



# Eureka Secondary School Summer Newsletter 2010



**TY Legal Studies** - On March 18th, Legal Studies teacher Mrs. Dolan, accompanied by Ms. Goode and Ms. Cronin, took TY classes Oisín & Niamh to Dublin for a tour of the new Courts of Criminal Justice at Parkgate St. and to see the Book of Kells at Trinity College. Half of the group went to the courts in the morning and were met by a young male barrister who discussed the Irish legal system, the structure of the courts and the work of a barrister. Following the discussion, the group was led into Court No.8 to observe a court in session. In Court No.8, it transpired that one of the jurors had found a large knife that morning in her back garden!



The judge adjourned the case to allow lawyers on both sides to look up the law and prepare their submissions to him on what the judge should do.

A Garda who was involved with the case then approached the Eureka group to warn that CCTV evidence of a gruesome nature would be shown when the group reconvened. This news did not trouble our intrepid group! However, due to time limitations, the group went to another court to observe the trial of a bouncer who was charged with assaulting one of the patrons of a night club. The group had to leave before the closing speeches, but all agreed that an acquittal seemed likely!

In the afternoon, the girls went to Trinity College to view the Book of Kells.

In May, the other two TY classes Diarmuid & Grainne made the same trip to the courts and to the National Museum. In the Central Criminal Court, a man was on trial for murder at an apartment in Blackcastle, Navan, the body of David Sharkey having been found in a burnt out car.

In the National Museum, the group visited the "Sacrifice & Kinship" exhibition, showing wonderfully preserved Bog Bodies from the Iron Age (400—200 B.C.)

## Healthy Eating

This took place from 1st to 5th March and was sponsored by Glanbia and the National Dairy Council which provided a selection of flavoured milks for pupils to try. Members of the Healthy Eating Committee served fresh fruit each morning alongside the Breakfast Club. They also sold fruit cups at priced at 30 cents each lunchtime. The week was run in conjunction with "Chicks", the TY Rang Aine YSI project on breast cancer. Great credit is due to TY pupils who helped: Amy Brogan, Shelley Stafford, Eimear Quigley, Niamh O'Sullivan, Nicole Alken, Emmagene Cooke, Claire Condon & Jenny Hopkins. Thanks also to the following 5th years: Cathy Inglis, Terri Lawlor, Aisling Mooney, Melissa Herward & Rebecca



Sheridan. The committee meets monthly to discuss issues in the school. New members are always welcome!

## SPHE Peer Led Education

TY pupils Michelle Mullen, Hannah Quirke, Amy Brogan, Siobhan Kearney, Claire Condon & Shelley Stafford, all of whom were trained by the H.S.E, recently presented programmes on smoking, alcohol, drugs & oral health to all 1st Year pupils. Garda Catherine Cronin recently presented a programme on "Bullying on the Internet" to all 2nd Years and Garda Catherine Davitt led a programme on Personal Safety to all 3rd Years.

## Where are the Spices?

*2nd Years Room 12* rehearsed and presented an informative, entertaining comedy sketch entitled "Where are the Spices" on 9th December 2009. The drama was based on the age of exploration which is an important part of the J.Cert history course. With every pupil having a role to play, the girls enjoyed performing and received great feedback from fellow students who attended the performance. *2nd Years Room 30* recently displayed projects on various topics of historical interest in the library.

**Best Buddies** - This programme has been running in the school for several years, under the watchful eye of Ms. McKenna. It was designed to encourage friendships between our students and people with special needs. For their participation in the programme, the following pupils won a "Special Contribution" award from the Sisters of Charity and Midway, Navan: Katie Mulroe, Katie Tully & Grainne Sheridan. Congrats to all involved!

## Poetry Aloud 2009

This is an annual poetry speaking competition and this year for the first time, 14 pupils from Eureka participated in the competition. Twelve pupils from 1st Year Room 6 competed in the Junior Category, and two pupils from Junior Cert competed at Intermediate level, each reciting two poems before a huge audience in Mullingar Arts Centre on Monday 9th December 2009. Students recited one poem by W.B. Yeats and another of their own choice. The girls represented their school with honour and were commended by the judges. They were great ambassadors for the school, with perfect delivery and presentation, and to be commended for their dignified behaviour throughout the competition. Well done to the girls and their teacher Ms. Mc Kenna.



