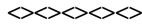




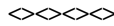
SCHOOL CANTEEN

The School Canteen is now providing a packed lunch service for students going away on school trips or matches and must be pre-ordered. The packed lunch includes: a sandwich or roll of your choice, a drink, fruit and snack. All for €4.50.

DANCE: Note for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students who are interested in taking part in Dance (hip-hop) at lunchtime: please go to room 'K' at lunchtime next Thursday, 9th October.



BASKETBALL CLUB: Students who would like to train for Basketball and form a team are asked to attend training on Friday, 4.00 – 4.45 pm. All are welcome. Extra training will take place on Thursday during lunchtime for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years.



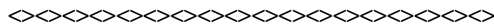
ATHLETICS: Training will begin on Tuesday, 4.10 – 4.45 pm, for Cross Country running. This training is open to all students who would like to participate in races or simply get fit. It is a great way to enjoy the outdoors while also exercising. We would appeal to any 1st years who haven't ran before to come along and give it a try. Bring football boots or spikes and raingear.

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Our senior girls soccer panel travelled to Mervue Park, Galway on Wednesday to play Bellmullet in the first round of the Connacht league. Portumna C.S., having won the toss, opted to play against the breeze in the first half. From the kick-off it was evident that Bellmullet were fired up for this game and opened the scoring with wonderfully taken direct free kick from 30 yards out by their very talented striker after five minutes. Bellmullet continued to pile on the pressure scoring a further two goals without reply by half time leaving the score Bellmullet 3, Portumna 0. Although Portumna began the 2nd half with a strong wind they found it very difficult to penetrate the Bellmullet defence. They had a few shots at goal during this half but failed to score and it became very evident during the closing minutes of the game that this was not to be Portumna's day when a penalty was saved 5 minutes from the end. Bellmullet, however, added a further 3 goals to their tally, leaving the final score Bellmullet 6, Portumna 0.

So girls, we have a bit of work to do before we play Ballyhaunis in the second round next month. So lets go for it!

Fr. Abe.



OPEN DAYS IN OCTOBER

8th – Gurteen Agricultural College.

9th – N.U.I. Galway. 11th – U.C.C.

14th – Limerick I.T. and U.L.

15th – College of Amenity Horticulture, Botanical Gardens

16th – Warrenstown Horticultural College.

Check www.qualifax.ie for further details.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

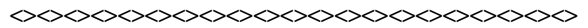
The local National Trails Day was held in the Portumna Forest Park on Sunday (28th) where the new Walk-way was officially opened by Joe Canning and various other activities took place. Our students, Maria Whelan, Daniel Eames and Sinead O'Hara helped Ann Tuohy to set up the Orienteering Course. The Transition Year students also brought groups around the newly developed cycle ways.

TRANSITION YEAR:

The students are very busy with various projects including the President's Award. Twenty of them have decided to accept the challenge of the Bronze Award which involves 13 weeks working on a skill, a fitness programme and a community based challenge. This award is an important addition to anyone's C.V. The T.Y.s are also busy preparing speeches for the Concern Debating, European Forum Debating, Mental Health and debating 'as gaeilge'.

CREDIT UNION

On Thursday, 2nd, the TYs were interviewed by Mr. O'Dwyer and Mrs. Menheneott from the Portumna & District Credit Union for various positions that will be involved with the School Credit Union. Each student was interviewed for 10 to 15 minutes. Thanks to Mr. Joyce for providing each student with a portfolio on the history of the local Credit Union during his presentation. Thanks also to the Directors of the local Credit Union for making this educational experience possible for our students. Students will be informed through Eolas when the School Credit Union will recommence, once training is complete.



PORTUMNA & DISTRICT HEALTH FORUM

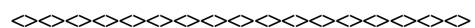
As part of the winter programme of events Portumna and District Health Forum will host a series of talks on health related issues.

On Wednesday, 8th October at 7 pm in the Portumna Retirement village a talk will be given by Alison Larkin, National Development Officer from the Irish Kidney Association (IKA). She will introduce the IKA and give some insight on what they do on a day to day basis. She will also speak about the general psychological aspects of long term illness and how it can affect the individual and family alike.

Some time will also be spent on Organ Donation, what happens if and when someone wants to donate and the procedures involved in donation.

It is hoped we will also have a patient present to talk about their experience of dialysis and transplantation.

All are welcome to attend.



Events Diary : (4th – 10th Oct.)

- Mon. 9th – Second year Hurling Blitz in Ballindereen.
- Tues. 7th – Junior Hurling Vs Borrisokane in Portumna at 12.30 pm.
- Wed. 8th – Camogie Blitz (1st and 2nd yrs) in Athenry. Leaving at 9 a.m.
- Thurs. 9th – Senior Camogie in Athlone. Leaving at 10.10 a.m.



