



EXCITING TIMES IN PORTUMNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

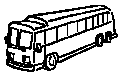
Exciting times indeed! Eolas is one place where you can be guaranteed a break from all the other depressing stories in the media at large. This week, it is fair to say, there is a huge sense of excitement here in school at the mouth watering sporting prospects of the weeks ahead.

- ★ First up is our **Senior Camogie team** who will do battle with St. Brigid's College from Callan, Co. Kilkenny in the **All Ireland Senior 'A' Camogie Final** on **Saturday, 14th March**.
- ★ Three days later, on **St. Patrick's Day**, all roads lead to Croke Park and the **All Ireland Senior Club Final** where the starting line up for the **Portumna club** will include one of our Leaving Cert students and twelve of our past students.



- ★ On Wednesday of this week our school **Senior Hurling team** booked their place in the **Connacht Final** where they will meet Gort C.S. They beat Pres. Athenry 3-10 to 2-08.

We need to pause for breath to take it all in! At the time of writing we are still waiting news on the venue for the Camogie Final on Saturday 14th. It has been decided, however, that a fleet of buses will be organised to get everyone to the game. The cost of transport for supporters will be **€10** and we are urging everyone to travel. As we have said to all classes during the week, to have the opportunity to support your school at the very highest level is a rare opportunity and one that should be cherished. We want the biggest contingent of travelling supporters ever from the school to get behind our team in the final and lend them every support in their quest for All Ireland glory. To celebrate this proud occasion it has been decided that Friday next will be "Sportswear Day" here in school – where we simply ask that you come to school in sports jersey or tracksuit for example.



Be sensible! As with all non-uniform days we ask that you contribute **€2**, which will go to the team's training fund. Throughout next week we will have a number of events and promotional activities to celebrate the forthcoming game and we invite all students to get involved in the spirit of the unique situation for us here in Portumna Community School.

Many Thanks to the
following **Sponsors** of our
Senior Camogie Team:

Garbally Oil, Portumna

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**Loughrea School
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SENIOR HURLING

Portumna C.S. 3-10 Pres. Athenry 2-8

The Portumna C.S. Senior Hurling team have continued in the school's winning ways. On Wednesday (4th) they travelled to Ballindereen and earned themselves a place in this year's Connacht Final with a fantastic win over Presentation College, Athenry.

Huge commitment and determination was shown by all on the team in this hard fought victory against a very strong Athenry team.

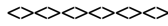
They now face Gort Community School in the Final which will be held on Saturday, 21st March in Loughrea at 1.30 pm.



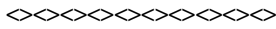


LOST & FOUND!

If you have lost something will you please come to Anne's office and see if it has been left in!



To receive **EOLAS BY EMAIL** each Friday simply send a blank email with the word 'Eolas' in the subject line to: info@portumnacs.com.



There will be no **YOUTH CAFE** this, Friday (6th), due to Child Protection Training taking place. Sign Out will be open again as usual on Friday 13th March from 7pm to 9.30pm.



SIGN OUT - CLUBS FOR TEENS

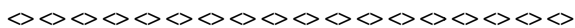
Sign Out Teenage monthly **Book Club** will commence on Monday 9th March at 7pm. The Book Club will allow young people who enjoy reading the opportunity to share their enthusiasm for books. All 13 to 19 year olds welcome. If you have a favourite book you would like to share please bring it along.

Sign Out is hosting a **Health & Beauty Workshop** for Teens. This one evening workshop is open to all 13 to 19 year olds and will be held in Sign Out on Wednesday 25th March at 7pm. If you are interested in finding out more about nail care & polish, different tannings, skin care or the difference between night & daytime makeup from Denise Dolphin, why not book a place now. To find out more call 086 2051346 or sign up at Youth Club or Youth Cafe or with Laura Parry. Places limited.



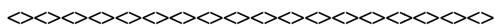
APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN ESB

ESB is currently advertising Electrical Apprenticeships commencing September 2009. Closing date for the online applications is 12th March 2009. Requirement : Candidates must be aged 16+ and have received 5 passes in Junior Cert. For further information go to www.esb.ie or contact Ms. Lyons.



DATES TO NOTE:

- Mon. 16th Mar. (full day) : Parent/Teacher meeting for parents of 1st and 2nd year students. No school.
- Tues. 17th Mar. – St. Patrick's Day – No school.
- Mon. 6th – Fri. 17th April (incl.) : Easter Holidays.
- Mon. 4th May : Bank Holiday.



PUZZLE: A certain five letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it. What is the word?

Answer next week.



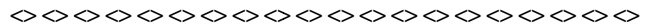
TROCAIRE 24 HOUR FAST

All the best and well done to those taking part in today's fast for the many displaced people in Uganda. Drink lots of fluids and remember if you feel dizzy, light-headed or weak at any time, eat something straight away. Thanks to those who have already returned their sponsorship and cards. It would be great to have all the money collected by next Friday if possible.

TRANSITION YEAR RETREAT

The date for the TY retreat has now been confirmed. It will take place in Ballintubber Abbey on Thursday, 14th May. Full details later.

Fr. Abe

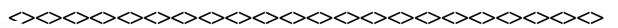


STUDENT ENTERPRISE AWARDS

Good luck to the following T.Y. students who are participating in the County Final of the Student Enterprise Awards 2009 in the Ardilaun House Hotel, Taylor's Hill, Galway, on Sunday next (8th).

- Group 1 – 'Popping Mad' – Maria Dervan, Niamh Briscoe, Lara Summers, Grace Duffy, Louise Loughnane.
- Group 2 – 'LPD Ltd.' (Local Phone Directory) – Amanda Gohery, Anna Maria Lagana & Cassandra Dervan.

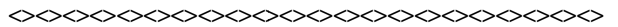
K. Cahalan



BON VOYAGE

We would like to wish Maria Dervan and Niamh Briscoe the best of luck as they prepare for their four day trip to Strasbourg which includes a visit to the European Parliament. In the past four years fifty-five T.Y. students have visited the European Parliament as winners of Euroscola and the Graduate Online Quiz. Congratulations to Maria and Niamh who are keeping up the tradition.

J. Coughlan



ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES



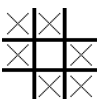
Last week's puzzles:

At a family reunion were the following people: one grandfather, one grandmother, two fathers, two mothers, four children, three grandchildren, one brother, two sisters, two sons, two daughters, one father-in-law, one mother-in-law, and one daughter-in-law. But not as many people attended as it sounds.

How many were there, and who were they?

Answer: There were two little girls and a boy, their parents, and their father's parents, totalling 7 people.

Can you place six X's on a Tic Tac Toe board without making three-in-a-row in any direction? **Answer:**



Events Diary: (7th – 14th Mar.)



- Sun. 8th : Student Enterprise Awards in Galway.
- Sat. 14th : All Ireland Senior 'A' Camogie Final Vs St. Brigid's College, Callan.

