



## TROCAIRE 24 HR FAST

Due to the tremendous effort of all who took part in the Trocaire 24 hour Fast last month we have now passed the **€4,000** mark. As there are still a number of cards not yet returned, I will be meeting with all these students on Monday for collection of same. Again, well done and many thanks to all concerned.

Fr. Abe.

### LOURDES 2010

The draw for the ticket to Lourdes on the Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage in August will take place at 11.20 a.m. on Monday in Room 'V'. All students who have submitted their names must be present.

Fr. Abe

### PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



TYs are working on a school magazine and are looking for First Years to contribute by submitting interesting photos of **Scenery, Nature, Animals** or **something inspirational to magazine@portumnacs.com** (no people photos please).

The winner will receive a prize and the winning photo will be printed in the magazine. So get snapping!!

Guidelines: Photos are not allowed taken in or around the school (cameras are not allowed in the school).

Also, photos of people are not to be taken.

Ciara Kennedy, Brid McClearn & Michelle Cunningham.

### STATE EXAMS PRACTICALS ETC. TAKING PLACE IN MAY



Tues. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Cert. Art
Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup>	LCVP Link Modules – Written Exam
Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Leaving Cert. Art – <i>Craftwork/Design</i>
Mon. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Leaving Cert. Const. Studies
Tues. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Leaving Cert. Const. Studies
Tues. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Leaving Cert. Art – <i>Imag Comp / Still Life</i>
Wed. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Leaving Cert. Engineering
Thurs. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Leaving Cert. Engineering
Fri. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Leaving Cert. Art – <i>Life Drawing</i>
Fri. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Cert. Metalwork

### SILVER GAISCE AWARD



*Congratulations to David Burke, Maria Dervan, Daniel Eames, Conor O'Meara and Maria Whelan who finished their Silver Gaisce awards over the Easter with an adventure journey covering 50km over three days at Killary Adventure Centre in Connemara. The Adventure involved students having to organise their own trip and mapping out the hike beforehand.*

*Many thanks to Ita Hynes who came as a support.*

### 6<sup>TH</sup> YEAR LCVP

Please Note: The LCVP Portfolios will be officially bagged and the register signed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

For those students who have yet to hand up their portfolio please note that this is the **FINAL** day portfolios will be accepted.

Countdown to the **Leaving & Junior Cert State Exams:** only **34** school days left!



Reminder:

Saturday Study resumes for Leaving Certs tomorrow morning @ 9 a.m. - Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**SIGN OUT YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING** *this evening (Friday) at 7.15pm.*  
*Apologies to 087 6779267.*



## PORTUMNA LEO CLUB

During the Easter holidays, members of the Roscommon Leo Club paid a visit to Sign Out Youth Cafe to talk about what they do as a Leo Club to serve their community. Great Fun was had by all and it proved a great inspiration, for there are already plans underway for youth projects and development of some local amenities. Thanks to everyone who attended. New members welcome, give your name to someone involved.

Daniel Eames.



## CALLING ALL DOG OWNERS!!



A Dog Show, in aid of Ábalta, will take place in the Castle grounds on Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>) starting at 1 p.m. sharp. Classes to suit all dogs. Entry: €4 per class, and entries will be taken on the day. Enquiries: phone Patricia Coniry on 087 8529719.

All are welcome to come along.

Ábalta is the school for children with Autism.



## EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTS

**Exam students are advised that both the IRISH INDEPENDENT and IRISH TIMES carry very useful weekly Education Supplements, which are well worth a look, and the bonus is you don't even have to go out and buy the newspaper as they are available on line! Keep an eye on:**

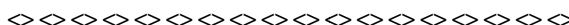
[www.independent.ie/education](http://www.independent.ie/education) and [www.irishtimes.com/society/education/](http://www.irishtimes.com/society/education/)



## OLD MOBILE PHONES

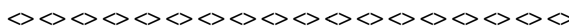


Reminder to everyone in the school community and general locality to round up your old phones (in any condition) and drop them into the collection box in the Social Area – you will help raise money for the *Jack & Jill Foundation*. Our target of 300 old mobile phones is certainly achievable as most households have a few old mobile phones in drawers, cupboards etc. Thank you in advance for your help - Your phones can make a real difference!



## RUGBY

*Well done to Aaron Coniry (1<sup>st</sup> year) who took part in a Rugby Tournament in Wales last weekend with the Ballinasloe team. They played teams from Wales, England and Scotland and finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of the eight teams.*



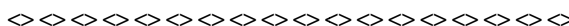
## COMMUNITY GAMES

Community Games Galway has set up a new Youth Committee and we had our first meeting on Friday (9<sup>th</sup>).

We are looking for people to join. You must be from Co. Galway and be aged between 15 and 26 years old.

If interested please contact or text your name to 0876193685.

Alanna Coniry (Chairperson)



## WORLD SPORT STACKING

My name is John O'Neill and I recently travelled to Denver, Colorado, for the World Sport Stacking Championships.

I was there as part of Team Ireland which included James Carrigan (11), Aaron Dowling (12) and Tadhg Bogan (14).

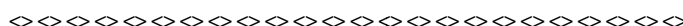
The Magness Arena in the University of Denver was overtaken by sport stackers from 18 different countries with a total of 750 stackers.

The times for my sequences were: 3-3-3 : 2.64, 3-6-3 : 2.71, cycle : 10.43 which put me 18<sup>th</sup> overall in my division. Our team came 13<sup>th</sup> overall and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

There will be an Irish competition soon to see who will go next year to represent Ireland. For more information about Sport Stacking go to [www.speedstacks.com](http://www.speedstacks.com) and

[www.worldsportstackingassociation.org](http://www.worldsportstackingassociation.org).

John O'Neill, 1<sup>st</sup> Yr.



## Events Diary: (17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April)

- Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> – Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> : Transition Years – Outdoor Education trip.
- Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> : Junior Cert. Home Economics Practicals
- Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> : Leaving Cert Music Practicals starting @ 9.35 a.m.
- Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> : Geography Field Trip – Ms. O'Sullivan & Mrs. Fahy's 5<sup>th</sup> year classes.
- Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> : Leaving Cert Oral Irish begins (3 days). Leaving Cert. Music Practicals finish.
- Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> : SciFest in AIT.
- Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> : Leaving Cert Russian Oral @ 2pm.

