

Mary Immaculate Day

In late December, we held our "Mary Immaculate Day", this has been interrupted badly by COVID for the last 2 years and it was fantastic to finally be able to celebrate this day fully.

The beautiful, crisp, clear but cool day was absolutely perfect and meant the outdoor activities in the morning went ahead uninterrupted, meanwhile in the indoor activities that pupils had chosen to attend were in full flow.

Outdoor activities included events such as basketball, netball, cycling and football. While indoor activities varied from the physical variety, such as dodge ball, yoga and circuit training in the fitness suite to craft type of fun including: chocolate bouquet creation, Christmas baking, needles and natter, Christmas crafts, and mandala creations. Other activities such as karaoke, computer gaming, dingbats (quizzes), reading and movies were also taking place.

In the afternoon, it was fantastic to have the school hall packed with a live audience for the talent show. The talent show was once again hosted by our compere supreme - Mr Ross Capel, ably assisted by Mr Martin Childs with sound and music.

There was an incredible array of talent on show – the musical section consisted of singing, piano, guitar, drumming, dancing and rapping. Later we had a Rubik's cube race between Rio and Ayyan which was certainly something we hadn't seen before. We also had brilliant gymnastics display from Gabriele Dzte which was very popular with the audience.

There were so many good singing performances given, with Natalia Melendez, Emery Da Silva, Amelia Roberts, Div Baruti, Forgive Isay and Samuella Mabengo all giving great renditions of various songs. The dancing was likewise excellent as were the musical performances. The judging panel consisting of Mr Tony Mills, Mr Jon Butcher and Ms Amelia Link after a long deliberation finally settled on the winners who were:

3rd – Emery Da Silva of 7BK with his rendition of "house of memories" by Panic at the Disco.

2nd – Gabriele Dzte 9JP with her rhythmic gymnastics display

Below: The judges and the "crowd"

1st – The "Year 11 Girls" consisting of Forgive Isay 11 KL, Div Baruti 11Ki, Ire Egbetola 11 Kol, Samuella Mabengo 11 Kol, Rutendo Chagweta 11Ki and Gloria Idreherne 11Ki who performed a beautiful medley of songs for us. Their harmonies were a pleasure for all to hear and we will certainly miss them next year as they leave Mary Immaculate for pastures new. It was certainly a fitting swansong (pun intended) for these girls and we wish them well in the future.

Thanks to all involved, and a huge mention for Mr Capel, Mr Childs, our Judges and all of the staff. And of course a special thanks to all those pupils who took part and to the audience who cheered, clapped, hooted, and really enjoyed themselves.



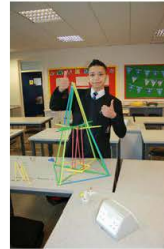
Tanisha Blake 10JP



Shante & Eliza Yr 7



Jacob Palecki 9Ba



Carragher Watkins 7Ba



Maisie Watkins 7Rom



Claudia Pollakova 8JP



Amelia Roberts 10 Ba



Drums - Mekihi Sinclear 10Ba



Lucy Peebles 8JP



Rutendo Chagweta & Gloria Idreherne 11Ki



Saul Flor 10Ba



Alleah Beard-Pace 10 Kol



3rd place - Emery Da Silva



2nd place - Gabriele Dzte



1st place - The Year 11 Girls



Dodgeball



Basketball



Circuits



Karaoke

