

**AN CHÉAD RANG ARDTEISTE 2011
2006-2011
1ST GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

Coláiste an Eachréidh 2011

Ba mhór an chúis áthais agus bróid é do phobal an Choláiste ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar chlochmhíle stairiúil, sé sin, an chéad rang Ardteistiméireachta.

On Thursday 2nd June at the New Park Hotel Athenry students, teachers and parents celebrated the graduation of the first class of Leaving Certificate students at the Coláiste. This was indeed an historic occasion as the pioneering students who first enrolled at the Coláiste on the 29th August 2006 celebrated the completion of their second level education. Five students, Fiona Ní Chuinn, Ciara Ní Chuinn, Niamh Ní Ghoill, Peadar Ó hAirmhí and Alan Ó Broinn sat their Leaving Certificate this year.



The principal paid great tribute to the pupils and their parents for their support in establishing the Coláiste. It can only be said of one group that they were the 'first', and he added that it was their commitment to Gaelscolaíocht that gave the Coláiste its initial momentum for which the Coláiste's community will be forever grateful.

In its first year, September 2006, the total number of pupils enrolled at the Coláiste was 8, five years later that number is expected to be 113. This year's Leaving Certificate class have seen dramatic changes each year -increasing enrolment figures, additional classrooms, new teachers and improved facilities.



On behalf of the class, Fiona thanked Brian and the teachers for all their support, encouragement and attention over the past five years.

The first chapter of the Coláiste's history is now written and is dedicated to this group of students, their teachers and their parents.



We wish them good health and success in their future studies and careers.

Guímid chuile ádh agus rath Dé ar ár ndaltaí ceannródacha sa saol atá anois amach rompu.



COLÁISTE RE-OPENS Monday 29 August 2011 - BLIAIN 1

Tuesday 30 August BLIAIN 3 + 5 +Transition Year

Wednesday 31 August BLIAIN 2 + All Years

First Year Parents' Information Evening Thursday 1st September 7.00pm

Comhairle na nDaltaí / Students Council

National Finalists / Buaiteoirí Chonnachta

Táimid iontach bródúil as na nDaltaí i gColáiste an Eachréidh a rinne sár-obair leis an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i rith na bliana trí imeachtaí éagsúla a eagrú. Tháinig Aodhán Ó Deá, Conradh na Gaeilge, le ceardlann speisialta a reachtáil agus é ar chamchuart ar mheánscoileanna dara leibheál ar fud na tíre.

Chuaigh Comhairle na nDaltaí trí chóras mholtóireachta Ghlór na nGael i gcomórtas náisiúnta agus b'iontach an t-éacht é nuair a fógraíodh iad mar bhuaiteoirí Chonnachta sa Chomórtas G a bhí urraithe ag an nuachtán Foinse. Tuigtear dúinn go raibh na moltóirí iontach tógtha leis na pleananna nua-aimseartha atá ag



Comhairle na nDaltaí do na blianta atá le teacht agus leis an obair a bhí déanta le Comórtas G-Fachtóir, Seó Sheachtain na Gaeilge, Podchraoltaí, Físeáin, Drámaíocht is eile. Bronnadh an gradam speisialta '**Buaiteoirí Chonnachta- Comórtas G**' orthu mar chuid de cheiliúradh 50 Bliana Ghlór na nGael in Magh Nuad 16 Aibreán.

De bharr a mbua iontach seo, d'éirigh le 34 dalta turas saor in aisce a bheith acu thiar ag ionad eachtraíochta, Delphi. Bhí go maith is ní raibh go holc óir bhain gach uile duine acu ard-sult as an lá agus iad amuigh ag dreapadóireacht, ag bádóireacht is eile.

Cinnté, táimid ag súil go mbeidh Comhairle na ndaltaí ábalta tógáil ar an obair ceannródaíoch seo is go mbeidh toradh a ndea-shaothar le feiceáil amach romhainn. Beirigí Bua!

Scríbhneoir ar Cuairt

Cuireadh fáilte mhór roimh Ré Ó Laighléis nuair a tháinig sé le ceardlann a reachtáil do scoláirí Choláiste an Eachréidh roimh an Chásc i mblain.

Bhí deis iontach ag lucht na Chéad Bliana go háirithe saothar an scríbhneora a phlé leis óir tá an t-úrscéal is déanaí leis idir lámha acu agus léite mar ábhar ranga, i. '**Osama, Obama, ó a Mhama**'. Tugadh spreagadh is iniúchadh ar leith do na daltaí maidir le téamaí, carachtair is leagan amach an scéil.

Mar aon leis sin, rinneadh cur i láthair iontach ar ghearrscéalta eile leis agus é ag díriú ar ábhair nua-aimseartha a bhí scríofa aige ar son déagóirí an lae inniu... m.s. Ecstasy.

Cinnté, bhí deis ag daltaí go leor ceistanna a chur ar an scríbhneoir is ba léir go raibh siad thar a bheith fiosrach maidir le saol an scríbhneora, ceird na scríbhneoireachta is cad a thugann ionspioráid dó. Ar ndóigh, ba mhór dúinn uilig an Laighléiseach a fheiceáil arís ar an Eachréidh go luath!

