



The Melting Pot, Roscommon successfully participated in the O2 Ability Awards 2010 programme and has achieved the status of "Ability Company" in the 'Customer Service & Leadership' categories / best practice areas. The Melting Pot was short-listed for these categories based on the high standard of their application form, which was verified by the Kanchi and PricewaterhouseCoopers Assessment team through an onsite assessment as part of the O2 Ability Awards 2010 programme. Pictured at the O2 Ability Awards night (left to right): Batt O'Keeffe, TD, Minister for Enterprise Trade & Innovation; Adrian Brend, Manager, The Melting Pot; Andrew McDonnell, Manager, Clorina House Training Centre, HSE West & Chairperson of The Melting Pot Board; Danuta Gray, CEO, O2 Telefónica; and Caroline Casey, Founder, Kanchi.

roscommon town notes

Tidy Towns Weekly Clean Up

Weekly Clean Up! Members of Roscommon Tidy Towns meet every Tuesday evening at 7 pm. Next week the group will meet on Tuesday evening at The Spinney and conduct a clean-up of the Abbeystown, Galway Road area. Anybody who would like to help will be very welcome. Gloves, bags and litter pickers will be provided. 'Think Tidy, let's keep Roscommon Clean.' For further information contact Kathleen Shanagher at (087) 3726743.

Holy Communion

The children in First class at Scoil Mhuire NS celebrated their First Holy Communion on May 15th in the Sacred Heart Church. The Parents Association put on a party afterwards in the school. It was enjoyed by all family members who had come to share this special day with the children.

Cake sale

A cake sale was held at Scoil Mhuire NS on Wednesday in support of two teachers who are involved in charitable projects. Ms. Patricia Morris, 2nd class teacher, is visiting India this summer to train teachers as part of a Global Schoolroom project. Ms. Joan O'Shea, Infant teacher was the winner of the Jigs and Reels on Saturday and was dancing for the Brothers of Charity, Roscommon. Both teachers greatly appreciate the support shown on the day and over €2,000 was raised.

Juvenile Pioneers

A get-together for juvenile Pioneers and their parents/guardians will take place in the Quad Youth Centre, Circular Road, Roscommon on Tuesday 25th May from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Caroline Dervan from the Regional Pioneer Activities Committee will speak to the young members. Refreshments will be served on the night. RSVP to (090) 66 63924 on or before 24th.

Dual Language Books

At a recent meeting of Léargas the submission from Scoil Mhuire NS to the European Language Label 2010, titled 'Valuing Bilingualism in our school through the creation of Dual Language Texts' was short-listed for

award, pending a visit by two members of the Jury panel on Wednesday. The books are in Portuguese/English, Chechen/English and Polish/English. Dual language books in 'Gaeilge/English' will be posted soon on the school's website as well as other books in many different languages

Recent deaths

Sincere sympathy is offered to the families of the following who died recently: Ronan Morris, Cloverhill; Mary Owens, Lisnamult; Gerry Lowry, Riverside Avenue; Padraig Finneran, Cloonbrackna Avenue.

Marriage jubilee

A celebration of silver, ruby, golden or any anniversary of marriage will be hosted by the Family Life Centre, St. Joseph's Church, Boyle on 20th June at 3 pm. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Christopher Jones. Refreshments afterwards in St. Joseph's Hall, Boyle. Booking essential by 2nd June. Ph: Reception on (071) 96 63000, email info@familylifecentre.ie or contact your local priest.

Katie's a winner

Katie Dolan from Ms. Fallon's 4th class at Scoil Mhuire NS, Roscommon, was the overall winner from Scoil Mhuire in the Write-a-poem 2010. She will have her poem published in a limited edition volume of poetry. Maithú Katie. Congratulations also to the following students/young poets from the same school who will be awarded medals by Athlone Education Centre Laura Crean (1st class), Amy McNeill (2nd class), Emma Feeley, Kate Butt (3rd class), Aife Feeley, Hollie Foley, Lisa Mullen, Katie Dolan (4th class), Genevieve Harlow (5th class), Kayla Dibble and Aoife Garvey (6th class).

Thank you

Clergy at the Sacred Heart Church this week issued a special thank you to Service Matters for gifting two beautiful welcome mats, bearing the image of the Sacred Heart for the Porch of the Church.

Exams

It's exam time again and we are asked

to keep those who are doing the exams and their families in our prayers during these stressful days.

Diary dates

Sports day will be held at Scoil Mhuire NS on Tuesday, June 15th. Active School Week/Bike week will be held from June 12th to 19th and European Family Picnic Dy will be held on June 12th or 19th, depending on the weather.

Volunteers

Vita House wishes to thank all who have responded to the call to be a volunteer. They are heartened by the level of generosity and interest expressed. They welcome any further enquiries and training will begin shortly. Further information, contact the centre on (090) 66

Third Level

A number of third level courses are available at Vita House. Certificate in Communication and Group Skills for Managers will run from September 2010 to May 2011, and is accredited by NUI, Maynooth, Level 7. This course is aimed primarily at managers, or those who wish to develop these skills. However, employees and people who are unemployed are also eligible.

