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ATHLETICS



On Wednesday 30 of our students travelled to the Dangan Sports Centre for the Galway/Roscommon/Westmeath Schools Track & Field Competition. By the end of the day a total of **16** of our athletes had qualified for the Connacht Finals which was a great achievement.

Well done to all of our athletes who took part in the competitions and Congratulations to our qualifiers:

Gold Medallists' :

Owen Treacy (3rd yr.) - Discus - Intermediate : 27m 94cm. Maria Kelly (1st yr.) - High Jump - Minor : 1m 15cm.
 Niall McIntyre (1st yr.) - 1500m - Minor : 4 min 50 sec

Silver Medallists': Lisa Callanan (5th yr.) - Discus - Intermediate. Oisín Royston (T.Y.) - High Jump - Intermediate.
 Peter Claffey (1st yr.) - Shot Putt - Minor.

Bronze Medallists': Mary Jayne Cummins (2nd yr.) - Shot Putt - Junior. Cyrilla Larkin (3rd yr.) - Hurdles - Junior.

Christopher Treacy (5th yr.) - Javelin - Intermediate. Caitlin Gohery (3rd yr.) - Shot Putt - Intermediate.

Others to qualify were: Padraic Corcoran (2nd yr.) and Niall McIntyre (1st yr.) in the Long Jump,
 Eoin McIntyre (3rd yr.) - Triple Jump, Eimear McEvoy (2nd yr.) - Shot Putt and Rachael Darcy (5th yr.) - Discus.

Note: Training continues next week (Tuesday and Thursday) for those who have qualified.

L. O'Sullivan.



PULSE MAGAZINE

The School Magazine is almost here.

Over the last couple of months, Transition Year students have been busy preparing a high quality school magazine that we are calling 'Pulse'.

It will be packed with funny photos, interesting articles and exclusive interviews with Jedward and Glenda Gilson.

It will also feature individual Leaving Cert profiles (with photo), a special Twenty year celebration section, hilarious baby photos and a roundup of sport this year - you definitely do not want to miss this special publication.

The magazine will be on sale around the 17th of May. To reserve your copy please bring in a deposit of €3 to your Tutor class next week. Once we know how many wish to buy the magazine it will be printed up –

Please note: You must reserve a copy to get one as we are not printing extra copies!!

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SciFest is a local one-day science fair held in third level colleges and open to all second level students which includes a competition and exhibition of projects, science talks, demonstrations and a prize-giving ceremony.

SciFest aims to encourage a love of science through an investigative approach to learning and to provide an opportunity for students to display their scientific discoveries.

On Friday last (23rd) four Portumna Community School students, accompanied by Ms. Nagle, travelled to Athlone IT to compete in SciFest 2010. The Gym was full of students who were busy setting up their stands, and we soon joined in with the rush. After a while the judges started making their rounds, stopping at each stand and asking each group about their projects. Other teachers and parents also visited the stands and asked questions.

Conor O'Meara and Mary Cleary (Into The Deep) did their project on Lough Derg which involved researching invasive species, taking water samples and identifying various insects. Aoife O'Hara and myself (Bacteria Busters) did our project on micro organisms present in various rooms and tested the effect of natural disinfectants.

Once the lunch break was over a science lecture was given by Randal Henly titled 'Fun With Science'. After the lecture the winners were announced. 'Into The Deep' came second in the Life Science category and second in the Best Display. A great day was had by all and lots of ideas were discussed for next year.

A special thanks goes to Ms Nagle for accompanying us!

Brid McClearn TY.

Countdown to the State Exams

for **Leaving & Junior Certs**:

Only **24** school days left!



Leaving Certs Please Note:

There will be **NO** Saturday Study tomorrow morning (1st May) due to the Bank Holiday.

LC GRAD MASS

Tonight we will be looking forward to welcoming the parents of our present Leaving Cert and LCA2 group for their graduation Mass which will take place in the Gym at 8.00 pm with light refreshments afterwards.



GOOD LUCK

The Staff and students want to wish the very best of luck to past pupil, John Muldoon, who captain's the Connacht Rugby team in tonight's Amlin Challenge Cup Semi-Final against Toulon at the Sportsground in Galway.



