



Happy Birthday EOLAS !!



Eolas is 10 years old this month and today marks the 300th edition !!!

Since its inception 10 years ago Eolas has helped keep students, staff, parents and the wider community informed on the daily happenings within the school.



To celebrate this event we are having a little competition so pay attention... in among the 450 copies printed today there will be **3** that have something different on them. If you are one of the lucky ones bring your copy to the office for a prize!!

TRÓCAIRE 24HR FAST

Thanks once again to all who took part in the 24hr Trócaire Fast on 3rd March.

We have now passed the €3,000 mark.

*It is a wonderful response particularly during these difficult times. There are, however, still some **cards to be returned**, so please make sure they are all returned by Monday, 28th March.*

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

A gentle reminder to all senior students who would like to experience a trip to Lourdes in August as a helper on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Please give your names to Fr. Abe over the next couple of weeks.

Draw will take place for the lucky winner after Easter.

LEAVING CERT. GRADUATION MASS

The Leaving Cert Graduation Mass will, for the first time, take place on the last Friday before the Easter Holidays – 15th April.

Preparations are already under way.

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

Our Junior Boys Soccer panel will travel to Birr on Tuesday at 11.30am for game at 12.30pm.

The panel should have boots, togs, socks and shin guards in good condition. You may bring a packed lunch and also €7 towards the cost of the bus.

Fr. Abe

FARM VISIT

Yesterday (Thurs) the 5th year Ag. Science classes travelled to O'Toole's farm in Killimor as part of their practical course work. Noel O'Toole, father of 5th year, John, won Dairy Farmer of the Year this year. Noel gave us a full guided tour of his farm and explained all the tasks and management principles of running a successful dairy enterprise. It was a very enjoyable tour and huge thanks must go to Noel and his family for taking the time to show us around. Also, on behalf of the fifth years, we would like to thank Mr. Maguire for organising the trip and accompanying us along with Mr. Burke and Ms. Flaherty.

Aoife O'Hara, 5th Yr.

I would like to thank the O'Toole family, especially Noel, for an excellent tour of the farm. It was greatly appreciated by me and the students. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to see first-hand how a dairy enterprise is managed to the highest standard and to link the curriculum to an extremely important industry in Ireland today. Again many thanks to Noel for the tour and John in 5th year in organising it. P. Maguire

Countdown to the **Leaving & Junior Cert**
 State Exams: **39** school days left!



CONGRATULATIONS

to 2nd year, Paul Lynch, who represented the school in the Inter Schools Horse Cross Country competition in Wexford on the 18th March. Paul came 5th out of 230 competitors on his horse, 'Minimal', with a time of 4 min. 13 seconds. Well done Paul.

SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS

In the next few weeks Junior Cert and Transition Year students will be asked to make important decisions with regard to the Senior Cycle options. Ms. Lyons is now taking appointments from students to help with the decision-making process. A talk on Subject Choice will take place next Tuesday in the school. Details will be given next week.

LOCKERS: Books must not be left on bag racks – every student has a locker – use it! Spot check on Lockers – again yesterday over 27 had no locks on them!! **EVERY LOCKER MUST HAVE A LOCK** and spare key handed up! Students you are responsible for the books rented to you – Books not returned will have to be paid for in full.



STILL NOT CLAIMED: 28 locker keys, 3 locks, glasses, a watch and an Inhaler in Anne's Office!!

ATHLETICS



Training times for next week:

Tuesday (Lunchtime) – Long Jump. **(After school)**– High Jump.

Thursday (After school) – Shot Putt, Discus & Javelin only.

Friday (Lunchtime) – Hurdles only.

All athletes wishing to qualify for the Galway Schools Competition on Thursday, 14th April, must attend. Age Groups:

MINOR – born on or after 1-7-97 (i.e. 14 on or after 1st July)

JUNIOR – born on or after 1-7-96 (i.e. 15 on or after 1st July)

INTER – born on or after 1-7-94 (i.e. 17 on or after 1st July)

SENIOR – born on or after 1-7-92 (i.e. 19 on or after 1st July)

FLORA WOMEN'S MINI MARATHON

Any T.Y. or 5th year girls who would like to train for the Mini Marathon please give your name to Ms. O'Sullivan on Monday.