## Patrick Kavanagh Schools' Poetry Competition

Congratulations to Ciara O'Connor, 1st Year Room 8 who won the Junior Section of the 2009 Patrick Kavanagh School. Sponsored by Co. Monaghan V.E.C., this competition was open to all students in counties Louth, Meath, Cavan, Monaghan, Armagh, Tyrone & Fermanagh. Congratulations to Ciara who received the award at the annual Patrick Kavanagh Weekend in Enniskeen, Co. Monaghan on 29th November 2009.

## "The Thing about Spring"

1st Yr Rm.6 have compiled an anthology of descriptive writing which is available in the library, under the title: "The Thing About Spring"

## Music - St. Trinian's Musical

This year's musical, "St. Trinian's" was performed in the school gym from Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th March. Produced by Mrs. Yore, musical direction by Ms. Lyne, art, set / stage design and painting by Ms. Weir and her TY art team, and choreography by TY pupil Emer Corbett, over 80 Transition Year pupils staged this hilarious black comedy, which charts the antics at St. Trinian's, the infamous school for 'young ladies', which is facing a financial crisis. The new Education Minister, (played by Niamh O'Reilly), is an old flame of the school's headmistress *Ms. Fritton*, (played by Louise Rickard) but is determined to bring discipline and order to the anarchic school! A motley crew of teachers and ruthless pupils join forces to steal the famous painting "Girl With a Pearl Earring" from London's National Gallery. But their combined cunning, girlish wiles and total lack of shame win the day to save the school from being shut down by the authorities!

Other leads included Caroline Hayes who played the headmistress' niece *Annabelle Fritton*, Aoibheann Clarke who played *Kelly Jones*, the school's headgirl and Ruth Carry who played a conman: *Flash*.

Accompanied by a live rock band, songs from the original film were combined with other suitable pop & rock numbers. The able cast were supported musically by a backing choir comprising pupils from all years.

The choreography won much deserved praise. Innovative, clever, lively dances were created especially for the show by Transition Year pupil Emer Corbett who then taught the dances to the cast. Nothing was too much trouble for this very talented choreographer!! TY pupil Aine Ni Chronin also lent her considerable choreographical skills to create a unique group dance for the song "Teenagers"! Ms. Weir and her TY art group used vivid colours, to create sets depicting the pupils' Goth style dormitory, the principal's office, an art gallery and the school hall, all adding to the authenticity of the performance. In addition, Ms. Weir



designed a data projection depicting the criminal pupils' master plan to steal the painting! We would like to thank all who supported this show in any way, to those who loaned props, and to members of Eureka staff who helped in so many ways during the staging of this production.

**Traditional Music Concert** - As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, a group of 1st & 2nd year pupils gave a recital of traditional Irish music for pupils in Kells Girls' Primary School. The girls received a warm welcome from the school and came back armed with Easter eggs!



**Science—The "One Good Idea" Project**  
Congrats to 2nd Year science students Megan Barry & Hannah Harcourt Thewlis (pictured below) who qualified for the All Ireland Final of the "One Good Idea" project which was supported by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. The girls were part of a group of 20 finalists from 150 entries nationwide, who were invited to Dublin Castle for a presentation ceremony attended by Minister Eamon Ryan. As part of their project, the girls visited several local primary schools and gave interactive presentations on everyday energy savings in the home and at school. They were also interviewed on LMFM local radio. Thanks



to all participants in the project, and in particular to Dunderry Fair Day for their sponsorship. Well done to the girls and their teachers Ms. Byrne & Ms. Mullaghy!

**Green Schools** - The Committee had a busy year. Among the activities was a school based "Save Energy and Reduce Litter" poster competition which attracted over 100 entries!. To celebrate and acknowledge the school being awarded a Green Flag, Ms. Mairead McGuinness M.E.P.(pictured below with committee members) presided over the raising of the flag. Following this, a party was held for the committee and all 1st Years. The TY Environmental Class attended the ECO UNESCO Finals in the Mansion House, Dublin. Their project, entitled "Water Conservation in Eureka" was highly commended. This same class have also organised to have a courtyard garden built between the school gym and canteen. They have already planted some flowers & vegetables.



