

### Junior Girls' Basketball Leinster Final

On Tuesday 27th March, the Junior Girls' Basketball team travelled to Mullingar to play Wilson's Hospital in the Leinster Final.



However, on the day of the final Wilson's Hospital were marginally the better team. The final score was Wilson's Hospital 22 points, Athy CC 13 points.

The girls had played impressively in their previous games where they were victorious over Moate Community School, Tullamore College and Presentation Kildare, to name a few.

Back Row: Alison Shaw, Mary Morrissey, Andrea McHale, Shauna Mackey, Sheridan Ging, Stephanie Perse. Front Row: Ashleigh Harrison, Niamh O'Neill, Cody Foley, Vivienne Dooris, Stacey Quinn.

Our highest scorer and player of the match was captain Niamh O'Neill. Many congratulations to all the girls.

### Leaving Certificate Class 2007

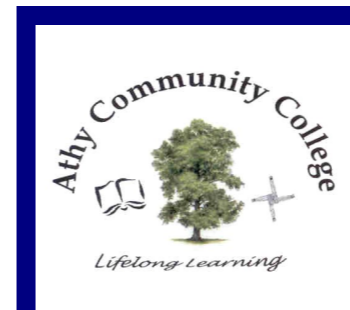


Leaving Certificate Class 2007, pictured with Deputy Principal, Mrs. Breda Sunderland and Principal, Mr Richard Daly at the recent Graduation Evening at the College. Congratulations and best wishes for the future to all our Class of 2007.



### Home, School, Community Liaison, Mother/Daughter Skin and Hair Care

Beautician, Eimear Jacob, on left, giving some tips to Rachel Whelan and Aneka Doyle. On right, mother and daughter, Frances and Melissa Glancy enjoying the Skin and Hair Care Course at the College.



# College and Community News

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**Congratulations to Frances Watchorn, L.C. Class '06 on being awarded a Scholarship by Carlow I.T. for having the most points for her course.**

## Athy Community College

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**Great News - Full planning permission has been granted for our new school**



### Winner of All Ireland Art Competition

Congratulations to student Birute Liepinyte, National winner of Mental Health Ireland's "Design a Cover" competition. Birute was awarded First Prize in a competition with over 1,000 entrants. Her work will be used as a promotional folder for Mental Health Ireland's Public Speaking Competition, 2008. Congratulations also to Birute's Art teacher Ms Mary McKenna.

From Left: Dr Breda Sunderland, Deputy Principal, Lima Liepinyte, Birute Liepinyte winner, Ms. Mary McKenna, Art teacher and Mr. Richard Daly, Principal, Community College.

### "Drop Everything and Read" (Dear)

"Drop Everything and Read" was held recently at the Community College. It was a wonderful success with all students and teachers dropping everything and spending 25 minutes reading each morning for one week. Organiser Mrs Irene Gilsenan was delighted with its success. Students also held a 'No Uniform Day' to raise funds for charity.

### 'Today a Reader Tomorrow a Leader'



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## Academic Awards 2006/2007

The College hall was full to the brim of proud students and their families, all of whom gave a warm welcome to our special guest, Fine Gael Leader, Mr Enda Kenny T.D. Mr Kenny delivered an encouraging and entertaining speech before presenting the students with their respective awards. He took time for a word or two with each student, all of whom were beaming with their success. Mr Richard Daly, Principal of the College, who hosted the awards, was delighted with the atmosphere on yet another successful night.



Niall Sunderland, on left, receiving award from Fine Gael Leader, Mr Enda Kenny T.D. for Junior Certificate Student of the Year 2006 and also an Academic Award for First place in his present Fifth Year Group. Amy Keogh, in centre, and Sean Fitzpatrick, on right, receiving Academic Awards for coming First place in their First Year Class Groups.

Academic Awards were presented to the following students for coming First place in their Class Groups: Amy Keogh, Sean Fitzpatrick, Darren Davis, Laima Liepinyte, Vivienne Dooris, Jonathen Brennan, Thomas Page, Stephen Moore, Niall Sunderland, Sammi Oliver, Eamon Brennan, Shane O'Rourke, Birute Liepinyte and Joanne Adams. Awards for coming Second place were presented to Ashleigh Harrison, Stephen Moore, Kathleen Hayden, Darren O'Keefe, Ricky Daly, Anthony Nolan, Darren O'Rourke, Jason Shaw, Tanyell Kinsella, Stephen Duggan, Karen Murray, Patrick Doyle, Ciaran Brown, Rachel Whelan and Anneka Doyle

## Congratulations to Leaving Certificate Students of the Year 2006



Maria Sunderland on left, receiving award as Leaving Certificate student of the Year 2006 and Lindsey Kelly on right receiving award as Leaving Certificate Applied Student of the Year 2006, based on the 2006 Leaving Certificate results. Awards were presented by Fine Gael Leader Mr Enda Kenny T.D.

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## School Tour to Rome

On Saturday 3rd March there was a strong sense of excitement in the air as 34 students made their way to the gates of Athy Community College. No, not to class, the day of the school tour had finally arrived! At 8:30am, following emotional farewells to parents, we headed for the airport to catch our flight to Rome. A mere nine hours later, we arrived in our home away from home, the Hotel Noto, a very pleasant hotel in the heart of Rome. After feeding our travel weary troops, we walked to the Trevi fountain, which is lit up magnificently at night. Tradition has it that if you throw a coin over your left shoulder you will return to Rome, needless to say we all gave it a go!



At the Trevi Fountain



Outside the Colosseum

On Sunday, we had the privilege of meeting Alessandro, who brought us on a walking tour of the Colosseum, the Forum and the Pantheon. Alessandro was very passionate about his native city and gave us a great insight into the history of the places we visited.

After a gourmet lunch in McDonalds, we visited the Piazza di Spagna, where the Spanish steps are located. We gladly joined the hundreds of other tourists and sat on the steps for a much needed rest! Piazza Navona was our next port call, a beautiful square with many street entertainers, artists and stalls. As we headed back to the hotel we paid a second visit to see the Trevi Fountain in all her glory in daylight. After dinner we headed to Iceland 90 for ice-skating. Not so much dancing on ice, but slipping and sliding!



The Spanish Steps

On Monday morning, we set off early to meet with Carla, our guide for the tour of the Vatican museums and St. Peter's Basilica. Carla was very enthusiastic as she shared her knowledge of the Vatican City with us. We strolled through the museums looking at various works of art and spent some time staring in awe at the magnificent Sistine Chapel. Then we headed to St. Peter's Basilica and saw the Pieta and tombs of deceased Popes, including the tomb of Pope John Paul II. On Monday evening we headed out to Parco Leonardo to do some shopping.



Following breakfast on Tuesday Morning, we headed to the city centre again, to experience the Time Elevator. This could probably be best described as a history lesson and a rollercoaster ride combined! Our next stop was the catacombs of San Sebastian, It has been estimated that 6 million Christians must have been buried in the catacombs and that if all the galleries were placed end to end, they would stretch for 600 miles, not a good place to get lost! After dinner we headed bowling, just to make sure we got some exercise while we were away!!



Outside the Catacombs

Bright and early on Wednesday morning it was time to make our homeward journey. There were tired, pale faces that morning, and not just amongst the teachers! Many thanks to all the students who made the trip so enjoyable, you were/are a credit to your parents and guardians.

Thanks again to all the teachers from organiser Mrs Deirdre Murphy especially to Mr Ger McDonagh, Miss Claire O'Connor and Miss Shirley Doyle who accompanied students on the tour to Rome. Some students still haven't collected the souvenir DVD, be sure to ask Mrs Murphy if you didn't get yours.