

# COLÁISTE EOIN NEWSLETTER

## Message from the Principal

I am delighted to introduce this Newsletter, the third for this academic year 2010/11. Once again it is a snapshot of daily life in Coláiste Eoin. Readers will get some insight into the vast array of curricular and extra-curricular activities which are part of education in the broad sense of the word. Students have participated in sporting activities, class trips, projects, competitions and much more. Congratulations to all the students who have participated and achieved. Of course, all this would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of your teachers. On your behalf, I want to say how much their work is appreciated.

You will read in this Newsletter about Mr. Egan's retirement from Coláiste Eoin in his 39<sup>th</sup> year of teaching here. He made a huge contribution as a Science and Maths teacher and his expertise in I.T. is exceptional.

Senior students may remember him for the annual action-packed school trip to London which he organised. Others will remember him as Deputy Principal who kept a tight watch on activities around the corridors but who tried to resolve issues without suspension and with a sense of humour. We wish him well in his retirement and we welcome Mr. William Deery as new Deputy Principal. Mr. Deery is a past student of Coláiste Eoin and we are delighted to welcome him back in his role as Deputy Principal.

Good luck to all the Junior and Leaving certificate students who will be starting their exams on 8<sup>th</sup> June. We wish them well. A final word of thanks to all the teachers and students who have assisted in producing this newsletter, in particular Ms. Shelly and Ms. Murphy.

*Bernadette Hand*

*Goodbye  
Mr Egan*



This year we lost a great vice-principal, he was firm but fair.

I, like many, spent quite a lot of time in his office, explaining my behaviours and apologising for different things but he never made me feel bad, he would listen and try to help me out in what ever way he could.

Mr. Egan took the time to listen to me and made me see that there was other ways to deal with things, he praised me when I deserved it and reminded me when I didn't. I know he did the same for all the students. I can still hear his words telling me not to be ATM with him "acting the maggot" with him.

We all knew when he was coming because the squeaks could be heard, but I think he copped that one very soon and changed his shoes!!!!

He was the first we'd see at the door in the morning and usually the last one we would see

leaving in the evening, he was everywhere, always there to catch us out when we were having our "little constitutionals" to the toilets!

If someone asks me in years to come what was my vice-principal like I know my first thoughts won't be bad. I'll say Tom was great, funny, fair, stuck to what he said and most of all that he cared about the students in the school, we will really miss him and I'm glad this is my last year too because Coláiste Eoin just wouldn't be the same for me without Mr. Egan to keep me on track.

So Mr. Egan, or should I say "Ah, me good friend" as you used to call me, on behalf of all the students here in Coláiste Eoin thank you for your dedication, your time, your kindness and most of all for being a brilliant teacher, you will always be remembered.

*Sarah Ellis, 5 Avoca.*

## YOUNG CARERS AWARENESS DAY

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April last in Coláiste Eoin we spent the morning learning about young carers and the afternoon celebrating! It was a great day, really enjoyable.

The words "Young Carer" are new to most of us but we all know someone who is exactly that, a young person who has someone else depending on them in some way.

Thanks to our Principal Ms Hand, we paused school life on that day to spend a moment acknowledging these brave youngsters who live among us. Christy Dignam sang to us, the comedians made us laugh, it was all good!



## WELCOME MR DEERY



**Name:** William Deery

### Secondary School

**Attended:** St. Kevins CBS  
and Coláiste Eoin

**Previous School You  
Taught In:** Marino College

**Subjects Taught:** M.T.  
Wood, Construction Studies

**Interests and Hobbies:**  
Soccer, Gaelic, Hurling

**Favourite Food:** Chinese

**Favourite Music:** 1960s  
and 70s

**Teams You Support:**  
Sunderland

**Your Hopes For  
Coláiste Eoin:** I hope to  
see all students in Coláiste  
Eoin reach their potential in  
school, continue on to further  
education and develop an  
appreciation for lifelong  
learning. I also hope that, like  
me, their time in Coláiste Eoin  
is both enjoyable and  
memorable and is spent in an  
atmosphere of mutual respect.



# Peer to Peer

*by Tomasz Pawlak*



In November and December of last  
year four students from Coláiste Eoin,  
Andrea Cullen, Shannon Thomas,  
Tomasz Pawlak and Gerard Scurry,  
took part in Peer to Peer Drugs  
training in Patrician College along with  
other students from secondary schools  
in Finglas. During this time they  
received training on how to educate  
first and second year students in their  
schools on the dangers of drugs.

