



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to introduce the final edition of the Colaiste Eoin Newsletter for 2012 which is a bumper edition. We have a 2 page supplement with photos recounting some of the activities which the students enjoyed during Friendship Week.

During this term the students enjoyed a variety of extra-curricular activities including sports, debates, cinema and pantomime trips and outdoor pursuits. Other highlights include the visit of the Garda Band to mark the completion of the T.A.G. Programme and the 24 hour Readathon held in the library. I want to thank all the staff for their efforts in organising all these activities.

Finally, I want to wish all our students, parents, staff and our readers a happy and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Ms B Hand (Principal)

THE COLÁISTE EOIN T.A.G PROGRAMME



Our 5TH Year L.C.A class, 5 Hogan, have been taking part in a six week programme with An Garda Síochána. The aim of the programme, called T.A.G. (Teenagers and Gardai), is for young people to find out about the work of the Gardai in their

community. It gives the students a chance to speak openly and ask questions. They got the chance to visit the local station in Finglas and learn about how it is run.

The programme has been a great success and a positive experience for the students, Gardai and teachers involved. To mark the end of the programme and celebrate the awarding of certificates to the participating students the Garda band visited the school. Students, staff and distinguished visitors enjoyed the wide variety of songs and music the band played.

24 HOUR READATHON

On the 6th of December we had a 24 hour Readathon in Coláiste Eoin JCSP Library. It started at 9:00am on Thursday the 6th and ended at 9:00am on Friday the 7th. 28 students collected money for the school through sponsorship. A total of €555 was made! Congratulations to all the boys who took part, what a great achievement! The students stayed awake all night and we had loads of fun activities in the school. We hope to run another Readathon in the new year.



INTERSCHOOLS JCSP DEBATE



On Friday the 30th of November, the first year Kells class in Coláiste Eoin took part in a JCSP debate in Trinity Comprehensive. The motion of the debate was

'A picture paints a thousand words - Why read the book when you can watch the film'. Eight students from Coláiste Eoin spoke convincingly on the topic. The team

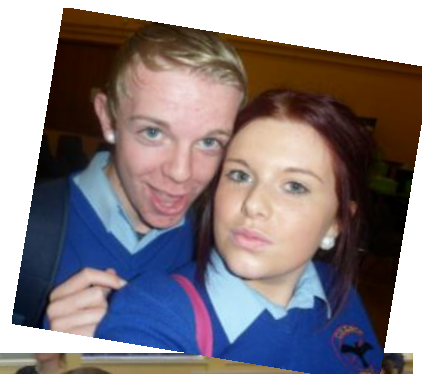
consisted of Ciaran Kelly, Shane Hughes, Adam Brien, Shane Duff and Andrew McCarton, Josh Byrne, Patrick Casey and Reece O'Shea. Eloquent arguments were made by all the students resulting in Adam Brien and Shane Hughes being recognised as best speakers. All participants enjoyed the debate and look forward to more public speaking ventures in the New year.



Coláiste Eoin Friendship Week



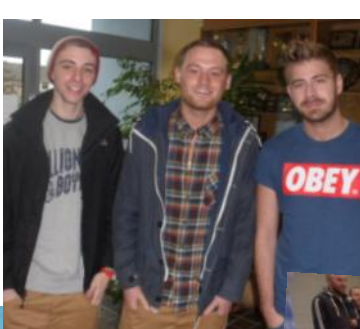
Our annual Friendship week took place from the 22nd to 26th October 2012. The week focuses on highlighting the issue of bullying and ways to tackle it. The week was a huge success. We had a cyber bullying workshop and film screening with Cinemagic. The Original Rudeboys visited to show their support.



The week ended with a Halloween Fun Day. Students participated in co-operative games, table tennis, badminton and football. All the staff and students dressed up.



The Dark Green Team along with Ms Kelly and Mr O'Brien, were our winners. They collected a huge number of tokens for their participation, teamwork and friendship during the week!





The winning team, the Dark Green Team



SPORTS NEWS

Coláiste Eoin Student, Aleksander Nowak, won 3 Medals Representing Ireland in Taekwon-do. He won 2 gold and 1 Bronze medal while representing the Junior Irish Taekwon-do Team in Scotland. Well done Aleksander!



Daniel Cirpaci and John Gavin met Olympic Silver Medallist John Joe Nevin, while attending the Academy for Elite Boxers in the National Stadium.

ART COMPETITION

COLÁISTE EOIN STUDENT WINS TOP PRIZE

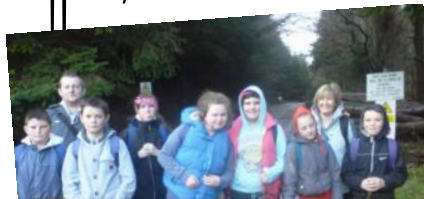
Orláith Kelly of Class 3 Dublin won the Top Prize in the Finglas Positive Wellness Working Group's

Art Competition for her work "Dance On". She was presented with her award at a special ceremony at the Finglas Resource centre on Wednesday 28th of November by Barbara Leonard (Finglas Youth Resource Centre) and Larry Dooley (Co-Ordinator, Finglas R.A.P.I.D.).



FIRST YEAR OUTINGS

Our first year classes, Kells and Tara, experienced their first mountain trip as Coláiste Eoin students. Each year every class in the school gets to go on a days hike to the Wicklow Mountains.



Both classes also got a special Christmas treat thanks to Siobhain and the JCSP library. 1 Kells got to go and see Beauty and the Beast in the Helix. 1 Tara went to the movies to see Rise of the Guardians.



ONE BOOK ONE FINGLAS

The Home School Community Liaison Coordinators associated with the schools in Finglas area are working together on a project entitled "One Book One Finglas". This involves as many children, parents, community members and groups, focussing on one book during a given period and participating in activities linked to the theme of this book.

One book One Finglas aims to improve literacy and bring reading from the classroom and into home and community. The book we have chosen for this project is "Once" by Morris Gleitzman, a child's story of the Holocaust. One Book One Finglas was officially launched in the Finglas Youth Resource Centre on Wednesday 14th of November. Our librarian Siobhan Boyce and one of our English teachers Mr Turbitt attended along with some student representatives.

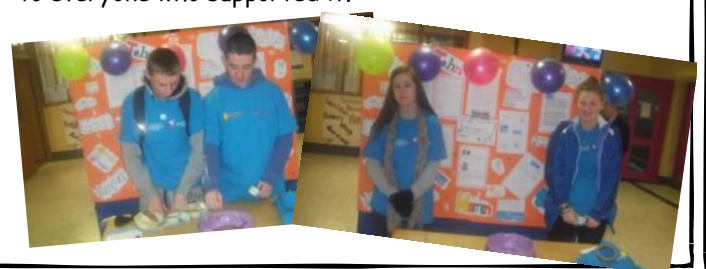


LAURALYNN FUNDRAISER



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The money was for a really good cause. The LauraLynn Foundation runs a children's hospice for terminally ill children. In total €280 was raised. Thank you very much to everyone who supported it.