

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

#### Seminar on Catholic School Leadership

On January 27th 2012 CEIST will be hosting a national seminar on Catholic school leadership at Renehan Hall, Maynooth College.

The presenter is Dr. Ronald Nuzzi who is Director of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) School Leadership Programme at The University of Notre Dame.

The title of Dr. Ronald's seminar is **"Raising the bar in Catholic school leadership"**.

It is our hope that a broad representation of our Trust including Trust members, Board Directors, School Principals, Chairpersons of Boards of Management, Board members and others will be able to attend what promises to be a challenging and rewarding experience.



### CEIST News



#### Finance Matters

##### Insurance Cover for Changes in School Property

Please remember that if there have been any additions, refurbishment or demolitions in your school property, the Board of Management must inform your insurer, Allianz plc. This is critical to ensure that an appropriate level of insurance cover remains in place at all times.

##### Capital Expenditure in Schools and Approval

All buildings will at one time or another will require redecoration, renovation, extension or indeed replacement. With this in mind the following points should be noted, click [here](#) to view.

##### CEIST Schools – 2010/2011 Annual Accounts

We are very grateful to all those Boards of Management who have submitted their annual school accounts for approval by the Trustees. Thank you also to those Boards who have indicated that there may be a delay in finalising their school accounts for various reasons.

Please keep the accounts coming and we look forward to receiving and responding to them so that the Boards of Management can fulfil their financial obligations under the Articles of Management for Catholic Secondary Schools.



### Competition



#### SHOW RACISM the RED CARD

Show Racism the Red Card is calling for teachers, tutors and youth workers to register their groups to participate in the Anti-Racism Creative Competition 2012. Deadline for entries will be the last Friday of February. The competition is open to primary and secondary schools and also youth services and youthreach centres. An awards presentation will take place in the AVIVA stadium in April.

Once a school registers, the Show Racism the Red Card DVD with links to the 28 page education pack, downloadable interactive activities and other resource material will be forwarded which will help the school promote learning around racism in the school. When the young people have watched the DVD, they will then be challenged to create their own written, visual or audiovisual piece arising from the themes of the DVD.

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### Faith-related Issues



#### 170th Anniversary of the Death of Catherine McAuley

Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, died on November 11th 1841. Her grave is at Mercy International Centre, Baggot St, Dublin. Shortly before her death Catherine McAuley asked those around her to tell the Sisters to be sure to "get a good cup of tea ... when I am gone and comfort one another; but God will comfort them".

Her concern for others, and her utter confidence in the love of God, was evident right up to those very last moments.

The Sisters of Mercy had an "International Good Cup of Tea Day" on the Anniversary date, which was celebrated in Mercy communities around the world.

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#### Presentation Day Celebrations

The Presentation Sisters invited all members of the CEIST community to celebrate Presentation Day, which was celebrated on the 21st November.

An invitation to 'A Global Circle of Silence' was given to all on the day, click [here](#) for more details.

Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam, Co. Galway very kindly shared the following resource with other Presentation schools via the CEIST website and Members Area, click [here](#) to view. (NB 12Mb in size).

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#### Nourishing the teaching spirit

The Irish Catholic recently featured an article titled 'Nourishing the teaching spirit' from CEIST Faith Development Co-ordinator, Amalee Meehan.

In the article Amalee describes her 'Joining the Dots' programme, which addresses the challenge of linking one's life, personal spiritual quest, and work in a catholic school.

Click [here](#) to view the article as published in the Irish Catholic.

### News from CEIST Schools



#### 'One in a Hundred' for Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane

Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane, Co. Cork were one of the winners at the prestigious 2011 [it@Cork](#) Leaders Awards.

The awards were set up to recognise Leaders in Technology and Business Innovation in Munster.

There were over 100 nominations across seven categories and the standard was fantastic, according to John Wall, Chair of the 2011 organising committee.