Well done to all involved and to their tireless eco-campaigner Mr. Murphy!

**Rose of Tralee visits Eureka!** - On Tuesday 20th April, the 2010 Rose of Tralee, Charmaine Kenny visited the school to speak to TY and LCVP pupils. Ms. Kenny has worked in many developing countries and spoke of her experiences. TY pupils Clodagh Kenny, Aedin Poole, Dearbhla Reilly, Lauren Finnegan & Niamh McCabe informed Ms. Kenny of the work that their class has undertaken in the area of Fairtrade as part of their YSI project.

Below: Charmaine Kenny pictured with l-r: Ms. O'Reilly, Lauren Finnegan, Dearbhla Reilly, Clodagh Kenny, Niamh McCabe, Aedin Poole & Ms. Glynn





### Girls in Action— Dance Fest

This is Eureka's 3rd year to provide the "Girls in Action" programme, the aim of which is to provide non-competitive, fun-filled activities for students who do not participate in competitive sports. This year's activities included kick-boxing, Kung Fu, Tai Chi, Pilates and Dance. As part of the programme, Meath Sports Partnership and the HSE arranged a "Dance Fest" to link all schools taking part in the programme and to give pupils a chance to take up a new and fun activity. The "Dance Fest" took place in Simonstown GAA Centre on 23rd April.



### Gymnastics

1st & 2nd year pupils participated in non-competitive fun gymnastics classes on Thursdays at lunch time.

Well done to all for their commitment and enthusiasm and to Leaving Cert. Pupil Helen Iliff for helping out!



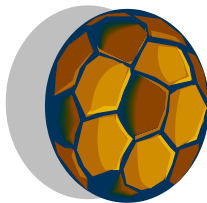
**Soccer** A summary of soccer news is as follows:

The U'18 team got to the Leinster Final but unfortunately lost to Alexandra College, Dublin.

The U'16 team won the Leinster Final beating St. Joseph's Stanhope St., Dublin 5-0. Congratulations on a great result! Team as follows: Jennifer Newman, Michelle Reilly, Kelly Tormay, Ciara Carry, Orlaith Duff, Roisin McFadden, Amy Dugdale, Jackie Kavanagh, Aedin Poole, Aine Bennett, Nicole Fagan, Katie Moran, Rebecca Goodwin, Sinead Reilly, Leanne Lynch, Edwina Olwill, Leah Newman, Kirsty Moloney, Ruth Carry, Grace Dunne, Lorraine Farrelly, Sharon Mullen, Jacqueline Tobin, Aoife Flattery and Jane Hennigan.

The U'14s made it all the way to the Leinster Semi-Finals in the league but lost to Longford 2-0.

The U'13 1st yr team got to the Semi-Finals of the Cup but lost against Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy.



### Girls in Golf

The Irish Ladies Golfing Union (ILGU) and Junior Golf Ireland are working with the Sports Council on the "Women in Sport" project to increase participation rates in golf of women and young girls. Junior Golf Ireland developed "Girls in Golf" to increase rates of physical activity in teenage girls by introducing them to a sport which may be new to them. Junior Golf Ireland, Headfort Golf Club and Eureka Secondary School are working together to promote golf among the school's pupils. Since mid April, 28 pupils from 1st Year are participating in 9 coaching sessions to introduce them to all facets of the game. A "Girls in Golf" Gala Day was held in Virginia on May 19th, where Eureka golfers joined pupils from other schools which are also involved in this project. At the end of the programme, the 28 Eureka pupils may apply for a Darren Clarke Sponsorship Award which will entitle the winner(s) to get 50% off their Headfort golf Club membership. Thanks to coach Keelan O'Reilly, teachers Ms. Moran, Ms. Bird, Ms. Foley, school secretary Jennifer Reilly, club representatives Christine Foley and Pauline Walsh and Headfort Golf Club for their help and support in this project.



