



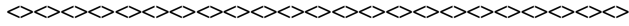
SMOOTHIES



On Tuesday, 4th November, during break time in Room 'M', the Transition Year students will be selling Smoothies of all different flavours as part of our Mini Company.

Prices will range from €3 for a large smoothie to €2 for a small one. Please come along and sample some delicious and healthy smoothies.

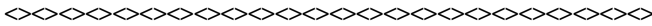
Heather Starr, Joanne Lyons,
Brian Duffy & John O'Meara.



JUNIOR GOLF competition at Portumna Golf Club, every Saturday from 3 pm to 4 pm.

Also 28 hole competition will take place on Tues. 28th & Wed. 29th Oct. at 10 am.

For further info ring Jim Hynes 087 6411711



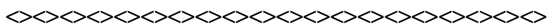
GRADUATE QUIZ

Congratulations to Niamh Briscoe, a Transition Year student, who has won a four day trip to Strasbourg on the Graduate Online Civic Awareness competition.

Niamh will be accompanied by twenty five other students from around the country who were also winners of the quiz. The group will spend a full day at the European Parliament where they will take part in Euroscola, which is a Youth Parliament and will involve them taking part in discussions on a number of pre-selected topics.

Niamh is the fourth T.Y. student to win this prize in the school. Previous TY winners were Ceara Bergin, Helen Quinn and Laura Shiel.

J. Coughlan



ROAD SAFETY

With the dark mornings and evenings coming upon us we would like to appeal to all students to be particularly safety conscious when travelling to and from school. Remember just because **you** can see an approaching car doesn't mean the driver can see you! Wet roads, very often covered with fallen leaves, can greatly reduce stoppage time for cars - so please act sensibly. Also when crossing the road have a little sense and look before you walk out onto the road - remember you may be hidden from a driver's view by parked vehicles! In relation to road safety in general we would like to add our voice to those appealing for all drivers to be safety conscious on the roads - to our own students we ask that if you are in a car travelling with others and you feel they are going too fast or driving in a reckless manner - don't be afraid to say so.

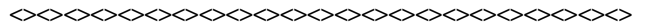
SIGN OUT YOUTH CAFE & ALL WEATHER PITCH

is open every Friday for all TY, 5th and 6th year students from 7pm to 9.30pm. Membership is €10 per year, renewable every January, or €2 per drop-in session. Members have first option to take part in any projects, workshops and trips organised by the Youth Café Company and membership also includes use of the 5-a-side all weather pitch during 'Sign Out' opening hours.

The **SIGN OUT CREATIVE ARTS** workshop, which will explore ideas on decorating the disability ramp and base of Sign Out Youth Café, will take place over four days. The first two dates are Thursday 30th and Friday 31st Oct. from 11 am.

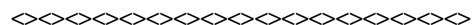
The **RADIO PRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION SKILLS WORKSHOP** will run over the weekend of 8th /9th November in Sign Out. Some of the topics covered will include documentary making, production and presentation, news prioritisation and journalistic traits, researching and developing ideas and an introduction to libel. This workshop should be of interest to all budding DJ's and media enthusiasts.

The above two workshops are grant aided by Galway County Council and are open to all second level students at a cost of €10. To find out more and to register contact 087 6779267 or email youthsingout@gmail.com.



PORTUMNA BRIDGE — 9 DAY BRIDGE CLOSURE

Reminder : The bridge will be closed for essential refurbishment works from Friday, 24th Oct. at 10 pm until Sunday, 2nd Nov. at 10 pm.



Enjoy the Mid Term Break

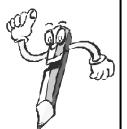
Wishing all students and staff a happy and safe mid-term break.

School re-opens on Mon. 3rd November



Events Diary : (25th Oct. — 7th Nov.)

- Thurs. 30th — Junior Hurling match — Tynagh Pitch at 11.30 am — Full panel to attend.
- Tues. 4th — Junior Girls Soccer Vs Oranmore in Oranmore. Leaving at 10.10 a.m.
- Mon. 27th — Fri. 31st : Mid Term Break.
- Mon. 3rd Nov. — 2nd term commences.