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#### Sacred Heart Secondary School, Tullamore TY Students Launch Cook-Book

As a result of the Sister-Cities International, Tullamore town has been twinned with Chandler City in Arizona. The Tullamore town & Chandler city councils have been encouraging businesses, schools and organisations to create links between the two towns.

The TY students from the Sacred Heart School, Tullamore in conjunction with students from Seton Catholic-High school are now delighted to announce the launch of their cook-book. The cook-book is a product from the "Cultural Studies" module in TY, which is taught by Ms. Deirdre Lee.

The finished product is a credit to the students involved and their teachers. The book is available to buy from the school and on TY Sales days for €10. It's both attractive and professional and would make a perfect Christmas present!



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#### Concern Creative Writing Competition 2011

Congratulations to all the CEIST Schools who participated in the Concern Creative Writing Competition for 2011.

This year, Concern Worldwide received 776 entries from 39 countries spanning 5 continents. According to the Concern Worldwide website, "We started the competition to provide an opportunity for people to let us know, in a creative and engaging way, their thoughts and views on a wide range of development issues. We had a very high standard of entries and our judges, top journalists from Ireland and the US, had an extremely difficult task in deciding the winners."

Click [here](#) to view the list of CEIST schools who participated and students who won awards.



#### St. Joseph's Navan reach All Island School Choir Final

Congratulations to St. Joseph's Secondary School, Navan, Co. Meath who appeared recently in the All Island School Choir final after winning their regional final held in Castlebar. Click [here](#) for more details on their regional final win.

St Joseph's Mercy College, Navan, Co Meath, competed in the final with de la Salle College, Waterford, Wesley College, Dublin and Victoria College, Belfast.

85 schools from across the country entered the competition and there were 20 schools in four regional finals, broadcast on RTE over the last four Sundays.

The competition, presented by Anne Cassin, was designed to encourage the tradition of school choirs in second level institutions throughout the island. The overall winners receive €4,000 and each regional final winner is awarded €1,000.



#### News Snippets from Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam

Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam, Co. Galway have very kindly shared with CEIST their recent news and events within the school.

Students have been very busy with raising money for Cancer, running a school musical and promoting positive mental health to name just a few!

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#### Presentation College Athenry given pride of place at Presidential inauguration

Twenty-Five students with staff members from Presentation College, Athenry, Co. Galway were invited to attend the inauguration of the ninth President of Ireland.

It was a great honour for the school, especially with the new President, Michael D. Higgins being from Galway.

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### Technical Tips



#### Windows Keyboard Shortcuts

There are a number of keyboard shortcuts that you can use to save time by not having to point and click with your mouse. Some examples include as follows;

- Hold down the **Ctrl** and **Z** key together to quickly save a document or spreadsheet.
- By holding down the **Windows Key** (beside Ctrl key) and **M** key it will minimise all open windows to the taskbar at bottom of screen.
- The **Ctrl** and **C** key can be used as a shortcut to copy once you have highlighted text and **Ctrl** and **Z** key to paste copied data.
- **Ctrl** and **F** key can be used to find words on a web page or word document.
- The **Windows** and **E** key together will open up Windows Explorer.

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#### St. Raphael's College, Loughrea raise funds for Galway Hospice

Transition Year students from St. Raphael's College organised a 'Create a Link - Wear Pink' event. The idea being that they link with a local Cancer Support Charity, wear something pink on a specific day and raise money for their linked charity. In this case they raised €810 for Galway Hospice and presented it to Colette Dodd of Galway Hospice.

Junior Cert pupils from the school took first place at the CIMABSTAI/NUI Galway Western Region Schools Quiz, which took place recently in the J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics, NUI Galway.

The students on quiz team were Meadh Broderick, Gearoid Loughane and Eoin Holohan.

#### JMB/Trustees School Board of Management Training

CEIST would like to thank all its BOM members who participated in the various regional joint JMB / Trustees BOM training throughout November.

Your engagement in the training is an example of the dedication and commitment you bring to the schools and emphasizes the volunteerism which is vital to the partnership model of management which our schools enjoy.

