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News Update from CEIST

The past month has been quite a busy one for the Trust with work on Senior Management Appointment Processes and School Board of Management Renewals. We also held two workshops for CEIST School Administration Staff and 3 regional network meetings for school Principals. We are very grateful to all that took the time out from their busy schedules to attend these events.

The Trustees would like to extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Principals and Deputy Principals for all their hard work and efforts in managing our schools. We offer you all our best wishes in your future endeavours.



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DES Assessment Report of Presentation and Mercy Convent Schools Galway

The following is an assessment report from the DES to determine the optimum site to facilitate a 500 pupil school.

The purpose of this Report is to assess the condition and accommodation of the Presentation Convent Secondary School Building in Galway City and the Mercy Secondary School, Newtownsmith, Galway City with the objective of producing a recommendation in respect of which site better meets the needs of a 500 pupil school.

School Year Books 2014-15

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All you need to know about the CAO!

With exams out of the way, this is the time to review your course choices and get them right.

[This article from the Irish Times](#) contains some advice from on how to handle the CAO process.

MA in Development Studies

Kimmage Development Studies Centre invites applications to its [MA in Development Studies](#) programme commencing September 2015.

For full information about undertaking our MA in Development Studies Programme please see the following link which includes detailed information about the programme overview, entry requirements, programme content, fees, tutors etc.

Our MA Programme can be undertaken on a full-time, part-time or distance learning basis.

Our MA Programme enables participants to reflect on and respond to issues such as poverty, human rights, inequality, conflict and climate change.

Closing date for applications is 10th July 2015.

Please contact registrar [Tom Campbell](#) should you have questions about any aspect of our MA Programme.

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CEIST Tweets

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News from CEIST Schools



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The following photos show the progress being made on what is a fine school building!

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St. Brigid's Secondary School, Killarney School Awards Ceremony

Killarney singer INA Dennehy-White brought a musical touch to the annual St. Brigid's Secondary School, Killarney Awards on Friday 22nd May when she sang and played as special guest at the ceremony.

Ina, a past pupil and the first recipient of the Orta Benson Award, brought her band, "The Small Hours", along to open and close the ceremony with contemporary folk songs.

Teacher Agnes Gilligan was the MC for the occasion. The audience was entertained by a montage of photographs from school events during the year.

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Neven Maguire Visits Christ King Girls' Secondary School, Cork

Neven Maguire the celebrity Chef visited Christ King Girls' Secondary School in Cork yesterday 10th June.

Christ King Girls' Secondary School prides itself on providing healthy food for its students.

Neven met the school Principal, Ms. Mary Keane and Samantha Kelly from KC Catering and he showed the students some ideas for making lunchboxes more interesting.

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News from Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland

Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland Year Book



Pictured at the launch of Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland 2015 Yearbook are students (LoR) Elizabeth O'Connor, Kathleen O'Sullivan and Kallie Flynn (Editors of the book).

Click on 'More' link below to view our article on Bishop Ray Browne visit to the school for the unveiling of the new ethos wall.

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On the 6th of April 2015 a group of nineteen wonderful senior students from Ardcoil Mhuire, Corbally, Limerick set off on the school's annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Led by Sr. Patricia Lee, and accompanied by a team of enthusiastic volunteers, the group left Limerick in the small hours of the morning, arriving in Lourdes, via Dublin, in the afternoon.

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Mercy Beaumont TY students were invited to visit Aras an Uachtaraín

TY students with Ms Taylor and Ms Sweeney from Our Lady of Mercy College, Beaumont, Dublin had a wonderful morning recently visiting Aras an Uachtaraín. They attended the ceremony when the ambassadors from Lao, Ghana and Uganda presented their credentials to the President.

They enjoyed witnessing this as well as getting to see the wonderful building. They met with the President and Mrs Higgins who spent some time talking with them.



They are pictured above with the President, Mrs Higgins and Simon Harris TD, Minister of State, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.