### Multi-Cultural Week

This took place in January and was a great success! 1st and 2nd Year classes took part in the annual "door decorating" competition. This involved each class decorating their door with pictures, emblems, maps and other representations of a particular country!

Posters containing the word "Hello" in lots of different languages were hung around the school.

The school canteen held a display of international flags, including flags of various nationalities present in the school. Lunchtimes in the canteen featured food tasting from an array of countries, including Bangladesh and Spain. The morning prayer was read out over the school intercom in a different language each day.

Finally, a multi-cultural quiz was held in the library! Riya Islam was presented with an award for her contribution to the week.



### TY PE Trips

Rang Oisin & Niamh spent a fun-filled day at "The Zone" in Navan on April 28th. Pupils took part in Paintballing and Go-Karting sessions throughout the day. Well done to Lauren Finnegan who finished in poll position on the Go-Karting circuit!

Meanwhile, Rang Diarmuid & Grainne took on the adventure course at Lough Crew Adventure Centre. Students took part in team building activities, low ropes courses, archery, zip wiring, climbing & abseiling. Despite showers of rain, all the girls were in great spirits and overcame many fears and challenges!

### Religion Survey

2nd Year Rm.31 Religion class with their teacher Ms. Briody have recently carried out extensive research into the religious beliefs and practices of students in Eureka. They conducted a survey among pupils from 1st to 5th yr. They then collated the results and posted them up in bathrooms around the school, in Kells church and on the school website.

Check the website for the interesting findings!



### History - Trip to Belfast

On May 7th, Ms. McKenna & Mrs. Shields took their 26 x 5th yr pupils to visit Belfast. Part of the pupils' L.Cert history course deals with Northern Ireland 1949—1993. The pupils gained a valuable insight into both sides of the community through political tours of the Falls Road and the Shankill area. The students were impressed by the talks given by a Republican activist and a Loyalist activist. Important sites such as wall murals and a museum helped students with their understanding of the Northern Ireland conflict, a topic which is a compulsory question for L.Cert. 2011.

## Art



Congratulation to the following students for doing so well in art competitions; **Una McCabe** for her **Doodle for Google** design, this won at class level, then regional level and went onto the All Ireland final stage.

Claire Mc Kenna, Rachel O'Keeffe and Maire Mc Fadden pictured below with

their entry into the **Boyne Valley Book of Kells Art Competition**. The girls worked extremely well together and created a mask of a monk inspired from The Book of Kells. Their entry came second and the girls won a prize of €200.



**Young Social Innovators YSI "Film Solving Bullying"** students have successfully created 5 films tackling the issues and problems associated with bullying. All films successfully communicated their



own individual message concerning bullying. The students have sent their films to the surrounding schools in the hope that other students can see them

and receive their messages.

The girls also performed a very powerful drama piece at the YSI speak out forum.

On top of all this, each film was successful in getting through to the All Ireland Semi Final of the Mullingar Young Film Makers Festival.

In addition the YSI Dragons Den have put forward €300 to film making for future students in Eureka. Well done to all the girls for their creativity and hard work.



## Library News

The Book Club continued with fortnightly meetings under the direction of chairperson Abigail Reynolds. Lively and enjoyable, members critically discuss books they are reading or films they have recently watched. Please refer to the school website for Book Club reviews and for a comprehensive reading list, which was compiled by the Book Club, the English Department and library staff.

The careers talks continued with a visit by a young primary teacher Ms. C. Ni Mhairtin and a nurse Ms. M. Lynch. Both talks were well attended and all students went away a little more informed and with a new perspective on these different career paths.

In March, the library celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge by preparing L.Cert pupils for Irish oral exams with "Lón Trí Gaeilge". Every Tuesday, Irish teachers and L.Cert pupils met for lunch and a lively "cómhra" in the library! Tea and goodies were served.

March 12th saw the library hosting a visit by Mr. T. French, a historian with Meath County Library. Through a slide show presentation, Mr. French opened the eyes of the students to the wealth of primary and secondary sources currently available for any local history study. The talk was well received and well attended.