ANTI BULLYING AWARENESS

Beginning on Monday, 20th Oct., there will be an anti-bullying awareness week. This biannual event will take place during R.E. classes throughout the week from 1st year up to Leaving Cert. Portumna Community School takes very seriously its anti-bullying policy so that each student can work and play in a happy environment.

So we will continue to be a 'reporting school'.

BUDDY SYSTEM

By today all Leaving Certs who have signed on for the above system must have met their 1st year buddies. Unless for a very good reason, those who have failed to make contact will have their buddies transferred to someone else next week.



CONNACHT SCHOOLS GOLF LEAGUE

Jamie Conboy (1st year), Tommy Heagney (1st yr), Eddie Moloney (2nd yr), Mark Walsh (3rd yr) and Eoin McIntyre (2nd yr) represented Portumna C.S. in Galway Golf Course yesterday (2nd Oct.). They were one of fifteen schools competing throughout the province, two of which would go forward to the All-Ireland. Portumna was grouped with Athlone C.C. and the Marist College. This was the lads' first time to play the Galway course and taking into account the awful weather conditions they played very well. St. Mary's College, Galway and Castlebar were the two colleges to go forward to the All Ireland. However, the Portumna boys did the school proud both by their courteous behaviour and their play. Well done lads.

Fr. Abe,



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We hate to mention the 'Christmas' word so early in the year but Operation Christmas Child is a very worthwhile cause. Over the next few weeks information will be given to every class concerning this as the boxes need to be collected by the 11th of November. Please support. Thank you.

Also the **SCHOOL LIBRARY** will be open during lunch time every Tuesday and Thursday (beginning Tues. 14th October). Anyone that would like to read or play board games should come along to room 'G'.

T.Y.s

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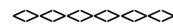
2 Pencil cases, 1 Ladies Watch, 1 Gents Watch and 2 School Jackets with initials!! So if you have lost any of these **PLEASE** go and check a.s.a.p. if it is yours.



SENIOR CAMOGIE

Portumna C.S. 3-16 St. Brigids, Loughrea 1-05
Our Senior team continued on their winning ways with this win on Friday last. With Tara Ruttledge, Ann Marie Star and Amanda Lynch in good scoring form, Portumna C.S. led by 3-9 to 0-5 at halftime. The defence closed up shop even more in the second half only conceding a late goal from a 20m free.

Team: H. Campbell, N. Briscoe, M. Duane, K. Brien, L. Shiel, C. Killeen (0-1), A.M. Lagana, C. O'Meara, N. Muldoon, A. Lynch (0-5), A.M. Starr (0-3), C. Harte, C. Brien, T. Ruttledge (3-4), K. O'Brien (0-2). *Subs:* M. Lynch (0-1), E. Cunningham, H. Quinn, N. Bergin, N. McClearn.



Portumna C.S. 3-23 Gort C.S. 1-02

The seniors maintained their winning run with this emphatic victory over Gort CS on Wednesday. Niamh Briscoe opened the scoring with a well taken goal and although Gort forced a good early save from Helen Campbell, the defence were well in control. Midway through the half, with Portumna leading by 1-9 to 0-2, Gort finally goaled. Tara Ruttledge led the response with two goals, Amanda Lynch and Katie O'Brien added points to leave the halftime score at 3-12 to 1-02. Wind assisted in the second half, the Portumna girls were in no mood to ease up and they added eleven further points while keeping Gort scoreless. This was an excellent performance from all the girls and hopefully this level can be maintained to the end of the season.

Team: H. Campbell, R. Kilkenny, M. Duane, K. Brien, L. Shiel, C. Killeen, A.M. Lagana, C. O'Meara (0-1), N. Muldoon, A. Lynch (0-5), A.M. Starr (0-4), C. Harte, K. O'Brien (0-4), T. Ruttledge (2-8), N. Briscoe (1-0). *Subs:* M. O'Meara, M. Lynch, E. Cunningham, S. Larkin (0-1).

P. Kelly

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS

On Wednesday the Leaving Cert Applied classes visited Galway accompanied by Ms. Skelly and Ms. Conroy. We headed off at 9.30 a.m. from the school and went straight to the Galway History Museum. After that we went for food and a bit of shopping before going to Leisure World for a game of bowling. The bus picked us up at 1.45 and we then headed for the Eye Cinema. We bought plenty of snacks before settling in to watch the film - 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. Everyone agreed that the book was better! Thanks to Ms. Skelly and Ms. Conroy for organising this trip and we look forward to another day out.

LCA 1 & 2.