



PUBLIC SERVICE DAY OF ACTION – TUESDAY, 24TH NOV.

Due to a Public Service Day of Action on Tuesday, 24th November, there will be no school on health and safety grounds. No teaching staff will be available following directives from their national trade unions; having consulted with the Chairperson of the Board of Management, the decision has been taken that there will be no school. Our health and safety responsibilities to students are addressed carefully within the school and in that spirit the decision was taken.

D. Long, Principal

CONNACHT SEMI-FINAL



PORTUMNA C.S. 2-03 GORT C.S. 0-07

Portumna C.S. qualified for their Twelfth Connacht Senior 'A' Camogie Final in succession with this hard fought win over Gort C.S. on Friday last. Played in Kinvara in perfect conditions, Gort, with the aid of the breeze, applied all the early pressure. They were unable to score due to excellent defending by Portumna with Marie Duane, Ruth Kilkenny, Laura Shiel and Helen Campbell to the fore.

A good move involving Katie O'Brien and Helen Quinn led to Niamh McClearn opening the scoring with a well taken point. Gort then got going with five unanswered points, mainly from long range. The half ended with Louise Loughnane converting from a well taken free to leave Gort ahead by 0-05 to 0-02.

Within three minutes of the restart the game had completely changed with excellent goals from Maria Brehony and Lorraine Donnellan followed by a long range pointed free from Anna Maria Lagana. Unbelievably Portumna C.S. didn't score again and it was left to the defence to keep Gort out. This they did until near the end when two Gort points left the result finely balanced. The full back line and keeper were again outstanding and were aided by Karen Brien, Catherine O'Meara, Nicola Muldoon, Niamh Briscoe and Anna Maria Lagana.

The Final against St. Brigid's, Loughrea, fixed for Saturday, 21st, has been postponed due to the bad weather.

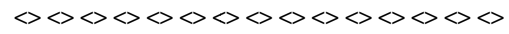
P. Kelly

Team: H. Campbell, R. Kilkenny, M. Duane, L. Shiel, N. Briscoe, K. Brien, A.M. Lagana (0-1), N. Muldoon, C. O'Meara, K. O'Brien, N. McClearn (0-1), L. Loughnane (0-1), M. Brehony (1-0), L. Donnellan (1-0), H. Quinn.
 Sub used: Laura Loughnane.

NOVEMBER REMEMBERING

Next Friday morning at **9 am** in **Suaimhneas** we will have the final mass of the month for **remembering our loved ones** who have died so please make a big effort to be present. The book will be left in the Social Area for the week to write in the names of your loved ones and this will be placed on the altar during mass.

Fr. Abe



USING THE COMPUTER IN THE SOCIAL AREA



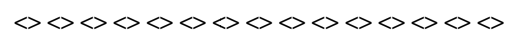
As you will have noticed the new computer is now installed and in operation in the social area. This has been funded by the recent non-uniform day, organised by the Student Council.

Well done to all concerned.

Use of this facility is for the **strict purpose of completing projects or doing research for a specific school activity.** All other uses are strictly prohibited and failure to comply with this will result in the facility being withdrawn from any offending student.

To use the computer you **must complete the form** on the notice board and have it **signed by a teacher.**

Students are also asked to take note that **Key Logging software is in use** on the computer, which keeps a **precise record of all activity.**



LOSING IT !!

Students, 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 - let us know as soon as possible.

There are still a few **SCHOOL JACKETS** left outside Anne's Office that were found. If you lost a jacket come and check if yours is there!!



ACTIVITIES AT LUNCHTIME

The **DRAUGHTS COMPETITION** started in the Library (H) on Thursday. Anyone else interested in entering please give name to Ms. Murtagh.

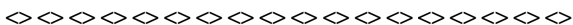


Also come along to the library and check-out the new Board Games and Music every Tuesday and Thursday.

The **2nd YEAR SOCCER LEAGUE** continues on Monday (23rd) at 1.25 pm in the Gym. Teams B – D and F – H will play. Players be on time and wear appropriate footwear.



Anyone else interested in the **HIP HOP DANCING** at lunchtime please give names to Ms. Murtagh.



SIGN OUT YOUTH PROJECT FILM CLUB

will be screening TWILIGHT on their high definition screen with surround sound, on Mon. 23rd Nov. @ 8pm. The Film Club is open to all 2nd level students. Adm: €2. Suggestions for next month's film welcome.

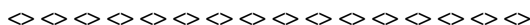
U18 SOCCER TOURNAMENT

All teams are now signed up. Kick off this Sunday at 2pm sharp. Registration is in Sign Out Youth Cafe between 1.30pm and 1.45pm. The draw for play will take place and all times will be displayed in the Sign Out notice board (Check your times over the weekend). Winners prize of €200 and Runners Up prize of €100 are generously sponsored by Sportslawn Ireland.

Sign Out Youth Cafe will be open during the tournament. Supporters welcome. Contact Oisin Royston, Mark Walsh, Gary Curren or Paul Killeen for further information.

SIGN OUT TEENAGE READING GROUP

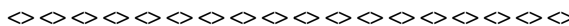
At a recent meeting of the youth committee the need for a Teenager monthly book club/reading group was suggested by some reading enthusiasts. A facilitator has been identified and the club will commence in early December. The group will meet monthly to discuss books in an informal friendly setting and allows young people the opportunity to share their enthusiasm for books. If you are between the age of 13 to 19 and would like to take part please contact Keith Flynn or Susan on 087 6779267.



XMAS FACTOR AUDITIONS OVER?

During the last two weeks the auditions continued to find talented Students and Staff 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.

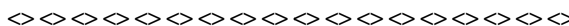
The Judges are still deliberating and will announce the list of participants next week.



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.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues. 24th Nov. : No School – Public Service Day of Action.

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.

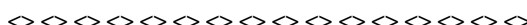
Wed. 17th Mar. : St. Patrick's Day – No school.

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: (21st – 27th November)



- Mon. 23rd : Study Skills Presentation for Second Years.
- Tues. 24th : No School for Students – Public Service Day of Action.