Other library events included a multi-cultural quiz, held as part of Multi-Cultural Week, an exciting display of Junior Cert Craft projects and a Book Swap Shop. This is a fun way of recycling books and all students went home with something new to read. From September 2010, the library hopes to run a DVD lending library for senior students. Please refer to the school website for a list of DVDs, mainly related to film studies and the L.Cert. English syllabus. These will be available to rent on payment of a €5 refundable deposit.

The annual end of year lunch for library monitors took place on May 21st. Monitors were treated to lunch at Headfort Golf Club. These pupils voluntarily give up their lunchtime once weekly to help out in the library. A big thank you to Naoimh Keogh (Head Monitor), Abigail Reynolds, Caoimhe Byrne and Sophie Tevlin for their invaluable help throughout the year. Enjoy your summer reading!



**C.H.I.C.K.S—Cancer, Health Awareness, Check & Keep Safe**  
As part of their Young Social Innovators (YSI) project, TY Rang Grainne ran a cancer awareness week. Rosemary Scott, a health representative from the Irish Cancer Society, launched the week & gave workshops to L.Cert pupils. Rang Grainne decorated the school with pink ribbons & pink balloons. They also ran a poster campaign and set up an "Awareness" stand in the school canteen, containing relevant literature. The launch was supported by parents and by members of the organising committee of the Pink Ribbon Walk. The week was also run in conjunction with the school's Healthy Eating week.





### Spanish– Etwinning

Ms. Goode's 2nd Year Spanish classes have been taking part in two "Etwinning" projects. This involves each class being twinned with a school in Spain, where pupils write to Spanish pupils of their own age and learn about Spanish customs, traditions and general way of life. One class is twinned with a school called "IES Fuente Grande", in the town of Alcala del Valle near Cadiz in southern Spain. The other is twinned with a school called "Escuela Pia" in Barcelona. The project is called "Learning About Our Countries" and it is hoped to be continued next year.

### 1st yr Tour to Causey Farm

1st yrs recently undertook a trip to Causey Farm in Girley, outside Kells. During an extensive tour of the farm, where the girls encountered a variety of farm and domestic animals, they were involved in various activities including Irish dancing, the milking of cows by hand and a trip to the bog where the girls jumped into a bog hole! They also learned how to cut turf! They then received a demonstration on the art of bread making! The pupils were accompanied by their class tutors and their Year Head Mr. Yore, all of whom observed how enthusiastically the girls immersed themselves in all aspects of the trip whilst behaving impeccably throughout!



### "Log on Learn"

TY Rang Diarmuid organised a graduation Service for the "Log on Learn" Class of 2010. Retirement groups from Kells & Bohermeen received certificates following their computer lessons at the hands of the TY pupils who had been teaching them during the year! The "Certificates of Completion" were given on behalf of Intel and an Post. Presentations took place in the Headfort Hotel in February. Well done to Ms. Briody and all involved!



### Council of Europe Debates

- On February 2nd, Emma Flemming, Claire Droney and Helen Iliff debated in a mock European Parliament in Dublin Castle. Participating alongside 29 other schools, the girls acquitted themselves extraordinarily well, being placed in the top five teams. The debate was hosted by Mr. Ruairi Quinn T.D. and attended by ambassadors from every country in the EU. A great day was had by all! Well done to the girls and their teacher Ms. Shelley.

### 1st Yr C.S.P.E

Ms. McKenna's Rm.6 prepared a special scroll, modelled on the Book of Kells, as a petition to abolish the Death Penalty in the USA. The scroll has been presented to President Obama. The students hope that he will be impressed by their enthusiasm & zeal! Thanks to Ms. Daly for help with calligraphy & design.

