

## GLENDALOUGH RESCUE

A third year class from Coláiste Eoin were on a day trip to Glendalough back in September. However things took a turn when a student took a tumble.

While walking above the Glendalough Valley one of the boys slipped and badly hurt his knee. When the Wicklow Mountain Rescue team arrived at the scene they assessed the injury and felt that the student needed to be brought to hospital.

The Coastguard helicopter airlifted the boy from the top of the cliffs above the Upper Lake, and the student and one of his teachers were transported to Tallaght Hospital for further treatment. The student is doing well now and the students and staff appreciate the work of the coast Guard and the mountain rescue team.



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## 2 CUSACK VISIT LEINSTER HOUSE

On Tuesday 9th November the class of 2 Cusack paid a visit to Dáil Eireann as part of the Oireachtas Outreach Programme. The students have been studying Democracy in C.S.P.E. class. It was a memorable experience.

Our visit took place the day after the news of the I.M.F. was announced and the students got to speak to lots of reporters.

There was a tense atmosphere outside the Dáil as protesters gathered throughout the day.

After the tour the class went across to Kildare

House to take part in the Oireachtas Education Programme. The Local TDs Dermott Ahern and Rosín Shortall visited the class for a question and answers session. The day was a great success and gave the students lots of knowledge for their future exams!



### Dates to watch out for in New Year

5 Avoca/ 4 Connolly

Parent/teacher Meeting:

First Year Coffee Morning:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January

**Mock Leaving and Junior Certificate Exams will start on 4th February**

## STEPS PROGRAMME

The STEPS programme has been running in the Finglas area for the past six years. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 15 parents who completed the course were presented with their certificates. Congratulations to Ms Breda Murray who represented Coláiste Eoin on the course received her certificate.

This course will run again in the New Year and is open to all parents. STEPS is a motivational programme for people who want to improve their lives. It reassures you that change is possible and gives you the tools to change.



Some of the parents and facilitators who took part in the STEPS course in November

## SPORTS IN COLÁISTE EOIN 2010-2011

Sports in Coláiste Eoin got off to a flying start with the boys Gaelic competition and the girls soccer. These took place for all age groups up until the midterm break.

In the beginning of November we had the table tennis competition. Michael James Collins, Kevin Brennan and Shane Moore from 3 Boyne represented the school. Although no medals were brought home, the boys showed great sportsmanship.

A lovely day was had by all in the Pheonix Park for the Cross Country competition. Nearly 40 students represented Coláiste Eoin. Michael Collins (4 Heuston) and Shannon Thomas (4 Connolly) won individual medals and the intermediate teams both brought medals home.

The badminton didn't get much of a chance this year with the recent poor weather, but we did get to the intermediate competition. Basketball will be starting in January. For more information on sports events in 2011 check out the Calendar of Events in the school front hall.



For more information on upcoming events in the CDVEC sports calendar check out the website [www.sccdublin.ie](http://www.sccdublin.ie)

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## Coláiste Eoin Climbing Club

Coláiste Eoin students are very lucky to have the fantastic facility of their own Climbing Wall in the school Gym. The Club has started back again on Tuesday evenings from 4 p.m to 5 p.m. Consent forms are available from Ms. Coleman or Ms. Hand. All the equipment is supplied and there is no charge. Just turn up on Tuesdays after school!





## Coláiste Eoin Student Wins Award

Ciara Prendergast, a fifth year student in Coláiste Eoin wins "Calini of the College" award. Unknown to Ciara there was an award for the best girl in the college. Ciara received a trophy and, to her delight, a scholarship to the college next year. A trip she will definitely take up!

Ciara went to Coláiste Aidan in Galway for the month of August. In the mornings after breakfast the girls would make their own lunches and head off on the bus to the college for the morning. Here the emphasis was on Irish, through different mediums; written, oral, games and drama, Irish skills were developed. After lunch students participated in a wide range of sporting activities.

However, the night time brought out the creativity in the students as they danced the time away at the ceili. Each ceili night had a theme eg. black and white, farmers' night and clashing colours.

