



XMAS FACTOR AUDITIONS

During the week we were calling on our talented students to put their names forward for auditions to take part in our **XMAS FACTOR CONCERT** which will be held in December. Ten(ish) entertaining acts will be chosen to perform on stage representing the following categories: Musicians, Singers, Bands, Modern Dancers, Novelty Acts/Comedy Sketches.

We already have a great response with **30** 'acts' signed up! So our guest judges will be busy with the X-Factor Style Auditions selecting from each category and hope to be pleasantly surprised!! It was suggested that students should check out YouTube for ideas as the more entertaining their acts are the better. The Auditions began today and the rest of the participants should get their backing tracks or CDs ready over the weekend as the Auditions will continue on Monday and you must be prepared. They will take place during Lunch Time in the Music Room (L). Stay tuned for more updates...

NOVEMBER REMEMBERING

November is traditionally a time for **remembering our loved ones** who have died. Reminder that each Friday during the month there is a **Mass at 9 am in Suaimhneas** so please make a big effort to be present. The book is left in the Social Area to write in the names of your loved ones and this will be placed on the alter during mass.

Fr. Abe



DEBATING

A big congratulations to the TY Debating Team – Conor O'Meara, Donal Flynn, Fiona Hyland and Sarah Larkin – who have been victorious in their last two debates. Last week, their first motion was *"Rising unemployment at home is too high a price to pay for aid to the Developing World"* against Colaiste Iognaid, Galway. After a great performance the team came away with a unanimous win which is a spectacular result for their first debate.

Then on Thursday (13th), our team came up against C.B.S. Nenagh with the motion *"The European Union is failing Africa"*. On the proposing side, the debaters battled until the end with an excellent 2 to 1 win.

Portumna C.S. is now in the top ten Debating Schools in the Country in the league phase. A big thanks to all the teachers who helped out in any way and the many supporters who came.

Ms. Skelly & Ms. Hough

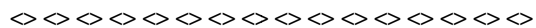
1ST YR. HURLING

On Tuesday last (10th), the First Year Hurling panel travelled to Ballindereen to participate in a Blitz. On arrival the panel was divided into two teams so that everybody would get the maximum number of games. The first match was played against St. Brigids. After a poor start the team soon found their form but were narrowly beaten. The players greatly benefited from this game and proceeded to win all their remaining matches with some great teamwork and individual performances against St. Raphaels, Gort C.S., Presentation Athenry and Athenry Vocational.

It was a hugely enjoyable day of hurling with all the players gaining valuable experience for their upcoming championship.

Well done to all involved.

Paul Killeen, TY



BEST OF LUCK to all

of our past and present pupils and staff who are involved with Portumna in the Galway Senior Hurling Final in Pearce Stadium on Sunday, and with Tynagh and Eyrecourt, who are contesting the replay of the Intermediate Hurling Final in Ballinasloe on Saturday. Wonderful times for hurling in the school.





LOSING IT !!

Students, why is it so hard for you to write your name on your books and copies???

If you lose something in the school please check in Anne's Office it may have been handed in. Also, don't wait for a length of time before reporting something missing and expect us to find it let us know as soon as possible.

JACKETS

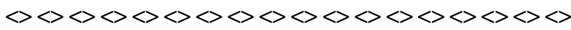
There is **SIX school jackets** left outside Anne's Office that were found down near the stage area – some have initials on them. If you lost a jacket please come and check if yours is there!!



ACTIVITIES AT LUNCHTIME

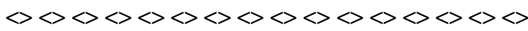
DANCE - Tuesdays in Room K at 1.25.

Also come along to the library and check-out the new **BOARD GAMES** and **MUSIC** every Tuesday and Thursday.



U18 SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The teams for the 'Sign Out' U18 Soccer Tournament must be registered by Wednesday, 18th, to take part. Please collect the €5 from each player and give it to Oisín Royston (087 2396605). The tournament is set to take place on Sunday, 22nd November.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We only have a few weeks to get as many boxes in as possible. TYs will collect any boxes that are brought in during Tutor class.

What you have to do: 1. Find an empty medium size shoe box (18 x 30 x 13 cm) and wrap the lid and box separately in Christmas paper. 2. Decide if your gift is for a boy or girl. Tick the appropriate age box on the sticker included with the leaflets. 3. Fill your box with gifts - check the gift ideas list. 4. Put €3 in an envelope with your name and class clearly printed on the outside, and place in the box. Secure the lid with an elastic band (do not seal the box). The €3 goes towards the promotion, transport, processing and distribution of your box.

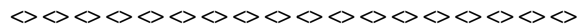


ATHLETICS

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING takes place Wednesday (4 – 4.45 pm). Please make sure to arrange a lift home if necessary. Bring spikes or football boots, shorts or tracksuit and a bottle of water to stay hydrated.

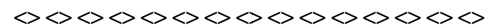


Congratulations to **Niall McIntyre, 1st Yr.**, who received an individual medal in the Munster Uneven Ages Cross Country in Tralee last weekend when he finished 8th. He also won a Munster Gold medal with the Boys U13 Team.



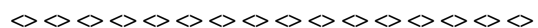
CONNACHT SEMI-FINAL RESULT JUST IN!

The Senior Camogie team have yet again qualified for the Connacht Final by virtue of a 2-3 to 0-7 win over Gort C.S. earlier today. The Final will be played on Saturday, 21st November Vs New Inn or St. Brigids. Details to follow.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Fri. 20th Nov. : 6th yr. (Leaving Certs) & LCA2 Parent/Teacher meeting : 1.30 – 4 pm.
- Mon. 30th Nov. To Fri. 4th Dec. : Assessments.
- Tues. 8th Dec. : No School. Staff meeting (morning).
- 3rd yr. & TY P/ T meeting : 1 – 3.30pm.
- Tues. 15th Dec. : First Yr Retreat.
- Wed. 23rd Dec. - 6th Jan. (incl.) : Christmas Hols. School reopens Thursday, 7th January 2010.
- Mon. 1st Feb. : Start of School Musical week.
- Mon. 8th Feb. : Mock Exams begin for 3rd & 6th yrs.
- Mon. 8th - Fri. 12th : Work Experience for 5th yrs.
- Mon. 15th - Fri. 19th Feb. : Mid Term Break.
- Mon. 22nd - Fri. 26th : Work Experience for TYs.
- Wed. 17th Mar. : St. Patrick's Day – No school.
- Mon. 22nd - Fri. 26th : Class based Assessments.
- Mon. 29th Mar. - Fri. 9th April (incl.) : Easter Hols.
- Mon. 3rd May : Bank Holiday.
- Thurs. 13th May : TY retreat.



Events Diary: (14th – 20th November)

- Fri. 20th : School finishes at 12.45pm. Parent-Teacher meeting for parents of 6th Yrs (Leaving Certs) and LCA2 students from 1.30 pm to 4 pm.