VOLCANO COMPETITION



Today the Social Area was awash with colour, lava and many different types of erupting volcanoes. The First Years 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 and even concrete!

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 the highest ever seen in

Portumna Community School. Each class group had winners selected as follows:

Class 111 : 1st place - Charlie Forde; 2nd - Kate O'Meara. Class 112 : 1st - Eamonn Larkin; 2nd - Shane Burns & Owen Downey. Class 113 : 1st - Eoin Foley; 2nd - Raymond Broderick. In the end the overall winner selected was Shelby da Costa. Also picked out by the judges as 'Highly Recommended' were the models made by Gavin Ryan, John Conroy, Aoife Keary, Laura Loughnane, Daniel Cormican and Michael Hoban. Well done to everyone for their hard work. Thank you to all the teachers who helped out on the day especially Ms. Skelly, Mrs. Fahy, Mr. Connaire, Ms. Hough, Mr. Kilkenny and Mr. Conwell.

L. O'Sullivan

ANTI BULLYING

Many thanks to all the students and staff who participated in the anti-bullying awareness week. Thanks also to many of the Senior students who came up with some wonderful suggestions as to how to keep alert on a day to day basis. Student vigilance is much more effective than teacher vigilance as the bullying behaviour tends to stop when teachers are present. Classes which didn't get involved this week will begin the week after mid-term. With a whole school approach we can keep bullying to the absolute minimum.



NON UNIFORM DAY

There was great colour around the school today for the non-uniform day. Thanks a million to all the

Tutors who took responsibility for collecting the money, and to all the students for their contribution of €2 each. The amount collected so far is €660 which will go towards the sending of a Senior student to Lourdes, as a helper, next August on the Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage.

NOVEMBER - WE REMEMBER

During the month of November we will be remembering all our loved ones who have passed away. In particular we will be remembering those who passed away this year in a special school mass on Friday, 14th November at 2.40 p.m.

A book will be left in the Social Area for those who would like to write in the names of their loved ones.

Fr. Abe

JUNIOR HURLING Match

will take place during the Mid Term Break, on Thursday next, 30th October.

Venue: Tynagh Pitch. Time: 11.30 a.m.

Full Panel must attend.

R. O Tuairisg

HEALTHY EATING

On Monday, 20th Oct., Mrs. Murtagh's First year Home Economics class took part in a Healthy Eating Programme. Great inventiveness was demonstrated as well as a great knowledge of food, nutrition and healthy eating. Rational for choice of dish was highlighted on a menu and fact sheet.

Marissa Kennedy and Sandra Larkin came third in the competition, with Michelle Fahy and Derrick Daly coming second. First place went to Eimear McEvoy and Máiréad McEvoy for their chicken salad which was not only delicious but highly nutritious. Well done to all who took part.

N. Murtagh



JUNIOR HURLING

Portumna C.S. 2-16 Pres, Athenry 2-8

On Tuesday (21st) our Junior Hurlers took on Presentation College, Athenry, in our first Championship match this year. We needed a win as a defeat would almost certainly mean the end of the championship. Athenry got the first score but then Portumna C.S. got into their stride and pulled away, never losing the lead again. At halftime the score line was P.C.S. 2-11 to Pres. College 0-5. A spirited comeback from Athenry got them back into the game but it wasn't enough on the day.

The full-time score was 2-16 to 2-8.

Panel: Jason O'Halloran, Gary Kilkenny, David Burke, Kevin Moloney (0-1), Niall Dervan (0-1), Sean Duggan, Shane Gohery, Garry Keane (0-2), Pdraig Breheny (0-4), Shane Moloney (2-4), Edmund McDonagh, James Killeen, Nathan Whelan, Niall O'Meara (0-2), Kevin Farragher (0-1), Jamie Blake (0-1), John Whelan, Oisín Royston, Mark Walsh, Paul Hodgins, Brian Fahy, Micheal Lambe, James McEvoy, Martin Haverty, Aaron Hogan, Paul Killeen, Owen Treacy, Christopher Headd, Graham Fogarty, Joe Starr.

Up next for Portumna is a difficult match against St. Brigid's Vocational School for a place in the Final.

John Whelan