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Summer Newsletter 2009

Best wishes go to all our 6th Year and 3rd Year students who will take the written components of their exam in June.

From the teachers, school staff and management

Camogie Leinster Champions!

The junior camogie girls produced their finest performance of the year to secure the title of Leinster Junior Camogie Champions 2009. An excellent first half display saw the girls notch up an impressive seven first half goals which ended the game as a contest. A strong backline performance was the foundation for many of the Presentation scores, which saw three of the forwards Emma Walsh, Ciara Rossiter and Jamie-Lee Redmond each bag a brace of goals.

Heywood C.S (Laois) produced a spirited second half performance but our girls pressed forward to secure this impressive victory on a score line of 8-11 to 0-5.

While the final may have been won easily, this was no less than the girls deserved after eight months of hard work and dedication. Some of this team will be lost to the senior grade next year; however, the majority of the team remain eligible for next year's campaign and will no doubt look to build upon their success. To coin a sporting quote 'winning is only half of it, having fun is the other half', luckily this year we were able to do both.

Junior Panel 2009:

Gemma Kelly, Dervla Potter, Dearbhla Daly, Patricia Doran, Aoife Rossiter, Áine Hayes (Capt.), Niamh Doyle, Ciara Neville, Christina Furlong, Geraldine Doolan, Emma Walsh, Sarah Lacey, Ciara Rossiter, Jamie-Lee Redmond, Roisin Tobin, Eadaoin Fitzgearld, Ciara Doyle, Marion Flood-Power, Colleen Flood-Power, Lauren Nugent, Sara Cogley, Niamh Butler, Kate Cardiff.



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End of year BASKETBALL awards

The Basketball club finished the year with an in-house club league which ran over lunchtimes with teams made up of combinations of players from Senior to 1st yrs. Team A were the eventual winners after a very tough final. They were Andrea O Doherty, Dearbhla Daly, Cara McDonald, Aleisha Cullen and Aoife Rossiter. The runners up were team F ; Emma Walsh, Niamh White, Nicola Cullen, Rebecca Redmond, Bridin Nolan, Chloe Thomas and Gabya Varnelyte. Top scorer for league was Lauren Lawlor on 34pts.

Ms. Croke presented the medals to both teams at a club awards ceremony in the Sportshall on Tues 19th May after the final. Captains of school teams introduced their team members and each team's season top scorer received a certificate in recognition of their achievement.

Team	Captains	Top scorer
Senior C	Ciara Byrne/Andrea O Doherty	Ciara Kelly 38pts
U-16 D	Gemma Kelly/Sarah Walsh	Gemma Kelly 32pts
U-16 C	Kellie Kearney/Lauren Lawlor	Lauren Lawlor 78 pts
2nd yr D	Kellie Chan/Aoife Walsh	Sian Hayes 18pts
2nd yr C	Jessica Reville/Cara McDonald	Nicola Cullen 25pts
1st yr D	Hannah Carroll/Lisa Goodison	Lauren Nugent 12pts
1st yr C	Aleisha Cullen/Niamh Butler	Rebecca Kirwan 41pts



Out of 7 League teams 5 reached SE finals. 2 were South East champions and 3 runners-up.

U-16 C and 1st yr C both represented SE at All-Ireland play-offs and both were within points of getting to the finals on those play-off days.

Ciara Byrne, 6th yr, received an award for her commitment to refereeing over the year. Club players were thanked generally for their helpfulness throughout the year, officiating at games, helping with team coaching and for their assistance in running the in house league.

Ms. Larkin was thanked for her work with the 2nd yr D team.

While many players were inspirational during the year, not least some of the 1st yrs, developmental awards were given to the following players who had shown great improvement and confidence in their playing form during the season.

U- 16: Dearbhla Daly and Deirdre Kenny

2nd yr: Ciara Grey

1st yr: Holly Crosbie and Fiona Kubin.

The club is in a strong position going forwards to next season and there is a great will to improve on this season's performance. Next year will begin with some intense squad coaching camp days with Trish Nolan, former International, Wexford and Wildcats National League player. Good luck to all players in any sporting exploits over the Summer.

Outdoor Education

Trip to Sheilbaggan

As part of their PE programme, 2nd Year students were given an opportunity to experience outdoor adventure activity during a one-day's visit to Sheilbaggan Outdoor Education Centre. 31 students from 2A2 and 2A3 went on Monday 11th May and 38 students from 2A1, 2A4 and 2A5 went on Tuesday 12th May. The girls were blessed with great weather on both days. They got an opportunity to try out Kayaking and beach games in Duncannon during the morning session and then they spent the afternoon Orienteering in Tintern Abbey. The day concluded with lots of fun at the Team Challenge Circuit back at Sheilbaggan Outdoor Education Centre itself.



Orienteering in Curracloe

On Wed 13th May, 80 5th year students headed off to Curracloe for an afternoon of Orienteering. Prior to this event the girls had been learning the necessary skills involved in Orienteering during their PE classes. Great fun was had by all, with the girls trying to find the 12 controls marked out on their maps. Well done to the team that won overall with a super time of 20 minutes and 24 seconds - Skaiste Vikute, Liz Gilhooly, Sarah Robinson and Anita Gaughan.

Athletics

The South Leinster Athletics Championships took place in Scanlon Park, Kilkenny on Wed 29th April (Minor & Junior) and Wed 6th May (U16, Inter & Senior) with twenty one athletes representing the school over the two days. The school was very successful with the following winning medals:

- Christina Furlong: 2nd Hammer
- Eleanor Nolan: 1st Shot Putt
- Aoife Rossiter: 1st Hurdles (75m)
- Niamh Butler: 1st High Jump
- Shannon O'Brien 3rd High Jump



The top two in each event progressed to the Leinster finals in Santry, Dublin on Wed 13th May. Congratulations to Christina Furlong who got a Bronze medal on that day.

