

Newsletter Summer 2015

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Junk Kouture entry wins Repak Recycling Award at National Final



Congratulations to Emer Martin, Ciara Murphy and Katie Christanseen , Transition Year students who have been chosen from 958 entries to win the Repak Recycling Award at the National finals of the Junk Kouture competition.

The Recycling award winning entry is FRESH 'N FAMOUS. The outfit recycles flour, Brennans Bread wrappers and Sellotape rolls. The girls used the flour with salt and water which they baked and cut into shapes. After much experimenting with shapes and designs the girls, assisted and guided by Art teacher, Ms McGee settled on the final design which was inspired by Madonna and fifties fashion was modelled by Emer on the night.. The girls have put huge time and effort into the competition and feel it was all worth it.

The girls were one of four entries from Scoil Mhuire who took part in the Regional competition in the Helix and were very well supported by Scoil Mhuire students.

Other regional finalists were Jean Gill Pollock, Emma Reilly, Sarah Harkin, Brianna Byrne, Claudia Nevin, Sophie Murphy, Emily Kinsella and Sophie Callanan. The models performed most professionally during the catwalk show. Well done to everyone .

Scoil Mhuire, Clane wins the All Ireland Mini Company Get Up and Go Mini Company Competition.



Jean wins trip to Europe

Congratulations to Transition year student Jean Gill Pollock who won the Graduate.ie online civic awareness competition sponsored by Kildare County Council. Jean will spend 4 days in Strasbourg with 26 other students from Ireland. The competition encourages students to develop awareness and understanding of how various public institutions work.

Fundraising reaches €5000



Congratulations to the 5th yr. fundraising committee who reached their target of €5000 for the Friends of St. Lukes Cancer care charity. The students travelled with Mr. Dermody and Mr. Breslin to St. Lukes to present the cheque. Thank you to everyone who donated to the events organised to raise the money.

Prefects and Mentors

Thank you to all our outgoing prefects and mentors who have worked so well all year. We wish you every success in your exams and in the future. We welcome our new team of prefects who are already taking on school duties with energy and enthusiasm.

CAO Change of Mind

The change of mind facility is now open. Students can change the order of their choices up to July 1st. www.cao.ie. Grant applications are also open on www.susi.ie.

School Bank Success

Congratulations to school bank members, Manager, Eoghan Gallagher, Deputy Manager and Chris Martin, Harry James, Mayowa Akinolu and Colm Keating who won the silver award in the regional finals of the schools bank competition.

Relaxation Morning for 6th year students

In February the Religion team organised a Relaxation morning for 6th year students. Various activities including zumba and meditation were on offer to students and these were followed by a coffee morning. Feedback was extremely positive.

German Language Workshop

German students were treated to a day of language workshops in March where they practiced their spoken German through role play and games.

Musical 2015



First and second year students immersed themselves in this year's musical 'Take a chance on Me' – the songs of Abba last month. After months of preparation an excellent show was enjoyed by full houses over three nights. Congratulations to Ms. Dunne, Mr. Dempsey and Mr. O'Brien and all the cast and crew for such an energetic production.

Fifth Year Play



Congratulations to all who participated in the play “Happy Birthday Dear Alice “ the 5th year school production. It was a resounding success on both nights with the actors on stage giving their all. It was a play that brought all aspects of theatre together, sound , lighting ,props ,front of house ,ticket sellers , prompters and backstage. Outstanding performances were given by Betty Gunson (Alice),Harry Quinn(Jimmy), Karl Lynam(Cormac),Bebhinn Cogan(Barbara),Nicole Martin(Sandy) and Michael Freaney Fitzmaurice (Barry) Well done to all, it was a joy working with you.Mr P.Dermody and Mr P.Breslin

Annual Memorial Mass

The annual memorial mass was held in school on May 6th with 77 people from the school community remembered. It was a special night of remembrance and reflection for families and friends of the school.

Lilliput Adventure Trip

Fifth year students travelled to Westmeath for a weekend of stress relief and lots of activities recently in the Lilliput adventure centre. Bog hopping was the most popular event of the weekend.

Year Book

Well done to the transition year book committee who have produced an excellent Yearbook. It goes on sale next week at €10.

European Tour



The second year tour at Easter was a great success. Taking in Munich, Innsbruck and Gardaland, the 80 strong tour group had five action packed days and nights. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip and many lasting memories were made.

Transition Year Gaeltacht Visit

80 Transition year students travel to the Colaiste Acla in the Mayo Gaeltacht this week for a few days of immersion in Irish language and culture. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to improve their Irish in preparation for the Leaving Certificate which now weights the oral at 40%.

Art Trip to Rome and Florence

24 5th and 6th year art students went on the Art Trip this year during the February Midterm. The trip was 3 nights & 4 days. We flew into Rome, spend the day in Rome, then travelled up to Florence and stayed in Montecatini just outside Florence. We have a jam packed 4 days highlights included a collection of Galleries such as the Uffizi, the Vatican and the Brancacci Chapel. Sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Colosseum and Florence Cathedral. The trip was really enjoyed by both Teachers- Ms. McGee & Ms. Kelly, and all the 22 students. The next Art Trip is now on the planning stages for Paris in 2017.

1st yr End of Year Outing

All first year students have the opportunity to visit Croke Park Museum and do the sky walk next week on their end of year trip.

Speakers from Hope D

Fifth year students attended a workshop on May 11th on Dealing with Stress and Anxiety given by speakers from the HopeD group.(Help other people endure depression)

LCVP Speakers

LCVP students have been introduced to the working world recently with guest speakers including Dawn Foords, Bryan Murphy, Nurse Patricia Harkin and speakers from Barretstown offering their insights on working life and business.

