



All Ireland Pitch and Putt Champion Aoife Carton.



Lorraine Daly and Linda Conroy on the new running track.



Dean Fitzgerald standing on the new All Weather Pitch.



Our new German and English Teacher Ms O'Keefe.



Kathryn Nea - All Ireland Fleadh Champion 2009.



Westmeath Minor Hurling Champions 2009 with Castletown Geoghan - Michael Dever, Kieran McDonnell, Eoin Quinn, Dean McDerrmott, Niall Kelly, Paul Fennell, Darren Ruane, David Fennell and Kieran Glennon.

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WELCOME

To all our first year students we extend a big welcome and hope that you have settled well in your new school environment. We also welcome those students that have joined us from other schools.

STAFF NEWS

It was with great sadness that we heard of the retirement of Mr McGuire last May. Michael had served the school well as teacher for years and vice-principal for years. We wish him the very best of luck in his retirement. We welcome Ms Gallan into her new role as Deputy Principall and wish her the best of luck. We have one new staff member this year Ms O'Keeffe will be teaching German and English

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS

We have just opened our new Autistic Unit and we extend a warm welcome to our new students and wish them the very best.

TRANSITION YEAR

We have a large group of students participating in transition year. They have completed their induction programme with a trip to an Eco-Adventure Centre in Wicklow. Watch out for Ms Clarke archery skills (especially Jamie). The transition years are busy decorating shoes at the moment so watch this space girls.

STUDENT ENTERPRISE COMPETITION

Anyone budding entrepreneur out their, the Enterprise Board are holding their Student Enterprise Competition again this year and we invite any student with an innovative idea to enter the competition. Contact any business teacher for an application form.



The Student Council with Ms Glynn.



The Autism Unit Team hard at work.



Westmeath Minor Football Champions 2009 with Clann Braonain - Ciaran Daly, Stephen Nally, Kevin Loughrey and Daniel Galvin



The 6th Year Mentors with Ms Jones.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Our students were very busy during the summer months winning All-Ireland titles in many different fields. Kathryn Nea in 5th Year, won the All Ireland Singing Fleadh Competition for the second year in a row. She defeated thirteen competitors in order to win the title and received a perpetual cup and medal for her achievements. Well done Kathryn and we look forward to hearing more from you.

Aoife Carton from 6th Year did us proud in August by winning in the Junior Category, All Ireland Pitch and Putt Championship which was held in Glenville, Co. Dublin. We look forward to watching Aoife's progress in the School's competition this year.

Linda Conroy - who is the Under14 All Ireland Cross Country Racing and Track Campion, and Lorraine Daly who is the under15 Leinster Track Campion, from 2nd Year, both represented Ireland on the Irish Cross Country Racing team this year. The girls travelled to Wales for the International Cross Country Competition with the Irish team coming home in second place.



1st Years Valentinas Sizychas, Moya O'Donoghue, Cathal Dunne & Robyn Seery with new Deputy Principal Ms. Gallan.



1st Years Aoife Malone, Stephen Malone, Sarah Hogan and Thomas Barrett with Ms. Fallon.



1st Years Aileen Ryan, Orla Daly, Sarah O'Hare and Jamie Bolger with Ms Mulligan.

PONY CLUB SUCCESS

Our school has a great tradition of success in this field and Laura Ennis in Fifth year is doing the school proud in her area. In the past twelve months Laura has worked and trained very hard for her competitions. She has competed in Interschool's along with other school mates. She has competed in International Three Day Shows all over the country with great success. Laura's represented her country in Scotland this year where she did her country proud and brought home some Rosettes. Laura hopes to make a career for herself in the horse riding business so watch this space.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Our new running track is open and proving to be a valuable addition to our school. The Westmeath Cross Country Championship took place in Belvedere on 23rd September and well done to all who participated. We had some very special performances from Conall Ennis, Richard Coffey, Sarah Jackson, Aaron O'Brien, Linda Conroy, Lorraine Daly, Stephen Fagan, Jason Marshall, Sara O'Hare and Amy Garvey. Training takes place on a Monday evening fro anyone interested in trying to keep fit over the winter months.