**Transition Year tour to Italy** - TY pupils have just returned from a five-day trip to the North of Italy. Led by Ms. Mary Mullaghy who was assisted by Ms.Harte, Mrs. Ganley & Ms. O'Reilly, the girls covered large tracts of Northern Italy. They began by flying into Venice, where they then took a water taxi and received a guided tour of the main sites of interest. Next stop was the beautiful city of Verona, where the girls received a tour which included the town's amphitheatre and the famous Romeo & Juliet balcony! A half day was spent in the pretty town of Sirmione, on the edge of Lake Garda, where the girls spent a few hours relaxing by a poolside! Further recreation was provided at the famous Gardaland theme park. This was followed by a full day's sightseeing in the historical city of Florence. Attractions included the main cathedral square Piazza del Opera del Duomo, Michelangelo's famous sculpture "David", the Uffizi Gallery and the Ponte Vecchio. Other towns visited during the trip included Pisa, where the pupils saw the famed "Leaning Tower" (pictured below), the Medieval town of Lucca with its famous amphitheatre and the town of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. By all accounts, it was a hugely enjoyable trip. Thanks to the pupils for their good behaviour for the duration of the trip, to the teachers for giving up their time and taking care of day to day issues, and especially to Ms. Mullaghy for her detailed planning, preparation and clinical attention to every detail of the trip, ensuring a very memorable experience for all!



**TY Battle of the Boyne Trip** - following workshops with Meath Peace Group, during which TYs learned of peace talks between North & South, TY religion classes recently visited the Battle of the Boyne site.

### Transition Year Enterprise Module

As part of their Business Studies programme, TY students were required to set up and run a mini-enterprise. With fourteen teams participating, team members many practical, organisational, financial and marketing skills. In addition, they experienced the many challenges sometimes associated with team work! The winners of the Student Enterprise awards were:

1st: Moonlight Promotions - organised a very successful Christmas Disco for 15—17 year olds. Team members: Naoise Reilly, Nicola Byrne, Aoife Carty, Lauren Gillic & Laura Murphy  
2nd: Milis Chocolates - produced & sold handmade chocolates at various venues. Team members: Hannah Quirke, Aine Ni Chroinin & Lisa Byrne  
3rd: Koko Kebabs - prepared and sold fruit kebabs in the school canteen. Team members: Nicole Alken, Amy Brogan, Shelley Stafford, Eimear Quigley & Em-magene Cooke

**YSI Speakouts** - took place in March in Dundalk. Each TY classes presented an act or dance to illustrate their chosen social topic: e.g. Bullying, Ageism, Fairtrade, Breast Cancer Awareness.

### **U'16 Gaelic Football All Ireland Champions**

Congrats to the 2010 Tesco Junior B Ladies Gaelic Football All-Ireland champions and their coach Mr. Wright! The girls had a fantastic year culminating in this big win! The adventure began in October when the team travelled to Dunboyne for the opening game of the group stages, beating St. Peter's Dunboyne 5-12 to 1-3. The next challengers were Loreto, Navan who were beaten at 6-11 to 3-5. In the final group game, Eureka got a bye to finish top of the table and secure a home venue for the Leinster Quarter Final. Ballymahon Secondary School were the visitors and gave Eureka a very close game, Eureka winning by a narrow two point margin after extra time, the score: 8-12 to 7-13. Next, in the Leinster Semi-Final, Eureka beat Colaiste Iosagain, Stillorgan 2-09 to 1-10.

In March, the team journeyed to St. Loman's GAA grounds in Mullingar to meet their Leinster Final opponents Mountmellick Community School, Co. Laois. On this windy day, the girls built up a strong lead of eight points before Mountmellick launched a strong come-back. Eureka emerged with a one-point victory, thanks to some fantastic defensive displays. The player of the match award for this final went to Megan O'Brien.

With the Leinster Final secured, the next challenge to await the girls was an All-Ireland Semi-Final against St. Mary's, Ballina. Despite a strong start from the Mayo team, Eureka proved too strong and fully deserved their 4-10 to 2-08 win. There were great performances all over the field, with Jennifer Newman's penalty save being a key moment in the game.

On April 24th, along with huge support, Eureka departed to the Gaelic Grounds in Drogheda for the All-Ireland Final where they faced St. Paul's, Bessbrook (Armagh). The girls started well and got an early lead through a fine goal from Megan O'Brien. Further goals from Jackie Kavanagh, Aine Bennett and Leanne Lynch helped Eureka cruise to victory with a very comfortable score of 4-10 to 2-08 and the school's first All-Ireland Gaelic Football title! Player of the match on the day was wing half forward Jackie Kavanagh who scored 1-04 from play and was a constant thorn in the side of the Armagh team!

