

# NEWSLETTER

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## *From The Principal's Desk*

The year 2010 will be remembered for many things. Some commentators feel that it was a year of contrasts. On the one hand you had an economic meltdown which resulted in huge financial losses. On the other hand you had no meltdown when it came to snow and ice and this resulted in more losses. Dangerous roads, a lack of water and burst pipes left everyone struggling to maintain progress. But this mustn't deter us from giving our very best. On the contrary; we must grasp the opportunity to turn a negative into a positive. Difficult conditions demand that we up our game and that we co-operate with each other to ensure the very best for the teenagers in our care.

Regardless of either the economy or the weather it is refreshing to see that school life goes on. During the holidays students participating in the Young Scientist competition were on the premises putting the final touches to their projects. Rehearsals for the school show are well under way and continued throughout the Christmas period. Our senior and U-16 hurlers also braved the elements and were on the school pitch in the first week of January. All of this brings to mind the adage that adversity reveals genius whilst prosperity conceals it. Our young pupils and their teachers are only too willing to accept the challenges that life throws at them and thus they will in due course feel the excitement of victory.

It is worth remembering that society will always recognise and reward hard work. There are still plenty of opportunities for our students who should never forget the wise saying that 'the harder I work the luckier I become'. The Cork senior football team experienced many setbacks in the past 20 years. It seemed on occasions that they would never again win an All-Ireland. Our opponents seemed invincible and time and again defeat was heaped upon defeat. Note however that this never stopped coaches and players gathering their strength and their courage to make another attempt. The inevitable happened and when perspiration met opportunity last September all of the past failures were wiped away.

I am deeply conscious of the role played by Kinsale parents who persist with their dream of success. Looking after teenagers is a thankless task at times but the corner can be turned if we stay united to the twin goals of diligence and determination. Kinsale Community School wasn't built because a government official had a soft spot for our students. A lot of hard work was undertaken by a generation of parents who weren't afraid to make sacrifices. We are now standing on the shoulders of those who were involved in that campaign and thus are in a privileged position. I personally spent fourteen years working with the indefatigable Sr. Mary Donovan and am



determined to maintain her work ethic. No recession can stop the good people of Kinsale and thus I am delighted to welcome some Department of Education and Skills inspectors to the school this month. I am certain that they are going to meet some very hardworking people.

*Seán Ó'Brien*

**A reunion is being organised for those who sat their Leaving Cert in Our Lady of the Rosary Secondary School in 1986. Please contact Peter Keohane on 086-3776788 for further details.**

# Gaeilge

Ghlac daltaí ón 6ú Bliain páirt i nDíospóireacht an Phiarsaigh, eagraithe ag Gael Linn i mBaile Bhúirne ar an 15ú Mí na Samhna. Ba é an rún a bhí le plé ná gur cheart do mhuintir na hÉireann fáiltiú roimh chuairt ó bhanríon Shasana. Ceithre fhoireann a bhí ag díospóireacht ar an oíche – Coláiste Chríost Rí, Corcaigh, Meánscoil Chroí Naofa, Cloch na gCoillte, Cnoc Mhuire na Trócaire, Sciobairín agus Scoil Phobail Chionn tSáile, gan amhras. Ba é Jeremiah Wright captaen ár bhfoirne, agus b'iad Neasa O'Leary agus Jacinta O'Callaghan a chomhchainteoirí. Chuaigh lucht tacaíochta ón 6ú Bliain in éineacht leo. D'éirigh thar cionn leo agus bhí caighdeán suntasach Gaeilge acu. D'oibrigh siad go diail lena chéile i rith na díospóireachta, phléigh siad an rún go cumasach lena gcuid argóintí láidre. Ní haon ionadh go bhfuair siad ardmholadh ó na moltóirí! Gan amhras ar bith faoi, bhí siad ar an bhfoireann ab fhearr ar an oíche. Bhí cleachtadh iontach agus fada (!) déanta ag an bhfoireann, na hiondaithe agus a gcomhdhaltaí lena múinteoir Ms Dempsey. Bhuaigh siad an



díospóireacht agus rachaidh siad ar aghaidh chuig an chéad bhabhta eile i mí Eanáir. Go n-éirí an t-ádh leo!

*Selina Ní Dhonabháin*

## Kinsale Students Receive Scholarships

For the third year in a row Kinsale Community School has been recognised for its outstanding Leaving Certificate results when two its students received prestigious scholarships awarded by the JP McManus All Ireland Scholarships Trust. This annual scholarship scheme provides third level education scholarships to top 100 performing eligible Leaving Certificate students.

Billy McCarthy and Eoin O'Leary, who obtained places in UCC and TCD respectively, were presented with their scholarships by JP McManus at a special ceremony held in UL on Saturday, 6 November. Joining them in celebrating their success were their families and their school principal Seán O Broin who said, 'I am very proud of the achievements of Billy and Eoin who were all-round excellent students in Kinsale Community School and who are an excellent example to our current students.'

In December Billy was also awarded an entrance scholarship by UCC for his outstanding Leaving Certificate results. He is currently studying Maths, History, Philosophy and Greek and Roman Civilisation in UCC. We wish both gentlemen the very best for their futures.



*Eoin and Billy with JP McManus, Minister of State Peter Power and Mr Ó Broin*



*Billy receives his Entrance Scholarship from President Michael Murphy*

# Students Lauded at Kinsale Awards Night



Y6 Nominees

Kinsale Community School held its annual awards ceremony, Éacht na Scolaí, on Friday 12 November. Nearly 500 students, parents and staff packed into the school hall to honour the achievements of the Kinsale students in a variety of areas.

