



Athy College

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College Graduation Ceremony



On Friday 3rd May the Graduation ceremony for this year's Leaving Certificate students was held at the College. These students will soon be saying farewell to the College as they start their new lives after secondary school. A wonderful and memorable evening was had by all. Thanks to Ms. B. Sweeney who organised the event and to Ms. S. Freeman who directed the amazing school choir.

All Ireland Scholarship Award



Congratulations to last year's Leaving Cert student Joel Akinola who received an All Ireland JP McManus Scholarship presented to him by President Bill Clinton at University College Limerick. This scholarship was based on his excellent Leaving Cert results, scoring a whopping 570 points. The only other Kildare recipient of an All Ireland Scholarship was Katie Curran from Maynooth PP who is also a student of Kildare VEC. A proud day for Joel, his family and Athy College. Picture of presentation of JP McManus Scholarship to Joel Akinola at UL. -left to right are JP McManus, Joel Akinola, President Bill Clinton and College Principal Mr. R. Daly. Joel is presently studying Bio Medical Sciences at University College Dublin, where he has also recently been honoured with a Scholar's Award for his Leaving Certificate results.

College Art Teacher Going Global



Ms. Mary McKenna, Art teacher at Athy College on left, seen here at the Athy College Art Exhibition, which helped to raise funds for her voluntary work in India with Global Schoolroom. Mary will be travelling to India this summer where she will be training teachers how to teach Art. Guest at the exhibition was Gareth Campbell, on right, founder of the Global Schoolroom.

New Technologies at Athy College



The introduction of I Pads into the classrooms at Athy College has proven to be very popular with teachers and students alike. The purchase of a number of

class sets adds to the promotion of using technology in education. New technologies including visualisers in practical classrooms and online resources through Moodle are well advanced.

Athy College meets President



Athy College was represented by Leaving Certificate student, Gary Kelly and teacher, Mr Frank Whelan at the recent Shackleton School. The Shackleton weekend was acknowledging the contribution made by the college in piloting the Shackleton Challenge in the last academic year. In the picture above Kevin Kenny explains the programme to President Michael D. Higgins. Well done to Gary and Mr Whelan in advancing the Shackleton philosophy. (Pic. Robert Redmond)

Inspirational Students & Teachers



Teachers in the College recently voted Gary Kelly and Alannah Moran as Inspirational Students of the Year. They in turn nominated Ms B. Sweeney and Ms. C. O'Connor as their Inspirational Teachers. They recently received their awards at a ceremony in NUIM. On left above is Gary with his nominated teacher Ms Sweeney and below left Alannah with her nominated teacher Ms. C. O'Connor

Students Visit St. Vincent's



A lovely afternoon of song, presents and Christmas spirit as Athy College choir visited residents of St. Vincent's Hospital at Christmas time.



Well done to Leaving Cert Applied students who are visiting and engaging with patients in St Vincent's Hospital each week, Some of the students here with teacher Ms. B. Sweeney.

Golden Mile Walk



Well done to all students who took part in the Golden Mile Walk to raise funds for the Global Classroom.

Adult Art Exhibition



Just a sample of the paintings on exhibition at the recent Art Exhibition at the College. Congratulations to all our Adult Art students and to their teacher Ms. L. Dempsey

PLC Student of the Year 2012



Carmel Heffernan receiving award for PLC Student of the Year from Principal Mr. R. Daly.

An International Flavour



Fifth Year Home Economics class recently enjoyed an International Day, where everyone cooked a native dish and brought it into school to share with their classmates. The dishes they made were from Ireland, England, Austria, Nigeria, Poland, Italy and Hungary. Students enjoyed the event and were very appreciative to their teacher Ms. F. McEvoy for organising the event.

Student of the Year Awards 2012



Student of the Year 2012 Awards were recently presented. Above S. Doyle, teacher, Dr. B. Sunderland, Deputy Principal, Scott Fitzgerald, Junior Cert. Student of the Year, Conor Dorgan, Leaving Cert. Applied Student of the Year, Joel Akinola, Leaving Cert Student of the Year and College Principal Mr. R. Daly.

Cycle for Life



Students taking part in the Life Cycle together with Scoil Lorcan Castledermot. A great time was had by all. Thanks to organising teacher Ms D. Murphy.

Cross Country Winner



Principal Mr. R. Daly presents Jessica Ankers with singlet in recognition of her recent cross country achievement. Thanks to Mr Higgins for organising this.

Basketball and Volley Ball Success



Congratulations to our Junior Basketball and volleyball teams who excelled this year. Well done and continued success.

Students visit Athy Concentrates



The College extends thanks to Business Partners Athy International Concentrates for hosting a visit to their production plant in Athy which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks also for working with some of our senior students by exposing them to the world of business. Ber McEvoy and Tom Malone from AIC and Clodagh Gorman from Business in The Community joined students in Athy College recently and gave an outline of work practices at Athy Concentrates. Our thanks to them for continuing to be our business partners.

Congratulations to third year student Chloe Murray on her amazing Art Exhibition in Athy Community Arts Centre. Well done to Chloe pictured on right with Mr W. Higgins and Mrs B. Sunderland.

Student Exhibits Her Art



Under 14 Soccer



Above the Under 14 Soccer team who enjoyed great success during the year. Well done to all.

Table Tennis Tournament



Congratulations to Tosin William on winning the senior section of the table tennis tournament. Hamish Munroe and Rutaba Mukhtar won the junior section. Many thanks to Conor McDonald who organised the tournament.

Boxing Success



Congratulations to third year student William Donoghue who did St Michael's Club, the town and the College proud recently competing for the national boxing title. Unfortunately he had to settle for second best in the country - not bad!