



## TWO ROADS DIVERGE - AND SORRY WE CANNOT TRAVEL BOTH!

Tomorrow afternoon we have what is one of the ultimate dilemmas for many families, students, friends and teachers where we are faced with making a choice as to which school team to offer our support. Our Senior Camogie team play the All-Ireland Semi-Final Vs Blackwater C.S. from Lismore, Co. Waterford in Tynagh at 1pm and at 2.30 the Senior Hurlers play the Connacht Semi-Final against Gort in Ballindereen.



To paraphrase Robert Frost from 'The Road not Taken' – "Two roads diverge and we are sorry that we cannot travel both". It is, however, a mark of success that we are contesting two games at such a level and full credit to all involved with both teams for getting to this stage.

Support at both games is absolutely vital and we urge as many as possible to make the effort to attend. Both teams have put in phenomenal work over the last few months often very early on winter mornings in appalling weather conditions or during school holidays. They deserve our support and encouragement. And spare a thought for three families in particular tomorrow who have representatives on both teams – O' Mearas (*Megan and Sean*), Dervans (*Áine and Michéal*) and Brehonys (*Maria, Pdraig and John*) – difficult choices for all concerned!



## SCHOOL MUSICAL IS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS



What a week it has been for all involved in the school musical 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. On Wednesday we played host to over 400 pupils and their teachers from 11 of our neighbouring Primary Schools. Many of these had participated in the colouring and poster competition organised by the TY students and their resulting endeavours were displayed in the Hall adding to the overall occasion. The show was a spectacular event – with authentic and vivid costumes, lively dance routines and beautiful singing and was widely praised by those in attendance. Last night (Thurs.) we again had a packed house which is rare for Thursday nights. We were delighted also to welcome students and teachers from St. Colman's College in Claremorris as guests to our show. The final performance tonight is **SOLD OUT** which is a testament to the buzz that has been in existence around this particular production. Great credit is due to all who have worked so hard to make this week such an outstanding success. In particular the show's producer, Mr. Coughlan, and musical director, Miss Kelleher, deserve particular praise for continuing to deliver shows of such a high calibre here in Portumna Community School. Special mention must go also to Miss O' Meara who worked so tirelessly to source such imaginative and colourful costumes. To the cast and the entire crew we say well done to you all. Once again we have been provided with a wonderful experience which will live with us into the future.

## JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe, travelled to Portumna on Tuesday last for the first game of 2010. The Portumna girls burst open the game with a disallowed goal for off-side in the first minute. This little set-back did not deter the home side from piling on the pressure until the first legitimate goal came after 8 minutes when Rebecca Kavanagh opened the scoring with a 20 yard shot to the left corner. Both sides had scoring opportunities throughout the rest of the first half but failed to find the net. Ballinasloe started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with great gusto and got the



Equalizer in the first minute through an own-goal. Four minutes later Caitlin Gohery made it 2-1 after some lovely passing movements.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final goal for Portumna came in the 45<sup>th</sup> minute when Denise Starr intercepted a kick out and sent the ball soaring over the head of the Ballinasloe keeper making the final score Portumna 3, Ballinasloe 1.

The Portumna girls really enjoyed this game and most of the panel got an opportunity to play on the team. Well done girls.

Fr. Abe