Guest of Honour for the night was former school principal and current manager of the Limerick hurling team, Dónal O'Grady. He praised the work of the school and in his address he highlighted that although results are important he thought it far more important that students learn to be decent young people and adults. Dónal said the night was a celebration of the many fine attributes and achievements of Kinsale students and in his address he unsurprisingly used a number of hurling analogies. He also told us who the best left-wing back in history was, both in heaven and on earth! Testament to Dónal's generosity is the fact that instead of being given a token of appreciation by the school he insisted the money used to buy such a token be given to local charity and this was done when a presentation to Kinsale Lions Club President, Tony Cierans.

On the night, students received awards for a host of achievements and activities ranging from Year Awards to Sporting Awards to Academic Awards. Pupils from the Leaving Cert class of 2010 were honoured for their outstanding results with the Senior Academic Award being presented by Seamus Malone from Eli Lilly to Billy McCarthy who is now studying in UCC.

Other notable awards on the night were the Sinéad Barry

Memorial Award for Business which went to Holly McGill and the Catherine O'Byrne Memorial Award for German which was presented to Rebecca Foott. The Kilian Ryan Memorial Award for the Arts was presented to accordion player Liam O'Keefe who displayed his fine musical skills during the musical interlude. Lorraine Stanley, Manager of the AIB, presented the Junior Sports Award to joint winners Timmy Broderick and Mateusz Rudak, whilst Conor Brosnan, Manager of the Bank of Ireland, presented Jacinta Crowley with the Senior Sports Award.

One award of note was the presentation of two gold medals to Patrick O'Leary and Caron O'Reilly for achieving excellent results in their GAA coaching module during TY. Both Joe McGrath, who teaches the module and John Twomey, Chairman of the South East Board, came to the school to honour the two students and explain that these gold medals are presented by the GAA only when the work is of outstanding quality.

In his address on the night, school principal Seán Ó Broin reminded people that in the past, when times were tougher than at present, the Irish people greatly valued education. He stated that 'Children of past eras have passed on a rich legacy that must never be forgotten and I am glad to say that the students of our school, as represented at tonight's awards, are proud bearers of that tradition.' Mr Ó Broin also paid tribute to former principal Sr Mary Donovan on the night recalling her enormous contribution to education in Kinsale.

The full listing of nominees and award winners is as follows:

**First Year:** Fionnula Cogan, Nicola Coleman, Cormac Gibson, Eoghan Gilleran, Eoin Healy, Elizabeth McCarthy, Emily McCarthy, Capri McPhearson, Tim Murphy, Eimear Nyhan, Bryan O'Donovan, Gary O'Leary, Sheilann O'Meara, Aidan O'Neill, Sarah Power, Caoimhe Reilly, Aisling Rice, Kevin Ryan, Michael Sheehan and Kayley Shine. The overall winner was Michael Sheehan.

**Second Year:** Ben Barry, Alex Black, Georgina Buckley, Eoin Cotter, Rebecca Crowley, James Healy, Conor Lawton, Aodhan Lynch, Ailbhe O'Connell, Kealan O'Connor, Therese O'Donoghue, Sarah O'Donovan, Michelle O'Leary, Shauna O'Mahony, Aisling O'Reilly, Mateusz Rudak and Michael Ronan. The overall winner was Ailbhe O'Connell.

**Third Year:** Andrew Buckley, Amy Clarke, Emer Crowley, Jack Dwyer, Emily Fitzgerald, Molly Gibson, Ella Griffin, Paul Heaney, Rebecca Hyland, Aoife Keating, Liam Lanigan, Peter McCarthy, Szymon Mozolewski, Kevin Nyhan, Ciara O'Leary, Jillian O'Leary, Aislinn O'Mahony, Jennifer Ryan and Kevin Whelton. The overall winner was Jennifer Ryan.

**Transition Year:** Eric Cotter, Jacinta Crowley, Ánna de Bont, Ciara Edmonds, Gearoid Finn, Daniel Healy, Tessa Kingston, Rachel McCarthy, Gavin Murphy, Aileen O'Brien, Jessica O'Donovan, Barry O'Leary, Emily O'Leary, Patrick O'Leary, Seán O'Rahilly and Eva Rossiter. The overall winner was Jessica O'Donovan.

**Fifth Year:** David Briscoe, Amy Buckley, Orla Finn, Jack Gould, Peter Graef, Elizabeth Hankard, Niamh Henderson, Eric Kelleher, Liam Lee, Aisling McCarthy, David McCarthy, Sarah Mulcahy, Ross O'Connor, Liam O'Keeffe, Chloe Sheehan and Jeremiah Wright. The overall winner was Liam Lee.

**Sixth Year:** Pascalia Barnett, Annamaria Fordymacka, Timmy Harrington, Ciara Hayes, Aisling Judge, Billy McCarthy, Gerard McCarthy, Holly McGill, Conor Murphy, Jake O'Brien, Sarah O'Dwyer, Eoin O'Leary, Sarah O'Sullivan, Amy Walsh and Robert Wright. The overall winner was Holly McGill.

**Gaisce President's Awards:** Anthony Broderick, Amy Buckley, Eric Cotter, Jacinta Crowley, Ánna de Bont, Shane Dwyer, Gearoid Finn, Isabelle Hanrahan, Tessa Kingston, Claire McCarthy, Rachel McCarthy, Claire Moynihan, Aileen O'Brien, Jessica O'Donovan, Emily O'Leary, Caron O'Reilly, Seán O'Rahilly, Alice O'Sullivan and Rachel Sheehan.

**Special Awards:** Kilian Ryan Memorial Award – Liam O'Keeffe. GAA Gold Medals – Patrick O'Leary and Caron O'Reilly. Special Sports Award – Timmy Harrington. Contribution to GAA – Darren O'Donovan. BT Young Scientist Competition – Emily O'Leary, Lucy O'Donovan, Joseph Cronin, Paul Harrington, Saoirse Dwyer, Caoimhe Hill and Faye Murphy. Sinéad Barry Memorial Award – Holly McGill. Civic Virtue Award – Aisling Judge. Catherine O'Byrne Memorial Award – Rebecca Foott.