TRANSITION YEAR / IDIRBHLIAIN 2011

September 2011 the Coláiste will offer Transition Year for the first time, more about this exciting development during the year

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Highlights 2011



Dillon(1) Gold medallist at the Provincial Track and Field where he won the Minor Boys Shot Putt final.



World Champions– Sinéad, Cáit and Aoife on their return from Florida, USA, where they came 9th in the World Cheerleading finals.



Alan (5) receiving his Connacht Vocational Schools winner's medal. He was on the victorious Co. Galway team 2010, also receiving a Coláiste jersey in recognition of his football skills and County selection.

Lch. 3

ECDL (European Computer Driver Licence) GRADUATES 2011

Sa bpictiúir le múinteoir Bairbre tá daltaí na hArdteiste ar a mbronnadh Teastas ECDL tar éis dóibh na scrúdaithe a fháil.

Pictured with their teacher, múinteoir



Bairbre, are the Leaving Certificate students, all of whom successfully completed and passed the assessments on the 7 modules that comprise the European Computer Driver Licence (ECDL). The Coláiste offers students this opportunity at a much reduced fee, students pay only for the assessments and what normally costs in the region of €450 is provided for less than €100. (missing from the picture is Peadar who also received his ECDL certificate).

Gaisce Spóirt 2011 Sports Awards

Chuille bhliain tugtar aitheantas ag an gColáiste dóibh siúd a rinne éacht i gcúrsaí Spóirt.



As part of the Coláiste's awards ceremony each year, special recognition is given to students who participate at a provincial, national and indeed international level. Pictured receiving their Coláiste medals are:- Dillion(1) Provincial Minor Shot Putt Champion; Brendan (2) who brought home gold and silver medals from the European Taekwon-Do Championships; and Sinéad, Aoife and Cáit who participated and were ranked in the top

ten at the World Cheerleading finals. Peadar (5) was also awarded for winning the Provincial 5000m Senior Boys final. Comhghairdeas libh ar fad.

Bailliúcháin Charthanacha

Comhar na nDaltaí organised several collections throughout the year for charitable purposes. Money was collected by selling pancakes and 'no-uniform' days where each student made a minimum € contribution. Buíochas leis na daltaí agus Múinteoir Pádraig agus Múinteoirí Gearóidín & Róisín for coordinating the various initiatives. Comhairle na nDaltaí are seen here making their donation to the ISPC. Cystic Fibrosis and St. Vincent De Paul Society were other beneficiaries of the students generosity and efforts. Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.



CEISTNEOIR TUISMITHEOIRÍ — SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Parents of 1st Years, 2nd Years and 4th Years were sent a postal survey questionnaire in June. The response rate has been very good to date, if you have not already returned your completed questionnaire please do so now, your feedback and opinions are valued and they will help with the future and continuing development of the Coláiste. Go raibh maith agat.

COLÁISTE STUDENTS TAKE TOP PRIZE AT GMIT

8 secondary schools:- Calasancius College, Oranmore, Coláiste an Eachréidh, Baile Átha an Rí, Coláiste Sheosaimh (Bish), Galway, Dominican College, Taylor's Hill, Portumna Community School, Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam, Presentation Secondary School, Galway, St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea, participated in an action-packed competition day in GMIT on 5th April.

The day's events started at 9am, with a welcome from Mary MacCague, Head of School of Humanities, followed by the European Media Quiz, a Chocolate Dessert Competition, Art & Sculpture Competition, an Individual Oral Competition, and a Short Film Competition.

The Prize-giving took place at 2pm, and the WINNERS were....



European Media Quiz: Winners of the GMIT shield for 2011: Coláiste an Eachréidh, Baile Átha an Rí.

Individual Oral Presentation: Joint 1st Prize went to Seán Pokall of Coláiste an Eachréidh, Baile Átha an Rí and Tony Duggan of Coláiste Sheosaimh (Bish) Galway.

Art & Sculpture Competition 3rd Prize Ciarán Mac Eoin.

Organised by language lecturers in the GMIT School of Humanities, this initiative has become an annual event to promote language learning and to encourage students to continue with their languages at third level or take up a new one.

Mary MacCague, Head of School of Humanities, says "This is a wonderful initiative to encourage young people to enjoy learning new languages and to promote the importance of languages for their future in our multilingual and multicultural society."

Míle buíochas to Múinteoir Deirdre who organised the trip, prepared the students and accompanied them to GMIT on the 5th April last for what turned out to be a most successful, memorable day for us.



BLIAIN 1 - 2011 (3 absent from photo)

Ceiliúradh Gaisce Samhradh / Summer Awards Ceremony



Yet again we had a very well attended Ceiliúradh Gaisce ceremony this year with many parents and family members present for the end-of-year awards presentation. Pictured here to the left, accepting their awards for **GAEILGE**– an



acknowledgement of their efforts in promoting Gaeilge in the Coláiste—Emily (3), Ciara(5) Jackson (1), Julienne (4), Saoirse (1) agus Evan (2) Comhghairdeas libh go léir. Eamon Ó Tuairisc,

Londis Athenry, kindly sponsored the gift vouchers for the GAEILGE awards, buíochas leis as ucht a chuid tacaíochta. Above right , **OBAIR SCOILE** recipients:- Seán (4) agus Niamh (5), Eimhear (1), Seán (2), Aoife (2), Heather (3) agus Muireann (1) were presented with their certificates and vouchers in recognition of their application to their studies and class work.



