

School Year 2008 - 2009

News for week ending Friday November 7th 2008

A number of sporting fixtures have taken place since the return after the mid-term break and the following is a summary of the results:

Our first year boys' soccer team travelled to Cahir On Wednesday November 5th, to play Colaíste Dun Iascaigh in the Munster Cup. The team, although they played well, lost and the final score was 2-1.

Also on November 5th, our senior boys' football team competed in the Munster Senior football championship when they took on a team from Rathkeale, Co. Limerick . The game which was played in Lattin saw Scoil Ruáin beaten by a 3 point margin.

Thursday November 6th saw Scoil Ruáin make an exit from the Sciath Uí Chatháin, Tipperary Post Primary Schools' First Year Hurling Championship. The game against St. Mary's, Newport was played in Dr. Morris Park, Cashel.

Three senior boys proudly represented Scoil Ruáin on the County Tipperary Vocational Schools' senior football team on Tuesday November 11 th when Tipperary met Limerick in the Munster semi-final. The students involved: Ben Walsh, Enda McCarthy and Michael Ivors made a positive contribution to the team which was unlucky to be narrowly defeated.

Business Table Quiz

On Wednesday November 12th, a group of second year Business Studies students participated in a table quiz organised by the Tipperary Institute in conjunction with the Business Studies Teachers Association of Ireland (Thurles branch). The quiz, which took place at The Ragg, Thurles involved questions which were both of a business and general knowledge nature and a most enjoyable morning was had by the students involved.

News for week ending Friday November 21st 2008

Senior Boys' Soccer

On Monday November 17th, our senior boys' soccer team was successful in reaching the quarter final of the John Murphy cup. The game which was played on the school's astraturf facility saw the senior boys secure a very impressive victory over Coláiste Cathal Naofa of Dungarvan.

The panel was as follows: Ben Walsh; Taylor Duffy; J.J. Webster; James Kavanagh; Darragh Prendergast; Brian Kelly; Joe O'Dwyer; John O'Dwyer; Michael Ivors; Adam Lyons; Daniel Hickey; Shane Prout; Killian Duggan; William Power; Matthew Butler; Alan Burke; Stephen Coffey and Aidan Leahy.

Senior Boys' Football

On Wednesday November 19th our senior football team progressed to the next round of the McGabhann Cup when they played Nenagh C.B.S. The game resulted in a close final score of 1-13 to 3-6.

The panel was as follows: Brian Kelly; Darragh Prendergast. Kieran Tobin; Mark Fitzgerald. Enda McCarthy; Keith Mullally; James Kavanagh; Ben Walsh; Michael Ivors; Liam Lannigan; Matthew Butler; Tomás Nolan; Joe O'Dwyer; Aidan Guilfoyle; James Shaw; Shane Doyle; Daniel Hickey; Marcus O'Halloran; William Power; Simon Standbridge and John O'Dwyer.

Girls' Basketball

On Wednesday November 18th, our under 16 cadet and under nineteen senior girls' basketball teams travelled to Tipperary to take on two teams from St. Anne's Secondary School. The under 16 team proved to be a low scoring encounter, with St. Anne's going into a six point lead in the opening minutes. In the second and third quarters, Scoil Ruáin began to find their feet with excellent individual performances from Grace Fanning, Alison Gaynor and Bridget Doyle whose energy and enthusiasm was acknowledged by the spectators on a number of occasions. However, this wasn't a great performance by the Scoil Ruáin girls who never played to their full potential and so victory was conceded to St. Anne's. The final score was 21-14. We now face Presentation Waterford in the regional quarter final and it is hoped that they can recapture their form before this important game.

Cadet panel: Alison Gaynor; Hannah Daly; Grace Fanning; Chloe Gleeson, Deirdre O'Donovan; Niamh Brett; Stephanie Lahart; Eileen Croke; Bridget Doyle; Róisín Prendergast; Amy Pollard; Shannon Hickey.