#### St Mary's Secondary School, Newport New Website

St Mary's Secondary School, Newport, Co. Tipperary have put in some great work regarding the development of their new website.

The new website has some very nice features such as portal for staff to login to their private site and information is very well presented and easy to find.

Click [here](#) to view the website.

#### Welcome Fora for Staff in CEIST Schools

CEIST plans to hold a programme for a day for staff in CEIST schools.

The date will be the 21st January 2012 and venue will be the Shearaton Hotel, Athlone.

More details to follow on December E-News.

#### CEIST Annual Statistical Returns 2011-2012

We are very grateful to all schools who have submitted their annual statistical returns to date.

The data collected from these statistics are crucial in informing the Education Office of underlying trends and standards adhered to in our schools.

A revised statistics form was distributed to all CEIST schools for 2011-2012 term. Please e-mail [jwoods@ceist.ie](mailto:jwoods@ceist.ie) if any issues are encountered completing.

#### Send us your news!

CEIST Education Office welcomes profiling of your news for our e-newsletter.

Please share with CEIST your news, events, photos, etc, to [jwoods@ceist.ie](mailto:jwoods@ceist.ie).

The publication date for our next issue is **Thursday 22nd December, 2011**.



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## Venerable Nano Nagle

Thursday 21st November 2013

October 31st 2013 will forever be remembered as an historic day in the story of the Presentation Sisters.

On this day during a private audience with Cardinal Angelo Amato S.D.B., prefect of the Congregation for the cause of Saints, Pope Francis authorised the Congregation to promulgate the decree that Nano Nagle (1718-1784) foundress of the Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been bestowed the title of "Venerable".

This announcement means that Nano Nagle is on the second of four steps to Canonisation – being declared a saint.

We pay tribute to all those who have been involved in the process especially Sr. Lucy Troy PBVM and congratulate the Presentation Sisters on this wonderful but well deserved accomplishment.

We look forward to the celebrations and know the news will be greeted with great joy in many CEIST schools.

Deo Gratias – Thanks be to God. Here in CEIST we recall the great legacy of Nano who inspired the likes of Catherine McCauley and Edmund Rice and are ever conscious of our responsibility to ensure that their values live on in our schools today.

These values have at their core care and compassion modeled on Jesus Christ.



## Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Presentation Day 2013

Presentation Sisters and Friends of Nano, all over the world, celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple on the 21st November each year.

After Nano Nagle's death the congregation was renamed and those closest to Nano chose the title of 'The Congregation of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary' because they knew that she had a great devotion to the ancient feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple.

This feast is known in the East as 'The entry of the Mother of God into the Temple' and in the West as 'The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary'.

The feast first emerged in the East and seems to be linked with the dedication of the basilica of St. Mary the New in Jerusalem, on 21st November 543.

By the second half of the seventh century it had come to be celebrated generally throughout Jerusalem and Constantinople. It appeared in the West around the fourteenth century.

Today Sisters, students, teachers, and friends of Nano in all the place of the world where Presentation is known celebrate this as their feast day.

### Profile of Nano Nagle

In the face of fear, she chose to be daring,  
In the face of anxiety, she chose to trust,  
In the face of impossibility, she chose to begin.

To universal misery she proposed ministry to persons,  
To ignorance, knowledge,  
To disillusionment tenacity of purpose,  
And to multiple vexations, singleness of heart.

Faced with failure, she held fast to hope,  
Faced with death, she believed in a living future,  
And programme for that future she gave in one word,  
LOVE.

Raphael Consedine P.B.V.M.



## Story of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters

Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam, Co. Galway very kindly shared the following presentation detailing the story of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters. It contains some excellent images and informative material.

