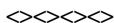




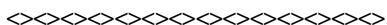
BASKETBALL CLUB:

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.

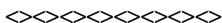


CROSS COUNTRY:

Reminder that Training has started for the Cross Country season after school every Tuesday. Meet at the gym and please make sure to bring football boots or spikes as the pitches are quite muddy! Training finishes at 4.45 pm - ensure arrangements are made for lifts home at this time.

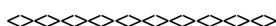


A Camogie Club **FUNDRAISING DISCO** will be held in Boula Event Centre on Friday, 14th November at 9.30 pm. Come out and support 'the chicks with sticks' as all proceeds are in aid of the Portumna Camogie Club.



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

will begin on November 9th and Galway Atlantaquaria supported by the Marine Institute will host their annual Sunday Family Fun Day, a day of fun, events and activities for the whole family which has proven a huge hit with children in recent years. The annual event aims to get the public (particularly young children) interested in science and the world around them. For more information on events for Science Week go to www.scienceweek.ie

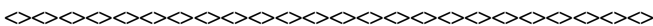


JUNIOR GOLF

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



DEBATING

Hard luck to the Transition years who travelled to Tullamore to take part in the Concern Debating which took place on Tuesday evening (4th).

The next debate will take place on the 26th of this month here in the school.

NEW CALENDAR LAUNCH

The Portumna Arts Group is inviting everyone to the launch of the **Portumna 2009 Calendar** by Ollie Canning on Thursday, 13th November at 8 pm in the Chapel of Repose, Portumna Retirement Village.

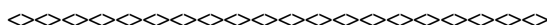
This is a joint project featuring photography from the Camera Club and writings from Portumna Pen Pushers. All are welcome to attend.

The calendar will then go on sale in various shops around the town.

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MUSIC AWARD

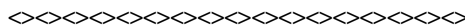
Congratulations to Jacqueline Lewis, a 5th year student, who will be picking up an award on Sunday from the Royal Irish Academy of Music. She recently received 100% in both her written and practical Music exam in Piano.



REMINDER

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Just a reminder that the Transition Years will be collecting the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for some of the world's most disadvantaged children on Monday, 10th November. The boys and girls will greatly appreciate a Christmas Box full of gifts such as cuddly toys, jigsaws, stationary, toothbrush, toothpaste and a small item of clothing, etc. So if you have not done so already please get your box ready over the weekend and give it to the TYs on Monday.



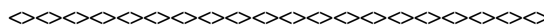
OPEN DAYS IN NOVEMBER

12th – Senior College, Dun Laoghaire.

13th – Institute of Technology Sligo, St. Angela's College, Sligo and Sligo College of Further Education.

14th – Athlone Institute of Technology & Letterkenny IT.

Check www.qualifax.ie for further details.



SCHOOL TERM

8th Dec. – Holiday

Christmas Holidays from 24th December to 6th January, 2009.

School reopens on Wed. 7th Jan.

Events Diary : (8th – 14th Nov.)

- Sun. 9th – Junior Hurling Vs St. Flannan's College (Ennis) in Marian Park, Portumna at 11.00 am.
- Wed. 12th – Transition Year : Law Module – full day.
- Thurs. 13th – Senior Camogie : Connacht Semi-Final Vs New Inn V.S. in Cappataggle at 12.15 pm.
- Fri. 14th – Special Mass in Gym @ 2.45 pm involving classes from 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th year.



PROVISIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Preparations and rehearsals with the Transition Year students are well underway for our annual school musical which will take place in December. This year's offering is 'Oliver'. As with previous years there will be a special matinee performance for all local primary schools which will take place on Tuesday, 9th Dec. Following the huge success of the Cabaret Nights in the past it has been decided to hold one again this year on Wednesday (10th). The two public performances will take place on Thursday (11th) & Friday (12th). So keep these dates in your diary. Please note that seats will be pre-booked so buying your tickets in advance is advisable, i.e. first tickets sold will be closest to the stage. More details of ticket sales and booking arrangements will be published later in Eolas.

PORTUMNA BRIDGE

With the work on Portumna Bridge nearing completion students, teachers and parents may be interested in having a look at a video of the project from the dismantling of the old swing section to the installation of the new span. An excellent 4.5 minute time-lapse sequence may be viewed at www.shannonimages.net



New swing section of Portumna bridge being lowered into position.

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Our Junior Girls Soccer panel travelled to Oranmore to play Calasancus Secondary School in the first round of the Connacht League last Tuesday (4th).

This was the first opportunity for the team to play together in what can only be described as perfect conditions.

Oranmore were first to break the deadlock after 15 minutes with a high ball from 30 yards out which found the back of the net. In the meantime Shauna Larkin had a shot at goal which went narrowly wide three minutes later. Oranmore scored 2 more goals over the next 10 minutes leaving the half-time score at Oranmore 3 – Portumna 0.

Portumna started the 2nd half with new enthusiasm and while both sides failed to score, Portumna had the best opportunity to reduce the deficit with a superb shot from Caitlin Gohery which came back off the crossbar.

The full-time score remained Oranmore 3 – Portumna 0.

The Portumna girls played their hearts out and will be better prepared for the 2nd round game against Ballinasloe later this month. Well done girls.

BAPTISM

On Sunday, 9th November, Courtney Holmes and her son, Owen, will be baptised in St. Brigid's Church, Portumna and welcomed into the Christian Community. Congratulations to both of them.

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 is left in the Social Area for those who would like to write in the names of their loved ones to be included.

JUNIOR HURLING

This Sunday (9th) the Junior Hurlers will play St. Flannan's College, Ennis in Marian Park at 11 am. Please note that the full panel must attend.

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