

CEIST is the 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.

### Feature

#### Trustee Support Day For Chairpersons of School Boards of Management

In appreciation of the work of our Chairpersons and our commitment to you, we are hosting a seminar for our School Boards of Management Chairpersons. It is an opportunity for Chairpersons to share ideas, discuss pertinent issues and ask questions.

We are delighted to have as guest speakers, Fr. Michael Drumm, Chairperson of Catholic Schools Partnership and Mr. Michael Bond, motivational speaker to Parents, Students and Teachers.

We will also be launching our new booklet 'Prayers for Chairs', which we know will be of great benefit to you.

The Seminar is being held on the 17th April in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly from 9.30am - 2pm.



### CEIST News



#### In Brokenness we awaken.

The Director of Faith Development in CEIST, Ned Prendergast, has written an article for the April edition of The Furrow, in which he reflects on the aftermath of the Murphy Report.

Click [here](#) to download Ned's article.



#### School Profile of the Month

We profiled Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School, Drimnagh, for this month's School Profile.

The school very kindly shared with us their excellent articles and images.

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#### Relationships and Sexuality Education in the Catholic School - Cluster Meeting Review

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#### Annual School Budget 2010-2011

Thank you to all those school who have submitted their annual school budget for the 2010-2011 academic year. The CEIST Finance Department is currently in the process of reviewing the submissions and will be responding in the coming month.

We are very grateful to our Boards of Management, Finance Sub-Committees and School Secretaries for all the work involved in preparing and presenting the annual budget. Please remember that the **deadline** for receipt of the school annual budget is **31st March** each year.



#### Carbon Tax

Following the most recent budget the government has introduced a carbon tax on various fuels. We have all seen the increases on petrol and diesel in recent times.

From **May 2010** a carbon tax of 8.5% will be added to Heating Oil and 6% to Natural Gas. There will also be a tax of 11% added to solid fuels at a date yet to be decided.

Please bear this in mind when budgeting and for those schools who use heating oil, it may be advisable to replenish supplies before May 2010.

**CEIST Newsletter (Spring 2010, Volume Three - Issue One)**

We have just distributed our Spring Newsletter Hard Copy Edition to all of our schools.

Click [here](#) to view electronic copy of the Newsletter.

**Entrepreneurial Spirit**

Fifth Year Mercy Ballymahon, Co. Longford, student Seadhna Leen was awarded Bank of Ireland Student of the Year Award for Entrepreneurial Spirit in the Senior Category at Regional level.

Seadhna was presented with her award at a ceremony on March 24 in the Radisson Hotel in Sligo.

### Education Matters



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#### Ard Scoil na Tríonóide Win Junior Achievement Awards

Junior Achievement Ireland encourages young people to remain in education and teaches them the skills they need to succeed in a changing world.

Ard Scoil na Tríonóide, Athy, Co. Kildare, recently won the Eastern Regional Finals of the Junior Achievement's Company Competition in Chartered Accountants House, Dublin.

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#### Outstanding Achievements from St. Brigid's College Callan Student

St. Brigid's College Callan Student, Rachel Hogan, has been making the headlines for a number of outstanding sporting and academic achievements.

Rachel has won All-Ireland Handball and Camogie medals and no slouch on the academic front either getting 10 A's in her Junior Certificate Examination in St. Brigid's in 2009!

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### Reflecting CEIST Values



#### Presentation Currylea Student Wins Tuam Young Person of the Year Award

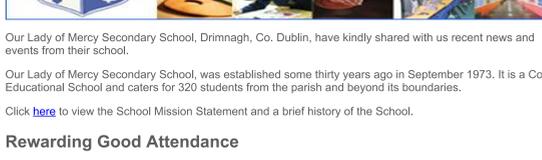
Presentation Currylea Fifth Year Student, Soracha O'Rourke recently received the Tuam Young Person of the Year Award.

Soracha helped her local community and her involvement in the Diocesan Youth Council and Order of Malta was noted.

Soracha had some wonderful school achievements including being a member of the Senior Public Speaking team and having an essay published in a book compiled by Concern which featured letters to American President Barack Obama expressing concern regarding climate change.



