations also to Isabelle Mulcahy and Rosie Stafford, who were members of the Irish U18 squad that competed in the Four Nations Tournament in Germany last Easter.

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the girls' dedication, hard work, and commitment to their sport. Well done to all four girls on this outstanding achievement.

We wish them continued success.



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Strength & Conditioning

Our Strength and Conditioning programme has gone from strength to strength this year. Under the guidance of Ms King, a dedicated core group of students has shown great commitment, enthusiasm, and a willingness to learn new exercises, lifting techniques, and training methods. Students have embraced training with purpose, intensity, and a positive attitude throughout the year.

We finished the year with the inaugural MTA S&C Games, a fun and energetic morning that brought students and teachers together to complete a series of workouts and challenges. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the hard work and progress made throughout the year, and we are already looking forward to building on this success next year.



Swimming

Huge congratulations to Abril Ballesteros who competed in the The Irish Open Championships last month and delivered an exceptional performance, securing 3rd place in the Junior Category (18 & Under) in both the 50m Breaststroke and 100m Breaststroke. This is an outstanding achievement at such a high level of competition.

She should be incredibly proud of her success, especially sharing the podium with Olympian Mona McSharry.

A fantastic accomplishment and a testament to her hard work and dedication!

Well done Abril.



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Tennis

Congratulations to the Minor A tennis team consisting of Zoe Hogan, Lucy Horrigan, Arabella Reilly, Layla Rose Feerick, Bella Dunne and Margot Charrier who claimed victory last month in Lansdowne Tennis Club.

The match was very close with a 10/8 victory in the tiebreak to win the title!!

Congratulations also to our Junior D team, who emerged victorious in their competition.

Well done to all involved.



Spring Concert

The school community came together on Thursday, 30th April for a wonderful evening of music, song and celebration at our annual Spring Concert.

The event was a tremendous success, raising an impressive €3,234 in support of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, which will take place this September.

The concert showcased the outstanding musical talents of our students, who entertained a packed audience with a varied programme of performances. From instrumental ensembles and solo performances to an entertaining staff dance, the evening highlighted the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of all involved.

A special word of thanks is extended to Ms Boland, 5th year students and music teachers, who contributed their time and effort to make the event such a success. We are also deeply grateful to everyone who attended and supported the concert through their generous donations for our amazing raffle.

The funds raised will help support pilgrims travelling to Lourdes as part of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage in September.

2nd Year trip to Carlingford 2026





Prize Day Awards 2026



STUDENT OF THE YEAR & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**Mr Molloy & 6th Year
Student of the Year
Amy Vale**



**Bronze Medal: Clara Byrne
Silver Medal: Emily Costello
Gold Medals: Emer Clifford & Mia O Connor**



**Bronze Medals: Grace Kearney, Grainne Hunt & Yeva Skalietska
Silver Medals: Oisine Lynch & Juliette Charrier
Gold Medal: Madeleine Liao**



**Ms. Boland & 5th Year
Student of the Year
Jessica Carroll**





Prize Day Awards 2026



STUDENT OF THE YEAR & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Ms Parker & 3rd Year
Student of the Year
Rebecca Begley



Bronze Medals: Anna Daly & Zihui Zhou
Silver Medal: Qiaobing Qing
Gold Medal: Lily Ryan



Bronze Medal: Yolanda Fang
Silver Medal: Eloise Henry
Gold Medal: Lily Yang



Mr Rice & 2nd Year
Student of the Year
Trudy Molins





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STUDENT OF THE YEAR & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Ms Blayney & 1st Year
Student of the Year
Ruth Byrne

Bronze Medals: Emer Keane & Sadasiu Morawaka

Silver Medal: Chloe Vale

Gold Medal: Xinyu Judy Zhou]
(Absent from photo)

Hickey Cup for
Debating
Grainne Hunt



LANGUAGE & STUDENTS' STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Mary McGlynn Prize for
Languages:
Emily Browne

Ms Litton and Silver Salver
recipient: Lauren O'Reilly

Ms Shiely and the Horan
Cup recipient: Lily Ryan





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SPORTS AWARDS

**Claudia Tierney Prize for contribution
to Sport in Mount Anville**
Amy Vale



Senior Sports Person
Amelia Ryan



Junior Sports Person
Megan Rees



Most Improved Hockey Player
Anna Kelly



**Special Recognition for
Contribution to Hockey**
Amelia Ryan



Most Improved Basketball Player
Aoife Maxwell





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MUSIC AWARDS



**Senior Prize for
Contribution to Music**
Mia O Connor



Veronica Dunne Cup
Lily Yang



St Cecilia Award
Clara Byrne



**Most Improved in
Orchestra**
Sarah Han



**Junior Prize for
Contribution to Music**
Caroline Croke



**Contribution to
Instrumental Music**
Athena Wu



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TY Update

The final term of Transition Year has been a wonderful celebration of everything that makes TY such a special part of life in Mount Anville. Over the past number of weeks, students have continued to embrace every opportunity with energy, maturity and enthusiasm, right up to the very end of the programme.