**Sports Awards:** Junior Sports Nominees – Timmy Broderick, Rickard Cahalane, Nicola Coleman, Linda Collins, Troy Dillon, Jack Dwyer, Seán Óg Gately, Jakub Gandor, Eoin Healy, Aisling Lee, Aisling Moloney, Jordan O'Connell, Ciara O'Leary, Luke O'Leary, Cathy O'Mahony, Aisling O'Reilly, Leah O'Sullivan,

Mateusz Rudak, Jessica Sheehan, Niamh Sheehan and Eimear Stanley. The overall winners were Timmy Broderick and Mateusz Rudak. Senior Sports Nominees - Alanna Allen, Anthony Broderick, Ian Coleman, Jacinta Crowley, Robert Daly, Orla Finn, Alan Gould, Timmy Harrington, Ciara Hayes, Daniel Healy, Niamh Henderson, Aisling Judge, Tessa Kingston, Daire Lordan, Vivienne Maher, Alice McCarthy, Niall McCarthy, Chloe O'Callaghan, Darren O'Donovan, Aileen O'Leary, Seán O'Mahony, Caron O'Reilly, Alice O'Sullivan and Miriam Rardon. The overall winner was Jacinta Crowley.

**FETAC Award** – Catherine Hillgrove.

**Academic Achievement Awards:** Ben Burton (Music), Aine Coakley (Accounting), Bethany Conner (Home Economics), Claire Crowley (Irish), William Cosgrave (German), Andrew Daunt (Construction Studies, Engineering), Rossa Gallagher (Business, English), Ciara Horgan (Home Economics), Aisling Judge (Applied Maths, English, Maths), Karen Keogh (English), Billy McCarthy (Biology, Geography, History, Maths), Holly McGill (Business), Serena Murphy (Art), Colin Nash (Business), Vincent O'Donovan (Engineering), David O'Hare (Chemistry, DCG), Eoin O'Leary (French, Maths, Physics, RE) and Amy Walsh (Business).

**Junior Academic Award:** Molly Gibson

**Leaving Certificate Applied Award:** Gerard McCarthy

**Senior Academic Award:** Billy McCarthy



*Dónal O'Grady making a presentation to Lions Club President Tony Cierans*



Y1 Winner Michael Sheehan



Y2 Winner Ailbhe O'Connell



Y3 Winner Jennifer Ryan



TY Winner Jessica O'Donovan



Y5 Winner Liam Lee



Y6 Winner Holly McGill



Aine Ryan presents Liam O'Keeffe with the Kilian Ryan Award



Contribution to GAA Winner Darren O'Donovan



Sports Winner Timmy Harrington



Rebecca Foott accepts the Catherine O'Byrne Award from Sheila O'Byrne



Civic Virtue Winner Aisling Judge



Holly McGill accepts the Sinéad Barry Award from Mairead Healy



Lorraine Stanley with Junior Sports Winners Timmy Broderick and Mateusz Rudak



Conor Brosnan with Senior Sports Winner Jacinta Crowley



Seamus Malone with Junior Academic Winner Molly Gibson



Seamus Malone with Senior Academic Winner Billy McCarthy



Sr Rita with Head Girl Laura May Keohane and Head Boy Jeremiah Wright



John Twomey with GAA Gold Medal Winners Patrick O'Leary and Caron O'Reilly



Y1 Nominees



Y2 Nominees



Y3 Nominees



TY Nominees



Y5 Nominees



Y6 Nominees



Young Scientist Winners



Gaisce Award Recipients



Senior Sports Nominees



Junior Sports Nominees



Academic Achievement Winners

## Senator David Norris Inspires Kinsale Students

On All Saints Day (1 November), Senator David Norris gave a most inspirational, educational and entertaining talk when he addressed students in Kinsale Community School on the topic of Human Rights. More than 200 students and staff heard Senator Norris talk about his involvement in working for Human Rights in such places as East Timor, Palestine and Ireland. Senator Norris encouraged the Kinsale students not to think that they cannot make a difference just because they are individuals and to highlight this fact he gave the example of Tom Hyland, an unemployed bus driver from Ballyfermot who brought the situation in East Timor to national and international attention. He also told the story of the Swedish humanitarian Raoul Wallenberg who saved tens of thousands of Jews during WWII.

Senator Norris had students laughing and entertained as he told them how he once stripped down to his underwear when going through an Israeli checkpoint on his way into Palestine! The Israeli soldiers, who up to this point were quite stern, ended up laughing so much that they told him it was the first time in seven years of border duty that they had so much fun and wanted to know when he would be returning! Senator Norris stated that what this illustrated was how it is the human interaction that is really important and which can break down barriers of prejudice and mistrust.

The visit of Senator Norris was facilitated by the Kinsale Peace Project and the school is most appreciative of the fact that



*Senator Norris with Head Girl Laura May Keohane and Head Boy Jeremiah Wright*

they included a visit to the school as part of his itinerary.

In December the Peace Project brought Eileen Carr to our school where she spoke to some of our students about her work with children and teenagers in the war-torn area of the West Bank and Gaza in Israel.

Finally, returning to the visit of Senator Norris, Mr Ó Broin gained no small amount of 'street cred' amongst the student population when he informed Senator Norris of the correct pronunciation of U2 front man Bono!

# ECDL CERTIFICATION



*Pictured are those students who were presented last term with their EDCL Certification. Course tutor Ms Mary Lynch stated that the students were a very cooperative and diligent group and should be rightly proud of their achievement.*

# YOUNG SCIENTISTS

A total of twelve students, with seven projects, represented Kinsale Community School in the 2011 BT Young Scientist Exhibition in Dublin. The Exhibition is one of the largest of its kind in the world and this year it attracted its highest ever number of entries. 1,735 projects were entered for the finals, with 520 projects making it to the finals in the RDS.