## Our Lady Of Mercy Secondary School, Drimnagh



Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School, Drimnagh, Co. Dublin, have kindly shared with us recent news and events from their school.

Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School, was established some thirty years ago in September 1973. It is a Co-Educational School and caters for 320 students from the parish and beyond its boundaries.

Click [here](#) to view the School Mission Statement and a brief history of the School.

### Rewarding Good Attendance

Students who have had excellent attendance in first term will be rewarded with a trip out of school for an afternoon as part of our School Completion Programme.

Students who attend school regularly and who come on time each day are much more likely to succeed in their examinations and feel a sense of belonging in school.

58 students earned a reward for excellent attendance. Senior students were invited to meet with Ms. Maher and received a gift voucher.

Junior students went to a roller disco on Friday 5th March. This initiative is supported by School Completion Programme.

### Scientists in the Making

Discover Science Award Winners at the Scifest Exhibition Tallaght IT, Friday 8th May 2009.

Their Project was "The Heat of Neutralisation".

Students mixed a strong acid and a strong base together and this produced heat as we as a neutral substance.

Datalogging equipment was used to measure the reaction and readings were taken on the attached computer where a visual record of the reaction was produced.



Pictured above Left to Right: Peter Brabagon, Programme Director, Discover Science and Engineering, Grenna National Co-ordinator.

This was a major achievement at a national level for our science students and one we can be proud of. Well done to all involved.

### Junior Achievement Ireland

Third year class Senan received certificates from Junior Achievement Ireland having completed a six week course in "The Economics of Staying in School".

All Third Year classes participated in this programme.

"The programme really helped us to understand why we should stay on in school & go to college".

"You make more money & get a better job if you stay in school".



### Get Reading!

Fantastic Progress has been recorded with many of our students who were a little bit behind with their reading. Some of the best progress was made where parents were involved in their child's reading at home.

Spending ten to fifteen minutes every evening listening to your child's reading is worth the effort. A number of parents were also involved in a paired reading programme every Tuesday morning. Well done to all who participated.



Students

### Council

Twelve students have been elected from first to sixth year to work with school staff and management on behalf of all students in Our Lady of Mercy. The council organised a Christmas raffle and raised almost €200 for the Trinity Access Programme, a project which supports our students who go on to Trinity College.

### Skin & Blister - Team Theatre Production

Team theatre visited the school on 18th November. The Skin and Blister programme was presented to first and second year girls and it proved to be a great success.

The drama tackles issues of self identity, body image and eating disorders among young women. A powerful and effective performance was given, followed by a workshop for students.

Some parents attended a workshop in advance of the performance. Material was left for the SPHE department for follow up work on the topic.

Students who attended said afterwards that "It was so real... The discussion after the play was very good...boys should see it ...

### 64% of our Leaving Cert Students went on to Third Level or Further Education in 2009...

Where our Leaving Cert Student of June 2009 are:

- 61 Students completed the Leaving Cert
- 12 Students are now in Third Level Universities doing Accounting, Business Studies, Arts, Retail Management
- 27 are in Further Education doing Childcare, Engineering Technology, Office Admin and Advertising.
- 3 are working.
- 2 are repeating the Leaving Cert.
- 3 are in Fás.

We wish these students every success & look forward to keeping in contact.

### "Taster Workshop"

In November we welcomed some 60 6th Class students to "taster workshops" for an afternoon.



Students got to try out some new subjects like science, technical graphics, home

economics as well as art.



These students completed their entrance test last December.

### Under 14 Leinster Schools Badminton

### Competition

Our school is taking part in the U14 Leinster schools Badminton competition. Students practice every Monday and Wednesday. Below are some pictures of our recent match with Terenure College.

### Home School News

The following courses commenced in January 2010:

- First Aid
- Drugs Awareness
- Computers
- Parenting Awareness
- Stay Safe
- Irish Book Club

### Basketball

#### U16B All-Ireland Play Offs

We travelled to Thurles on the 5th Feb 2010 to compete in the All Ireland playoffs for under 16B girls. All of our team are under 15 and are eligible to compete at the same age group next year. Our first game was against Presentation Ballyphelane from Cork.