EUROPEAN LANGUAGES & CULTURE DAY

On Monday, 24th April, the 5th year French class travelled to GMIT to take part in the GMIT Languages and Culture Day which aims to provide teenagers with a fun and enjoyable way to learn languages and develop intercultural skills. A number of schools from throughout Galway City and County took part in the various competitions that were organised which included a quiz, a cookery competition, individual performance, cultural presentation, art competition and group performance.

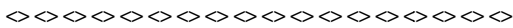
It was an enjoyable day with Portumna C.S. doing well in many of the competitions. Niamh Ryan and Maria Whelan received 1st place in the cookery competition "Europe en Desert". Anna Marie Lagana came 2nd for her individual performance.

Our quiz team – Padraig Breheny, Mark Walsh, James McEvoy, Eimear Finnegan, Laura Parry, Eoin O'Hara and Daniel Eames – came 3rd in the European Quiz.

Garry Curran and Mark Walsh came 3rd in the Europe Cultural Presentation. It was an interesting presentation about French Football.

Amanda Gohery also put in a wonderful art entry about French Impressionists and every student sang for the group performance led by Grace Duffy and Daniel Eames the Irish song 'Maidrin Rúa'.

Congratulations to all those who participated and thank you to Mrs. O'Connor for organising the great day.
5th yr.

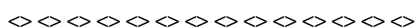


GUYS AND DOLLS



On Wednesday evening Transition Year students, accompanied by Mr. Coughlan, travelled to see the musical 'Guys and Dolls' performed by the Roscrea Musical Society. Roscrea have an excellent record of unique productions over the years and this year's musical was also outstanding.

We were all very impressed with Proinnsias Loughnane's performance playing the lead role of *Sky Masterson*. Up to recently Proinnsias had been a teacher here in Portumna Community School for a number of years. The night was thoroughly enjoyable and memorable for all who attended. The TY class would like to thank Mr. Coughlan for organising the outing.



Events Diary: (1st – 7th May)

- Mon. 3rd : Bank Holiday. No School.
- Fri. 7th : Non-Uniform Day to support the Debs.



5TH YEAR LCVP

FINAL DATE for completed Work Experience Diaries is Monday, 10th May and Completed Career Investigations must be handed up by Friday, 14th May. Take note: all Portfolio items (i.e. C.V., Action plan, Summary Report, Career Investigation and Work Experience Diary) **must be saved** onto the **computer system** in the school.



STUDENT ENTERPRISE AWARDS

Last Tuesday the Transition Years went to Croke Park for the All Ireland Student Enterprise Awards. Our bus left for Dublin at 7 am and we arrived at the venue at 10 am.

Our TY Mini-Company, Fire Fuel (Conor O'Meara, Donal Flynn and Micheal Lambe), were representing the Galway County Enterprise Board.

While the judging was taking place the remainder of the TY students were given a tour of Croke Park and its museum. We got to visit the 'lucky' dressing room and the players' lounge. We were also told the history of each stand.

Meanwhile the young entrepreneurs of 'Fire Fuel' were rubbing shoulders with the likes of Bill Cullen and Bobby Kerr (Dragon's Den). They presented their product to the three judges and got a very positive response. However, the standard was very high so unfortunately they were not among the winners. It was a great experience for everyone involved and we would like to thank Mrs. Cahalan and Mr. Coughlan for a great day out.

Fiona Hyland & Donal Flynn



EXAMS - PRACTICALS ETC. TAKING PLACE IN MAY

Tues. 4 th	Junior Cert. Art
Tues. 4 th	P.L.C. Exam : Nutrition
Wed. 5 th	LCVP Link Modules - Written Exam
Wed. 5 th	P.L.C. Exam : Safety & Health at Work
Thurs. 6 th	Leaving Cert. Art - <i>Craftwork/Design</i>
Thurs. 6 th	PLC Exam : Human Growth & Development
Fri. 7 th	P.L.C. Exam : I.T. in Childcare
Fri. 7 th	Leaving Cert. Const. Studies
Mon. 10 th	Leaving Cert. Agricultural Science Orals
Tues. 11 th	Leaving Cert. Const. Studies
Tues. 11 th	Leaving Cert. Art - <i>Imag Comp/Still Life</i>
Wed. 12 th	Leaving Cert. Engineering
Thurs. 13 th	Leaving Cert. Engineering
Fri. 14 th	Leaving Cert. Art - <i>Life Drawing</i>
Fri. 14 th	Junior Cert. Metalwork
Wed. 19 th	LCA I.T. Practical Performance & Written test