Our senior team's physical dominance on the rebound and their ability to finish strongly resulted in a fine victory over a much improved St. Anne's side. The sides were level on a number of occasions throughout the first half and mid-way through the second quarter St. Anne's held the lead by two points. However, the pressure imposed by Scoil Ruáin during the game was relentless and in the third and fourth quarters our girls finally got to grips with the opposition's ability to score thanks to some excellent defensive work from Michelle Meagher and Theresa Burke in particular. It was, however, the physical dominance of Erin Slattery and the passing and movement of guards like Shauna Hayes, Cáit Murphy and Áine O'Donovan in particular that guaranteed the 40-28 victory for the Killenaule girls. They now face Presentation Waterford in early December in the regional quarter final.

Senior Panel: Aileen Hanley; Erin Slattery; Theresa Burke; Fiona Lahart; Rebecca O'Riordan; Michelle Meagher; Amie O'Brien; Shauna Hayes; Áine O'Donovan and Alice Meagher.

Under 14 boys' soccer

Scoil Ruáin had an impressive win over St. Ailbe's of Tipperary Town in a game held on Friday November 21st . Despite being a goal down after ten minutes of the first half, scores by Jacques Shelly(2) and Evan Crotty helped secure a 3-2 victory for Scoil Ruáin.

News for week ending Friday December 5th 2008

Water conservation website launch and environmental awards

On Thursday November 20th Scoil Ruáin played host for the launch, by South Tipperary County Council of its new water awareness website. Councillor Susan Meagher, who is chairperson of the school's board of management, launched the website and acknowledged yet again the excellent track record of the school in the area of environmental awareness. Mr. Sean Keating, Director of Environmental Services with the county council, gave students, staff and council officials an overview of the website which was developed to provide an information hub for schools, homes, businesses, and farms on issues relating to the reduction of clean water wastage. The website also contains simple tips for water conservation at home and at work, in school and on the farm. The website can be accessed at www.southtippcoco.ie/water.

Monday December 1st saw Scoil Ruáin receive two environmental awards at a ceremony held in Hotel Minella, Clonmel. The ceremony which was hosted by South Tipperary County Council recognised the efforts of many local schools, both primary and post-primary in the area of environmental awareness. Under the 'Tidy Schools Awards' category, the school gained second place in the Tidy Secondary Schools section and received the accolade of Best Water Conservation Project for its submission on the subject of water conservation in a recent competition ran by the county council.

J.C.S.P. Creative Writing

A number of first, second and third year J.C.S.P. students have, over the course of the past four weeks, participated in a series of creative writing workshops with poet and novelist Grace Wells. The sixteen students involved took part in the workshops which were held in the school and used the creative writing skills that they developed to produce a number of short stories about The Famine.

News for week ending Friday January 9th 2009

B.T. Young Scientist Exhibition

Congratulations and well done to our young scientists who represented their school so well at the B.T. Young Scientist Exhibition which was held last week at the R.D.S., Dublin . First Years Sarah O'Connell, Megan Hassett and Aisling Kelly investigated the factors that determine the hatchability of hen eggs, while Second Years William Morgan and Paul Webster chose to study the use of oils in the early treatment of colic in horses. The effectiveness of exercise on improving the ciliary and extra-ocular muscles of the eye was the subject of investigation for Transition Year students Darren Hehir and Stephen Tierney. Many long hours of research, experimentation and report writing have been completed by all the students involved in preparing their entries and the news on Friday last that the First Year girls and Transition Year boys were to receive commendation for their entries was met with great delight. This is a fantastic achievement for all the students involved, especially in light of the fact that this is Scoil Ruáin's first year of entry to the competition. Great credit is also due to the teachers, parents and the many others who have mentored, guided and supported the students over the past number of months.