Kinsale Community School has an unrivalled record in the competition, producing one of the youngest ever winners when Aisling Judge won the Competition in 2006, and Liam McCarthy and John D O'Callaghan were the overall winners in 2009. The school also has a magnificent record in the number of category or special award prizes that it has won.

This year nationally only one out of every three projects submitted made it to the finals, but two out of every three projects submitted by our school were judged deserving of a place at the finals. The projects entered by the students this year cover a range of topics and include:

*A Statistical Analysis of Public Attitudes to Cholesterol and its Control* by First Year students Sophie Healy, Ciara Judge and Reyanne McGregor.

*A Statistical Study of Swimming Uptake in Relation to Location and Demographics* by Ciara Boyle of First Year.

In keeping with the times that we now find ourselves, Second Year students Ali Hill and Katie Wall have submitted a project

involving *A Statistical Analysis of the Meaning of the Recession to Early and Late Teens and their Parents.*

Caoimhe Hill and Faye Murphy will be hoping for a repeat of the great success they enjoyed when they previously entered the competition and this year the Third Year girls have looked at *The Design and Evaluation of a Novel Heat Recovery Device to Improve Efficiency in Tumble Drying Applications.*

No stranger to the Young Scientist Competition is Anna Henderson from TY who for the third time has had a project accepted for display. This year her entry is on *A Statistical Study of People's Attitudes and Awareness towards Depression in Modern Irish Society.*

2010 was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Live Aid phenomenon and this event was the catalyst for Jamie Bowden from TY to undertake *A Study of Charity in Society.*

Lucy O'Donovan and Melissa O'Neill from Fifth Year have entered a project on *The Development and Evaluation of a Convenient Test for the Presence of Benzodiazepines and GHB in Social Settings.*

The school is very proud of all those who entered projects for the competition and those who were successful in having their projects accepted. Ultimately it is the effort and the participating that matters most. The school is also very appreciative of the relationship it has with Eli Lilly and its personnel, who at all times seek to assist the school in engendering a love of science among the students.



Anna Henderson



Reyanne McGregor, Ciara Judge and Sophie Healy



Caoimhe Hill and Faye Murphy



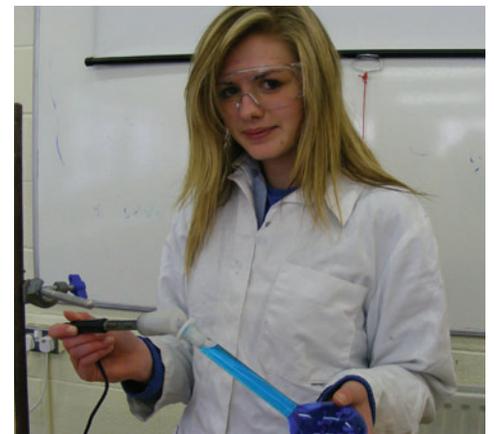
Ciara Boyle



Jamie Bowden



Katie Wall and Ali Hill



Melissa O'Neill (minus her partner Lucy O'Donovan)

# KILLARY

## ADVENTURE CO

The TYs headed off to Killary for a week at the end of September. Taking a hundred and three teenagers off to an outdoor education centre is always a challenging task but, as you will read from the account below, it was one which was hugely enjoyable for our students. Teachers who accompanied the students were Mr Desmond, Ms Kearney, Ms Farley, Ms Leahy and Mr Cierans.

*When we arrived at Killary we were very tired - it had been a long bus journey and we had sung all the way there! Every town we came to we sang 'We love Mary' in honour of Mary Kiely our bus driver!*

*After dinner we had our evening games which included a scavenger hunt then we went outside and had a bonfire where people sang while playing the guitar. After that we had a disco and went to bed, but not to sleep as we chatted and laughed for ages.*

*Our second day saw us get ready for our first activity which was gorge walking! It was so scary walking up the gorge but it was loads of fun. When gorge walking was over we went straight over towards kayaking and we kayaked until lunch time. I really like kayaking because I managed to stand up without falling off!*

*That evening we participated in Mr Muscle where you try to put as many clothes on a member of your room as possible. We managed to shove 73 items on Celina! After that we had our nightly disco. Lights out was at eleven but we stayed up chatting and laughing for ages.*

*Wednesday morning we were all tired but we got ready in record time. My group's activities for the morning included raft building and orienteering. Our raft won the contest for best raft but we got lost while orienteering and had loads of fun trying to find where we were!*

*We were all looking forward to the big swing and rock climbing in the afternoon. The swing, despite my fear of heights, was the best thing I went on in Killary. It was so much fun! As for the rock climbing, well I managed to get about three quarters of the way up the climbing wall, which I never thought I would have been able to do and I really enjoyed abseiling down!*

*After dinner that night we did my favourite evening activity which was Ms Killary. We dressed up the boys in our year as girls. Their perception of how a female acts was hilarious. Most potential Ms Killarys barely had any clothes on them. Waxing the boys' legs was hilarious and when we were putting on their make up they were very fussy about what colours we should have been using. Stuffing their bras with toilet paper and finding a matching hand bag were top of the list of priorities for these young ladies. When they all looked beautiful that still wasn't enough as they also had to have a talent to show the audience. They were asked a series of questions such as "If you could date any man in this room who would it be?" and "If it was your last day on Earth how would you spend it?"*

*Thursday saw us participate in the high ropes activity and archery. That night was our last in Killary and everyone was hyper. We played pranks on one of the other groups and had challenges against each other. Most rooms attempted an all-nighter but after the night's events we were wrecked and fell asleep relatively early compared to the other rooms.*

*Killary was a really fun week and it was a great experience. It was really good because every one in our year had to engage with other students in the activities so we all made new friends. We had to work in our teams so we were talking to people that we usually would not hang around with in school, so now we all have even more friends. The instructors were funny and our teachers were good fun as well, so it all helped make the week enjoyable. Some of the challenges were great because they made us think out strategies to make them work and I thought that was great. It was a fantastic week and experience and I would gladly go back again.*

**Danielle McGregor**





# Google™ DOODLES

As ever, those budding artists in our school have been busy in the first term! Although adverse weather conditions resulted in the cancellation of some trips to galleries, the Fifth Years nonetheless made it to the Glucksman Gallery.