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Presentation Secondary School, Tralee Students Raise Money for Cuan Mhuire

Well done to students from Presentation Secondary School, Tralee who presented a cheque for €1,050 to Cuan Mhuire, from the proceeds of their recent non uniform day.



CHEQUE THIS: Students pictured above presenting cheque to Cuan Mhuire. Front (LoR) Blathnaid O'Connor, Sr. Brid Cliford, Sheila Magnier-Pontillo, (School Principal) and Ciara Dennehy. Back (LoR) Alys Griffin, Maeve O'Connell and Castriona Horgan.



St Joseph's Secondary School, Navan CEIST Award Winner

Congratulations to student, Hasina Panikaveetil, who was the winner of the inaugural CEIST award in St. Joseph's Secondary School, Navan, Co. Meath.

Hasina is a 6th Yr student and is a most diligent and committed student.

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Wednesday 17th June 2015

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They represented Ireland at the seventh annual International Environment and Sustainability Project Olympiad (INESPO) in Amsterdam beating off competition from 47 other countries to take the top spot.



They set out to design an LED bulb that could be screwed directly into the standard street lamp fitting to replace the less-efficient bulbs currently used.

As well as being more energy efficient, the LED bulb has a much longer life expectancy, thus cutting down on checking and replacement costs.

The LED street light bulb that they developed works on the principal of using a fraction of the energy required to power a standard bulb while being able to screw directly into the standard street light fitting. As well as being more energy efficient the bulb also has a longer life expectancy, cutting down on the costs associated with maintenance and replacement.

"The students really developed their project since their win at SciFest 2014 and it shows that when students engage with STEM outside the classroom, they bring their learning to a new level and produce amazing results," said SciFest CEO, Sheila Porter. "Ellen, Aoife and Niamh have done Ireland proud and with the cost savings that can be made by using their LED lightbulbs there is a great opportunity for us all to be more aware of the energy we use in our homes or businesses."

"The standard of projects at INESPO 2015 was extremely high and SEAI is so proud of Ellen, Aoife and Niamh's achievement," said Aoife Cannon, education programme executive, SEAI. **"They represented Ireland at the highest level and won!"**

Their LED lightbulb is such a clever idea, and highlights how their generation is already thinking about ways of becoming more energy efficient and I am sure that they will help to positively shape Ireland's sustainable energy future."



Pictured above Front row (left to right) Niamh Nyhan, Aoife Dolan and Ellen Fitzgerald. Back row Brendan Walsh, Ann Marie Brosnan, Una Mayock and Claire Holland (teachers).

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The winners were selected from among 800 entries nationwide and judged to be the best in their respective categories.

Scratch is a visual programming language that makes it easy for young people to create their own interactive stories, animations, games, music, art, and share their creations on the web.

Using Scratch allows students to develop creative and critical thinking, problem-solving and communications skills as they work collaboratively or individually on Scratch projects.

In operation since 2010, the national Scratch Competition has established itself among both teachers and students as a leading platform and showcase for Ireland's aspiring digital creators.

Organised by the Irish Computer Society, Tech Week 2015 involved over 90, 000 primary and post-primary pupils all over Ireland in a huge range of fun activities.

"Tech Week is a fun festival of technology with a serious ambition," Jim Friars CEO, Irish Computer Society said.

"Ireland needs over 45, 000 skilled new ICT professionals by 2018 to fuel the economy. We want young people and parents to understand the opportunity that exists and to figure out if technology is for them at an early stage.

They can then chose the right subjects and make college decisions on an informed basis around all that technology has to offer."



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'Leukaemia won't stop me finishing my exams,' says brave Alicia

Tuesday 16th June 2015



The following is an article published in the Sunday Independent. The CEIST community send Alicia our best wishes.

On Friday, May 1, Alicia Tobin sat down in front of a doctor and got the devastating news that she had leukaemia.

Although she didn't know what it meant to have cancer in her blood cells, she felt scared and vulnerable.

But those feelings didn't last. She hit the books and continued to study for her Leaving Cert. It was an escape - a respite.

