

Maoin Cheoil na Gaillimhe

Newsletter August 2012 issue 13

Dear Parent

A short letter to welcome everyone back to the school. We re-open next Monday the 27th August for lessons. There will be some small adjustment in the first week because not all the rooms are as yet available to us in the school. St Mary's is hosting a youth orchestra from Germany and they will be sleeping on the second floor dormitory, which means that there will be a supervisor on the floor monitoring them. So lessons will be in the remaining rooms on the second floor but we will also be using the sitting room downstairs where we hold our concerts. It is worth getting in for the lessons five minutes early this week just to find rooms on time etc.

Open Day

There was a nice turnout on open day for new students, which was followed by a really wonderful concert given by the staff and it did set the tone for the day that was in it very nicely. As always the interest in Colourstrings continues to develop and there has been a lot of expansion there.

Bursaries

As always MCnG are offering three bursaries for the coming semester. These have a value of €128 each. It is our way to help families that might be experiencing genuine difficulties during this difficult time and it may offer hope to someone that might otherwise have to consider stopping lessons. Our request is as always that only those who feel that they have a genuine need will apply for the Bursaries. All applications can be made directly to the office by email or by phone and based on the number of applications received a draw will be held next Saturday the 1st September at 1pm. As always the names of the applicants and the winners of the Bursaries will be kept private.

Culture Night

September 21st is the day set aside for all culture vultures to grab a coat and explore the city's cultural haunts and soak up the atmosphere. At MCnG, we are doing our bit this year and we will begin the nights activities with an open rehearsal of the Adult String orchestra under the watchful eye of Mr David Clarke at 7pm to be followed by a public concert at 8pm. Performers at the concert will be Robert Solyom, Elena Gekker, Tom Portman, Rosemary and Jimmy Clarke. A wonderful program is planned and everyone is welcome. All events are free of charge!