Meanwhile, over forty entries from the school were entered in the national Doodle 4 Google Competition. The theme for this year's competition is 'To me happiness is...' and some wonderful doodles were developed by Second Year and Transition Year students with some First Years also submitting entries.

As only six entries from each school are allowed, the art department had the unenviable task of picking the six to represent our school. A number of regional finalists will be selected on 17 January to go forward to compete in an online public vote with the overall winners being announced on 7 March. Those chosen are reproduced here and we wish our six finalists the very best of luck in the competition.



Aaron Clayton

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Cara Hogan

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Sarah Hankard

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Hannah Hughes

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Shannon Mouroz

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Eoghan Gilleran

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*Pupils from the Fifth Year art class at the gallery trip*

# Christmas Crib

Once again students and the woodwork department of our school were happy to construct a Christmas crib in Kinsale town. Under the guidance of Mr Duggan the students assisted in erecting the crib in front of the Methodist church and were happy to be able to do something to add to the festive season in the town.



## The Story of a Burst Pipe

Charles Henderson is a member of our Board of Management. He has carried this responsibility since the first Board was founded back in the last century. In the early hours of St. Stephen's Day, at approximately 6.15 a.m. I rang him to say that due to a burst pipe we had water flowing freely into two classrooms. I was at a loss as to an immediate solution to a very urgent problem. How were we going to turn off the water? Charles didn't hesitate and immediately jumped out of bed and made his way to the school. He turned off the water at the footpath and then proceeded to drain the tank. By the time I got to the school the leak had been halted though I did have the very unique privilege of squelching around a classroom.

Thankfully the school has a water hoover and much of the water could be hoovered from the Home Economics room where we have a linoleum floor. The alarm however had been damaged by the water and couldn't function. That meant a call to newly appointed caretaker Brendan Barry and in due course he arrived. Being a wise man he went up to the attic to identify the location of the leak

and to see what other surprises were in store for us. Thankfully we appeared to have only one leak and Brendan quickly located it. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch copper pipe had virtually blown apart and had suffered a serious puncture. Did we have a replacement? Brendan remembered seeing similar piping in the metalwork room and quickly located it.

The next job was to contact a plumber. Gabriel Coleman quickly arrived in the building and speedily mended the broken pipe with our own material.

The next job was to empty the carpeted room of all the furniture and whilst this was being done Rainbow International were making their way in from Ballinspittle with a number of dehumidifiers. By 12.30 p.m. the carpet and walls were being dried out, the alarm was back working and one could make the journey home. Sincere thanks to all of the above and also to Tony Cierans who gave this writer a much appreciated cup of coffee and chocolate biscuit. [There are perks to this job!]

What a privilege to work in such a community!