Despite undergoing difficult treatment, the 18-year-old kept studying.

Nothing was going to quell her ambitions of becoming an aircraft engineer and pilot. Then, five days before the Leaving Cert began, Alicia was told she was in remission.

Over the past two weeks she has been sitting her Leaving Cert between a desk at St James's Hospital in Dublin and her school in Co Carlow.

Though she still has a long road ahead, Alicia wants to speak out about her experience to help others struggling with the illness. Taking a break from her study at her home in Fenagh, Co Carlow, Alicia said she first thought her symptoms were simply exam-related anxiety.

"I just felt very tired, I was learning how to drive and studying a lot so I put it down to stress," she said. "When they told me it was leukaemia, I didn't know how to react. I was a bit scared because I didn't really know what it was," she said.

During the last week of April, Alicia had unusual pains in her shoulders and chest. Her parents, Kathleen and Michael Tobin, knew something was wrong. "She woke at half five and said she didn't sleep well. At breakfast I saw her tipping her bowl of cereal into the bin and she was a bit hunched over - we knew she wasn't OK," said Kathleen.

The local GP sent Alicia to St Luke's in Kilkenny for a chest X-ray. "We were practically there all day. They took blood tests and said the results were a bit odd but that it could be anything," said Kathleen.

"You don't realise until you are actually in the mix, how brutal it is, we had no idea what was wrong," said her dad, Michael.

Despite feeling tired and weak, the main thing on Alicia's mind was study.

The following is an article published in yesterday's Sunday Independent. The CEIST community offers best wishes to Alicia during her exams and for a full recovery to good health.

Two long, stressful days passed before Alicia's leukaemia was finally diagnosed by Dr Larry Bacon at St James's Hospital.

Her parents said their "world collapsed" but Alicia's courageous attitude and the kindness of St James's medical staff has been a "marvellous support".

"She made it easier on us. She'd say 'stop talking about it' and 'act normal'. She is just amazing," said Michael.

Alicia stayed in St James's for five weeks. "I didn't really get any side-effects from chemo. The lumbar punctures and bone marrow biopsy were sore but I was OK," said Alicia. Her school, St Leo's College, and St James's arranged for her to sit her exams in hospital.

Shortly after hearing of her remission, the determined teenager sat her maths, Irish and LCVP exams in hospital.

Alicia had an independent supervisor and quiet signs outside her door. "I was a little nervous but once I got into my paper I zoned out," she said. Now Alicia is an out-patient and is sitting the rest of her exams at school.

"I just want any kid going through this to take every day as it comes," said Alicia who is "eternally grateful" to her year head Vivienne Kelly, school principal Clare Ryan and doctors Larry Bacon and Prof Elisabeth Vanderberghe for their "constant support".



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St Joseph's Secondary School, Tulla New School Building Development

Wednesday 10th June 2015

St. Joseph's Secondary School, Tulla, Co. Clare officially turned the sod on their new school building on January 31st, 2015.

The Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O'Sullivan turned the sod on start of new school building.

Bishop Kieran O'Reilly, attended the event along with school chaplain, Fr. Brendan, local councillors, and a representative from BAM builders.



Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O'Sullivan, offically turns the sod at the start of building the new school in Tulla.



Principal Margaret O'Brien with Minister Jan O Sullivan and a BAM Representative at the event.



Pictured above Local Councillors Joe Carey, Michael McNamara and Timmy Dooley with Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O Sullivan, Bishop Kieran O'Reilly, Principal Margaret O'Brien and a BAM representative.

Latest Photos of School Building Development

The following photos show progress of development with the new school and it certainly looks very impressive! Thanks to Sr. Canice Hanrahan, RSM for kindly sharing the top two photos with CEIST and the aerial photos were taken from the school [website](#).



A school in the building! 'We look before and after and pine for what is not' Shelly The new school will be massive!



Aerial site photographs above showing how much the building has progressed since the beginning of January with BAM fm builders.

The roof beams are in place and now the walls of the gym hall are being erected. It is hoped that the whole building will be enveloped in by September, when the internal fit-out will occur.