This victory comes at the end of a year of huge commitment and dedication from the girls and from their formidable coach Mr. Wright! The girls received their Leinster Final medals at the recent school's awards ceremony, as well as their own individual jerseys courtesy of Gormley's Pharmacy.

To honour the team's achievement, a buffet dinner dance was held in the Headfort Arms Hotel on Wed. 2nd June, where Mr. Pat Quill, President of Cumann Peil na mBan, presented the winning team with their All-Ireland medals.



Many thanks to David Gormley of Gormley's Pharmacy for his generous sponsorship throughout the year. Also to Donoghue's Coaches for sponsoring the team buses for both finals, and to the Henry family for sponsoring the team meal after the All-Ireland Final. Thanks also to everyone else who contributed in any way throughout the school year.

And lastly, well done to the girls and to Mr. Wright! The winning team members as follows: Grainne Mackin & Megan O'Brien (joint captains); Jennifer Newman; Lauren Henry; Fiona Drew; Carrie Browne; Dearbhla Reilly; Rebecca O'Brien; Ruth Carry; Emma Somerville; Leanne Lynch; Jacqueline Kavanagh; Sinead Walsh; Aine Bennett; Sinead Reilly; Orlaith Duff; Caroline Hayes; Emily Lynch; Jennifer Arkins; Nicole Fagan; Shauna Kenny; Michelle Reilly.

### **Eureka Fashion Show**

Eureka Fashion Show took place in the school gym on May 11th. Models included students from TY and from 1st Yr, teachers, pupils from Kells Community School and some local children. Clothes were modelled from a variety of shops & boutiques in Kells, Navan, Trim, Athboy & Cavan town - A-Wear, Aura Boutique, Dunnes Stores, Daisy Dukes, Lucy Locketts, Sally West, McElhinney's, Dazzling Divas, Maria B's, Chique Boutique, Ebony, Ribbon Rouge, His Republic and Name It Children's Clothing. The models took their jobs very seriously and were impeccably turned out, often having to change outfits with minutes to spare! Logistically, this show was a major undertaking. Thanks to Ms. Glynn who liaised with boutiques & organised fitting / sizing of clothes by models in advance of the show and was also compere for the evening. Thanks to Mrs. Yore who put her considerable artistic skills to great use by decorating the gym, stage / catwalk and organising the very effective lighting. Ms. Weir's TY artists created and then modelled beautiful hats which were inspired by flowers, leaves, birds & insects. All hats were made from recycled materials. TY pupil Emer Corbett choreographed two exciting dances which were performed by two dance groups at various stages during the night. Ms. Cronin compiled a CD of songs appropriate to each fashion theme. Lively, popular songs accompanied each trip down the catwalk! The show raised €3,300 for school funds. Well done & thanks to all involved!



## Loveshack News - Love for

### Sick Homeless and Abandoned Children in Kenya.

In total we raised just over € 6000 this year for Loveshack. Karen Ward, the founder of Loveshack, wishes to thank you all for your very generous help. She opened the **Little Citizens Day Care Centre** in a school in the slums of Nairobi. Fifteen teen mums and their little babies will receive health care, education and a guiding hand for the next five years. Without this scheme, these young girls would have no future; they would be destitute and reduced to begging or prostitution. Their babies would be very vulnerable to disease and most certainly would never enter the education system. Your money was also put towards the building of a new dormitory in the same school. Homeless students who were sleeping on the classroom floor at night now have a clean place to stay. The new building was officially opened in April and all that remains now is to equip it and maintain it. Next year we hope to raise money to help with this project. Sam Poynter will return to Eureka in the next school year to give us a full report on the progress in Kenya. Thank you for your support and well done!