[Story of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters](#)

## Nano Nagle Video

Nano Nagle *The Nano Nagle Prayer*




Lord God, You raise up people from age to age  
to speak anew Your Word to us  
And to show us your ways  
Such is Nano Nagle.  
In days when courage is needed,  
You give us this woman of strength  
To walk before us with conviction.  
In days of great change, You present us with a prophet  
whose faith is firm.  
As the light of her lantern brought hope  
into the lives made wretched by poverty and oppression,  
So may she inspire us to compassionate action  
For those in need around us.

## Other Resources

[Presentation Sisters Union Website](#) celebrating Presentation Day 2013.

Click [here](#) to view Irish Independent article about Nano Nagle.

Click [here](#) to view Nano Nagle resources in celebration of Presentation Day from the Archdiocese of Dublin Education Secretariat website.



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The school of the winning entrant in each category will receive 5 Kindle e-Book Readers and either an interactive white board or 5 laptops, while the class of the winning entrant will receive FREE-themed mouse pads and t-shirts.

The winning student will receive their own laptop, a Kindle e-Book Reader, a specially-engraved trophy and a unique concert/pantomime/show experience in Dublin's O2, Belfast's Odyssey Arena or similar venue. Second and third place students will receive a Kindle e-Book Reader each.

Aoibhinn Ní Shúilleabháin, TV personality and teacher, is the face of the story-writing competition, and is a fantastic ambassador for nurturing ideas among our younger population.

This year, through the 'Tell The Future' story-writing competition, FREE is focused on encouraging secondary students - the next generation of decision-makers - to share their ideas on how they see the future, particularly in relation to energy and the environment. See competition details below.

### Competition Story Title: 'Tell the Future'

Complete the following in 500 words or less (Junior Category) or 750 words or less (Senior Category):

"A global plea has been issued to all young people to submit their practical ideas on how to power their country into the future in a sustainable, environmentally-friendly way. My plan for my country is...

Entries by post to 'Tell The Future' Competition, PO Box 4916, Dublin 2, or by email to: [competition@tellthefuture.eu](mailto:competition@tellthefuture.eu).

Closing Date: **Friday 2nd December 2011**

Please check [www.tellthefuture.eu](http://www.tellthefuture.eu) for full details / terms and conditions.

## Entry Form for Secondary Schools

[Entry form for Schools](#)

## Poster for Post-Primary Schools

[Poster for Post-Primary](#)



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## Presentation Ballyphehane are 'One in a Hundred' for excellence in use of Technology

Monday 28th November 2011

Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane, Co. Cork recently received the "Excellence in Education" award at a prestigious ceremony held for Munster's leaders in innovation and use of technology.

220 people packed the Maryborough Hotel & Spa in Cork on the 24th November to hear the winners of the 2011 it@cork Leaders Awards.

The awards were set up to recognise Leaders in Technology and Business Innovation in Munster.

The event not only provided an opportunity for the tech community to recognise their peers who are driving success in the area, they also provided a platform for technology business leaders to meet in a relaxed celebratory atmosphere.

'This is a unique event for tech companies' explains Denis Collins, Chair of it@cork Board of Directors. 'This is a unique event for the ICT industry and clearly demonstrates that Ireland Inc is open for business, driving global thought leadership, collaboration and value to the marketplace.

This is just the start of further emergence onto the global stage, our IT industry is alive and well and will continue to be an integral part of growth for Ireland Inc ."

John Wall, Chair of the 2011 organising committee adds' "We received over 100 nominations across seven categories and the standard was fantastic. The number of good projects with great people and strong aspirations should give us confidence that the future of the tech sector in Munster is in good shape."

The school were nominated for the it@cork leaders awards 2011 in the Excellence in Education category. After this they submitted three pages as to why they should be shortlisted and subsequently the school were one of the three schools to be shortlisted as finalists.

Next came the judging! A panel of four men judges came to the school – visited four classrooms to see the IT in action. The Principal then made a PowerPoint presentation – as had been requested in advance – with a question and answer session afterwards. Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane did not know they had won until the night of the ceremony!

The **Excellence in Education award** was the first to be presented with a delighted school Principal, Sr. Sheila Kelleher accepting the award on behalf of the school (see picture below).

