



Staff Newsletter



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Nenagh Vocational School became the Munster U16 ½ hurling champions at Bruff

on Friday May 7th. They overcame Coláiste Treasa, Kanturk with a scoreline of 2-10 to 1-12. Barry Heffernan was named as Man of the

Personal Development Days for Transition Year Girls in Coláiste Phobal

Transition Year Girls have completed three 'Woman Days' in Roscrea 2000 Community Centre. The days were organised by Seamus Dennison and Fr. Lorcan Kenny and Youth Leaders, Donna, Deirdre, Valerie and Neil. The Transition Years derived great benefit from the whole experience.

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A student doing a manicure for a contributing volunteer

"Klassy Klaws" Fundraiser in Roscrea Education Centre

LCA1 students recently held a fundraiser for Haiti as part of their Enterprise Task. A manicure salon called "Klassy Klaws" was set up for the day and fellow Youthreach students, BTEI students and staff were invited to avail of the service. An Easter egg raffle was also held on the day. Everybody had great

fun and money raised was donated to Concern.

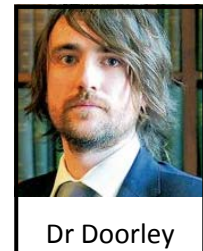


Students collecting for Haiti

Gerard Doorley flies the flag for Coláiste Phobal

Congratulations to Gerard Doorley, son of Liam and Marie Doorley, Cloncracken, Roscrea and past pupil of Coláiste Phobal (L.C. 1999/2000) who was recently declared the winner of the Annual Prize for Young Chemists, a competition organised by the Royal Irish Academy. He achieved this prestigious award for producing the best Chemistry Ph.D. thesis in Ireland, as judged from a 1,000 word essay describing his work. Apart from winning €1,000 from sponsors 'Eli Lilly', Gerard now goes forward as Ireland's representative to a similar international competition organised by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

He won his PhD with a



Dr Doorley

project that used a super-fast imaging system to study in detail what

happens when a strand of D.N.A. gets damaged by ultra violet radiation. Dr. Gerard Doorley is currently a post-doctoral researcher at Trinity College, Dublin and at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Suggestions for keynote speaker at our next Conference

I have been asked by the Ar Aghaidh Linn Committee to ask staff for suggestions for a keynote speaker for our Educational Conference in the Autumn. Let me know your suggestions by phone 0861724710 or noel.colleran@illvec.ie

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Transition Year Activities in Nenagh Vocational

Lyric FM visited the school last Wednesday May 5th to complete a workshop on broadcasting with the transition year students.

Also the transition year students departed for France on Tuesday morning May 11th. They are taking part in the Alps to the Cote d'Azur Challenge. They will be gone from May 11th to 15th. The money raised will go

to Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. Students are being accompanied by Ms. M Healy, Ms. L Dillon, Mr. S O Meara and Ms. A Clarke.

Borrisokane on School Tour

On Wednesday the First and Second year students who were involved in the Homework Club travelled to Birr Equestrian Centre to mark the end of a very successful year. The students involved would like to thanks the staff and

students who worked with them on a weekly basis throughout the year. The First year tour took place on Thursday when over seventy first year students travelled to Athlone where they took part in Bowling, Quazer, and a visit to the Cinema.

Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré Golf Classic

A sincere thank you to all our patrons who supported the Schools Annual Golf Classic which was held last Saturday

May 8th in Roscrea Golf Club. We are deeply grateful to everyone who played and hope they enjoyed their day. We extend gratitude to our generous Main Sponsors, Tee Box Sponsorship and all the parents who contributed and of course to Roscrea Golf Club for hosting the event. Miriam Lupton on behalf of the Parents Association thanked the organising committee and all who helped make the day a huge success.



Elizabeth Gleeson NTVEC Student, on the left, and Adrian Hewson, NTVEC Volunteer Tutor, on the right, at the Aras

Adult Literacy represented at the ARAS

To mark the 30th birthday of the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) the President of Ireland Mary McAleese hosted a reception in Aras an Uachtaráin. 150 people were in attendance. North Tipperary

VEC was represented by a student, Elizabeth Gleeson, and volunteer tutor, Adrian Hewson. President McAleese greeted people individually and made a very touching and informal speech on the contribution of NALA, and other

stakeholders, to literacy over three decades. She conveyed that literacy was an issue very close to her heart and that NALA had made a very large and profound impact on raising awareness of adult literacy issues. She talked about the courage of the literacy students who went back to learning and how one adult literacy student described to her how life before adult literacy classes was 'like living in a matchbox'.

The President applauded NALA's efforts and wished them continued success. Inez Bailey of NALA then spoke and made reference to the very significant role of the VEC Adult Literacy Service in forwarding the literacy agenda. Michael Power who has been a student with North Tipperary VEC

Adult Literacy Service is the current chairman of NALA.

We in North Tipperary VEC Adult Literacy Service caters for 500 learners throughout the county in places such as St. Sheelan's College Templemore Roscrea 2000, Tipperary Regional Youth Services Thurles, Teach an Léinn Nenagh, Borrisokane College, and Newport College. We deliver reading writing and numeracy tuition both on a one-to-one and group arrangement and all our services are confidential.

Adults themselves, or indeed, families or friends of adults in need of literacy support can make confidential contact with Dorothy Brislane at 067 33437.