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Coláiste an Eachréidh

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Coiste Gairmoideachais Cho. Na Gaillimhe - Annual Awards Ceremony 2009



County Galway VEC Annual Awards Ceremony recognises and acknowledges the achievements of both past and present pupils. **Kate Nic Donncha**, bliain 2, pictured here with her parents and grandmother was presented with her VEC Award for excellence in the sports category by Seosamh Mac Donncha, CEO, on Wednesday 20th May at the Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry. Kate's talents, skills and achievements have resulted in her selection on the National Equestrian Team - to represent ones country is among, if not, the highest honour for any sports person -comhghairgeas!! Here is but a sample of Kate's many victories to date:- 5th in the grand prix in Le Touquet France April 2008; 1st and 2nd in the RDS qualifier in Coilog last May; 4th in Grand Prix Moorsele Belgium, November 2008; She won the 5,6,7 year old competition on *Imagine if One* at the National Pony Championships in 2008; in Fontainebleau France she won the 1.25 metre speed class and the 1.35 metre grand prix on Sunday April 19th on her pony *Bertas Clover*. She won the 6 year old competition on Saturday 18th, as well as winning the 6 year old grand prix on Sunday on *Imagine If One*, and to top it all she was awarded the prize for the leading female rider at the show.

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Fiona Ní Chuinn Áine-Máire Ní Choisteabhla Peadar Ó hAirmhí

Bliain 3 students Fiona, Áine-Máire and Peadar, pictured above, were presented with medals and certificates in recognition of their excellent work in the practical elements of Home Economics, Art, Woodwork and Metalwork for submission towards the Junior Certificate Examinations (see pictures below).



Eacnamaíocht Bhaile (Fiona)



Ealáin (Áine-Máire)



Adhmadóireacht (Peadar)

2 Seomra Ranga Nua New Additional Rooms

Tá áthas orm a fhógairt that 2 new classroom will be constructed during the summer months. These rooms will be developed as first floor rooms on top of the 2 rooms built last September. This latest extension will bring to 10 the number of rooms at the Coláiste as well as the office and seomra na múinteoirí.



Miotalóireacht (Peadar)

GRADAM SPÓIRT / SPORTS AWARDS 2009

EITPHEIL/ Volleyball

Cáit agus Kyle accepting the Coláiste Volleyball Gradam (below).



LEADÓG BHOIRD/ Table Tennis

Barra and Darren (below) were recipients of the Coláiste Table tennis Gradam



SRAITH SACAIR/Coláiste Soccer league



The students played a school soccer league during the last few weeks of term. In all 39 games were contested at lunch time and the eventual winners were Cáit(1), Alan (3-captain) agus Aaron(1) and the runners-up Darren(1), Déaglán(1) and Róisín (3, captain), all pictured receiving their trophies.



GRADAM SPÓIRT / SPORTS AWARDS 2009

LÚTHCHLEASAÍOCHT / Athletics

Peadar Ó hAirmhí was presented the Coláiste Athletics Gradam in recognition of his achievements in both cross-country and, track and field events. Peadar won silver in the Connacht cross-country Intermediate (U17) Boys race and competed in the All-Ireland Finals which were held in Jordanstown. He added to his medal haul by again winning the silver medal in County 800m and then Connacht 800m in the Intermediate Boys category.



LEADÓG BHOIRD / Table Tennis

The first year girls had an eventful year in table tennis. Having been instructed in the fundamentals of the game by Ireland veteran-Terry Dolan, they won County and Connacht titles before travelling to Fivemiletown where they represented their province in the schools' All-Ireland and picked up bronze medals for their efforts. Cáit, Donagh, Orla, Daire, Sinéad agus Aoife are pictured here being awarded the Coláiste Table Tennis Gradam in recognition of their achievements.



GRADAM MARCAÍOCHTA / Equestrian Sport Award

The Coláiste equestrian team competed in several inter-schools' events during the year guided by their chef d'équipe—Eugene Flatherty. Teams of 4 jump the courses with the best 3 results counting. Jockeys also have the opportunity to participate in an individual event and Emily Nielsen was awarded the Coláiste Equestrian Gradam for winning bronze from a field of 56 riders. It appears the Coláiste may have 2 teams next year, comhghairdeas to all involved.



CISPHEIL / Basketball

The boys basketball team reached the regional final against a very strong St. Enda's side. On the way they overcame local rivals - Pres Athenry. Conchur Mac Seóin and Micheál Ó Coiste-abhla were winners of the Coláiste Basketball Gradam for their leadership, commitment and high scoring throughout the campaign. Buíochas to the team trainer –Ger Lyons.

CAMÓGAÍOCHT / Camogie

Donagh agus Sinéad, both from the Clarinbridge club, were on the Gairmscoil Mhuire panel. The girls won County and Connacht honours and were unlucky to lose the All-Ireland semi-final by the narrowest of margins, a single point. Beidh lá eile ag an bPaorach, a deirtear. The Coláiste is very grateful to our sister school, Gairmscoil Mhuire, for affording students the opportunity to play football, hurling, camogie and rugby until such time as the Coláiste will be in a position to field its own teams.



