



Staff Newsletter

Minister Ó Cuív visits Littleton Community Resource Centre

The newly appointed Minister for Social Protection Éamon Ó Cuív T.D. lent his support by visiting Littleton Community Resource Centre on May 7th last.

Littleton Community has been for some time in the process of designing and developing a community resource centre for the village and improving conditions with regard to educational opportunities and other facilities. This is being achieved through a steering group which includes representatives of the local community, North Tipperary County Council, H.S.E. Barnardos, TRYS (Tipperary Regional



Minister Ó Cuív with other local TD's visiting Littleton Community Resource Centre recently

Youth Services), County Childcare and other local and state agencies. As part of this process the steering group met with the Minister in the community house which has been acquired from the North Tipperary County Council and is run by Mary O'Gorman, resource worker. All were delighted with the positive

response from the Minister as he spoke with all involved for 45 minutes. North Tipperary VEC Community Education team has a vibrant group in the village and runs Computer, Art and Literacy Classes catering for 30 students. In addition the Centre will be starting a computer class for retired people in Sep-

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tember 2010. For further information regarding educational provision in Littleton contact Deborah Ryan or Mary Finn at 067 31845.

Mary Ryan Community Education Officer.

Green Flag Events in Newport College and Coláiste Phobal Newport College

On Friday May 14th a flag raising ceremony was held at Newport College. This is the second flag awarded to the Green Schools Committee at the College. Conor O'Mahony, Captain of the Tipperary Senior Hurling Team, was guest of honour and raised the flag. The ceremony was attended by teachers and students from Newport College, members of Par-



ents & Friends Ass., Willie Kennedy, Chairperson of VEC, Tony Hartnett and Sixth Class students from Ballinahinch Primary School. Speeches were made by Carrie Whelan, representing the Green Schools Committee, Linda

Kiely and Liam Bergin, SEO, North Tipperary County Council. Congratulations to the Green Schools Committee and their mentors Karen Ryan and Lorraine O'Brien.

Coláiste Phobal

The long-awaited Green Flag Raising Ceremony took place in Coláiste Phobal on Friday May 14th. This truly significant and historic event was at-

tended by students, staff, members of the Parents Association and Board of Management as well as local and national politicians.

Guest of Honour, George Cunningham raised the flag and declared open the new recycling centre. George, in his speech congratulated all who brought "this day to fruition" and he hoped that "this great green symbol" would send out a strong message that Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré cherishes its environment.

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Students, Alan Conlon and Shane Monks are pictured with Project Maths Regional Development Officer, Ms. Sheelagh Clowry, discussing how to measure the height of goal posts in the Coláiste's hurling field.

Project Maths in Coláiste Phobal

This year completes the second year of Coláiste Phobal's involvement with Project Maths as one of 24 pilot schools. It has been a busy one with in-service and intensive on-site support from our regional development officer and regular updates from NCCA.

As the rest of the country becomes involved in the national roll out of the

new programme in September 2010, Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré has been busy leading the way in using new teaching and learning methodologies to actively engage its students with the new mathematics syllabus. Currently, most of the mathematics teachers are undertaking an evening course in the use of ICT in mathematics teaching and learning.

This new programme is

Nenagh Vocational Charity Walk in Italy

In this year's fourth annual charity walk from Tuesday 11th to Saturday 15th May the Transition Years travelled to the Cote d'Azur in Italy. The walk took them from the seaside village of Eze-Sur-Mer to Ventimiglia. The group was lucky enough to be in Monte Carlo at the time some of the Formula One

practice runs were being held. The Cannes Film Festival was also in full swing the evening that they spent there. Desperate housewives star Eva Longoria proved to be the hit of the evening!! Nenagh Credit Union and Aiden Claffey Coach Hire sponsored the transport to and from Dublin for the group. A special thanks to the teachers who gave up

activity based and students now apply their mathematics in context. Among the activities that students were involved in during the year was combining trigonometrical skills with clinometers and trundle wheels to estimate the height of tall objects such as a trees or buildings.

Thurles Education Centre News

First and foremost we would like to congratulate our Learners on completing and submitting their FETAC folders. The last few weeks have been very busy but we are delighted our Learners are being awarded FETAC Certificates in Art and Design, Textiles, Woodcraft, Music Appreciation, Communications, Maths, Photography, Personal Development, Computers, and Food and Nutrition.

A big congratulations is also due to four of our Learners who recently received North Tipperary

VEC Awards. Kathleen Crowe (Littleton) received a Personal Achievement Award, Joleen Reilly (Littleton) received an award for sport, Christina Harty (Nenagh) received the Educational Achievement Award and Ann Casey (Nenagh) received the award for Art and Craft.

Last week Learners combined a fun day out with researching for their Music Appreciation course. Eileen Kennedy our Music Teacher led a group of Learners to The Grand Canal Theatre for the musical production, "Whistle Down the Wind". This experience was followed by a practical workshop where we tried out a wide range of musical instruments including tin whistles, piano accordions, flutes and a 150 year old fife.

We are now looking forward to our exciting summer programme which will run until the summer holidays.

their time to accompany the group (Ms. M Healy, Ms L. Dillon, Ms A Clarke

and Mr. S O' Meara). All funds go to the Crumlin Children's' Hospital.



One kilometre to go for Nenagh Vocational TY Students