



VOLCANO COMPETITION

Today the Social Area was awash with colour, lava and many different types of erupting volcanoes. The First Year students put on display the models that they had been working on for the past few weeks. There were many interesting designs and materials used from expanding foam to paper maché! Students got a chance to explain how they made their volcano and demonstrate how it erupts. The judges had an extremely difficult task to select winners as the standard this year was high.



Each class group had winners selected as follows:

Class 111 : 1st place - Maria Kelly; 2nd - Sophie Slattery; 3rd - Cillian Campbell & Daniel Farrell.

Class 112 : 1st - Denis O'Meara; 2nd - Stephen Quinn, Shane Scully, Joseph McLoughlin & Killian O'Hara; 3rd - Stephen Mullery & James Downey.

Class 113 : 1st - Brian Gohery; 2nd - Ciaran Mooney; 3rd - Ian Donoghue.

Special mention to Daniel Cunningham for inventiveness.

In the end the Overall Winner selected was Dean Madden. Well done to everyone for their hard work. Thank you to all the teachers who helped out on the day especially Mrs. Larkin, Mr. Lynch and Ms. Skelly.

L. O'Sullivan

NOVEMBER REMEMBERING

Next month is traditionally a time for **remembering our loved ones** who have died. Each Friday during November there will be a **Mass at 9 am in Suaimhneas** so please make a big effort to be present.

A book will be left in the Social Area to write in the names of our loved ones. This book will be placed on the alter during mass.



Fr. Abe

TY MINI COMPANY - EMINENCE

Badges and keyrings will be on sale in the Social Area after the mid-term during break-time Tuesday and lunchtime on Thursday.

To personalise a badge you can give a picture to Sarah Larkin or Niamh Bergin and it will be put on the keyring or badge for a small additional cost. You can also email it to eminence09@hotmail.com

Niamh Bergin & Sarah Larkin

HAVE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBERS?

If you moved house this year don't forget to inform the school office so we can change the address on our records!!



Also phone numbers! When you change contact numbers we need to know!!

It is very important for us to have up-to-date contact information for all Parents/Guardians.

STUDY SKILLS

This talk has been organised for the Parents of Leaving Cert students on Tues. 10th November @ 7.30pm - Practical, realistic advice and ideas to help assist your son/daughter with their studies.

REMINDER TO THE PARENTS who wish to attend the Study Skills talk that the **€10** must be handed to Mrs. M. Burke on Monday, 2nd November. Thank you to those who have already paid.

H1N1 UPDATE

Parents will be aware that the H1N1 virus and flu like illness (FLI) is affecting more people in the community over the past few weeks than previously. In keeping with Department of Education and HSE guidelines the school has continued to monitor cases of FLI (flu like illness; H1N1 is not tested in each patient).

The national trend of an increase has been noticed in absences from school and we, like other schools, have had a handful of cases of H1N1 in the past fortnight.

The school's preventative measures remain in place and parents can also get a copy of the information booklet issued in August. Parents of children in risk groups should feel free to contact the school if they need more information. The website www.swineflu.ie may also be of interest.

Derry Long, Principal



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.

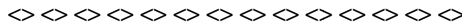


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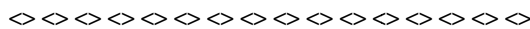
Meeting on Friday, 6th November at lunchtime for any 1st, 2nd or 3rd year girls interested in taking part in training for a team. Training times will be decided at the meeting. All welcome.

Emma Hanley



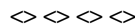
JUNIOR GOLF on Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th (next week)
Tee time from 10am

Contact Jim Hynes for further details 087 6411711



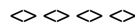
SIGN OUT U18 SOCCER TOURNAMENT

There will be a soccer tournament taking place for U18s in the Astroturf at Sign Out Youth Cafe in mid-November (date to be finalised). There is a very generous prize of €200 for the winners and €100 for the runners-up. Each team must have five players. To book your team or for further details please contact Paul (087 6711313) or Garry (087 0539114).

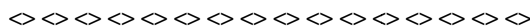


SIGN OUT YOUTH CAFE COMMITTEE

MEETING this Friday, 23rd Oct., @ 7pm. Agenda to include finalising dates for U18 Soccer Tournament and Health & Beauty Evening. Spread the word. New members always welcome. Youth Cafe is open every Friday as a drop in facility for all TY, 5th & 6th year students.



Sign Out Youth Project presents Portumna's first ever **THAI & VIETNAMESE COOKERY DEMONSTRATION**, in the Shannon Oaks Hotel on Wed. 4th Nov @ 8pm. Tickets only €10. Demonstration thanks to Conor Kilkenny and his team of chefs from KOH Restaurant, Food & Wine Readers Choice Award Winners '09. Tickets on sale locally, from committee members or contact 087 6779267 / 086 2051346



PORTUMNA YOUTH THEATRE

Presents DRAMA TRAINING WORKSHOPS

for Secondary School Students in Portumna Town Hall

Wednesday's at 7.30pm Workshops include:

Theatre Craft; Improvisation; Characterisation;

Movement; Voice Work; Drama games; Presentation Skills; Confidence Building and lots of Fun!

To sign up or for more info. Contact: 086 319 6159

Your Youth Theatre needs YOU!

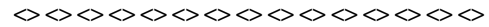


CAMOGIE



Best Wishes to the Killimor Senior Camogie team playing in the County Final on Sunday.

Well done to the Portumna, Kiltormer and Lorrha Camogie Clubs on their recent successes.



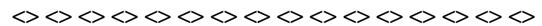
RED CROSS CREWS



Good Luck to the students who are members of the Red Cross crews taking part in the All Ireland First Aid Competitions on Saturday.

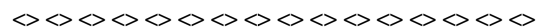
Cadet Team : Shannon Whelan, Emma Ruttledge, Tara Harte & Conor O'Meara. Subs: Lisa Donnellan, Rachael Darcy.

Novices : Alanna Coniry, Keith Flynn, Maria Whelan & Niamh Gordon. Subs : Keith Ruttledge, Kayleigh O'Brien.

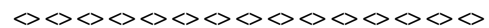


STUDENT RESOURCE FUND

This is a reminder to the families that have not paid the Resource Fund to date: this money is now overdue. The cost is **€50** for one student from a family and **€80** for two or more students from the same family. **Most** families have already paid for which we are most grateful. We request that all monies are paid by **23rd October at the latest**. If a particular family has a difficulty paying the full amount in one go we are prepared to make an arrangement where payment can be made on a phased basis depending on the circumstances of each request.

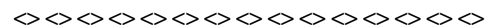


Good luck to students, Michael Dalton and Mark Finnerty, members of local band 'Reefstained', who are one of the supporting acts for **'THE BLIZZARDS'** on Friday, 30th October at **The Biggest Halloween Bash Ever** in Gort Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Tickets €20 at the door – also available at SuperValu, Portumna.



Advance Notice:

On Tuesday, 3rd November at 8 pm the Western Regional Drugs Task Force will give a talk for Parents on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.



Enjoy the Mid Term Break

Wishing all students and staff a happy and safe mid-term break.

School re-opens on Monday, 2nd November.



Events Diary: (24th October – 6th November)

- 26th – 30th Oct. : Mid term break.