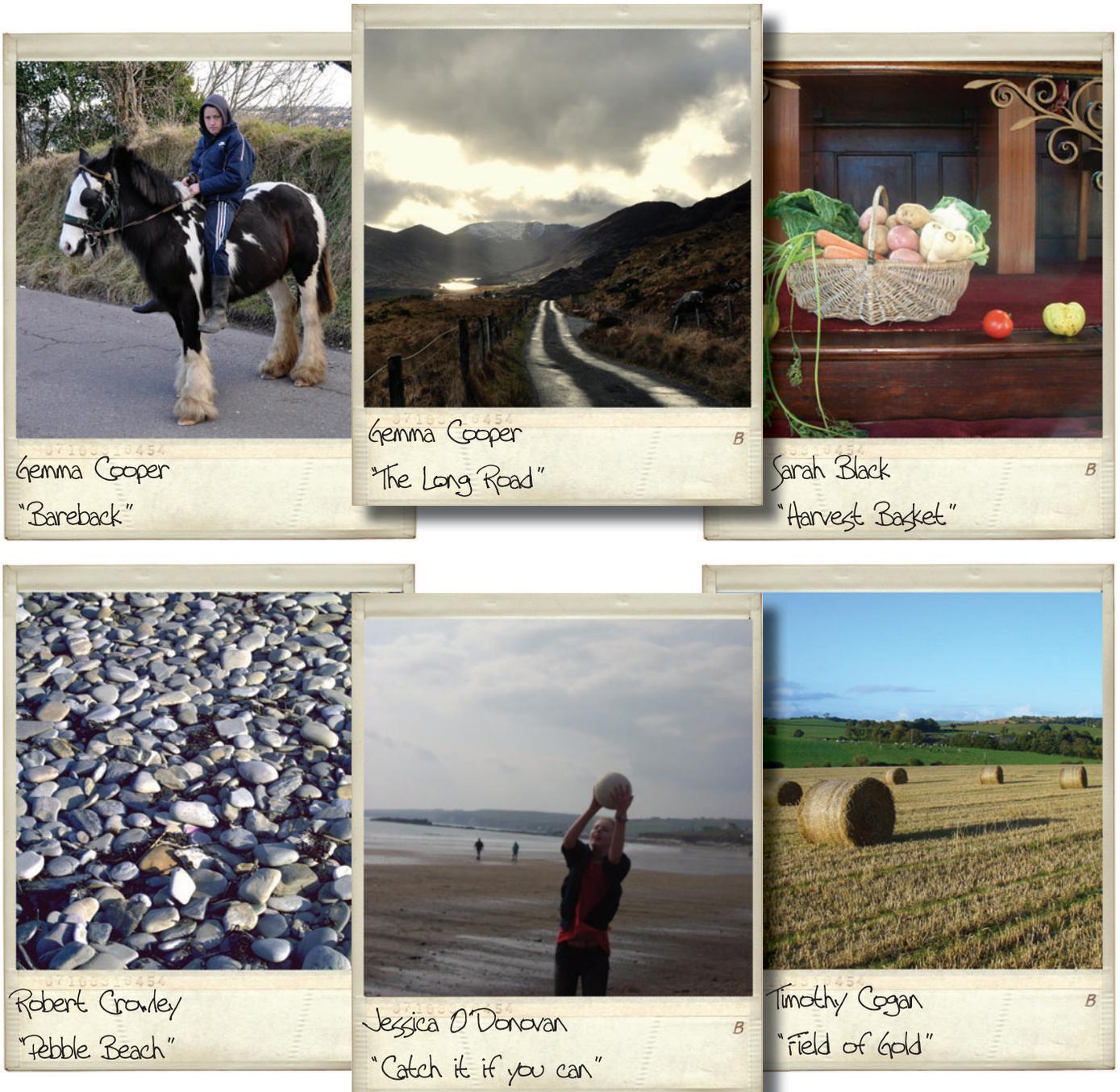
*Seán Ó Broin*

# CAMERA CLUB



The Camera Club had a busy first term. The theme in September/October was 'Autumn' and this kept our members occupied. The theme of 'Positive Mental Health' is also one which we are exploring as we prepare some entries for a photography competition being run by Mental Health Ireland.

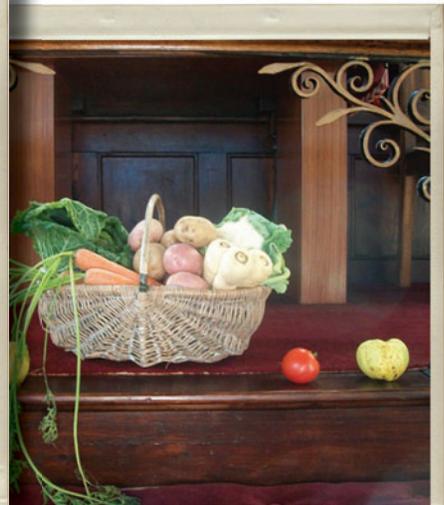
The use of technology really helps in the work of the club and members are very grateful to Mr Pearse for the use of his classroom, where the club, under the guidance of Ms Cooper and Ms O'Leary, meets every Tuesday at 1.15 pm. The club is always glad to see new members and work is regularly displayed in the school.



Gemma Cooper  
"Bareback"



Gemma Cooper  
"The Long Road"



Sarah Black  
"Harvest Basket"



Robert Crowley  
"Pebble Beach"



Jessica O'Donovan  
"Catch it if you can"



Timothy Cogan  
"Field of Gold"

# Music News

The first term has been a very busy one for our school's music department. As always, they provided the music for our Eucharist asking God's blessing on our school year. The opening of the Sáile facility was a great community occasion, with President McAleese being the guest of honour, and our talented students were happy to provide music.

Our annual school awards ceremony is an event where we can celebrate and acknowledge our students' achievements and the night's enjoyment is very much enhanced by the presence of those students who give generously of their time on the night. Keeping with the theme of generosity our music students visit the Haven Bay residential centre on a regular basis where they entertain and interact with the residents.

Many of our music students will be involved in the forthcoming school production of *Honey Honey*, where once again they will be playing to sell-out crowds. All in all it's a busy time for our music department and great credit is due to all those who give of their time and talents so freely and with such good humour. Special mention must also go to music teacher Bríd Kearney who gives so much time and effort and whose love of music is apparent to all.



Some of the residents of Haven Bay enjoying the music



Choir Members



Concentrating on the notes



Getting ready for the school mass



Some of the crowd listening to our students at the Sáile opening



Entertaining on Awards Night

# FIRST VISIT OF SAM

The last time that the Sam Maguire Cup was in its rightful home of Cork our school did not even exist! So the visit of the Cup, in the company of team members Paul Kerrigan and Brian O'Regan, and Paul McCarthy from Kinsale GAA, was an occasion of joy for the GAA faithful in our school.

Both pupils and staff got the chance to have their photograph taken with the Sam Maguire. Despite a number of Kerry natives being on the staff they appeared to be 'missing' during the visit of the Cup but there was no suggestion whatsoever that it was a case of sour grapes for the Kerry supporters!



*Members of staff with Paul Kerrigan, Brian O'Regan & Paul McCarthy from Kinsale GAA*



*Senior Footballers*



*Some of those involved in Ladies Football greet the Cup*



*Students welcome Sam*



*First Year camogie team who took part in the First Year "A" Camogie Blitz in Ballincollig GAA Grounds on 6th October 2010*



# Deutsch



Servus! The German Department has had a busy first term with great results. First of all we were delighted to welcome our German teaching assistant, Frau Schlatter, who has been assisting Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Year pupils with conversational skills. Our school is very lucky to have Frau Schlatter and her work means that our students increase their spoken German.

Congratulations to our Sixth Year German debating team, consisting of Jacinta O'Callaghan, Neasa O'Leary, Michelle Fenton and Jessica Mundy, in their victory over Douglas Community School in the GDI All-Ireland German Debating Competition. Pupils worked hard at preparing arguments and anticipating rebuttals - all through German! One of the main aims of the competition is to enable students to use their German outside

the classroom and to increase confidence and fluency, while also improving debating skills in general. We are already looking forward to the next round.