With a squad of 7 girls, we started well going into 16-7 lead at the end of the 1st quarter, the cork girls were very physical and worked their way back into the game at half time the score was 20-17 to OLM. With players picking up fouls and feeling tired we had to rotate players and managed to extend our lead to 8 points at the end of the 3rd. Through great defence and determination we held on to win 35-31. Top scorers were Katie Moloney 13 Jenny Sheehan 12 Aoife Nolan 6 and Shauna Gannon on 4 points.

Our next game with only 20 minutes of a break was against Castleisland Kerry who had already beaten the Cork girls by 12 points. We were able to change our 2nd years for this game that gave us 2 fresh players. Castleisland were big and very athletic and ran the floor well we ended up 16-4 down at the end of the 1st Quarter, fatigue was a big factor but the girls dug deep and the second quarter was 10-9 to them leaving the score 26-13 to Castleisland at the half.

In the 3rd a lot of shots were dropping short for OLM while Castleisland were hitting the impossible, the score at the end of the 3rd was 41-20. Things looked very gloomy, we said to the girls to keep your head up, we were very proud of them and go out in the last quarter and give it your best. They did just that, with a display of great heart, skill and determination they fought for every ball and would not lie down. They won the last quarter 16-6, the game ended 47-36.

Quote from Coach Gerry Farrell after the game: "It is a long time since I felt so proud of a team, they walked out feeling 6 feet tall and Castleisland were glad the game was over."

Quote from team captain: "It was really great for our team to get this far, we all really enjoyed our day in Thurles. Hopefully we can lift the cup next year".



The Full U16 Team (Back Row L-R Gerry Farrell (Coach), Shauna Buchanan, Katie Moloney, Jennifer Doyle, Stephanie Mockler, Jennifer Taaffe. Front Row L-R Ingrid Gaffney, Shauna Gannon, Jenny Sheehan, Shannon Farrell, Aoife Nolan and Ms. Hall).

#### 2nd Year Girls Basketball

Our Lady of Mercy 2nd Year girl's basketball team are undefeated in the league this season, with one match left to play. We are through to the Dunlin semi finals but as yet do not know who we will play against.

Our girls have played all matches with great skill, determination and dedication. Our coach Gerry Farrell has done superb work with our team.

OLM team are: Saoirse Higgins, Jennifer Doyle, Shannon Farrell, Sandra Gannon, Megan Carey, Ingrid Gaffney, Shauna Jordan, Leanne O'Keefe, Laura Walker, Amy Gibson, Kelly McGrattan and Aoife Nolan.

Best of luck to Gerry and the girls in the next few matches.



Pictured above the 2nd Year Team (Back Row L-R J. Dolye, S. Jordan, K. McGrattan, L. O'Keefe, A. Farrell (Coach).

Congratulations to Katie Moloney who has been selected onto the U16 Irish squad. Also to Ingrid Gaffney, Aoife Nolan, Kerri Doran and Laura Walker who have been chosen to represent Dublin in the Bravo Basketball Tournament, Sweden in May".

### Visit from Storyteller - Niall de Burca

"A man came to our school on Thursday afternoon 11th March. His name was Niall de Burca.

He is the best storyteller ever. He provided us with a wonderful afternoon of entertainment and education. He was exciting, funny and frightening. he used great facial expressions and body movements.

I remember the Banshee story, it was very funny. When he told us a scary story about a King, I jumped right out of my seat. He was a great laugh and please can you bring him back again" Aidan Hill, 3rd Year Student.



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## Relationships and Sexuality Education in the Catholic School

Tuesday 30th March 2010



***Relationships & Sexuality Education  
Balancing Idealism and Realism***

***Kilkenny Education Centre  
Wednesday March 10th 2010***

***"Faith is not simply the subject matter of particular lessons but forms the foundation of all that we do and the horizon of all that takes place in the school."***

***(Vision '08)***

On Wednesday 10th March a cluster meeting for teachers involved in the teaching of RSE in CEIST schools, in the South East, was held in the Kilkenny Education Centre. Teachers from five counties, Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Tipperary Waterford and Wexford, were present. The aim of the afternoon was to address the uncertainty felt by many teachers regarding balancing relationships and sexuality education with the Catholic ethos of their school.