Ciara loved the Gaeltacht as she made many new friends from around the country. Ciara feels her Irish has improved greatly and that she will do higher levels in her exams.

Ciara would highly recommend that all students take a trip to the Gaeltacht.



## THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

The 3 Boyne/Shannon group travelled to the Moat Theatre in Naas to attend a performance of The Merchant of Venice. As part of the English curriculum the students study the renowned Shakespeare play. Jessica Smart who attended the play had this to say

"The play is about the Merchant of Venice who was in money troubles with a Jewish money lender. In the end the Jewish money lender, Shylock, got into trouble. He was made to change his religion, he lost his jewels and ducats, and he lost his

daughter to a Christian. The play was a great help towards our Junior Cert as this is the play for our exams."



## NFTE STUDENTS AT COLÁISTE EOIN PLAY THEIR CARDS RIGHT

NFTE students at Coláiste Eoin in Finglas got the idea from lessons in their Art class that they could make a Christmas card for their school this year. They decided to make one using the age-old method of block printing so that each card would be an individual work of art.

Kelly Geoghegan, Michaela Gaffney, Emily Robinson, Aisling Kelly and Jessica Smart all from junior cycle made fifty Christmas cards as a pilot project.

They presented them to their principal, Ms. Bernie Hand who was delighted with the results. The group is now considering making greeting cards for other occasions such as weddings and birthdays.



The 4 Heuston class made Christmas logs as part of the NFTE programme. They planned to sell them at the Craft Fair in the RDS but their plans fell through due to the bad weather. They have sold their logs to staff and family members.



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# COLÁISTE EOIN NEWSLETTER

## Principals' Introduction

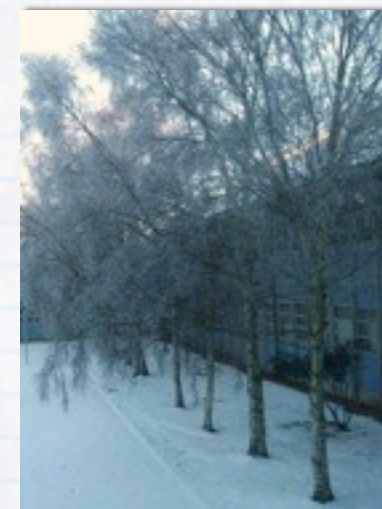
I am delighted to introduce the second edition of the Coláiste Eoin Newsletter for this school year. A sincere thanks to all the students and staff who contributed to the newsletter and to those who have worked very hard to have it published for Christmas.

We have all experienced a challenging month with very adverse weather conditions. We are lucky to have a very effective heating system which in addition to new windows and exterior doors throughout the building and additional attic and wall insulation, means we are enjoying the benefits of a very warm building.

I want to commend all the students, parents and staff members who braved dangerous driving and walking conditions to get to school every day.

I hope you will enjoy reading about all the curricular and extra-curricular activities of the students in Coláiste Eoin during this term. Finally, I would like to wish a very happy Christmas and New Year to all our students and staff and their families. Nollaig shona daoibh go léir.

Bernadette Hand



## WEB-TEXT

We have set up a system of texting parents about school events. This was piloted recently when parents were informed about school closure and re-opening.

A number of parents did not receive the message as some of the mobile phone numbers we have on record have been changed. It is important that parents ensure that the contact number we have on record is valid.

## REMINDER

Study Skills Course has been re-arranged for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

5 Avoca - Morning (normal timetable in the afternoon).

4 Connolly - Afternoon (normal timetable in the morning)

Contribution towards the cost is €5 per student.

## Parents' Room

The long established parents' room has been refurbished. For the months of September and October Ms. Kelly and Ms. Shelly became part-time interior designers. Both scoured the retail outlets to find the most up-to-date furniture and accessories for the parents' room.

The room is looking very elegant and modern. There will be an official opening in the New Year.



The newly refurbished Parents' Room

