



NUACHT Ó GHARRÁN MHUIRE

DECEMBER 2025

A Few Words from our Principal

As we come to the end of another busy term at Our Lady's Grove, I am very conscious of how fortunate we are to be part of such a supportive school community. I would like to thank you for the energy, good humour and encouragement shown throughout the past few months.

It's hard to believe another year has passed, and as I sat down to write this, I had that familiar sense of déjà vu. It reminded me that Christmas is such a special time in our school – full of magic and rich traditions that bring us together. I hope that, in some way, everyone has had an opportunity to experience that spirit this term.

I would like to sincerely thank our dedicated staff for their continued commitment, our new Parent Association, who are off to a great start, and our Board of Management, who work quietly in the background to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

To our pupils – thank you for the enthusiasm and kindness you bring to Our Lady's Grove each day. You are at the heart of our school, and we are very proud of you.

On behalf of everyone at Our Lady's Grove, I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas, and every good wish for the New Year.

*Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain Faoi Mhaise
Daoibh.*

JoAnna McDowell

Uniform Reminder

As we approach the break, please take the opportunity to ensure children have the correct uniform for school.

Children from 1st–6th Class should wear **black runners** with both versions of the school uniform:

- **Full school tracksuit:** tracksuit bottoms, polo shirt, and tracksuit top
- **or**
- **Formal school uniform:** school jumper, shirt, and either a skirt (knee-length, worn with white socks or navy tights) or trousers.

Please note:

- A coat should be brought to school every day, as we always try to get outdoors for play – even in light or soft rain.
- Umbrellas are not permitted for safety reasons.

Thank you for helping us maintain a neat and consistent appearance across the school.

Upcoming Events

School reopens
Monday,
5th January 2026

5th & 6th Class Swimming
Recommences
6th & 8th
January 2026

OLG After-School Activities will resume the week
starting
5th January 2026

Nuacht ó gCoiste na Daltaí

DLR Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition

This month children in our school have been bringing in homemade recycled Christmas decorations. There were lots of great ideas for the decorations and a great effort made by all who participated. The overall winner from 5th class went on to represent our school in DLR on December 15th. All the beautiful creations were on display on our Christmas in the front hall. Well done to everyone who took part.

-By Samhain R13

Carol Service

On Wednesday, 10th of December, 2nd-6th class went to Holy Cross Church in Dundrum. Every class had a different song to sing and took turns to go up to the alter and sing. Dervilla Sloane was at the piano and played everyone's songs beautifully. 5th and 6th class also sang Carol of the Bells together. It was an amazing night and everyone that came to see enjoyed it very much!

-By Valeria R15

Christmas Carols

On Friday 11th of December, Senior Infants and 1st class sang Christmas Carols in the Hall for their parents. All their parents arrived in the morning and the carols they sang brought a wonderful Christmas spirit to everyone!

-By Valeria R15

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

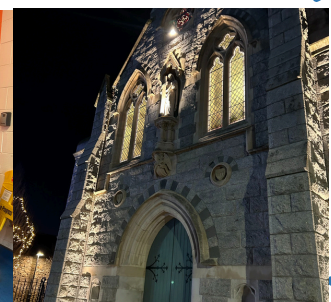
This year like many years before we took part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Where we donate shoeboxes with gifts in them for kids who may not get Christmas presents. We put clothes, toys, sweets and necessities in the boxes. This year we were very grateful to receive over 200 shoeboxes donated from OLG. We hope they have a great Christmas. Special thanks to Team Hope for organising it.

-By Michael & Freya R14

Carols for Focus Ireland

The Student Council walked up to Dundrum Town Centre to help fundraise by singing Carols for Focus Ireland. We really enjoyed singing all the carols like Jingle Bells, All I want for Christmas and Jingle Bell Rock. There were lots of parents and shoppers who stopped to listen to us and donate. We are very grateful to the parents who drove us back to school as the weather got rainy and windy. Thanks so much!

-By Lauren & Liam R 12



5th and 6th Class Football

The boys in 5th class played a football match against Sandford Park which they won 7-1. The 5th class girls played 2 matches. The first match against Taney we 5-0 and our second match against St. Rafaelas we won again 7-0. We really enjoyed the playing matches and hope to play more games later in year.

-By Archie R13

The 6th class boys played Rathgar and we won 5-4. This was a very close game and they were a really competitive team. The next game we played was against St. Marys Monkstown and we won 6-1. This wasn't as close but neither team gave up making it a good game to play and good experience for our team.

-By Éanna & Lochlan R15/16

The girls in 6th class have also played matches this term. Our first match we played and won 5-0. The second match we played against St. Kilian's and we won 6-0. Our last match was on 10th December was played against Mount Anville and we won 6-0. It is going well for OLG.

-By Maia R16

6th Class Hockey

Hockey so far for the girls is going well. There are 2 teams between R15 and R16. Both have had competitive games and have won our first match and lost our second.

-By Maia R16

The 6th class boys' team is split into 2 teams as well, R15 and R16. We have played St. Killian's as a friendly. R15 have played 2 league matches. We lost 1-0 but we played very well in our first match. We won 5-0 in our second match and our experience from first game helped us a lot. R16 have played 3 matches. Our first match was a friendly against St. Killians, we won 5-0. Our second was against St. Andrews our first league match and we won 3-0. It was a tough game, and we were happy with our win. Our 3rd match was against KPS in Rathgar and we drew 1-1. We didn't play our best but didn't give up.

-By Lochlan & Éanna R15/R16

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