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ATTENDANCE AWARDS, to the right, are given to pupils who attended each day (*in school everyday or all but one day*) in recognition of their excellent attendance despite the elements etc., well done



Seán(4), Emily (3), Kyle (3), Fiona (5), Josh (1), Maitiú (3), Eimhear (2), Caoimhe (2) Ciarán(2), Darrell (1), Muireann(1) agus Tier-nan(1), maith sibh ar fad. **CEANNAIREACHT / LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

Pictured above left are:- Niamh (5), Cian(4), Donagh(3), Róisín(1) agus Caoimhe(2) all of whom were nominated for the Ceannaireacht awards. This award recognises students for their maturity, cooperation and in general their contribution to school life. Comhghairdeas libh ar fad. Buíochas to all who attended and to our ceoltóirí (see below) who provided wonderful entertainment during the presentations.



Ceoltóirí :- Méabh(2), Ciarán (2), Eimhear (2), Aoife (1), Caoimhe (2) Sinéad (1), Gearóid (4), Seán(4) & Brandan (4)



French Drama Company Visit

The students were afforded the opportunity to engage with an interactive performance. Buíochas to Múinteoirí Bláthnaid & Deirdre for organising the event and preparing the pupils for their roles in the drama.

NETBOOKS

Bliain 1, Bliain 2 agus Idirbhliain (Transition Year) students will each have a Netbook next year. There will be a much reduced initial cost of €20, more detail on this new development in Sept.

Duais Ranga 2011– Project Work Gold Medalists

Winners of the Duais Ranga - an award given for excellence in project work (pictured right) which is submitted as part of the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate State Examinations, were:- **Niamh (5) Foirgníocht** Construction Studies; **Kyle (3) Adhmadóireacht** Woodwork, **Sorcha (3) Eacnamaíocht Bhaile** Home Economics, **Cian(3) Ealaín** Art agus **Eoin (3) Miotalóireacht** Metalwork . Peadar (5) received the **Innealtóireacht** Engineering award.



Also, pictured are Niamh and Kyle with múinteoir Turlough - their Construction Studies and Woodwork teacher.



Peadar (5) Innealtóireacht



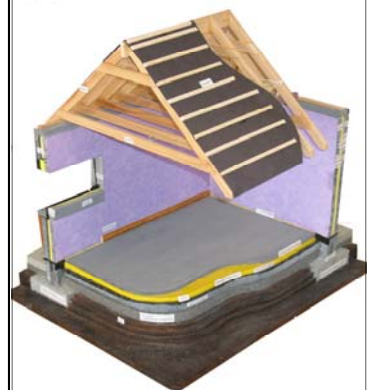
Cian (3) Ealaín

Lá Spóirt an Choláiste

The Coláiste Lá Spóirt was held on 24 th May. The students were grouped into four teams which competed in various events including:- games (*basketball, volleyball, soccer, table-tennis, handball, chess*), races (*100m, 4x50m relay, 800m etc.*) and novelty events (*sack-race, wellie-race, horse & jockey race, obstacle races etc.*). Points were allocated for each event, whereby 1st were awarded 7 points, 2nd—5 points, 3rd—3 points and 4th— 1 point. In total 97 games were played in the morning and 27 events in the afternoon, the points were totaled. A fun day was had by all and the winning team is pictured below—they amassed 172 points. Bhain gach duine taitneamh as an lá. Great tribute to all but a special mention to Múinteoir Seán whose organisation and enthusiasm made it all possible.



**BUAITEOIRÍ
LÁ SPÓIRT
2011
Winning Team**



Niamh (5) Foirgníocht

Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta / Gaeltacht Scholarships

Comhghairdeas le Aoife Ní Chonaill, Diarmuid Ó hAirmhí, Gráinne Nic Amhail, Tiernan Ó Ceallaigh, Aoife De Búrca agus Saoirse Ní Mhainnín , all of whom received a Gaeltacht scholarship, worth in excess of €600, from Coiste Gairmoideachais Co. na Gaillimhe, to attend the ‘**Spleodar**’ Cúrsa Gaeilge for 3 weeks during the Summer. Go n-eirí libh. This is a great opportunity for the students to experience Gaeltacht life, where they hear Gaeilge spoken in the homes and local community. Beatha teangan í a labhairt agus ba chóir go mbeadh snas ar a gcuid Gaeilge anois.



Kyle (3) Adhmadóireacht

Buaiteoirí G-Factor Daltaí ag rámhafocht (cá bhfuil an t-uisce?) agus ag dreapadóireacht i DELPHI.



Students enjoying the G-Factor prize, valued at €1,700 - an activities day at DELPHI for 35 students. National finalists and provincial winners of Glór na nGael competition (see page 2)



Eoin (3) Miotalóireacht