CEILIÚRADH GAISCE / AWARDS CEREMONY SAMHRADH 2009

On Thursday 28th May at 3.00pm the end of year Awards Ceremony / Ceiliúradh Gaisce took place at the Coláiste. Students' achievements and participation in various activities throughout the school year are acknowledged.

Awards /**Gradaim** are presented under several headings—Tinreamh/Attendance, Ceannaireacht/Leadership, Gaeilge, Obair Scoile/school work agus Spóirt.



Criostóir Ó Floinn(1), Seán Pokall (2) agus Niamh Ní Ghoill (3) were presented with the Gradam Ceannaireachta/Leadership for 2009.



Pictured with Tomás Breathnach (Cathaoirleach BOM) and accepting their Certificates and vouchers are Sean Pokall (2),

100% Attendance!!

Peadar Ó hAirmhí (3), Ciara Ní Chuinn (3), Niamh Ní Ghoill(3) agus Maitiú Ó Cathail (1). Miss-

ing from the photograph, an error on my part, is ORLA NIC CÁBA who also had a 100% attendance record - her Certificate and voucher have been posted to her. Bliain 3 were the best class to attend, missing on average only 4 days, Bliain 1 absenteeism averaged 6 days while Bliain 2 were *as láthair* on an average of 10 lá, they need to improve on this next year. Overall attendance was excellent with 32% of pupils missing only 2 days or less during the school year. Comhghairdeas!

CISTIN NUA / NEW HOME ECONOMICS ROOM

I am happy to announce that despite the economic downturn a new fully-fitted kitchen will be installed over the summer months. The Coláiste students will be able to avail of our own cooking facilities. We are very grateful to Gairmscoil Mhuire for accommodating us over the last number of years.

SÁR-IARRACHT INA GCUID OIBRE

Presented with awards for dedication to their studies are Seán Pokall(2), Jane Ní Tháilliúir (2), Heather Nic an Róibín (1) agus



Aoife Nic Aodhgháin(1) and Orla Nic Cába(1)

GRADAM GAEILGE

Bronnadh an gradam Gaeilge ar



dhuine as gach bliain-Fiona Ní Chuinn(3), Brandon Ó Greacháin(2) agus Orla Nic Cába(1)

COISTE TUISMITHOIRÍ ELECTIONS

Coláiste an Eachréidh which is under the auspices of County Galway Vocational Education Committee re-elects parents' representatives (2) to its Board of Management after each Local Election. As the recent elections took place during the holidays the nominations for parents' representatives will be sought at the Coiste Tuismitheoirí AGM at the beginning of the new school-year. To ensure gender representation— a mother and a father of enrolled students will be elected to the Board.

ADDITIONAL COMPUTERS SANCTIONED

The Department of Education and Science sanctioned €13,800 for computers and the associated software to enable the Coláiste introduce T4 (technical graphics) as a Leaving Certificate subject. This will also facilitate tuition in computer studies with a view to offering ECDL modules to students.

LEABHAR SCOILE / TEXTBOOKS

Buíochas to all students who returned school textbooks. Despite budgetary cutbacks, which abolished book grants, the Coláiste will endeavour to continue its book rental scheme. The vast majority of textbooks were returned in excellent condition. The Coláiste will have to be reimbursed for non-returns and books returned in poor condition. The class-sets of text books is working well and hopefully we will be able to add to it.

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE was very successful again this year. Pictured below



are some of the students who participated in Agallaimh Beirte prepared by múinteoir Bláthnaid agus múinteoir Niamh. The students performed in the Loughrea Hotel. In this picture they are seen receiving their FÁINNE ÓIR.

OBAIR NA NDALTAÍ / Students' Work



Róisín's Art work (left). Below is some more Art work and a skirt submitted for the Teastas Sóisearach / Junior Certificate Home Economics (Ciara Ní Chuinn)



Coláiste an Eachréidh's Junior Certificate students have just completed their examinations and by so doing have made history as the first class to sit State Examinations at the Coláiste. In total, 15 subjects areas were Examined with students taking 11 subjects each. They have been a pioneering class since they first started on the 29th August 2006 and this year's Junior Certificate is yet another milestone for them and indeed for the Coláiste.

NEW BUS SERVICE for LOUGHREA

The establishment of a service from Loughrea, serving the larger Craughwell area, is a major advancement especially for the pupils of Gaelscoil Riabach. This recently sanctioned school-transport route is additional to the 2 routes which were set up at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. The Coláiste now has school buses serving the Tuam, Oranmore, Clarinbridge, Kilcolgan, Craughwell and Loughrea areas as well as the existing services for the greater Athenry catchment.

Bus Éireann are contracted by the Department of Education and Science to arrange school transport and invoices will issue about the end of July. Enquiries can be made by calling Bus Éireann at 091-563555, 537512. In any event, it is strongly advised to pay for the bus ticket by the stated deadline to be sure of a seat for the beginning of term.

Coláiste reopens for

BLIAIN 1 / First Years

On Tuesday 1st September

All other classes are back
on Wednesday 2/09/09



Bliain 1 baptism at Petersburg, 2008, what new First years can expect in 2009!

Daltaí keeping a close eye on developments last September, much more to come by the beginning



of the next school year – 2 new classrooms, fully-fitted kitchen, new bus service, extra computers and most importantly the commencement of the Leaving Certificate programme, more history in the making. Bain taitneamh as an saoire!