

Athy College

School and Community News

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Leaving Cert Graduation 2011



The Leaving Cert class of 2011, with Athy College Deputy Principal, Mrs Breda Sunderland on left and School Principal Mr. Richard Daly on right. Leaving Certificate students are coming near the end of their time in Athy College, graduation evening has taken place and students are getting down to the final preparations for their examinations. With very little time left, revision, practicals, etc become the order of the day. All staff send their best wishes to the graduates and say what a lovely group they were.

NUIM Awards 2011



Congratulations to Athy college students who received awards from NUIM. Recipients of Academic Awards from National University of Ireland, Maynooth, on left: Nicole Whiteford for French, Sarah Johnson for English, Alanna Moran for Irish, Gary Kelly for Science and Sam Owens-Mailes for Mathematics. Also in picture Dr Gerry Jeffers, NUI, Ms Ailish Reidy and Dr Breda Sunderland, Athy College.

Fetac Graduations



Above, are some of the graduates from our Post Leaving Certificate course 'Business & Information Technology' receiving their awards. They are accompanied by Course Co-ordinator Ms Noreen Tyrell. The PLC course is designed for possible entry to study at IT level or direct entry to employment in Administration/Secretarial, Insurance, Banking, Gov Depts., Local Authorities, Educational Establishments etc. For further information and application forms visit www.athycollege.ie. Places are strictly limited. Early application recommended.

Instructional Leaders



Athy College is to the forefront of a national project 'Developing Instructional Leadership in Schools'. Photographed graduating as Instructional Leaders are College teachers: Ms. N O'Neill, Ms. D. Murphy and Dr. B. Sunderland, with Noel O'Connor, IVEA President, Professor Barrie Bennett, University of Toronto and Sean Ashe, CEO - Kildare VEC.

Spanish Students



Spanish students; Carlos, Jessica, Alvaro and Sofia, who have spent the last year studying at Athy college will soon be returning home to Spain. Both staff and students wish them well and would like to say how nice it was having them.

CAO 2011

Students are reminded that CAO listings may be changed between now and 5.15 on 1st July 2011. Changes are free.

School Visit

Earlier in the term, LCA students from fifth and sixth year went on a tour of the Midlands Prison in Portlaoise as part of their Social Education Programme. The students also took the opportunity to visit the state of the art kitchen facilities there as part of their Hotel and Catering Course. Students were given a full tour of the prison and students felt it was a worthwhile trip.

Students and Teachers Raise Funds

Teachers and students are involved in fundraising for charities. **Tri Athy** which takes place on 5th June, will have College teachers taking part; Mr. F. Whelan, Swimming 750 m, Mr. B. Higgins, Cycling 20km and Ms D. Murphy Running 5km. They will be raising funds for the Irish Cancer Society. D10 and D11 students raised €470 as part of the College Art Exhibition. With the help of their teacher, Mr. Frank Whelan and Ms Tina Whelan, they sold the Art Catalogues on the night for €2 each. The funds are being divided evenly between Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, and the Irish Cancer Society. The student who took part were: Rachel Isaac, Gislain Lawal, Siobhan O'Rourke, Olivia Daly Loriane Mwanascoe and Oyinda Adenwale. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Food from the Movies

Our D12, LCA class hosted a "Food from the Movies" event before Easter as a Hotel and Catering task. They choose to prepare foods from their favourite movie and invited guests; parents, fifth and sixth class from the Model School and students from our adult art group. The buffet style event included food from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", "The Simpsons", "It's Complicated", "Jackie Chan" and the "Karate Kid". Students will be assessed on this event after Easter, We wish them the best of luck.

History Projects



Prize winners (Easter eggs) for local History project in First Year History. First was Daniel Scuturu, Second was Bartos Miesikowski and finished first was Brendan Chambers. This was organised by History teacher Ms A. Reidy.

Art Competition Winners



Congratulations to College students Sinead Moloney, Evelina Connolly, Olivia Daly, Arlene Kelly and Siobhan O'Rourke the winner and runners up respectively, in the Kentucky/Kildare Twinning Art Competition. Also in the picture are Ms Mary McKenna, Art Teacher centre, Mr. Sean Cleary on left and Ms. Marjorie Moore, on right, from the Kildare Twinning Association.

Under 14 Gaelic Football



Athy College U14 School Gaelic Football Team took part in the 11 a side Kildare GAA Schools blitz, held in Kildare GAA's new Centre of Excellence, Hawkfield on Wed March 2nd. The team played a total of four games and made a great account of themselves winning two games, drawing one and losing one.