The afternoon began with a short introduction by Margaret Farrell, CEIST, who set the context for the work of the afternoon by addressing the necessity of ensuring that students are given a positive and well informed grounding in relationships and sexuality education which will enable them to form values based on a sound moral, spiritual and social framework and to develop properly formed consciences in order to make well informed decisions and behavioural judgements throughout their lives.

Three teachers from our CEIST schools then spoke to the group about the approaches they take to relationships and sexuality education in their schools.

Ms. Joan Colbert, from Presentation Secondary School, Loughboy, Kilkenny, began by emphasising that, in order to be able to make informed decisions, and to behave in a sexually responsible manner, the young people in our schools deserve to be given clear, unambiguous information as required by the RSE component of the SPHE syllabus. She proceeded to outline her approach through a programme which is cognisant of the fact that senior cycle is the last opportunity to address the area of RSE in a formal educational setting.

The programme developed by Joan begins with considering questions of conscience, and examines Church teaching with regard to relationships. She then explores Identity and Relationships, Masculinity and Femininity, making decisions around sexual behaviour, sexual health concerns, AIDS, and safety – including sexual harassment, assault and alcohol and sexual behaviour.

Ms. Georgina Maher from Presentation College, Carlow then addressed the group giving very thorough information regarding approaches with different student groups, resources, programmes, and speakers on such issues as AIDS, homophobia, addiction etc. She also spoke of the necessity of providing good in-service for whole staffs in relation to engaging with, understanding and challenging the prevailing culture of our time.

The last of the teachers to speak was Ms. Laura Howard from St. Mary's Secondary School, New Ross, where she is SPHE co-ordinator. She spoke of the legal requirement of timetabling a minimum of twelve classes of RSE at senior cycle. There is no requirement as to how an individual school does this and St. Mary's has taken a very refreshing approach by implementing senior cycle RSE as a cross curricular undertaking eg - sexual health is addressed in PE, the Sacrament of marriage in RE and so forth. Laura also gave very useful references with regard to resources etc.

The second part of the afternoon consisted of speakers from local agencies giving input with regard to the programmes they will provide for schools and the supports that are available to schools. The speakers were Mrs. Mary Kavanagh from ACCORD in Carlow, Ms. Helen Dunne from the South Leinster Rape Crisis Centre who spoke about their KAS (Knowledge Awareness and Safety) Programme, Mrs. Mary Murphy from CURA in Kilkenny and Ms. Claire Frisby representing the Carlow-Kilkenny Teen Parent Support Project.

All four speakers were greeted with huge enthusiasm by all the teachers present who were delighted to be made aware that there is such support available from their local communities. While the speakers were all from the Carlow-Kilkenny area, lists of numbers for agencies in the other areas represented at the cluster were also given.

The feedback from those who attended was very enthusiastic and all appeared to be delighted to have had the opportunity to hear how other schools approach the teaching of relationships and sexuality education in the context of the Catholic school. Comments received included appreciation of the reassurance that was received during this time of sharing; of the openness experienced; of the knowledge and expertise in the room and of the huge amount of information given and resources shared. The general consensus was that this was an introductory session and that further such clusters would be appreciated.

Resources and information are currently being collated and useful contacts etc will appear shortly on the CEIST website.

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Successful applicants will be eligible for

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Further Information available from Course Co-ordinator: Dr. Eugene Duffy Tel: 061 204968

E-Mail: [Eugene.Duffy@mic.ul.ie](mailto:Eugene.Duffy@mic.ul.ie)

**Application forms** available from;  
Admissions Office, Mary Immaculate College,  
South Circular Road, Limerick  
Tel: + 353 61 204929/204348  
E-Mail: [admissions@mic.ul.ie](mailto:admissions@mic.ul.ie) Website: [www.mic.ul.ie](http://www.mic.ul.ie)

Application Deadline: April 23rd 2010.

Course commences June 2010.

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Marie and Claire are twins - and because Claire is disabled, and Marie is able-bodied, life has put these girls in the unique position of being able to see and compare how the world responds to those who have a disability.

The DVD was launched on the 15th of December and was shot in Rochfordbridge Secondary school.

Claire and Marie made good use of it's Transition year students having used an exciting X-Factor style selection process to burrow out it's acting talent.