Great things to look forward to in St. Joseph's in 2016.



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“Pres in Past” - A Photographic Tribute

Friday 5th June 2015



Sunday 24th May celebrated the generations of students from near and far who had attended Presentation Secondary School, Miltown, Co. Kerry.

A photographic exhibition beginning with a treasures 1920s boys class and ranging through every decade to the present, was unveiled to the public. Indeed this was an appropriate tribute to acknowledge and reflect on the road we have travelled, before we are catapulted on a motorway into the future.

As the crowd began to mingle classmates renewed old bonds of friendship severed by the passage and paths of time. Once familiar faces were sought among the myriad of photographs as gestures of recognition and a melody of laughter was heard through the school library. Mini reunions began to develop and treasured memories of times shared and of life since were traded.



Members of the Presentation Orders and former teaching staff were reunited with their students in the place they first met.

Long forgotten anecdotes and classroom tales were recalled, some recollecting the success of a well-planned scheme.

Mischievous smiles and glinting eyes resonated around the room. Those once ordinary schooldays took on an extraordinary dimension. Nostalgia and pride swept through the vaulted ceiling and white bricked walls as the day drew to a close.

Hundreds of people graced the rooms and corridors to pay homage to the school and a golden era of their lives.

Very shortly this building will cease to be and the landscape of Miltown will be forever changed. As with the Primary School, Second-Level education in Miltown will soon have a new stage.

While the educational needs of our future generations will now be served in modern classrooms with the very latest technologies, the ethos and mission of founders Venerable Nano Nagle and Blessed Edmund Rice will remain engrained in every aspect of the educational experience at Presentation Secondary School, Miltown.



Pres in the Past

Pres in the past, a great social meeting
For past students, young and old, to catch up after leaving.
A photo exhibition, a great success,
For students whose past friends become less and less.

Each photo was numbered within the library, the main hall,
Few people came first then a crowd, not long after the place sounded like the Dáil.
Mr. Bonner was full of praise, calling it one of the school's great historic days.
After all our hard work, this recognition was better than being paid.

The result of many months work boiled down to one day,
From ten until four, the public refused to stay away.
Transition Years worked hard day in day out,
But in the end the reward was what it was all about.

A historic day, the last for many before the school is gone,
Lots of memories have been made here but we'll have to move on.
New beginnings in the new school we face,
Lots of new challenges I'm sure, but I'll never forget this place.

There was a great sense of nostalgia about the exhibition,
For there were many debates about who was who in what position.
People met friends they hadn't seen in a long time,
But by the end of the day they were reunited.

The last great day in this old school,
Many have passed through following the rules.
But now the end for this old school is approaching fast,
And that is why we'll never forget Pres in the Past.

By Brandon O' Mahony (Student)



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Sean visited the Spanish Embassy in Dublin to receive a special award to acknowledge his top results.

Sean is a multi-linguist and is now studying Spanish and French at DCU in Dublin. He also speaks Italian, Portuguese and Polish as well as Irish.

He also received top grades in French and Italian in his Leaving Cert.

Sean is a past pupil of Mercy Secondary School, Mounthawk, Tralee where he first discovered his love of languages.

His father, Richard O'Mahony, said that the award is 'recognition for Sean's work. "We are delighted for him".



Sean is pictured above with the Spanish Ambassador to Ireland, Jose Maria Rodriguez-Coso.



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News from Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland

Friday 12th June 2015

Students and staff of Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland held a day of celebration on Thursday 21st May as Bishop Ray Browne visited the school to unveil a new ethos wall which displays symbols of the school's values for the whole community to see.

It marked a special day for the whole school community in Presentation Castleisland. Along with the launch of their ethos wall the school celebrated the achievements of their students throughout the year.

The Transition Year students of Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland spent weeks examining the values and beliefs of their school.

They decided to make those values part of their everyday lives and portray them to all school visitors by creating an ethos wall in the main foyer in St Anne's building of the school.