Team: Brendan Chambers, Calvin Cullen, Gary Lawlor, Craig McDermott, William Donohue, Dylan Brennan, Gavin La Combre, Adam Stynes, Ciaran Bowes, Victor Badakin, Fionn McDonald, Robert Smithers (Coach: Mr D Murphy)

Well done also to our girls' basketball team and to their coach Ms N O'Neill, who had great success this year. They won most of their matches and did us proud.

Engineering Projects



Above, are the fifth year engineering class who completed a tennis ball launcher as their project. The team of Carlos, Attila, Adam, Jason and Martin worked very hard and very well together to produce this fine machine. Overall the Engineering department produced some quality projects this year and we want to wish all the best to the leaving cert and junior cert students in their forthcoming exams. Thanks to their teacher Mr. B. Higgins

English Trip to Tivoli Theatre

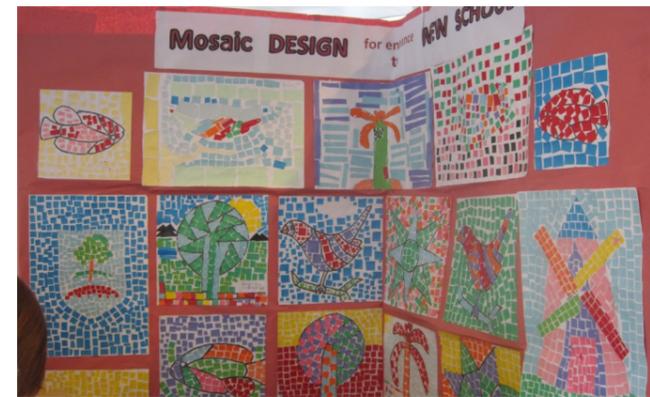
Ms. C. O'Connor and Ms. S. Doyle recently accompanied our Fifth and Sixth year students on a trip to the Tivoli Theatre, Dublin to see a production of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet". The play is on the Leaving Certificate courses for 2011 and 2012. The production was excellent and students gained new insights into and understanding of the play. All returned home after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Geography Field Trip

Fifth and Sixth year Geography students recently enjoyed a field trip to Kippure Outdoor Education Centre in Blessington, Co Wicklow. As part of their Leaving Certificate examination, Geography students are required to take part in a field study. This year we decided to examine sites on the River Liffey. Students repeated experiments on two different sites on what was a cold but glorious day. We returned home with a feeling of a job well done and a lot of new practical knowledge gained. S.Doyle.

JCSP Make a Book and School Tour

This year's entry in the JCSP 'Make a Book' exhibition in the Civic Offices in Dublin was a tremendous success. The first and second year JCSP classes (A3 and B4) did great work along with their English, Woodwork, Art and PE teachers to produce, not only a book, but also a mural and DVD for the exhibition. The exhibits were much admired on the day by all who viewed them. Congratulations to A3 and B4 class groups - your work was a credit to you all. All the JCSP groups went on tour for the day on Thursday 24 March. After viewing the exhibition we made the statutory stop-over at Mc Donald's and proceeded to Dublin Zoo where we enjoyed the animals in glorious sunshine.



Academic Awards

Athy College recently celebrated the academic achievements of students of all year groups. The Academic Awards, which are an annual event each Spring, is a special night for students, parents and teachers. Mr Daly congratulated students on their hard work and encouraged them to continue to achieve results to the highest of their ability. He thanked parents for their unwavering support during the school year. Mr Daly, Principal, and Dr Sunderland, Deputy Principal presented awards to our students.



Above on left, brothers, Joel and Samuel Akinola, with their father. Joel was awarded Athy College Junior Cert Student of the year 2010, while Samuel recently was awarded an NUIM inspirational award. Above on right, Principal Mr. R Daly and Leaving Certificate Applied Student of the year 2010 Shane Owens. Below left, Teacher Ms. S. Doyle and Joel Akinola and below right is a group of first year students at the awards night. Melissa Glancy also received an inspirational award from NUIM in May 2011

There was an electric atmosphere as students waited eagerly to see who would receive awards for first and second places in each class. The night culminated in the awards for 'Junior Certificate Student of The Year 2010', awarded to Joel Akinola, and 'Leaving Certificate Students of The Year 2010', awarded to Shane Owens and Laima Liepiynte.