Fergal Brosnan, Managing Director, Berkley Group and chair of the Excellence in Education Judging panel explained: The judging panel found the approach by the school, teachers and students was fully integrated, and progressive, with each participant pushing the other to bring the most out of technology.

Engagement by all participants was superb, inclusivity of all students, from the use for special needs, to utilising Technology within the extra curricular activities such as their Choir.

The teacher based classrooms have benefited both the students and teachers, with each teacher effectively using technology as the new chalk".

CEIST congratulates Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane on what is a fantastic achievement for the school.

The school also made the headlines last year when they won the All Island School Choir Competition!



Pictured above (LtoR) are Anthony O'Mara, President EMEA Trend Micro, Sr. Sheila Kelleher,

School Principal, Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane receiving award for school and Fergal Brosnan, MD, Berkley Recruitment.

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Pictured above (LtoR) are Jim Woulfe, Chairman of St. Mary's School Board of Management, Sr. Brid

Biggane, School Principal, Actor Pat Nolan and Mary Harrington, Deputy Principal at the official opening of the Aemilian Theatre.

The old hall was originally built in 1966 and served as an all-purpose hall in the old school, being used for PE, Drama, and Concerts and as an examination centre. In the planning for the new school, which was opened in 2004, the Department of Education listed the various blocks in the old school, including the old hall, for demolition.

Thanks to the vision of the teaching staff, the Board of Management applied to the Department for permission to retain the old hall for the purpose of Music and Drama. The Department reluctantly agreed but only on condition that the building be 'decoupled' from the school. That meant that the school would never receive grant aid for either refurbishment or maintenance of the old hall. However, thanks to the generosity of the local community, parents, staff, teachers it has been possible to convert the old hall into a brand new theatre.

A group of volunteers, called 'The Friends of St Mary's Secondary School', was assembled at the outset of the refurbishment project, and with the help of students, staff, and local community groups, a significant amount of money was raised over the past 4 years. The overall cost of the refurbishment project amounted to €700,000, of which less than 50% was provided in the form of a bank loan which is in the process of being repaid by on-going annual fundraising activities.

In 2009, plans were drawn up and building began in March 2010. The keys were handed over on November 1st, 2010. Now that the refurbishment project has been completed, the doors of the new theatre are now open for school and community performances and activities.

### Sr Helen Roberts (Sr Aemilian):

It gives everyone involved great pleasure to announce that the name of this wonderful new theatre is 'The Aemilian Theatre' in honour of the late Sr. Helen Roberts (who was formerly known as Sr. Aemilian). Sr. Helen (Sr. Aemilian) was born and raised in Mallow, where she attended St. Mary's Secondary School prior to entering the Mercy Order in Cobh. Following her graduation as a teacher from UCC she returned to Mallow to teach in St. Mary's Secondary School from the 1970's until she became Principal of the school from 1980 to 1988. During her time in St. Mary's, Sr. Helen was actively involved in many aspects of school life. Among her many achievements, she was foremost in the development and training of the St. Mary's Basketball team which represented Ireland in Italy at the European Schools Championship in 1977.

### Official Opening:

The Aemilian theatre was officially opened on 21st October at 5:00pm by Mr. Pat Nolan, otherwise known as Barry O'Hanlon of 'Fair City' fame, who is, according to the storyline, currently in prison for murder. The theatre was blessed at the official opening by Sr. Helen's brother, Fr Donal Roberts.

### Open for Business:

The new theatre is very well equipped with spacious foyer, stage, and auditorium, dressing rooms, kitchen and lighting/sound control room. It can seat up to 200 people and it is available for hire to all theatre and drama groups in Cork County and indeed further afield.

The first performance to take place in the Aemilian Theatre will be 'Santa Ponsa or Bust', on 18th and 19th November. This is the stage show that took the Dragons fiery breath away. For the first time ever in the Irish version of The Dragons Den all five dragons invested in what is already being talked about as the smash hit comedy of the year. 'Santa Ponsa or Bust' is the first part of the Santa Ponsa trilogy and it has captivated audiences wherever it has played.