First Year students Aisling Kelly, Megan Hassett and Sarah O'Connell with some of the chicks hatched in their incubator



Second Year students William Morgan and Paul Webster conduct an experiment for their project on the use of oils to treat colic in horses



Transition Year students Steven Tierney and Darren Hehir conducting tests to investigate if exercise can improve the muscles of the eye

Senior Boys' soccer

Congratulations to our senior boys who have qualified for the Munster final of the John Murphy cup. The team travelled to Killarney on Thursday January 8th for their semi-final encounter with St. Patrick's College, Castleisland. The team performed very well and managed to establish their dominance on the game from an early stage and lead 1-0 at half time with the help of a goal from John O'Dwyer. Further scores followed in the second half thanks to Michael Ivors and Aaron Conran. This proved to be a fine game of soccer with some excellent passing and tremendous work being done by the back four of Killian Duggan, J.J. Webster, Brian Kelly and Darragh Prendergast. Great credit is also due to Aaron Conran and to Adam Lyons who was exceptional at midfield and to John O'Dwyer who gave an outstanding performance. The boys now look forward to the Munster final clash against Nagle Community College , Mahon on Thursday next, January 15th in Limerick . We wish them the best of luck.

The Scoil Ruáin team was as follows:

Ben Walsh; Killian Duggan; J.J. Webster; Darragh Prendergast; Brian Kelly; Joe O'Dwyer; John O'Dwyer; Michael Ivors; Adam Lyons; Shane Prout; Aaron Conran; William Power; James O'Meara and Aidan Leahy.

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Senior boys' soccer

Commiserations to our senior boys' soccer team which was unlucky to be defeated by Nagle Community College, Mahon, Cork in the Munster final of the John Murphy cup. The game, which was played in Mullinahone on Thursday last, January 15th, saw Killenaule maintain a dominant presence throughout the game. The Scoil Ruáin boys were unfortunate in missing two scoring attempts, one hitting the post and another hitting the crossbar. Killenaule did manage to score, thanks to a goal from John O'Dwyer but this was ruled off side. Eventually, with ten minutes remaining in the game, Nagle Community College scored against the run of play. The match ended with a score of 1-0. Overall, Scoil Ruáin was deemed to be the better team but luck was not on our side on this occasion. Well done to the boys on reaching the Munster final of the competition and on representing their school so well.

The Scoil Ruáin panel was as follows: Ben Walsh; Killian Duggan; J.J. Webster; Darragh Prendergast; Brian Kelly; Joe O'Dwyer; John O'Dwyer; Michael Ivors; Adam Lyons; Shane Prout; Aaron Conran; William Power; Matthew Butler; James O'Meara, Stephen Coffey and Aidan Leahy.

News for week ended Friday March 13th 2009

OKI 'Tools for Schools' Photography Competition

Congratulations to Izabell Bouwer, a first year student who gets to “adopt” an African elephant for a year, her prize as a result of entering the OKI Printing Solutions ‘Tools for Schools' photography competition. The competition, which is run in conjunction with the Born Free Foundation required entrants to photograph a wildlife scene and Izabell, who is a member of the school's photography club used her considerable talent to capture a swan on camera while on a field trip earlier this year.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Transition Year students organised a ceilí in St. Mary's Parish Hall for the benefit of First Year students on Thursday March 5th to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Student Enterprise Awards

Congratulations to the group of four Second Year students who were awarded third place in the Intermediate section of the Enterprise competition run by South Tipperary County Enterprise Board. The students were required to set up and run a business as well as prepare a Business Plan. The finale of the competition was held on Friday March 6th at

the Conmel Park Hotel where the girls displayed their business and were interviewed by a panel of judges. The students involved Chloe Butler, Elaine Browne, Jill Ireland and Shannon Moore set up a mini enterprise entitled 'Bedazzled' making jewellery and hair accessories.

Bank of Ireland Students Awards

Nominees in The Bank of Ireland 2009 Student Awards Scheme were presented with their awards by representatives of Bank of Ireland on Wednesday March 4th. The following students were nominated:

Academic : Junior category Hannah Daly

Senior category Sadé Coady

Art: Junior category Teresa Dunne

Senior category Áine O'Donovan

Sport Junior category Richard Walsh

Senior category John O'Dwyer

Community Spirit Hannah Frister

Entrepreneurial Spirit Amy Lyons

Group Award Transition Year students

Third Year student, Hannah Daly who received the Junior Academic award, has progressed to the next round of the competition, the results of which will be available in the coming weeks.