The DVD created quite a stir - by virtue of the unique insights that it gives - to the point where it was given a slot on the RTE 6 o'clock news. Since that publicity which happened in late January, both Mercy Ballymahon and the girls have been inundated with good wishes and enquiries on their presentation.

It is as if - A View From Here - was finally that voice which cried a truth in the wilderness. It said most eloquently what is too often unsaid and perhaps lingers in the minds of many of the disabled. It is a signal lesson in awareness. It is a window into all the peculiarities and foibles with which able-bodied persons conduct themselves when confronted by disability.

These foibles or perhaps shortcomings include a misplaced compassion; a highly-strung sense of the disabled as one who is different and the inadvertent treatment of them as children who cannot speak or act for themselves - even though they might be sixteen or seventeen years of age.

This premise came dropping slowly to the minds of the girls over the years, when Claire noticed that people would respond in very different ways to herself and her able-bodied sister. People would see the difference of her disability and unfortunately respond accordingly.

The presentation focuses on a school day in the life of a girl called Kate in a wheelchair, but needless to say, the presentation contains principles of difference, alienation and subtle discrimination that can apply to all. The scene shot in the classroom is a case in point.

It starts where the wheelchair-bound Kate in her own mind bemoans the fact that she is overlooked even when it comes to messing in class; as if to say - she is the one to be pitied and to be helped; she is not the one we can mess with.

Soon after, she expresses her dread at being asked a certain question; the subject in question is maths. At this moment, she is her normal self. She dreads being asked like everyone else. But when she is asked and admits her unknowingness, the teacher's response immediately places her in a special compassionate category. He tells her not to worry about not knowing the answer.

He then proceeds to ask the same question to an able-bodied boy - who gets severely reprimanded for his unknowingness; and then he's thrown out of the class. She is given special treatment when she doesn't know the answer and is excused by a misplaced compassion.

This scene outlines very clearly how people too often see the person with a disability as fundamentally different. Many would say that there is a sudden atmosphere of awe that happens when a small child is present. The atmosphere in people changes as they respond to a child.

And unfortunately, the same happens to many people when confronted with people who have disabilities. There is an unfortunate shift of mood and atmosphere. They click into sympathy-mode; they click into pitiable mode, or compassionate mode.

They feel they in some way have to mark the difference that they see in the disabled person - with a difference in their own behaviour; hence the arbitrary inclusions at times - or great floods of compassion and helpfulness - which really only render the disabled - even more helpless and isolated. Their difference is highlighted, not accepted.

Other examples of this abound in the presentation. Kate is sorry that she cannot take the school bus, and therefore misses the fun that can happen there. Another scene shows a group of students having a very animated and interesting conversation about the movie Twilight.

Kate is very much on the fringe in this conversation and her attempts to contribute fail. However, one well-intentioned girl turns to include her in the conversation, having noticed that she was a little isolated. She asks her what class they have next. But this inclusion breaks the natural flow of the interesting “Twilight” conversation and after Kate answers the question, she poignantly asks in her own mind - why do they change the conversation to boring things when they talk to me.

And so the presentation continues; and so the veils are hopefully lifted from our eyes. Directors Marie and Claire Kenny are skilfully revealing how the person with a disability craves the normality that others possess. They want to be asked about their social life.

They want to hit the town at lunchtime; they do not want half the school swilling around them as if they are in a perpetual state of distress. They do not want an overwrought compassion; they do not want to be continuously reminded of their disability or marked out as different.

And yet we all know that certain provisions have to be made - whether ramps, wide doors or subtle partings of the seas when wheelchairs roll down busy corridors. It's all about a balance. What perhaps we all need to realise is that first and foremost - beyond the physical disabilities of all the Kate's of this world - are hearts and minds which are just as sharp and sensitive and ordinary as ours, with hopes and dreams as ambitious and normal as ours.

Both the girls, the students of Rochfordbridge and the Irish Wheelchair Association are to be commended on this fine production. The DVD and resource booklet are available for download by clicking [here](#).



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The exhibition took place on Friday 19th March 2010 in the Reception Rooms of the school, the former home of Lord Lucan.