In September, seventeen Fourth and Fifth Year pupils hosted exchange students from Karlsruhe, South West Germany, who spent ten days experiencing the every day lives of pupils at Kinsale Community School. The exchange students and their teachers were highly impressed with our school and enjoyed various cultural activities and outings organised for them by their host families. We are looking forward to seeing the German students again in February, when our pupils will spend time with their exchange partners in Germany. This is a fantastic opportunity to experience authentic German language and culture while at the same time forming life long friendships.



Transition Year German pupils used their German language skills to educate and entertain fellow pupils as they performed for them their rendition of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (Schneewittchen und die Sieben Zwerge) in German. This project was aimed as improving fluency and putting language skills into practice by combining it with some drama! Well done to all pupils involved.



## LCA Students Make Headlines

Our LCA students literally made headlines during the last term when a study they undertook highlighted the dire and urgent need for a pedestrian crossing near the school. The Southern Star, dated 6 November 2010, ran with the headline 'Accident waiting to happen' on its front page when it reported that the results of a survey undertaken by Kinsale students indicated the strong possibility of an accident unless a pedestrian crossing and other safety measures are put in place outside the school gates.

Moved by the deaths of eleven teenagers in two crashes last summer, the students decided to do a project on road safety to prevent Kinsale teenagers being killed or seriously injured. It was pointed out that the road outside the school no longer had anti-speed ramps to curb speeding and no signs to warn motorists of the location of the school and the volume of cars and pedestrians. The students called for these measures to be put in place along with a pedestrian crossing and to support their case they produced the results of a survey of 57 people at the school and photographs showing the total lack of safety measures and how vision is obscured by buses and other

vehicles.

The results of the students' study were circulated on their behalf by Deputy Mayor Tony Cierans at the November meeting of Kinsale Town Council. Present at this meeting were students John Dillon, Ross O'Connor, Margaret Fogarty and Laura McDonald with teacher Diarmuid O'Donovan. Other members of the survey team were Darren O'Driscoll, Sarah Daly, James O'Hea, Oliver Conner, Eric Kelleher, Deirdre Allen, John Daly, Aisling Santry, Gearoid O'Leary and Adam Kelcauskas. A number of councillors including Dermot Collins, Tony Cierans, Alan Clayton, Tomás O'Brien, Fred Treacy and Billy Lynch all congratulated the students on their work and initiative which put pressure on the local authority to act.

The school is extremely proud of the work of the students. Their enthusiasm and dedication is but one example of how the school contributes to and is supported by local communities. It also displays the very practical nature of the school's LCA programme. Hopefully their work will have the desired effect of making the surrounding roads and footpaths a safer place for all those who travel to the school.



### A visit from the West Cork Garda traffic division

Sergeant Paul Kelly and Garda Brian O'Flynn came to both Fifth and Sixth Year LCA to talk to us on road safety on 22 October. Sergeant Paul Kelly is the head of the Traffic Corps in west Cork. The talk that they gave us was very interesting and very engaging. They showed us pictures of crashes and videos of accidents. They informed us of when accidents happen most and the scene of accidents on the road afterwards. We were affected when they spoke of the aftermath of an accident and the effect on the families after a loss in the family.

The two Gardaí brought in the instruments they use on the road everyday, such as the extendable baton, the speed gun and the breathalyser and we all got to try these out. We also got to try on their hat and jacket. This talk was so interesting that it will be an annual event in the LCA calendar for both Fifth Year and Sixth Year LCA students.

Students really benefited from this talk and everyone really interacted with the issues raised by the talk. It was a really good experience for us and it would benefit every other young driver on our Irish roads.

*Laura Mac Donald, Adam Kelcauskas and John Daly*

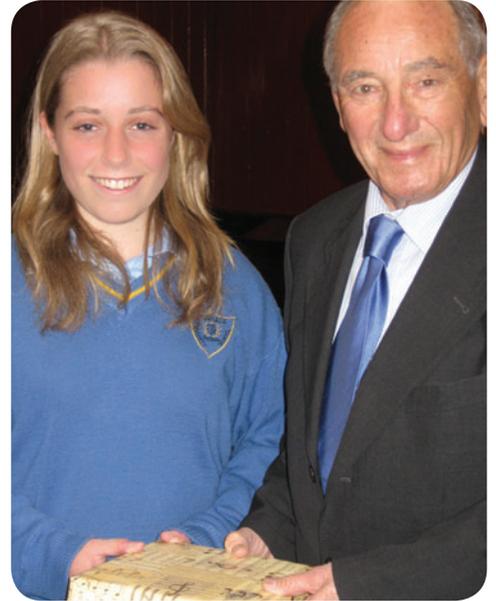
# SYNAGOGUE VISIT

On 17 November 2010, Fifth and Sixth Year exam RE students visited the synagogue in Cork situated on the South Terrace. On arrival we were greeted by Mr Fred Rosehill who very generously took time from his busy schedule to speak to us about the history of the Jewish community in Cork and about his own family history.

He gave us a fantastic insight into the lives of Jewish people in Ireland today and the difficulties and troubles they face. Although the synagogue attracts many people from all over the world, there are only a handful of Jews practicing their faith in Cork with the result that sadly the synagogue may have to close its doors in the near future.

We would like to thank Mr Rosehill for sharing his knowledge and time with us. We would also like to thank our teachers Ms Kelly and Mr O'Donovan for organising this beneficial trip.

*Amy Buckley*



*Amy Buckley making a presentation to Mr Fred Rosehill*

# School Bank

Following completion of a round of successful interviews, a team of six students have been selected, from the Transition Year Programme, to partake in this year's AIB 'Build a Bank Challenge'. AIB advised that the caliber of candidates applying for the school bank positions were excellent.

