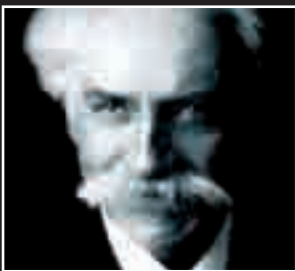


## Department of Education endorses Percy French Summer School

In what will be an exciting programme of music, lectures and lunchtime recitals from 14th to 21st July 2010, retracing the steps of Percy French, the Percy French Summer School at Castlecoote House has this year received full accreditation from the Department of Education and Science.

The variety of lectures, recitals, drama, music, poems and theatre was it seems the catalyst that brought about the Department's interest and eventual endorsement of the School's syllabus.

Drawing teachers from three counties Leitrim, Longford, Roscommon and involving over 175 schools, the Summer School is expected to provide a major



boost to tourism in Roscommon. School tours will also dramatically increase, bringing a renewed focus and concentration on Roscommon's wonderful historic and cultural heritage. It will take Percy French to new heights as teachers from primary schools from the three counties will be treated to all aspects of Percy French's enormous

contribution to the world of art, literature and entertainment.

It will extend greatly the reach of the Percy French Summer School and put Percy French at the heart of cultural heritage in his native Roscommon. Supported by Roscommon Library Services and spanning over seven days, there will be great variety of entertainment for all the family which will include talks on Percy French's paintings, the historical background to his work, drama, music and theatre. Lunchtime recitals are available from as little as €7 and evening concerts at only €20 for more information on what's on at this year's Summer School visit [www.percyfrench.ie](http://www.percyfrench.ie) or phone (090) 66 63794.



Noel Mac Piarais pictured with students in Gael Scoil de hÍde, Roscommon on Wednesday morning, Noel was demonstrating Morse Code to the students, one of the older forms of communications. Picture: Andrew Fox.

## Tender agreed for Strokestown school

Cordil Construction has been awarded the tender for a large extension at Scoil Mhuire secondary school in Strokestown, a fact welcomed this week by Minister for Housing and Local Services, Michael Finneran TD, right.

Minister Finneran said, "The contract for this large extension was awarded to Cordil Construction Ltd. The estimated cost of the overall project is over €4 million. This major extension involves the following: Four classrooms; two science laboratories; technical graphics room; metalwork room, store rooms, boiler house, offices, first aid room and the upgrading of some existing rooms and upgrading of heating and toilets. The above will involve



a total area of 1401 square metres.

"A further independent extension will involve PE hall and changing rooms, equipment room, gymnasium and viewing gallery. The above will involve a total area of 618 sq m2. The overall extension will consist of 2019 sq m2. Construction will commence within weeks and when completed it will cater for over 400 pupils.

"The Principal of Scoil Mhuire Eamon Corrigan, Board of Management, Parents Council, and myself have worked extremely hard to bring this major extension to fruition.

"I wish the staff, pupils and parents every success with this extension," concluded Minister Finneran TD.

### Mast meeting

Everybody from the parish of Kilkerrin is urged to attend a very important meeting in Kilkerrin Community Development Centre on Thursday, 13th May at 9 pm sharp regarding erection of Mast at Derrinabrin, Newforest in site provided by Coillte.

# Closing Down Sale

## SALE CONTINUES DUE TO DEMAND

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9.30 am - 6.00 pm.**

### Castlerea playschool

Enrolment day at Castlerea Community Playschool takes place on Monday 24th May in their premises on St. Patrick's Street at 9 pm. Any queries to Mrs. Bernadette Mannion on (094) 96 20317.

### Challenging behaviour and teenagers

Are you interested in exploring ways of communicating with your teenagers? If so why not come along to d'Umbrella Youth Café in Elphin on Wednesday, 19th May at 7 pm.

Kathy Ewing, HighScope Endorsed Trainer RIDC will be giving a workshop entitled 'A toolkit for dealing with Challenging Behaviour'. For more information contact Margaret on (090) 66 30252.

### Kenny welcomes Moore roadworks

Independent Councillor Jimmy Kenny this week welcomed road works currently being carried out in the general Moore area.

"Quite a number of roads have been damaged as a result of heavy vehicles travelling on those roads during the construction of the new motorway between Athlone and Ballinasloe. Further road repairs are expected to be carried out during the coming months."

### Ballymoe Confirmation

Congratulations to all the children from Kilkroan National School who were confirmed in St. Michael's Church, Glinsk on Wednesday 5th May. The children who received Confirmation were: Andrew Coneran, Raymond McCormack, Brendan Keane, Jason Egan, Amy Simpson, Ryan Morgan, Jessica Joyce, Mark Kilcommons, Darren Cunniffe, Leah Gallagher, Maire Hegarty, Jack Swift and James Shaughnessy.

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