Leinster Schools B Swimming Gala



Congratulations to the following students who won medals at the Leinster Schools B Swimming Gala in New Ross on the 16th May:

- Madelina Craciun (1st yr): Gold—Relay; Silver—Backstroke
- Ciara Doyle (2nd yr): Gold—Relay
- Ciara McIntosh (3rd yr): Gold—Relay; Gold—Backstroke; Gold—Freestyle
- Maria Bunici (3rd yr): Gold—Relay; Gold - Backstroke; Gold—Freestyle

Transition Year News!

Since Easter the TY's have been busy with a variety of activities. They have had dance workshops and went bowling. They gave their 'Life after school' some thought on their careers trip to UCC. They attended a Forensic Science workshop in school and also had a song writing workshop, where they broke into small groups and wrote their own songs with the assistance of local musician Kiernan McEvoy.

All students thoroughly enjoyed an artistic experience with Frank and Rosie from CowHouse Studios in Rathnure. The girls did some charcoal drawings and learned how to make a photogram. They had an opportunity for fun and creativity with the Bin-Bag Fashion Show on their final Friday afternoon in School.

Congratulations to three transition year students who were winners in the Wexford Historical Society Essay Competition. Louise Bolger won first prize with her research on John Barry and Grainne Keeling and Gemma Coughlan were second and third respectively with essays on Dr Tom Walsh, founder of the Wexford Festival Opera.



News from the Science Department!

Forensics Days

At the end of April, students from 2nd, Transition Year, 5th and 6th year took part in a Forensics workshop in the school, organised by the Science Department. The hall became the scene of a murder and the task was to solve it and bring the perpetrator to justice.

During a lively and informative presentation by Amy Wingfield (the visiting forensic scientist from Sydney), the students discovered how a crime scene is preserved, evidence gathered and then how that evidence is analysed. Following this, they were given background information on the crime and set about collecting the evidence and working out which of the suspects committed the murder. The enthusiasm of the girls and the thoroughness in which they analysed the clues was a sure sign that some are definitely on their way to being professional CSIs - criminals beware!

Scifest

Elizabeth Gilhooly (5th yr) and Louise Bolger (TY) entered the Scifest '09 competition which took place in WIT in April. Their project entitled 'Caffeine - Where's your head at?' investigated the effect of caffeine on mental agility. A lot of work went into the project with many lunchtime meetings and time spent carrying out the investigations and analysing the results. This was the first time a project from the school took part in this recently established competition. Though the students did not win a prize, they thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

Student Council 2009-2010

The following students have been

1st Year	Samantha Carr	Katie Dempsey	
2nd Year	Aisling Boylan	Connie Takacs	
3rd Year	Patricia Doran	Eadaoin Miskella	
4th Year	Nicola Cogley		
5th Year	Kathy Diskin	Seana O'Brien	Aoife Thomas

Thank you to all those students who went forward for election. You ran a very energetic, enthusiastic and hard working campaign which would rival any in the adult world. Without you we would not have had an election!

Gaisce Award

Congratulations to Sinead Whelan, 5th Year, who achieved her bronze Gaisce Award

News from the Religion Education Department

Sixth-Year Graduation Mass

That time of the year again for all sixth-year students as they celebrated their time in Presentation, Wexford with their Graduation Mass, which took place on the evening of Thursday, 21st May, in the Main Hall. Celebrant was our school-chaplain, Fr Tom Dalton. Special thematic emphasis for the Mass was influenced by Matthew's Gospel: "Always remember God is with you to love, support and guide you," a particularly relevant statement for all our students departing the school for pastures new. Refreshments were had after the Mass. It was a great occasion for all involved: students, their parents and teachers.

Preparations, for the Mass, were on-going since the girls returned from their Easter break. Each student designed their own personal-prayer and poster, which emphasised the girls' liturgical "rites-of-passage" journey, under the guidance of their R. E. teachers: Ms Power, Ms Cullen, Ms Sunderland, Ms Devereux and Mr Rolston. Also, every individual sixth-year student designed their own flowers or butterflies which made up the centre-piece - The Tree of Life - which was placed behind the altar. On behalf of everybody in the R. E. department, we would like to wish all the sixth-year students the very best in all of their future journeys.

The Prayer-and-Meditation Room

Work has been on-going over the last few months on the complete renovation of the Prayer Room. The finishing touches are currently taking place so all our students can look forward to enjoying this facility at the beginning of the next academic year. Students will have already noticed the beautiful new door, complete with a wonderfully designed stained-glass window in its centre. New carpet, new lighting, new seating, new pictures and a new colour-scheme now dominate the room, so the area will, no doubt, be a very popular place to reflect and pray in, from next September onwards.

May - the month of Mary

May is traditionally the month of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Students will have seen this acknowledged in the design of the Sacred Space, on entrance to the library, and on the chaplaincy notice-board.

Diocese of Ferns pilgrimage to Lourdes

Two of our fifth-year students - Jessie McGuire and Emma Callaghan - represented Presentation, Wexford on the recent Ferns-diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience - from start to finish - and are both very thankful for the opportunity to experience this special event.

Blessings for all state-examination students

Special blessings go out to all our Junior-and-Leaving Certificate students, who will be undergoing their State-examinations at the start of June. May God guide, bless and protect you in your preparations for the exams and during this rather stressful time.

We wish
all students, parents and teachers a very
Happy Summer!