Two particularly memorable highlights were our "Darkness Into Light" event and Sports Day. Darkness Into Light was an incredibly moving experience for the students, who came together overnight to reflect, support one another and raise awareness and funds for an important cause. The atmosphere throughout the night and into sunrise was truly special, and the students demonstrated enormous compassion and community spirit. We were also deeply grateful to the TY parents who supported the event and helped provide breakfast afterwards.

Sports Day once again showcased the leadership and positivity of the TY cohort. From organising activities and encouraging participation to supporting younger students throughout the day, the girls took their responsibilities seriously while also ensuring the day was full of fun and energy. Their contribution played a huge role in making the event such a success.

TY Graduation provided a fitting opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary range of achievements, experiences and personal growth that have taken place over the course of the year. It was wonderful to reflect on just how much the students have accomplished academically, creatively, socially and personally.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank the parents and students for the incredibly touching send-off given to the wonderful Ms McCarthy. Over the past five years, she has given enormous dedication, care, humour and energy to Transition Year and has played a central role in making TY unquestionably "the best year of the school" for so many students. Her impact on the programme and on the students themselves has been immense. We are very grateful to her for sharing her talents and enthusiasm for all types of learning, so generously.

By Ms Flanagan



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TY Graduation

Congratulations to all Transition Year students who graduated on Thursday, 21st May.
The following students were recipients of awards.

Dargan: Angela Cheng
Barat: Julia O'Donnell
Chadwick: Orlaith Dowling
Duchesne: Fay Kraus
Croft: Annabel Wyse



Pillars of Growth Awards:

Being a Learner - Molly Sheridan

Personal Growth - Nicole Gavril

Civic & Community Engagement - Ciara Reid

Career Exploration - Tara Doherty

"Student of the year" - Hannah Goff



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Leaving Cert Students V Teachers Soccer Game



Leaving Cert Students V Teachers Rounders Game



Sacred Heart Network Ethos Prefect Team Presentation

Sixth Year Ethos Prefects represented our school at a Sacred Heart Network meeting, where they delivered an engaging presentation. They shared insights into how the values of the Sacred Heart ethos are lived out in our daily school life, highlighting initiatives, student involvement, and community spirit.

The team reflected a deep understanding of the core goals of Sacred Heart education. Their contribution was warmly received by attendees from Sacred Heart schools in Ireland and Europe and served as a wonderful example of student leadership and commitment to our shared values.

We are very proud of their efforts and the way they represented our Sacred Heart school community.



Benevolent Fund Committee – Presentation to Sixth Year Students

We were delighted to welcome Phoebe and Rosie, representatives of the Benevolent Fund Committee, to our school. They spoke to Sixth Year students about the invaluable work carried out by the Committee in supporting past pupils through kindness, compassion, and care.

Their presentation offered a meaningful insight into how the Benevolent Fund Committee continues to make a real difference in the lives of members of our school community long after they have left Mount Anville. Through a range of supports, the Committee ensures that past pupils facing challenges are not alone, reinforcing the strong sense of connection and solidarity that defines our Sacred Heart school spirit.



Phoebe and Rosie provided examples of the Committee's work, highlighting the importance of empathy and generosity in building a supportive network that extends far beyond the classroom. Their message encouraged students to appreciate the lifelong community they are part of and the role each person can play in looking out for others.

We would like to sincerely thank Phoebe and Rosie for such an informative and insightful presentation. We are also grateful for the beautiful cards featuring illustrations of the Mount Anville campus, as well as the delicious cookie treats, both of which were greatly appreciated by our Sixth Year students.

Community Mass - Friday 1st May

Commissioning of Fifth Year Ministers of the Eucharist

On Friday, 1st May, a Community Mass was held, during which a group of our Fifth Year students were officially commissioned as Ministers of the Eucharist. It was a meaningful and prayerful occasion that reflected the spirit of service, faith, and responsibility within our school.

The Mass was an expression of community, bringing together students, staff, families, and friends in worship and thanksgiving. During the ceremony, the Fifth Year students made a commitment to serve reverently and faithfully in their new ministry. Their role as Ministers of the Eucharist is a significant one, as they assist in the distribution of Holy Communion and contribute to the spiritual life of our school community and beyond.

We extend our sincere thanks to all who attended this special celebration and supported our students on this important step in their faith journey.

We also congratulate the newly commissioned Ministers and thank them for their willingness to serve. We ask for God's continued blessings upon them as they carry out their ministry with respect, dedication, and compassion. May they be guided and strengthened in their service to others.