Past pupil Vicky Burke, Class 1999, (Kylie in RTE's 'Fair City') officially opened the exhibition. A cheese & wine reception was held after the ceremony.

Each past pupil was asked to submit one piece of art work from their portfolios to be exhibited. The exhibits will vary from 3-D fashion costumes, ceramics, fine art and prints, textiles, jewellery, graphics, film/digital media design, interior design, animation, photography etc.

One of the schools past pupils is a designer for 'BURBURY' London and another designer for 'VIVIENNE WESTWOOD' London.

The exhibition was also open for viewing on Tuesday 23rd March, and Wednesday 24th March to compliment the Musical Celebration being held in the school on these dates.

## Photos



Pictured above at the Art Exhibition by Past Pupils (1994-2009) of St. Josephs Secondary

School, Castlebar, are Ann Geary, Una Breathnach, Rachel McDonnell, Lisa Melvin, Suki Ho and Aine Br. Ui Mhorain Pic: - Joy Heverin Photography



Pictured above are Vicky Burke, Ann Hughes, Elaine Bohan, Aisling Jennings, Naoimi Denning, Joanna O'Hora and Theresa Ryan Pic: - Joy Heverin Photography



Pictured above - Vicky Burke with the Art and Design Past Pupils of St Josephs Secondary

School, Castlebar who were the exhibitors at the exhibition with their art teacher Ann Geary and Sr. Mairead and Aine Bn. Ui Mhorain, Principal, Pic: - Joy Heverin Photography



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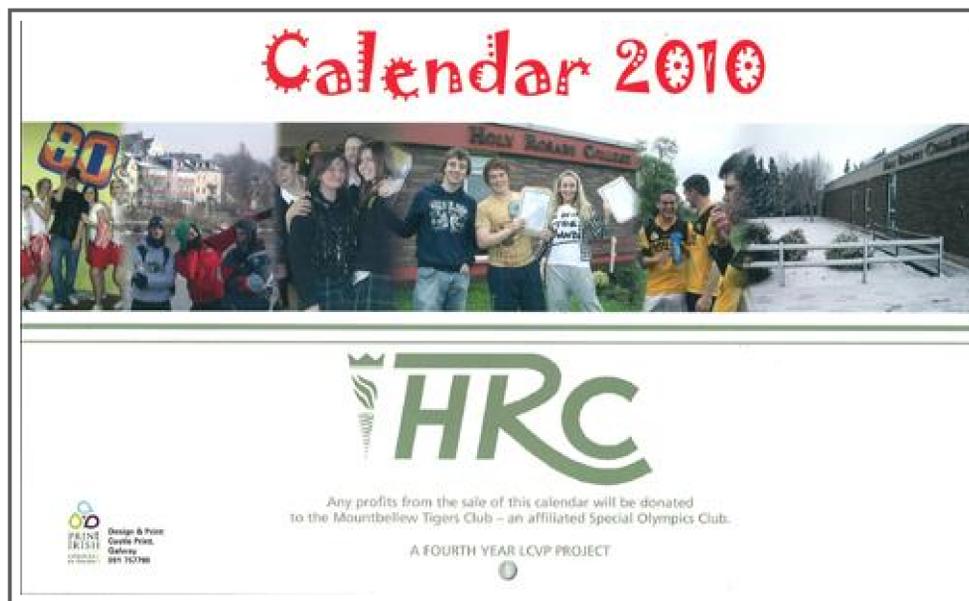
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Monday 29th March 2010

**LOG ON, LEARN A new Transition Year Program - teaching older people computer skills**



Log On, Learn is a simple and user-friendly method devised to engage our older population in

computer training using the principles of the one-to-one method.

The program is designed to "buddy up" a participating transition year student tutor with an older person from their local community, so each share their skills.

This program completed in St. Mary's on the 22nd March, 2010 and has been a huge success with both the students and Transition Years.

The training sessions took place on Monday mornings for the last number of weeks and included in the photograph are some of the Students and Transition Years that took part.

## TRANSITION YEAR YSI PROJECT



Pictured are the Transition Year students involved this year in Young Social Innovators at the opening

of their shop "Pennywise".

The opening took place on Thursday 11th March, 2010 in Mallow Youth Centre and was attended by celebrities and local dignitaries'. RTE News, on which the girls were featured, was also in attendance.