FIRST YEAR CAMOGIE

The 1st Yr. Galway Schools Competition takes place in Oranmore on Monday, 28th March. Bus departs at 8.30am from the school.

L. O'Sullivan



SIGN OUT NOTICES

DRAMA WORKSHOP commences next Tuesday, 29th March, at 8pm sharp. Registration at 7.45pm. The workshop costs €20 and will run for 6 weeks in Sign Out all outstanding monies can be paid at Youth Cafe this evening.

GRAFFITI WORKSHOP - The workshop planned for 18th to the 21st April is full, due to demand there will be a second workshop will run in September. The Graffiti workshop will run from 10.30am to 4pm each day and costs €20, which has to be paid in full by Friday, 1st April.

SPORTS DAY - Monday 2nd May - Mixed teams of 3 males and 2 females will compete in 4 out of 5 challenges - Wii, Pool, Table tennis, Volleyball and Caman Abu during the day. There will be live music and sizzling BBQ. Entry forms available in Sign Out. Get your teams organised there are already entries from groups as far away as Oughterard and Carraroe.

SIGN OUT YOUTH CAFE is open this Friday and every Friday from 7pm to 9.30pm for all TY, 5th year and 6th years students. Drop in only costs €2 and gives free use of all the facilities including the all-weather pitch. Feel free to bring along a film and pizza any evening.

For further information on any of the above contact Susan 087 6779267

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

LIDL Ireland, in association with DBS, are now offering an alternative route to Third Level. The programme in **Retail Management** is accredited by Hetac at L7 level. In addition to sponsoring the tuition fees in Ireland, LIDL will pay participants a salary for the duration of the programme.

The programme is 3 years which is split equally between College Tuition and work-based learning.

Applications are made directly to LIDL – www.lidl-degree.ie and not through CAO.



Portumna G.A.A. Club is holding the **ROSE OF PORTUMNA** this Friday night in the Shannon Oaks Hotel at 8pm. The winner will go on to represent Portumna in the Galway heats. Please come and support our lovely Roses from Portumna and the surrounding Parishes. Admission €10.

Fiona O Meara, Runai, Portumna GAA Club



VISIT IN

On Tuesday, 15th, Mr. Dermot Hobbs came to speak to our 5th year L.C.V.P. Enterprise & Education class about his Landscaping Business. It was very interesting to hear about his business plan and his success to date. He was also very informative about his future plans for his business. On behalf of the class I would like to thank Mr. Hobbs for taking the time to come and speak with us.

David Mitchell, 5th yr.



MINOR CAMOGIE RESULT

Portumna C.S. 5-08 Gort C.S. 3-05

A report on this match held earlier today will be given next week.

STATE EXAMS - APRIL

Mon. 4th : Leaving Cert. German Oral and Junioir Cert. Music Practical. Tues. 5th : L.C. Music Practical.

Wed. 6th – Fri. 8th : Home Economics Junior Cert. Practical exams - Cookery.

Thurs. 7th : Leaving Cert. Italian & French Orals commence. Fri. 8th : L.C. Spanish Oral.

Mon. 12th : Leaving Cert. Irish Orals commence.

EVENTS DIARY: (26th March – 1st April)



- Mon. 28th : Student Council Meeting @ 9.35am in Room A.
- Tues. 29th : Junior Boys Soccer Vs Birr. Bus leaving @ 11.20am.
- Tues. 29th : Senior Hurling - Ryan Cup Final Vs Pres. Atherry in Killimor @ 1pm.
- Wed. 30th : Minor Camogie match.
- Fri. 1st Apr. : Higher Level English classes (5th & 6th) trip to Galway – Hamlet.
- Fri. 1st : Second Year Hurling Final Vs Gort C.S. in Killimor @ 1pm.



