

CEIST is the new trustee body for the voluntary secondary schools of the Daughters of Charity, the Presentation Sisters, the Sisters of the Christian Retreat, the Sisters of Mercy and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Eastertide!

We would like to wish all in our schools a very happy and joyful upcoming Easter season.

Sometimes we forget that Easter is the greatest feast of the church's year. If there had been no Resurrection then there would be no other Christian feasts to celebrate! By his resurrection Jesus broke the power of death over us and on Easter Sunday we celebrate the fact that Christ is risen!

"Those who saw the risen Christ remained persuaded that life was worth living and death a triviality - an attitude curiously unlike that of the modern defeatist, who is firmly persuaded that life is a disaster and death (rather inconsistently) a major catastrophe." (*Dorothy Sayers*)

If we REALLY believe in the Resurrection then our joyful "Alleluia" should be plain for everyone to see in all of our lives!

Each school will be receiving [resources](#) encouraging the celebration, not just of Easter Sunday, but of the fifty days of Eastertide. This pack will contain a suggested assembly for the first week after the holidays, weekly prayer based on the Gospel readings for Eastertide, reflections on the Resurrection and a Prayer Service for Pentecost.

The Lord is truly risen. Alleluia!

Financial Guidelines for CEIST Schools

The CEIST Finance Department have put together guidelines regarding School Insurance Renewals, National Employment Rights and information on Banking Deposits, which is hoped would be of benefit to our Schools and School Board of Managements.

Please click [Here](#) to view article from Finance Department and to download CEIST Finance News document.



CEIST School Details on Website

We continuously strive in the office to keep our schools page on the website up to date.

The [schools section](#) includes navigation list of schools by county on left side of page, flash map at centre and spreadsheet for download under the map.

If you notice any incorrect details for your school in either of the formats, we would very much appreciate you letting us know, our email address is info@ceist.ie



Mercy Girl Wins Valuable Scholarship Award

Ms Sandra O'Connell, a past pupil of Mercy Secondary School, Meán Scoil Mhuire, Galway, has been awarded a J.P. McManus Scholarship for outstanding performance in the 2008 Leaving Certificate examination.



Senator Ronán Mullen visit to Scoil Muire

Senator Ronán Mullen paid a visit to Scoil Muire, Ballymote, Sligo on Monday, 16th March 2009. In his address to the staff Ronán gave a brief account of his own experience of the Catholic School.



EMMANUEL 09

On the **11 & 12 of March 2009** – over 1000 students from approximately 40 secondary schools performed a repertoire of contemporary liturgical music in the Helix.

CEIST would like to congratulate our schools who took part in the musical. The CEIST schools who played in the Helix were St Mary's College, Arklow, St Joseph's College, Lucan and Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan.



Presentation College Tuam Gael Linn Project

Presentation College transition year students in Tuam have given the Saw Doctors songs a whole new perspective. The girls decided, as part of a Gael Linn project, to record a number of the songs made famous by the band in Irish.



St Paul's Oughterard Win Connacht Title

St. Paul's College, Oughterard, Co. Galway won the Connacht Colleges B title on March 1st last and this was the schools first time to win the title.



Colaiste Muire, Ennis

Niamh O'Regan kindly sent in to the office news and photos from recent events in Colaiste Muire, Ennis.



Hola! Mama Mia from St Mary's Ballina

St Mary's Secondary School, Ballina, recently held a production of Hola! Mama Mia in the school.



St Joseph's School Navan Concert

St Joseph's Secondary School, Navan performed Vivaldi's *Gloria* in St Mary's Church of Ireland, Navan on Thursday March 19 and Friday March 20. It involved all 5th Year students and members of the All-School Choir.



Presentation Galway School Library Blessing

Presentation Secondary School, Galway have refurbished their School Library and recently held a ceremony for the re-opening and blessing of the Library.



Recent Events in Scoil Chríost Rí Portlaoise

Barry Slattery, PRO of Scoil Chríost Rí Portlaoise, has kindly shared with us photos of recent events in the school.



Sancta Maria College Trees for the future!

Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan, Dublin, has a partnership relationship with the local Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA Club.

On Tuesday 3 March Ballyboden St. Enda's organised a tree-planting ceremony as part of their 40th anniversary celebrations and to mark National Tree Week.



10th Birthday Celebrations for Gate Magazine

At the dawn of the new millennium, Fr. Gerry Campbell felt challenged by the Word of God to proclaim a Year of Favour to whom he ministered.

The focus of his ministry at the time was directed towards young people. Katrine Sheahan and Fr. Gerry developed the idea for an alternative youth magazine.

So GATE (God and Time Embrace) was born and it was launched in the year 2000.



Green IT!

If you are looking to upgrade your IT equipment it might be worth your while checking out Irish owned company called **GreenIT** who specialise in providing efficient recovery solutions for end of life IT equipment.

Rather than recycling your IT equipment GreenIT will first investigate reusing the equipment.

All equipment is data cleansed and certified and full asset management reports are generated. Suitable equipment reuse options include donation to local schools in a company's area.

GreenIT also offers full destruction and recycling services for all forms of IT and WEEE equipment.

The company work closely with RehabRecycle thus providing employment for people with disabilities.

GreenIT is Rehab's schools supply partner for refurbished IT equipment, through Microsoft's MAR program.

For further information [click here](#) to access the GreenIT website.

Upcoming Event To Note

On Saturday April 25th 2009 A Symposium entitled 'Getting to know Catherine McAuley - Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy' is being held.

[Click Here](#) to access full details on the event.

Computer Education Society of Ireland

The Computer Education Society of Ireland (CESI) is an association of practicing teachers from primary, post primary and third level with the common interest of using ICT to benefit teaching and learning.

CESI have a very useful mailing list where users share ideas and provide answers to queries.

You can subscribe to the mailing list through the home page of the website, [click here](#) to access.