Sixth Year trip to Excel Theatre

On Monday March 9th , twenty seven Sixth Year students travelled to the Excel Theatre in Tipperary to view an excellent production of 'Macbeth'. This play is part of the Leaving Certificate English syllabus and viewing this production will no doubt prove to be of great benefit to the students as they continue with their preparation for the June exams.

Trip to Bodies – The Exhibition

On Tuesday last, March 10th a group of Transition Year and Fifth Year Biology students visited Bodies – The Exhibition which was on show at the Ambassador Theatre in Dublin . The exhibition which features meticulously dissected real human body specimens preserved through an innovative process and respectfully presented was a most worthwhile and enjoyable experience and gave the students involved a greater understanding of the course content of the Leaving Certificate Biology syllabus.

T.Y. Local Studies

Congratulations to Transition Year students Steven Ryan and Rory Loughman on receiving first prize in the senior category of the Model Building section in the Schools' Heritage project. The theme of this year's competition was "The Great Famine in South Tipperary". Steven and Rory constructed a model of the Ballingarry Famine Warehouse which is currently on display in the County Museum in Clonmel where the Transition Year's group entry is also on show.

All Ireland Inter-Schools' Hunter Trials

A number of students participated in the All-Ireland Inter-Schools' Hunter Trials which were held in Ballinclough, Tramore on Saturday March 14th last. Alan Bourke, Seamus Holohan and Matthew Holohan finished third in the team event out of a field of over eighty teams while Alan Bourke took second place out of over two hundred competitors in the senior individual category. Also competing on the day was the team of Leanne Sheehan, Megan Hassett and Shannon O'Brien while Joseph Morgan and William Morgan competed on an individual basis. Well done to all those who participated and to Chef d'équipe Polly Holohan.

Adult Education Centre

Following a major renovation programme and an extension to the premises, Scoil Ruáin's Adult Education Centre, located opposite St. Mary's Parish Hall is now available for use by members of the community. For further details, contact the school on 052-56332.

News for week ended Friday March 27th 2009

Pramerica Spirit of Community Awards

Congratulations to James Carroll, Third Year and Hannah Frister, Fifth Year who received their awards as finalists in the Pramerica Spirit of Community Awards programme recently. Both students, accompanied by their parents, attended the gala evening of celebration which was held in Letterkenny on Tuesday last, March 24th. Hannah, who was nominated in recognition of her voluntary work with Camphill Duffcarraig, a residential home for adults with special needs and James for his work with P.A.W.S. Animal Rescue Centre each received an engraved silver medallion as well as €500. James, who was one of just five nominees in the junior category of the competition, received special mention at the presentation which was attended by An Tánaiste, Mary Coughlan.

Munster Junior Football

Our junior football team made an early first round exit from Munster Junior Football on Thursday last, March 26th when they encountered a team from Askeaton, Co. Limerick in Oola. The Scoil Ruáin panel was as follows: Stephen Coffey; Dan Croke; Tomás Nolan; Joe O'Dwyer; Marcus O'Halloran; Aidan Guilfoyle; Arron Conran; Shane Doyle; Rory Loughman; James Moloney; Taylor Duffy; Aidan Leahy; Ben Reilly; Conor Maguire; Stephen O'Riordan; Aodhán Maher; Daniel Guinan; Denis Connolly; Joseph Morgan; James Leahy; Jonathan Hickey; George Browning; Simon Standbridge and Dean Mulcahy.

Examination students

Third Year and Sixth Year students having been particularly busy in the run up to Easter as they engage in a number of different elements of assessment of their forthcoming exams. Junior Certificate Home Economics students have completed the practical cooking examinations while Sixth Year Engineering students have submitted project work. In addition, Leaving Certificate students have completed the oral element of both Irish and French,

L.C.V.P. students

Fifth Year Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme students are currently engaging in a week's work placement with various local employers. This is an excellent opportunity for the students involved to gain an insight into the realities of working life. It will also serve to assist them as they consider their future career options.