### Leaving Cert Graduation

The mass and graduation ceremony took place in St. Colmcille's Church, Kells on May 26th. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Michael Smith, con-celebrated by local priests and followed by the graduation ceremony during which L.Cert pupils were awarded certificates and blessed with oils. Mentors & prefects were each presented with silver trinket boxes and New-bridge Silver clocks respectively. The annual "Student of the Year" was this year awarded to four pupils! The recipients of the award were: Julie Vaughan, Helen Iliff, Naoise Caffrey and Patricia Curran. Head Girl Dympna O'Brien and Deputy Head Girl Patricia Curran presented gifts to the L.Cert Year Head Mrs. McNiffe, to Principal Ms. O'Reilly and to Deputy Principal Ms. Moran and to former Deputy Principal Mr. Broderick.

Following the mass and graduation ceremony Parents, students & staff then retreated to the school canteen for light refreshments.

We send good wishes to all our L.Cert. Graduates in their up and coming exams and in their futures!



**Athletics** - The team have taken part in four meets in what has been a very busy and eventful year. They represented the school well, winning medals at each of these meets both at cross country and track and field. The highlight of the year was in April in Morton Stadium in Santry. Over thirty students travelled to Santry and overall the school won 5 medals taking part in a wide range of events, from high jump to discus.

The following students won medals at Santry

Niamh O'Kelly Lynch U14 100m sprint, Emily Sheridan U16 mile Laura Oliver U17 long jump  
Charlotte Farrelly U16 Shot putt, Grace Dunne U14 Shot putt

## Eureka Awards 2010

The following is a list of the recipients of the award for "Student of the Class" and the award for "Co-operation & application"

### First Year Class Awards

Award	Class	Student
Student of the Year	R. 6 Una	Lydia Mc Cabe
Co-operation & Application	R. 6 Una	Caroline O'Rourke
Student of the Year	R. 7 Fionn	Caoimhe Gibney
Co-operation & Application	R. 7 Fionn	Amy Dugdale
Student of the Year	R. 8 Aoife	Maria Byrne
Co-operation & Application	R. 8 Aoife	Jacqueline Bohan
Student of the Year	R. 9 Ferdia	Aine Duff
Co-operation & Application	R.9 Ferdia	Leanne Connell
Student of the Year	R. 34 Gearoid	Ailbhe Hanley
Co-operation & Application	R.34 Gearoid	Peo Mosepele

### Second Year Class Awards

Award	Class	Student
Student of the Year	Rang Eoin	Ellen Casey
Co-operation & Application	Rang Eoin	Rebecca Greaves
Student of the Year	Rang Conor	Claire Vaughan
Co-operation & Application	Rang Conor	Ruth Anderson
Student of the Year	Rang Orlaith	Emma Chambers
Co-operation & Application	Rang Orlaith	Jane Hennigan
Student of the Year	Rang Donal	Mariana Fuente
Co-operation & Application	Rang Donal	Sarah Walsh
Student of the Year	Rang Sheelin	Eadaoin O'Reilly
Co-operation & Application	Rang Sheelin	Niamh Kelly

### Third Year Class Awards

Award	Class	Student
Student of the Year	Rang Aine	Sophie Tevlin
Co-operation & application	Rang Aine	Sylwia Nowak
Student of the Year	Rang Bronagh	Ruth O'Reilly
Co-operation & application	Rang Bronagh	Aileen Flood
Student of the Year	Rang Erin	Saoirse Clarke
Co-operation & Application	Rang Erin	Aoife Cosgrove
Student of the Year	Rang Cara	Omotola Akinrogbe
Co-operation & Application	Rang Cara	Danielle Roche
Student of the Year	Rang Eimear	Niamh Flattery
Co-operation & Application	Rang Eimear	Dionne O'Rourke Gillic

### Fifth Year Class Awards

Award	Class	Student
Student of the Year	Rang Liam	Grainne Clarke
Co-operation & Application	Rang Liam	Joanna Byrne
Student of the Year	Rang Pauric	Kristine Hand
Co-operation & Application	Rang Pauric	Claire Gough
Student of the Year	Rang Nessa	Grainne Mackin
Co-operation & Application	Rang Nessa	Claire Mahon
Student of the Year	Rang Meabh	Deirdre O'Reilly
Co-operation & Application	Rang Meabh	Tong Sun Xin



**Wishing everyone a great summer!  
Good luck to Leaving & Junior Certs in their exams!**