The girls, taking note of the present times and recession, decided to open up a shop for second hand/nearly new clothes.

The shop is opened on Friday evenings from 3.00pm to 7.00pm in Mallow Youth Centre. Presently the shop just sells girls fashions but going forward they hope to branch out to men's clothes and have a web site up and running as well. Good luck girls.



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An annual festival is run before Easter each year in Dublin which comprises almost 200 competitions, attracting over 3,000 participants from all over the island of Ireland.

They also run non-competitive events and concerts throughout the rest of the year.

Two CEIST Schools have won awards so far in the competition. Mercy College Coolock, Dublin, won the **Post Primary Schools Choirs, Two Part** with Sacred Heart School, Tullamore, coming second in this Category.

Sacred Heart School went one better in the **Schools Choirs Unison** Category getting 1st place.



Pictured above  
The Mercy  
College Choir

from Coolock, Dublin, reflected in a piano (photo courtesy of Irish Times).

The Irish Daily Mail wrote an article on both wins, click [here](#) to view.

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## Ard Scoil na Tríonóide Win Junior Achievement Awards

Monday 22nd March 2010

Junior Achievement Ireland encourages young people to remain in education and teaches them the skills they need to succeed in a changing world.

### Junior Achievement Award

Ard scoil na Tríonóide, Athy, Co. Kildare, recently won the Eastern Regional Finals of the Junior Achievement's Company Competition in Chartered Accountants House, Dublin.

Ard scoil na Tríonóide took one overall prize with their innovative product of a baby clothes boutique. Another group of students from the school received a runners up award for their company 'Kops' which sells reflective dog collars and accessories.



Pictured above Marianne Beasley, Consultant RDS, presenting the

overall prize to Bundles of Joy from Ard Scoil na Tríonóide, Megan Stanley, Jodi Louise Thomas, Dominic Redmond, Aaron Meade and Colm Prendergast.

Students were judged on a company report, trade stand, presentation and interview by a panel of judges.



Pictured above Michael O'Sullivan,

Financial Director Bewleys, presenting the runners up awards to the Ard Scoil na Tríonóide 'Kops', Megan Murphy, Mary-Louise Fitzpatrick, Ann Moran, Kayleigh Mahon and Jennifer Murphy.

Ard scoil na Tríonóide will go through to the national RDS Student Innovation Awards in April and the ultimate prize is winning the Junior Achievement European Company Competition in Sardinia in July 2010.

Click [here](#) for more information on Junior Achievement Ireland.



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## Outstanding Achievements from St. Brigid's College Callan Student

Friday 26th March 2010

Rachel Hogan had a tremendous year in 2009 culminating in the winning of the U15 singles 60x30 All-Ireland Juvenile Ladies Handball to go with her County and Leinster Honours at this grade.

She was awarded the Eamon Law Memorial Juvenile Handballer of the year for 2009 by the Kilkenny Handball Association for her commitment and success. 2009 also saw Rachel win the U16 40x20 County and Leinster Championships and she was also runner-up in the U16 All-Ireland final.



Rachel previously won an U15 40x20 doubles All-Ireland in 2008 with her partner Marie Walshe. Rachel had already won All-Ireland medals from primary schools and U13 Gaelinn honours in 2005 and 2007. Rachel went on to compete in the U15 singles 60x30 All-Ireland series, winning Leinster and coming runner-up in the All-Ireland 2008. Rachel has won 8 Leinster Medals to date.

This year Rachel is competing in the Junior Ladies Championship. In this grade you can play both singles and doubles.

She lost out in a 3-set battle in the Leinster final of the Junior singles a few weeks ago. Rachel and her partner Marie have qualified for the All-Ireland final in the Junior Ladies Doubles. Hopefully more success is on the way!!

Rachel is also a talented camogie player and was part of the St. Brigid's College All-Ireland senior A college's winning team of 2009. Rachel is also a key camogie player with her club Danesfort. Rachel is not only an outstanding sports person, her academic

achievements are also excellent. Rachel achieved 10 A's in her Junior Certificate Examination in St. Brigid's in 2009.

We wish Rachel continued success in her future endeavours.