

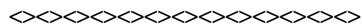
LOST & FOUND

Already left in Anne's office there is:

1 Ladies Watch and 5 School Jackets with initials!!

So if you have lost one of these

PLEASE go and check a.s.a.p.



1ST YR CAMOGIE BLITZ

On Thursday the First year Camogie team set off to Ballymacward for a 7-a-side non-competitive blitz. On arrival they were split into 'A' and 'B' teams. The 'A' team won 3 out of their 4 matches and the 'B' team won 2 out of 3 matches.

Both teams had outstanding performances such as Maria Brehony who led the 'A' team while scoring 8-4 throughout the blitz and Emma Rutledge leading the 'B' team with a score of 6-8. Well done girls.

The full group would like to thank Mrs. Murtagh and Ms. Kelly for sticking with us for the day!!

Shannon Whelan & Eimear McEvoy, 1st yrs.

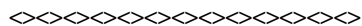
DARCY OF iGO HOME COMES TO PORTUMNA

Fergal Darcy, the voice of i102-104 is hosting a ten week series of youth drama evenings for teenagers. Starting Wed., 1st Oct, in the Town Hall, he intends to provide vibrant and energetic workshops, with a view to staging a production. YOUR interest, YOUR participation and YOUR name on the booking list is important – call 086 3196159 before 7 pm to obtain more info & secure a place - Numbers are limited.

JUNIOR GOLF at Portumna Golf Club, every Saturday. The 1st tee is reserved for



Junior golfers from 3 pm to 3.45 pm – this is to encourage the Juniors to keep playing over the Winter and Spring. For further info ring Jim Hynes 087 6411711



2009 CTYI TALENT SEARCH

The Irish Centre for Talented Youth (CTYI) at D.C.U. has launched its Annual Search for Academic Talent to look for exceptional mathematical and verbal reasoning abilities among 12 – 16 year old students. Talent Search applicants are given the opportunity to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. Top scorers in this test will be invited to take part in CTYI's Summer Academic Programme which offers special 3 week residential courses at DCU. Further information relating to CTYI can be found at their web site www.dcu.ie/ctyi or Ms. Lyons. The closing date for applications is 7th November 2008.

OPEN DAYS

29th Sept. – Bray Institute of Further Education.

3rd Oct. – Kildalton Agricultural College.

8th Oct. – Gurteen Agricultural College.

9th Oct. – N.U.I. Galway.

11th Oct. – University College Cork.

Check www.qualifax.ie for further details.



MINI TRY-ATHLON

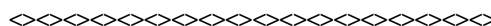
For those willing to try something different there is a Mini Try-Athlon taking place in Portumna tomorrow starting at 9.30 a.m.

This taster event consists of a 150m swim followed by a 3 km cycle and a 1 km run. Or if you want to be even more adventurous you could try the sprint triathlon starting at 10.30 am - 500m swim, 20 km cycle and 5 km run.

For more information check www.runireland.com



Also Good luck to all who are taking part in the Lions Club Annual Lough Derg Cycle in association with the Sliabh Aughty Cycle Club on Sunday.



Events Diary : (27th Sept. – 3rd Oct.)

- Mon. 29th – First year Hurling Blitz in Ballindereen.
- Mon. 29th – Hurling match : Junior Vs Senior in Marian Park at 4.10 p.m. sharp.
- Tues. 30th – Camogie Blitz in Ardrahan.
- Wed. 1st – Senior Girls Soccer in Galway.
- Wed. 1st – Senior Camogie match in Marian Park.
- Thurs. 2nd – Schools Golf team travelling to the Irish Schools Championship in Galway.



POSITIVE AGEING WEEK 2008

Age Action Ireland is the national independent organisation on ageing and older people. It acts as a network of organisations and individuals including older people and carers of older people and is also a development agency promoting better policies and services for older people in an ageing society.



Positive Ageing Week – Fri. 26th Sept. to Sat. 4th Oct. 2008 – is a festival which highlights the positive aspects of ageing and celebrates the contribution older people have made and continue to make to their communities. Positive Ageing is the term that has been chosen to encapsulate all we are trying to do to make Ireland the best place in which to grow old. It means a society in which people of all ages enjoy the same status and rights. The central aim of Positive Ageing Week is to dispel the many negative perceptions that surround ageing and to transform attitudes towards ageing and older people. We need to celebrate the fact that we are living longer, that ageing is not a burden but an opportunity.

Events and activities are organised by active retirement groups, local voluntary groups, nursing homes, libraries, commercial organisations and individual older people themselves. This is the 6th year Age Action has marked UN International Day of Older Persons (1st Oct). Last year over 450-recorded events took place in 25 counties throughout the country and this year we are hoping for at least 600, including many from across the border.

So look out for events in your area.

Age Action Ireland

BUDDY SYSTEM 2008-09

All Leaving Certs should have found their First Year 'Buddies' by today. The present system will be reviewed again at Christmas.

In the meantime enjoy this new adventure.

OPENING OF THE YEAR MASS

The date for the Opening Mass for the academic year has been decided – Wed. 15th Oct. All classes with their teachers will depart from the school at 10.10 a.m. for St. Brigid's Church. Everybody's good will and cooperation will be needed to mark this special occasion.

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

The senior girls soccer panel will travel to Galway on Wednesday, 1st October at 10.45 am. Please have your boots, togs, socks and shin-guards in good order plus €7 for the bus. Thanks.



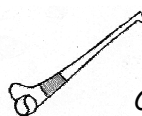
Fr. Abe,

CONGRATULATIONS

Last Saturday in Rotterdam, a past student, Colm Corcoran from Lorrha, won a Gold Medal in Automotive Technology at the 'EUROSKILLS 2008' competition, fending off over **20** countries.

This competition is considered the 'Olympics' of the Trade skills. Congratulations Colm.

U-14 CAMOGIE



Congratulations also to students

Lorraine Donnellan (2nd yr.), Naomi Burke (2nd yr), Maria Brehony (1st yr), Mairead McEvoy (1st yr) and Aisling Brehony (1st yr) who represented Galway in the U14 all Ireland Blitz last Saturday beating Tipperary in the Final 1-8 to 0-3, making this their third blitz to win this year. Well done girls.

JUNIOR HURLING



Our Junior hurlers travelled to Ennis on Wednesday last to play St. Flannan's College ahead of their first Championship outing in 2 weeks time.

On both previous encounters Portumna C.S. overcame Flannans by margins of 8 and 10 points.

On this occasion, however, it was Flannans that proved the stronger of both teams leading at the interval by 8 points. It wasn't until the middle of the second half that Portumna eventually settled down and pulled Flannans back to a 1 point lead. The

Portumna side were much the better side in the final 15 minutes but at the final whistle it was Flannans 3-13 to Portumna's 2-14. The juniors have got 2 weeks now to get it right before their match against Presentation College, Athenry.

R. O Tuairisg