'Santa Ponsa or Bust' is written and performed by Pakie O'Callaghan and Frank Twomey, stars of RTE's Bull Island and Joe Duffy's Funny Friday in which they play the parts of Michael Noonan, Mary O'Rourke, Charlie McCreevey, David Norris, Brian Cowen, Joe Higgins etc.

This is show not to be missed in the new Aemilian theatre.

For more information or bookings contact Ger at 086 0576738 or visit the website: [www.stmarysmallow.com](http://www.stmarysmallow.com).

## Photos from the Ceremony

(Photos courtesy of [John Allen Photography](#))



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The celebratory mood of the day was set by the Principal announcing a homework-free weekend! Throughout the day staff and students were joined by a 'who's who' list of past pupils who shared their life and career experiences with the students.



Pictured above (LtoR) are school Principal, Mr. Gerard McGuill, Sr. Columba Gargan, Chairperson of School

Board of Management and Finbar Brohan, Deputy Principal.

All in Our Lady's are indebted to these inspirational and interesting speakers, all of whom had to re-schedule their working day and many of whom travelled long distances, they include Dermot McArdle inter county footballer and entrepreneur, Mrs. Margaret Conlon, former TD and Deputy Principal of St Louis, Monaghan, Ms. Fidelma Flanagan, consultant radiologist and Director of Breastcheck, Mr. Irene McCormack, Media expert and Lecturer, Tony Ward, Accountant and Marathon runner and Mary Kelly-Quinn, Lecturer and former Ireland and European Young Scientist of the Year.

On the sporting front, the 1993 All Ireland Basketball champions returned and proved their mettle by playing and beating the Senior Boys Basketball team, while the present Senior GAA team had a similar fate at the hands of the Ulster and All-Ireland Senior Football team of 2005, although the weather may have had an influence on that result!

Later that evening Mass was concelebrated in the Convent Chapel by School Chaplain, Fr. Adrian Walshe, Fr. Larry Duffy, past Chaplain and Fr. Paudge McDonnell, PP Clontibret, Fr. Daly, PP Broomfield was also in attendance.

The reception in the school afterwards gave the large congregation an opportunity to view the timeline – a photographic representation of the 4 decades in the life of the school – this being the brainchild of Mr. Jimmy Brophy who worked collaboratively with Sr. Joan and Mr. John Gallen.

After addresses from Mr. Finbarr Brohan, Deputy Principal, Sr. Columba Gargan, Chairperson of the Board of Management and Principal, Mr. Gerard McGuill, the large and representative group retired to the Concert Hall for an evening of reminiscence as past pupils, Brendan Gormley, Ciaran Hanratty, Andrea Gallen Beirne, Cathy Evans Farrell, Bernie Kellett McMahon, Dearbhla McCreesh, Tom Gillanders, Grace Denny, Mark McGuigan, Tickie McQuillan Murphy, Mark McEntee, along with present students, Sean McBennett, Cormac McKenna and Tara McCauley, took us down memory lane with excerpts from the Musicals under the direction of Joe Hanratty.

Truly a day of celebration of all that is good about life in Our Lady's with past and present blending seamlessly to ensure that the next 40 will be as enjoyable, stimulating, exciting & formative as the last!



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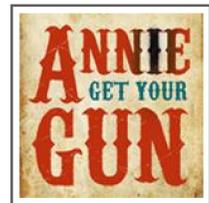


## News from Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam

Monday 14th November 2011

### Tuam School Musical - ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam, Co. Galway is proud to announce the staging of **ANNIE GET YOUR GUN** on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 16th, 17th and 18th November at 8.30 p.m. in the school Gym.



**ANNIE GET YOUR GUN** is a wonderful musical, a story that blends romance, show business, the old American Wild West and the unforgettable music of Irving Berlin.

