

IRISH RED CROSS

Congratulations and well done to the following Portumna Community School students who have been successful in the Intermediate First Aid Exams, both Practical and Written, with the Irish Red Cross, Portumna. A very high level of passes was achieved. These young people are a credit to their community and their school.

Shannon Whelan, Edel Cunningham, Marie Whelan, Keith Flynn, Graham Flynn, Kayleigh O'Brien, Jacqueline Lewis, Keith Ruttledge, Emma Ruttledge, Daniel Eames, Niamh Gordon, Alanna Coniry, Conor O'Meara, Denise Starr. Also Annya Howick and incoming 1st year, Owen Robinson.

The Irish Red Cross meets every Monday night in Na Calai from 8 pm to 9.45 pm. All are welcome.

Ray Murphy (Youth Officer) & John Murphy (Chairman)



It's worth noting that today (May 8th) is 'International Red Cross Day', and in addition this year marks the 70th anniversary of the Irish Red Cross' operations here in Ireland.

For more info check out their website: www.redcross.ie

GRAD MASSES & RETREAT

The T.Y. Graduation Mass will take place in Suaimhneas @ 3pm on Wednesday, 13th May. The following morning (14th), the group will leave the school at 8 am for Ballintubber Abbey for their end of year retreat. Each student is asked to bring a change of clothes, runners, rain gear and a packed lunch.

We should be back in Portumna at approx. 8 pm.

Reminder: The Leaving Cert. Graduation Mass will take place in the Gym on Friday, 22nd May, at 7 pm. A letter of invitation will be sent out to all of their parents next week.

CULTURAL & LANGUAGE DAY

As mentioned briefly last week, a group of approx. 50 students composed of two 5th year French classes and some TY students attended the first Cultural & Language Day in G.M.I.T. on Tuesday (28th April). The day was organised by the Language Department in the college to promote the study and use of language in schools. A very good day was organised with different competitions.

We had a winner in the 'Who am I' competition where Cathy Dillon spoke fluently in French and we got 2nd place in the Quiz – our team, Lisa Lynch, Edel Cunningham, Helen Quinn & Conor Robinson, did us proud. Also three of our students had pieces of art displayed - Kathy Dillon, Daniel Eames and Sabastian Morris-Peeters. Laura Cunningham gave an excellent presentation on French Cinema, and of course, our 'pièce de resistance' was our performance of two French songs – "Vois Sur Ton Chemin" and "Cette Année-Là" – with vocals by Pascal Kennedy, Laura Shiel, Laura Cunningham, Lisa Lynch, Ciara McDonagh, Jane Hoban, Katie O'Hara, Paula Conroy, Chloe Duane and Choreography by Angela Didek. Well done to everyone who took part. The other students who travelled were supportive of their classmates and really well behaved. Thanks also to Mrs. Cunningham for helping out on the day.

B. O'Connor

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Ballinasloe Junior Girls Soccer team are to travel to Portumna on Tuesday, 20th May, for a 12 noon kick-off.

Fr. Abe

STATE EXAMS & PRACTICALS ETC. IN MAY

Mon. 11 th	Leaving Cert. Const. Studies
Tues. 12 th	Leaving Cert. Const. Studies
Tues. 12 th	L.Cert. Art <i>Imag. Comp. or Still Life</i>
Tues. 12 th	LCA2 - Horticulture
Wed. 13 th	Junior Cert. Metalwork
Fri. 15 th	Leaving Cert. Art - <i>Life Drawing</i>
Wed. 20 th	LCA2 I.T. Practical & Written Exam
Thurs. 21 st	LCA1 & 2 - Oral Irish
Fri. 22 nd	LCA2 - English & Communication

*Countdown to the
Leaving & Junior Cert
State Exams
- only 15 school days left!*



JUNIOR HURLING FINAL

Good luck also to the Junior Hurling team who are taking on Gort Community School in the Connacht Colleges Junior Hurling Final on Monday @ 1pm in Duggan Park, Ballinasloe.