Award Ceremonies

End of year award ceremonies take place on Mon and Tue of next week with nominations announced this week. Congratulations to all nominees and winners. Guest speakers this year include Willie McCreery, Colm Cooper and Paul Robinson.

Toe Tapping Thursday

The Toe Tapping Thursday lunchtime sessions in the canteen have been a huge success this year with students from all years performing. There have been instrumentals, singers, guitarists, cellists, keyboard players showing great enthusiasm for a range from pop to rock to rap.

SPORTS NEWS

Mickella Gill smashes two World Records



Soccer Cap for Sean Callan



Congratulations to 15 yr old Sean Callan who got his first Soccer cap for Ireland against Czech Republic on Feb 15th. Sean, who is from Clane, started playing at U9 with Clane then progressed to Home Farm at U10 and was captain of Home Farm for 4 years. he then progressed to Shamrock Rovers where he is now captain. Middlesborough and Sunderland and some other clubs are interested in Sean and he is hoping to go for trials in the near future. We wish Sean every success in his soccer career

Athletics

Well done to all entrants in the Community Schools Athletic Championships last week. We took home 4 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze medals. Our first year team were placed second out of 32 schools and overall 3rd in field events. Special congratulations to Anna McGrath of first year who jumped 8.6metres and broke the stadium record in the triple jump.

Boxing Sportstar for Natasha

Natasha Logan, boxing star and holder of 12 National titles was presented with a Sportstar

Award by Des Cahill in the Aviva last week. Congratulations to Natasha who has worked so hard for her success. Natasha trains for four hours a day and will represent Ireland in the World Cup this month.

U16 Camogie Final

Clane 5-7 Kilcock 3-4

It was a beautiful sunny day in Hawkfield on the 18th March when our camogie girls faced Scoil Dara, Kilcock in the U16 Kildare Camogie League Final. It was a game of great skill and heart and even though Clane led throughout the game, Kilcock rallied in the second half and mounted a lot of pressure on our Clane players. However, all was not lost as the ever talented Annie Harper rattled the back of the net on three occasions to widen the gap between the two teams. Others who were equally as influential were Tara Glynn at midfield, Soairse Gilman, Anna O'Flaherty to name but a few. These girls are very talented players and will only strengthen our very strong senior team next year. Well done to captain fantastic Eimear Finn and all players. Keep it going girls. A special word of thanks to Ms. Mulligan who took countless training sessions and kept Ms. Earley sane throughout the year!

Senior Camogie.

It was Clane's first year competing in the Dublin School's League and our players did a fine job. Having beaten Lucan, Confey and others along the way, the Clane camogie girls were in a league final against Loretto College of St Stephens Green. It was a bitterly cold day in Ringsend, however the sun was shining and the it was dry. Clane started well but unfortunately it wasn't to be. Loretto were just that little bit too strong for our girls and won out victorious in the end. Clane were devastated, however, there were a lot of positive to take from this game. We are certainly big contenders for next year's league and I think our girls learned a lot on the day. Well done to all players involved and a particular thank you to our sixth year pupils who will be greatly missed. Lisa Redmond, Clodagh Kelly, Sarah Cribbin and captain Niamh Fitzgerald, keep playing camogie and we wish you every success in the future. Clane Abu!

Ladies Football

The Senior and U16 Ladies football teams showed great commitment and dedication this

season.

After last year's success, the Senior team moved up a division and proved that they are more than capable of competing at the higher level. They played some impressive football and narrowly missed out on progressing from their group. Given that it was their first year at this level, they have shown great promise for next year.

The U16 ladies team had a very successful season. They got to the Leinster semi-final and were unfortunately beaten by a very strong team. They showed great determination and skill throughout the season and displayed some fantastic football. Again, they have made great foundations for next year.

We would like to wish all the girls good luck in their exams and we wish all the Leaving Certs best of luck in their future endeavours. It has been a pleasure working with you. Ms. Carden

BOYS U-14 GAELIC FOOTBALL

(SOUTH LEINSTER U-14 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP)

Our campaign started in early September with regular training. We played eight friendly matches before the championship began. We had success against St. Peter's Wexford, Knockbeg and Good Counsel. To get to the semi final against St. Peters. Unfortunately this was not our best display and we lost by points. To end the year we had a class league. We would like to thank Mr. Carbury and Mr. Carr for their help and support. (J. Ball 7 S. Connolly)

Anyone for Golf?

Any student interested in joining the school golf group, please contact Mr. Herring or Mr. Brilly. Female players are most welcome also.

Scoil Mhuire Boys Soccer

It was another busy year for boys soccer in Scoil Mhuire. The school took part in four different age group competitions U14, U15, U17 and U20. The U17 team had a terrific season and reached the final of the Leinster Midlands League where they faced PBS Newbridge. Clane dominated the majority of the final and went ahead in the match twice. After some controversial decisions by the referee the Newbridge side somehow found themselves back in the game. The game went to extra-time. Against the run of play PBS got a goal to give them a 3-2 lead. Clane did not drop their heads and kept pushing on. Their persistence paid off when Ciaran Kelly slotted the ball in the bottom corner to complete his superb hat-trick. The full time whistle was blown and the game ended 3-3. The match would then be decided by a penalty shootout. The shootout was very tense with Newbridge converting all 5 of their penalties to Clane's four meaning that PBS lifted the cup. The team was coached by Mr. Sheridan and Captained by Tadhg Montgomery.

The schools U14, U15 and U19 teams enjoyed mixed fortunes and were unlucky not to progress to the final stages of their competitions.

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