Sixth Year Graduation Mass

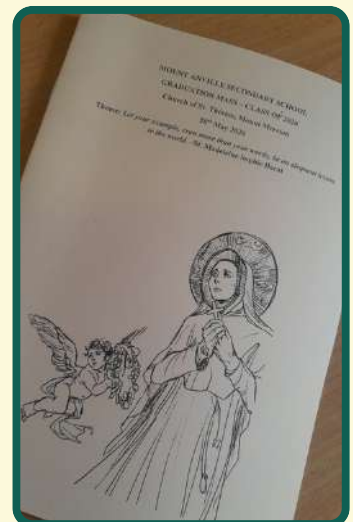
On Wednesday, 20th May, we celebrated in the Church of St. Thérèse, Mount Merrion, the Graduation Mass for the Sixth Year Class of 2026 with celebrant, Fr. Joe Mullan. It was a special and memorable occasion, marking the end of an important chapter in the lives of our students as they prepare to begin new journeys beyond school.

The theme of this year's Mass was inspired by the words of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat:

"Your example even more than your words, will be an eloquent lesson to the world."

These words served as a meaningful reflection on the positive impact our students have had throughout their years in school. Through friendship, leadership, kindness, resilience, and service to others, the Class of 2026 has shown the importance of leading by example both inside and outside the classroom.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who joined us for this very special occasion and to all who helped prepare and participate in the ceremony. As the Class of 2026 now prepares for the next stage of their journey, we wish each student every blessing and happiness for the future. May they continue to lead by example and make a positive difference in the world wherever life takes them.



Mount Anville Secondary School Prayer

We are proud to introduce the Mount Anville Secondary School Prayer, In Te Confido, to our Sacred Heart community. Meaning "In Thee I Trust", the title reflects the spirit of faith and trust at the heart of Sacred Heart education and of our school ethos.

The prayer has been developed to serve as a source of connection for our school community and will be used during daily assemblies, classroom prayer, meetings, liturgies and whole-school gatherings. We hope it will encourage all members of our school community to pause for reflection, deepen their sense of connection with one another, and continue to live out the values of compassion, respect, courage, and faith in their daily lives.

We extend special thanks to Sr. Joan Hutchinson, RSCJ, whose guidance of the Student Ethos Representatives was marked by warmth, wisdom, and deep faith. Her contribution to this process has been both meaningful and inspiring, and we are deeply grateful for her support.



Mount Anville Secondary School Community Prayer "In Te Confido"



Loving God,
We thank you for the gift of life,
for the privilege of knowing you and for our
Sacred Heart school community in Mount Anville.
May we remember St. Madeleine Sophie Barat.
May we help others in our daily lives,
May our speech always be humble, kind and
uplifting.
Bless our students, staff and families,
Help us to spread peace in our hearts and minds, live
with respect, work with dedication and act with
compassion.
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in thee.
Amen.

Transition Year Retreat 2026

Transition Year students took part in a meaningful and reflective retreat through the Pilgrim Path programme, held in Dublin City Centre on Wednesday, 6th May. The experience provided students with an opportunity to step away from the usual school routine and engage in a day focused on faith exploration, reflection, and quiet contemplation.

Accompanied by Mr Aherne, Ms Hughes, Ms Fitzgerald, and Ms Fox, students visited churches, each rich in history, art, and architecture. Guided throughout the day, they learned about the significance of each sacred space while also being encouraged to pray, pause, reflect, and appreciate the atmosphere of stillness and peace within them.

A key element of the retreat was the Pilgrim Path booklet, which students used to record their thoughts and reflections as they moved between locations. The booklet also provided prompts designed to support mindfulness, self-awareness, and personal reflection.



In addition to exploring the cultural and historical importance of the churches, students were given time for quiet reflection and meditation, allowing them to slow down and fully engage with the experience.

The TY Pilgrim Path retreat proved to be a valuable and enriching day, offering students the chance to connect with their personal faith journey as well as history and community, while also sharing a calm and meaningful experience together.

End of School Year Prayer

Loving God,

As we gather at the close of another school year,
we give you thanks for the many blessings shared within our Sacred Heart school community.

We thank you for the gift of learning, for the friendships that have grown stronger,
for the challenges that helped us grow, and for the moments of joy, laughter, and kindness
that filled our classrooms and corridors.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
teach us to live with compassion, courage, and generosity.

May we continue to be people of faith,
guided by love and respect for one another.

Bless our students as they move forward with hope and confidence.

Bless our staff for their dedication and care.

Bless our families for their constant support and encouragement.

As we begin our holidays,
keep us safe in your loving care.

Help us to carry the spirit of the Sacred Heart
into our homes, our communities, and our daily lives.

May we always remember that we are called to love, to serve, and to shine your light in the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From The Student Ethos Team and Ms Fitzgerald

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**Best of luck to all our
students sitting their
Leaving & Junior
Certificate Examinations.**