Bishop Ray Browne unveiled the wall, which contains several items including embroidered hoops, inspirational quotes and lighting candles to give the students hope, inspiration and to remind them of the values within their school community.

School Principal, Katherina Broderick, says the wall is a visual representation between the spirituality which the school seeks to promote and the daily life of the school.

"The ethos wall is so visual and it shows the representation between the school values and how they are incorporated into the everyday life of our students and staff.

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"The students worked very hard to create the ethos wall and they recalled the whole experience at the celebration.

"It was very inspiring to hear what the wall meant to them. It is a positive symbol in our school," she said.

The celebration also marked a number of achievements by various students throughout the year. The fifth year students involved in the One Good Idea project gave a presentation of their project - which made the national finals earlier this year.

Fifth year student Katie Flynn was presented with the CEIST award for her contribution to school life. The students also launched their school year book at last Thursday's event.

Katherina says the day was a very special celebration for the school community. "The day was a great celebration and was reflected of what it means to be a part of the school. It was very special for all of us here," she said.

Staff and students were joined by current and retired staff, members of our Board of management, students, parents, the Presentation sisters and Monsignor Dan O'Riordan at the unveiling of the ethos wall last Thursday.



Day of Celebration: Attending the Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland Day of Celebration with Bishop Ray Browne, and the unveiling of the Ethos wall on Thursday 21st May were Molly O'Caliaghan, Rachel O'Connor, Emer Horgan, Ellen Sheehan, Mary O'Connor, Jack Daly, Christopher Thomas, Luke Fitzgerald, Paddy Flynn, Bishop of Kerry Ray Brown, Fionnuala Long and Principal Caitriona Broderick.



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Ardsoil Mhuire Corbally Visit to Lourdes

Thursday 4th June 2015



On the 6th of April 2015 a group of nineteen wonderful senior students from Ardsoil Mhuire set off on the school's annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Led by Sr. Patricia Lee, and accompanied by a team of enthusiastic volunteers, the group left Limerick in the small hours of the morning, arriving in Lourdes, via Dublin, in the afternoon.

The group launched themselves enthusiastically into a week packed full of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. Sitting down with Sr. Pat for a friendly chat moments after their arrival, the girls listened with fascination to the story of Lourdes before setting off for the Grotto itself, where St Bernadette had witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady in 1858.

Every visit to the Grotto was charged with emotion as the girls and leaders witnessed the breathtaking devotion of those who visited it alongside them whilst they remembered, and prayed for, their loved ones at home in Ireland.

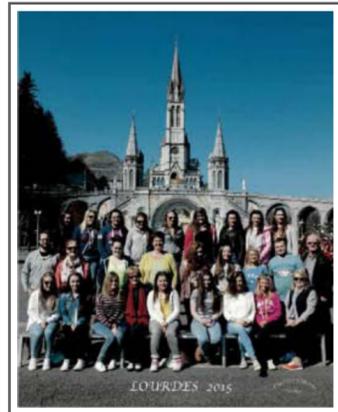
The girls also had the valuable opportunity to visit the buildings in Lourdes where St Bernadette had lived and worked in as a child, gaining a deep appreciation for the special and inspirational person that she really was. In a remarkable moment whilst visiting the small town of Bartres, the girls were given the special honour of touching a relic of St Bernadette during a beautiful and musical service.

Many services were memorable during the week, the first being the Children's Mass that took place in the Church of St. Bernadette. Aided by the HCPT, children from all over the World, themselves in desperate need of comfort and care, came together in Lourdes to celebrate life and sing some of the happiest songs ever heard! In an intensely emotional, yet affirming, sermon Ireland's own Bishop McKeown reminded us all that we are all made in God's image and that we are all beautiful.

This was a highly emotional service for all involved and helped our entire group to see the blessings of health and love in their own lives.

The Blessing of the Sick in the Underground Basilica was another amazing experience for our girls. Whilst offering up prayers for those who they care about they again reflected on the multiple blessings of health, family, and friends in their own lives.

