

# High School & Sixth Form

**A wealth of cultural experiences this week!**



It has been a tremendously busy week and Wednesday focused on cultural variety. Well done to all of our enthusiastic Irish dancers, Mexican tile painters and sushi makers. Mrs Burns, Mr Davison and I worked with three different groups of pupils who chose to report on events, making this newsletter very easy to write! Here are two of the articles that they produced and look out for more reports in other newsletter articles ...

Mrs Alison McKeefry

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## **A taste of Ireland: Irish Dancing**

In this busy enrichment week at Gateways, Mr Lenihan and Ms Logue ran an Irish dancing activity in the PAC. Many pupils joined the leaping duo in order to experience traditional Irish culture. They learnt various dances which were accompanied by music. Mr Lenihan and Ms Logue were very passionate in their teaching and they were met with a similar response from their pupils. Mr Lenihan declared that the class was exercise with music and is native to Ireland and part of the Irish national identity. Ms Logue made the point that it was nice to have two teachers teaching Irish dancing, one from the north and one from the south of Ireland.

A breathless Maddie declared the session, 'fun, thrilling and enjoyable'. She added that they had all found it 'extremely tiring' though. Tilly found the dancing 'exciting and majestic'.

Thank you to both members of staff for their enthusiasm and support.

Written by Adrian C and Lucas K in Upper 4

## **Odyssey of the Olympian oracle : Travels of the Ancient Greek escape room**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, at 12pm in S7, an escape from ancient Greece took place!

Each team of pupils was placed in a different location across the map of ancient Greece in cities such as Olympia, Crete and Thessaloniki. Each colour-coded team had a hero to travel with across the map and one of the aims of the game was to acquire all the heroes in different cities and the underworld and escape from Greece.

The different coloured teams began to scramble to get the clues. There was enjoyment all around, and one anonymous pupil said, "Fantastic lesson, very immersive". Even the teachers were enthralled by it, with Mr McMillan saying, "Mr Crosby has excelled himself!"

Written by Balraj B in Upper 3