GALWAY CAMOGIE

We wish the Galway U-16 Camogie Team the best of luck on Saturday in the All-Ireland Final against Tipperary. Our school is well represented on the team and panel with Nicola Muldoon, Maria Brehony, Niamh Briscoe, Lorraine Donnellan and Anna Maria Lagana, all playing their part. Good luck girls.

P. Kelly



STUDENTS TAKE NOTE:

Your **LOCKER KEYS** will be taken back from the **20th** May starting with the Leaving Certs. Your Locker must be cleaned out and in good condition to get back the deposit. Classes will be informed later when their keys will be collected. If you have lost your locker key it is important to come along when your class is called and report this to Martin. **All keys must** be handed back **before** the end of May.

JUNIOR GOLF COMPETITION

taking place on Saturday, 16th May. See www.Portumna.net/sports for more details.

CAMERA CLUB WALK on Tuesday, 12th May, from the Golf Club Car Park.

A **TEA DANCE** will take place in Portumna Town Hall on Sun. 17th May, from 5pm to 8pm admission €8. All welcome. (Jim Hynes)

NOTICES FROM SIGN OUT YOUTH PROJECT

Sign Out Teenage Book Club – The next meeting will take place on the Monday, 11th April in *Sign Out* @ 7pm. Suggested readings for discussion: A Little Piece Of Ground; The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas; Artemis Fowl. The Book Club is open to all 13 to 18 year olds. New members are always welcome.

Sign Out Youth Cafe have extended the opening hours to include Tuesday from 4pm to 6pm for the month of May. Sign Out is open to all TY, LCA, 5th and 6th year students as a place to meet up with your friends, play some pool, listen to music and kick some ball on the All Weather Pitch. Youth Cafe is open as usual every Friday from 7pm to 9.30pm. Members and non members are always welcome.

For further information contact 086 2051346 or email youthsignout@gmail.com

POST LEAVING CERT & ADULT COURSE 2009-10:

Community Care / Health Care

(Care Assistant – Classroom Assistant).

Information and Application Forms available from the school and around the locality.

Features of the courses include:

Certified by Fetac (Level 5).

Mornings only. 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.

Mature applicants welcome. No fees.

VEC grants available to eligible students.

First Aid Course (Basic).

Applicants welcome immediately and an Information Evening will take place on 7th Sept.

1ST YEAR CAMOGIE

On Wednesday morning the First year Camogie team set off for Ardrahan for a Camogie Blitz. We were put into 2 groups – A and B. The A team was captained by Nicola Lynch and the B team by Shannon Whelan. Both teams played very well and the B team were very successful – they won two matches and drew one.



However, they were just beaten in the final by Presentation College, Athenry. Thanks to Mrs. Murtagh and Ms. Kelly for bringing us. We would all like to wish Maria and the rest of the girls the best of luck in the match on Saturday.

Shannon Whelan & Niamh Hackett

ATHLETICS



The Connacht Finals take place on Wednesday, 13th May, in Athlone I.T.



All those who have qualified – please attend training on Tuesday evening (only qualifiers). Athletics Hoodies – Monday is the last day for bringing in your money for the hoodies ordered.

COCA COLA BLASTBEAT

Tomorrow, Saturday 9th, Mark Finnerty and Michael Dalton will be performing at the Academy, Dublin, for the Coca Cola Blastbeat All-Ireland competition. We would like to wish the lads the very best of luck for the day. A supporter's bus will be leaving from the Square, Portumna, at 3.30pm. contact Sean Duggan for more details.

Ms. O'Sullivan's 5th Yr. PE class

Events Diary: (9th – 15th May)

- Mon. 11th : Junior Hurling Final Vs Gort in Duggan Park, Ballinasloe @ 1pm.
- Wed. 13th : Mrs. Cahalan's Fifth Yr. LCVP class visit to Green Isle Foods @ 11.30am.