Well done to the newly appointed School Bank Team consisting of Theresa Collins (Manager), Liam Lannigan (Assistant Manager), Aisling Moloney (Auditor), Jack O'Reilly (Sales and Marketing), John O'Callaghan (Teller), and Ciara O'Leary (Teller). Support staff include Liam McCarthy and Stephanie O'Mahony.

The School Bank Team is involved in all aspects of banking from sourcing new customers to opening accounts and encouraging regular savings and new ways to bank such as Phone & Internet Banking.

The T.Y. students are involved in the setting up, running and day-to-day management of the school bank. They also have responsibility for providing ongoing customer service to their fellow students and keeping accurate financial records. In fact, everything it takes to run a bank. It offers students invaluable work experience within the financial sector.

The School Bank operates every Tuesday, providing students with banking facilities.

As part of the 'Build a Bank Challenge', the T.Y. School Bank Team will be representing Kinsale Community School at the Regional Finals in March and we wish them every success.

***The School Bank is open every Tuesday lunchtime, 1.05pm-1.50pm.***



# H i s t o r y

The History Department has a tradition of inviting various guest speakers to the school to address students of the subject and during the last term Mr Kieran Foley, examiner, author of the Junior Cert textbook *A Changing World*, and retired history teacher addressed our senior cycle history students.

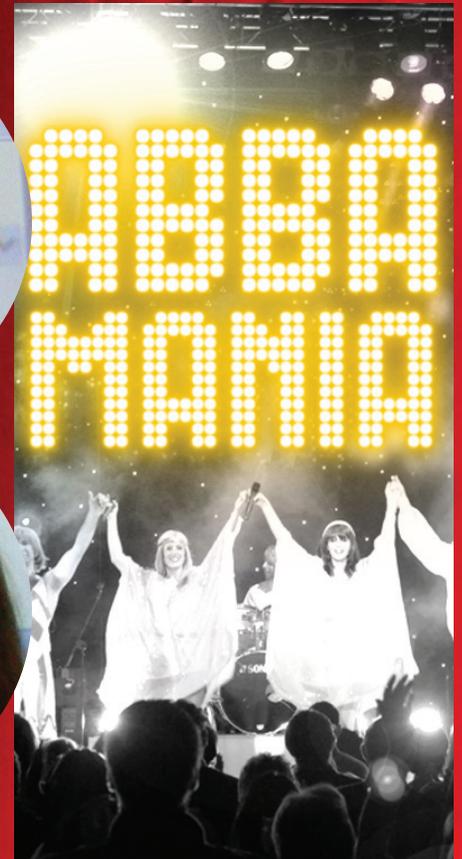
He offered invaluable hints to students on the completion of the research study report and on examination techniques. All senior cycle students attended the talk and found it to be a most worthwhile and beneficial experience. Copies of his notes were distributed to students and teachers and both alike believe his talk and advice will assist our students to continue to achieve high grades in the subject.

# SCHOOL

# SHOW



*Some of the students who will be taking part in Honey Honey*



Kinsale Community School has a long history of producing school shows that showcase the school's fabulous talent and entertain the community. From *Oliver* in 2000 the productions have gone from strength to strength. The school has fully embraced technology and special effects which never cease to amaze our audiences. Don't think it comes easy to us...far from it! Imaginations are stretched to their limits and hundreds of hours are put in before the moment of the rise of the curtain on opening night.

Our most recent productions include *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Mary Poppins* and *Grease* and each has sold out in a matter of days. This year the school is presenting *Honey Honey*, a musical based on the songs of ABBA. It follows the story line of the ever-popular film *Mamma Mia*. Of course as everyone knows the story presents us with the bride to be Sophie who invites her three potential dads to her forthcoming wedding and you can imagine the trouble that ensues!!

This show hasn't been without its teething problems with many rehearsals postponed due to bad weather. Thankfully the Christmas holidays allowed a window of opportunity to fine tune what we hope will be one of the most authentic musical experiences ever performed in the school.

*Honey Honey* is the perfect solution to those post-Christmas blues. You will be entertained by hit after hit. *Money Money*, *Dancing Queen*, *The Winner Takes it All*, *Chiquitita*, *Super Trouper*, *Voulez Vous* as well as the more reflective numbers such as *Slipping Through my Fingers* and *Our Last Summer*. This will be two hours of non-stop, fast-paced, energetic acting, singing, music and dancing.

Direction is by Tony Cierans, Musical Direction by Brid Kearney and Art Direction by Kathleen Fitzpatrick. Many other teachers are currently working hard at costumes, make-up and seating plans. We are as always grateful for the assistance of Rampart Players and their expertise provided, in particular by Pat Hegarty for his ingenious set design and construction.

We expect huge demand for tickets as our production of *Grease* sold out in two days in 2008. Tickets, priced at €10, will be on sale from 20 January at the Blue Haven Hotel.

Don't miss this chance to relive the music of the seventies and eighties. Singing along is allowed and even encouraged while dancing in the aisles might be overlooked if there is any room to do it!

**HIT AFTER HIT AFTER HIT! RELIVE THE MUSIC OF YOUR YOUTH!**

**KINSALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
PROUDLY PRESENTS**

# **HONEY HONEY**

**A MUSICAL BASED ON THE GREATEST  
POP EXTRAVAGANZA OF THE 70S/80S**



# **ABBA**

**Tues February 1st to Sat 5th at 8pm  
Matinee Sat at 3pm**

**All tickets €10 only on sale at our special desk in the  
Blue Haven Hotel daily from Thursday Jan 20th 10am  
-3pm until sold out! Remember *Grease* in 2008 sold out in  
two days! No credit card or telephone bookings.**

**THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC - DOES YOUR MOTHER KNOW - CHIQUITITA**

**DANCING QUEEN - MAMMA MIA - WINNER TAKES IT ALL - VOULEZ VOUS**

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