This story of **ANNIE GET YOUR GUN** is a fictionalised version of famous American sharpshooter Annie Oakley and her exploits with the celebrated Buffalo Bill and his Wild West show.

Set to the music of Irving Berlin, the show contains musical theatre classics like "There's No Business like Show Business", "Doin' What Comes Naturally" and "Anything You Can Do".

The production team of Ronan Lardner and Una McGinty are delighted to welcome Clodagh Brennan on board this year.

As mentioned, **ANNIE GET YOUR GUN** takes place in the school gym for three nights, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th November at 8.30.

Tickets available from Quinn's, Bishop Street or from the school.



Jennifer Reilly, Shannon Kelly, Aideen McHugh and Sabrina Browne.

Pictured above are the cast: Front Row L-R: Katie Fox, Cora Bourke, Jade Costelloe,



### 'What Makes Me Happy' Competition

'What Makes Me

For the past month Presentation College, Currylea have been running a 'What Makes Me Happy' competition.

The aim of the competition was to promote positive mental health and it ran in conjunction with World Mental Health Week. The competition was a great success and we received a huge number of entries showcasing the wonderful artistic and literary talents of our students. Well done to all involved and a big congratulations to the winners in each category. Students were invited to enter under following categories: Art / Photography, Poetry or an Essay. A prize giving ceremony took place on Friday 28th October with the following students proving successful:

Places:	3rd	2nd	1st
1st Year:	Sarah Maloney	Jade Holian/Emily Donnelly	Caoimhe Quinn Walsh
2nd Year:	Elizabeth McNicholas	Siofra Holyland	Leah O' Grady
3rd Year:	Gabby Luksaite	Meghan Power	Leta Siauruseviciute
Senior:	Ellen Byrne	Jade Costelloe/Aoife Geraghty	Sarah Mannion



Leta Siauruseviciute, Gabby Luksaite, Elizabeth McNicholas, John Feely (Chairman at Tuam & District Mental Health Association) Sarah Mannion, Ellen Byrne, Siofra Holyland Caoimhe Quinn Walsh, Ann-Marie Fahy (teacher and competition organiser) and Jade Costelloe. Front Row L-R: Jade Holian, Sarah Maloney, Emily Donnelly and Aoife Geraghty.

Pictured above Back row L-R: Leah O' Grady, Ber Jordan (teacher and competition organiser),



College, Tuam who participated in an Inter-Schools debate on Friday October 28th in Currylea. The motion for the debate was "It's a Mans World".

Pictured above are students from Presentation College, Currylea and St. Jarlath's

### Presentation College, Tuam Daffodil Plant in Aid of Tuam Cancer Care Centre

Presentation College, Currylea, students planted thousands of daffodils in the school grounds recently in support of Tuam Cancer Care Centre.

Bulbs were generously donated by various local garden centres. Money was raised through generous contributions from students as well as money from the sales of bulbs in the school.



Pictured above students Olivia Collins and Aoife Maloney selling bulbs in the school.



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## Presentation College, Athenry students given pride of place at Presidential inauguration

Thursday 17th November 2011

Twenty-Five students with staff members from Presentation College, Athenry were invited to attend the inauguration of the ninth President of Ireland.

The invitation to attend the inauguration came before the election and the subsequent result.

It is therefore an even greater honour for the school now that the new President is Michael D. Higgins from Galway.

The students are chosen from first and second year groups. In all eight schools in the country have been invited to the inauguration, four primary schools and four second level schools. They students and staff members travelled to Dublin on the morning of November 11th.

They met in Kilmainham with the other schools and were transported to Dublin Castle by CIE buses with a Garda escort.

In Dublin Castle the students were treated to light refreshments and then assembled to greet the arrival of the President-elect in the Castle Courtyard.

During the inauguration the students watched the ceremony on close circuit television. Afterwards the students assembled in the courtyard to meet the new President.

Finally, the students were served lunch and returned home.