Certificate in Psychology Course runs from September 2010 to May 2011, accredited by NUI, Maynooth, level 7. This course aims to enhance self-understanding and to gain an insight into the many perspectives on social behaviour in the family and in the professional workplace. Contact Vita House on (090) 66 25898 or email vitahouse@eircom.net for further information.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the pupils from the Gaelscoil who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday last. Congratulations also to their parents, teachers, the children who provided the music and the choir.

Camogie

Congratulations to the Camogie team from Scoil Mhuire NS who recently got through to the county semi-final

having beaten Gaelscoil de hÍde in the quarter final. Congratulations also to the school's Gaelic team and teacher Ms. Louise Kilcullen, who recently won all of their three matches at a recent football blitz in Kilbride.

Global schoolroom

Sincere thanks to all who gave spot prizes and supported the Global Schoolroom India Appeal. €326 was raised at the raffle in McCrann's and €1,526 at the table quiz and raffle in Beár an Ráille.

Golfers

Congratulations to Róisín, Aoife and Alicia who represented Scoil Mhuire NS on the 22nd March in the Connacht Golf School Championships and played so well.

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Coman's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank most sincerely all involved in the bag-packing fundraiser in Dunne's Store, Roscommon on Friday and Saturday 7th and 8th May, the Management of Dunne's Store and staff for their courtesy and efficiency, all collectors on duty, a special word of gratitude and appreciation to the girls from Transition Year in Scoil Mhuire, Roscommon for the dedicated manner in which they discharged their duties on both days and finally the customers who contributed so generously to the collection. A total of €2,203 was realised.

Monitoring alarm

Are you over 65 or do you know somebody who is? The DCRGA grant for personal alarms lighting locks is now available. If you already have the alarm you may not know that this alarm can now be purchased as a watch as opposed to the bell around the neck. Phone your provider and ask them about this, it is vital that you wear this alarm in the event of a fall/not feeling well or in the event of a stranger calling to your door and you are worried for your safety. Pressing this button gets you help. The system itself is free however there is an annual monitoring fee, which is made

Cake sale a big success!

The hard work and innovation of all the first year Foróige club members and in particular the sub-committee made up of Caoimhe McStay, Kate Hayden, Sarah Keenan, Phoebe O'Gara, Aoife McDermott, Aidan Duignan and Gearoid Keenan, paid off on Saturday, May 15th when a cake sale took place at the Quad centre.

It was organised by the members to raise much-needed funds for the club and was a wonderful success. Well done to all concerned.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the event, donated products or bought tickets. Thanks to Aine for the beautiful cake donated for the raffle and thanks also to McNeill's store and Pat the Baker for their generous sponsorship. Thanks to Martin Finan and Michael Earley who organised the advertising signs and placed them around the town and to all who helped in any way.

Finally a special thanks to our wonderful 'Frog' who traversed the town urging customers to come down to the centre, anyone who wants a bit of marketing done would do well to contact Tomas Oates and see their profits soar!

Cóineartú agus Comaoineach

Comhghairdeas le páistí rang 6 Gaelscoil de hÍde a rinne a gCóineartú le déanaí. Congratulations to the pupils of Rang 6 and their teacher Cora Ní Chuinneagáin who received the Sacrament of Confirmation recently. Comhghairdeas freisin le páistí rang 2 and their teacher Daithí Ó Dubháin who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last week.

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Dig it

Ireland – Dig It! is a brand new TV series where teams from all over the country will have the chance to play an exciting and energetic archaeology adventure on TV! Two teams from Scoil Mhuire NS travelled to Virginia, Cavan, on the 14th May for an audition to see if they have what it takes to take part in the new series. Good luck to Genevieve Harlow, Aoife Donnellan, Michelle Hanily, Nicole Egan Campbell, Cara Gilleran and Chloe Mannion. Thanks to Ms. Mc Dermott for encouraging these girls to apply for the series and helping them with their applications.

Micra keys

Keys for a Nissan Micra were recently lost in Roscommon town. Would the finder please contact (086) 239 5311.

Community games

Roscommon/ Kiltievan Parish Community Games Athletics was on in the Convent of Mercy Sports Field on May 9th. Local children did very well in running, walking, shot put, hurdles and walking. Congratulations to Shauna Regan, Alana Corcoran, Harry Mahon, Laura Hynes, Helen Corcoran, Megan Burke, Amy McNeill, Niamh McCourt, Imani Tsatiashvili, Ruth McNeill, Lauren England, Shauna Quigley, Hannah Stanunton, Lisa Mullin and Emily Comiskey. Congratulations also to Michaela, Megan, Martyna, Róisín, Aoife and Emma for doing so well in the local Community Games Art competition.

Vocations

If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, please contact your local priest or F. Jim Murray, Carraroe, Sligo. Tel: (071) 91 62136 or Fr. John Coughlan, Deerpark Road, Athlone. Tel: (090) 64 90575. Email: vocations@elphindiose.ie