This was followed by the awe-inspiring night-time spectacle that is the Candlelight Procession. As thousands of the devoted from all walks of life wound their way through the Sanctuary, this massive demonstration of faith by so many people had a profound impact on the girls.



Whilst visiting the City of the Poor (where the truly needy are accommodated during their pilgrimages) the group had the indescribable pleasure of taking mass in the idyllic setting of the Outdoor Cathedral. In a sermon inspired by the natural splendour surrounding him Canon O' Shea (Abbeyfeale) reminded us of our own personal responsibility to safeguard the future of our beautiful World starting with our own areas.

This mass was offered for the family, friends, and loved ones of our group.



Our last full day in Lourdes was busy, yet enlightening. This began with an early mass in the Grotto where, once again, the girls witnessed first-hand a powerful display of faith from all assembled. Later, one group of girls took the opportunity to experience the Baths, agreeing that it was the singular experience that made the whole trip extra-special. Again these girls were struck by the devotion on display by the desperately sick and elderly, and found the experience to be incredibly reflective and emotional.

It was during all of these rituals that we kept those whom we love foremost in our thoughts and prayers. Everything that happened during those six amazing days was offered to Our Lady for them and their intentions.

In the midst of all this, we still managed to keep ourselves entertained! Whether it was a tense ride on a cable-car to 100 metres; the perfectly beautiful panoramic-view from the top of Pic du Jer; an intense night of (mostly) friendly competition with the Abbeyfeale girls; the much commented upon sing-song in the lobby of the Agena; or the banter and the selfies, everyone has a special memory to bring back to Limerick with them!

We are all incredibly grateful to Ardsoil Mhuire and our other friends for facilitating the trip; to the adult volunteers for their care and patience; and to Sr Pat and Mr Keating for making the whole, spectacular, life-changing event possible year after year.

However, our most sincere thanks must also go to the nineteen amazing young ladies who made the trip so special. They were enthusiastic, energetic yet respectful, kind, caring, considerate, and in more ways than can be listed, did our school, their families, and most importantly, Our Lady, immensely proud.



Download School Yearbook 2014-15

The above article was extracted from Ardsoil Mhuire's excellent 2014-15 Yearbook, click [here](#) to download.

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Wednesday 24th June 2015



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The Board of Management is pleased to announce that Mr. Cathal Moore (pictured above) has been appointed Principal of Presentation College Athenry with effect from September 1st 2015.

Cathal Moore served as Deputy Principal in Presentation College since 2011.

Previously, he taught Irish and History in Presentation College. Cathal was appointed Transition Year co-ordinator in 2006.

Before joining Presentation College, he taught in Scoil Mhuire Longford for eight years.

Cathal Moore is a native of Turloughmore. He attended St. Vincent's National School, Coolarne and St. Mary's College Galway.

He completed his Bachelor of Arts Degree in NUI Maynooth. Cathal played hurling for Galway and represented the county at all levels winning Minor, Under 21 and National League, Interprovincial, Oireachtas titles.

Cathal Moore is a regular hurling analyst with TG4 and RTE Radio na Gaeltachta and RTE Radio Sport.

Cathal is a son of Pat and Chris Moore of Coolarne. Cathal is married to Deirdre and they have two children Cian and Saoirse.



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St Joseph's Secondary School, Navan CEIST Award Winner

Wednesday 3rd June 2015

Congratulations to student, Hasina Panikkaveetil, who was the winner of the inaugural CEIST award in St. Joseph's Secondary School, Navan, Co. Meath.

Hasina is a 6th Yr student and is a most diligent and committed student.

She has always given freely of her time and talents to the wider school community.

Hasina treats all those around her with dignity, kindness and compassion.



Pictured above Hasina with Anne O'Malley, Chairperson of the School Board of Management.



Hasina pictured above receiving the inaugural CEIST award from school Principal, Mary Mulligan.

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Ina Sings for the Girls in Blue

Friday 12th June 2015

Killarney singer INA Dennehy-White brought a musical touch to the annual St. Brigid's Secondary School, Killarney Awards on Friday 22nd May when she sang and played as special guest at the ceremony.

Ina, a past pupil and the first recipient of the Orla Benson Award, brought her band, "The Small Hours", along to open and close the ceremony with contemporary folk songs.

Teacher Agnes Gilligan was the MC for the occasion. The audience was entertained by a montage of photographs from school events during the year.

Principal Roisín Moore addressed the audience and reminded the students that each one of them as individuals has contributed to the unique school community and that although everybody did not receive an award, they had the innate potential to receive one.

The categories of awards included Art, Music, Sport, P.E., Outstanding Contribution to School spirit, Full School Attendance, Science, Excellence in Technical Graphics, Excellence in Design And Communication Graphics, Random Acts of Kindness, L.C.A. Student of the Year, Outstanding Contribution to T.Y. and Humanitarian Awards.

Certificates were also awarded for various sporting exploits during the year. Recipients included Kayleigh Cronin (contribution to athletics 2009-2015 and Senior Track and Field Athlete of the Year), Sarah Leahy (Junior Track And Field Athlete of the Year), Anna Clifford (Cross Country Athlete), Michelle Clifford, Ciara Moynihan, Emma Dineen, Seodhna O'Donoghue (Basketball Player of the Year). The awards for excellence in art went to Maria Quirke, Aoife Sheehen, Redone Sahiti (Junior) Dominica Gasiorowska and Kerry Mahony (Senior). Outstanding Contribution to School Spirit went to Laura O'Keeffe, Niamh Hickey, Lucy Cronin, Megan O'Neill, Alison Fitzmartin, Siobhan Fleming, Eimear Courtney, Michaela Bruton and Orla O'Reilly

The Poetry Aloud award was presented to Lucy McGurruy, Eimear Beazley, Niamh Coffey, Amy Cooper, Karis Koschan, Aldina Murphy and Alison Fitzmartin.

Awards for Full School Attendance went to Rachel Doheny, Karis Koschan, Sophie Vousden, Mary Oliver, Shauna O'Donoghue, Clodagh O'Donoghue, Aine O'Donoghue, Fiona Scannell, Aoife Farrell, Sarah Leahy, Shola Koschan and Precious Akilapa.

CEIST AWARD 2015



This year saw the inaugural CEIST award being presented here at St. Brigid's. A perpetual trophy is awarded after a process of teacher nominations to a 6th year student who best reflects the core values of CEIST, namely promoting spiritual and human development, achieving quality in learning, showing respect for everyone, creating community and being just and responsible. Mrs Gobnait O'Mahony, a member of the Board of Management presented the award to Niamh Hickey and Laura O'Keeffe who are pictured above with their school Principal, Ms. Róisín Moore. Congratulations to both girls on this wonderful accolade.

ORLA BENSON WINNER 2015

Each year, the school presents a special award to a Leaving Certificate student who has shown exceptional dedication to the school spirit - the Orla Benson award. Orla Benson, a past pupil of St. Brigid's Secondary School, was killed tragically at a young age. In her memory, the Benson family provides a bursary each year for a student who fulfills all of the following criteria:

- Full Participation in the life of the school
- Has co-operated with peers and staff
- Has used leisure time in a creative way
- Has shown leadership qualities
- Has shown a sense of humour and is full of the joys of life
- And like Orla gave time and talent to help those in need



Pictured above Eimear Courtney receiving the Orla Benson award with Aaron Benson (Brother of Orla) and School Principal, Róisín Moore.

The award this year was presented to Eimear Courtney. Over the past six years, Eimear has been an exceptional student, who has always been prepared to take part in every school activity, and who fulfills every task with energy, enthusiasm and a smile

Following the presentation of most of the awards, there was a slide-show prepared by Mr. Hughes. Following the presentation of the Orla Benson Award, Ina and her band "The Small Hours" closed the awards ceremony with two beautiful songs.

Congratulations and well done to all involved, [click here to view school gallery section](#) for some further photos of awards winners from the day.