In January the students then went in  
to a first and second year SPHE class  
to teach the drugs awareness  
programme. After delivering this  
programme an awards ceremony was  
held in Patrician College and the  
students were presented with their  
certificates by Denise Masterson the  
captain of the 2010 women's winning  
All Ireland Football Team.

## SPEAKERS FOR SENIOR CYCLE CLASSES 2010-2011

This year students in the senior cycle had a  
wide variety of speakers in to talk to them  
and do different workshops with them.

Maria McLoughlin from the Tolka Area  
Partnership provided interview skills.  
Catherine Hammond from Trinity College  
gave students information about the Trinity  
Access Programme and as a result of this a  
number of students have applied to Trinity  
College. They were called for interview and  
are awaiting their results.

Charlie Redmond from the Fire Services  
gave a talk about his job. Robbie Buggy gave  
a talk on his job in the Army. Martin Finn  
from Inchicore College of Further Education  
and Shane Dalton from WhiteHall College of  
Further Education both explained about  
FETAC courses available in their respective  
colleges.

We were also lucky to have a number of  
past students who were kind enough to give  
up their precious time to come into school

and tell our present students about college  
life. They included; Ciara Smart who is in the  
Dublin Institute of Technology studying  
Hospitality Management, Raymond Lynch  
who is in Dublin Business School studying  
Journalism, Dermot O'Neill who is in the  
Institute of Technology Blanchardstown  
studying Engineering, Lisa Duffy who is in All  
Hallows studying Theology and English and is  
hoping to continue on to do the H/Dip  
which will allow her to teach in a second  
level school, Aaron Dillon who is in DCU  
doing Education and Training and he is also  
interested in teaching. We also had a talk  
from Warren Gaffney who is in the Air Corp  
section of the Defence Forces and he was  
warmly welcomed by all students and staff as  
they found his experiences very interesting.

We would like to take this opportunity to  
say a special 'Thank you' to all our speakers  
who did themselves proud. They were very  
informative and interesting and we  
appreciate them very much.

## Leaving Certificate History Trip to Derry

Back in December some of the Leaving Certificate history students went on an overnight trip to Derry. Ms Uzell, Ms Redmond and Mr Egan took the students on a tour of the Bogside area of Derry. They took a tour of the murals in the area which show events of the troubles painted on the sides of houses. They also had a visit to an Orange Hall. They got a good insight into the experience of the troubles from both sides, Catholic and Protestant.



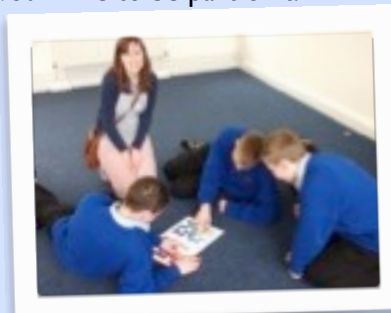
## NEW LIBRARY

Coláiste Eoin is getting a new Library! Opening September 2011.

From next September students will be able to borrow books, DVDs and CDs. There will also be internet access, magazines to read and games to play. The Library will be opening before school, during lunchtime, and after school next year. There will also be homework clubs and games clubs for students to join. There will be lots of activities on during the year so don't miss out!

I will be looking for Library Assistants to help get all the work done, and also to help out during busy times, so please come to me or your class teacher if you would like to be part of it.

*Siobhain*



*Students helping me choose the colours for the new library*

## LUNCH CLUB

On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have a lunch club. Students from all years can attend this club. We usually eat our lunch, which is provided for us in the breakfast room, we can choose from different sorts of food. There is lots of fun in this club, we get the opportunity to chat to teachers and other students from other years and make new friends.

After eating we go to the library to play games, play music, watch films and relax. On sunny days we go out to the yard and play ball games or chill on the new benches made by 5 Dunloe. We bought a selection of board games from Jenga to snakes and ladders. Our new and exciting arrival for March was our professional pool table. We set up a pool

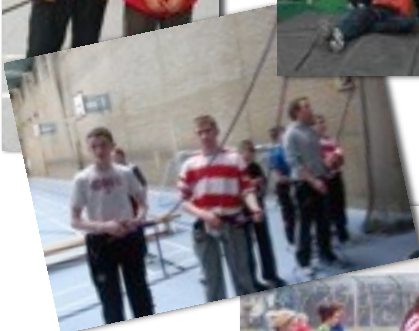
league from April till the end of the year. We are hoping to have a celebration on the success of the lunch club in May. All girls and boys are welcome for next year.



# SCC in Coláiste Eoin 2010/2011

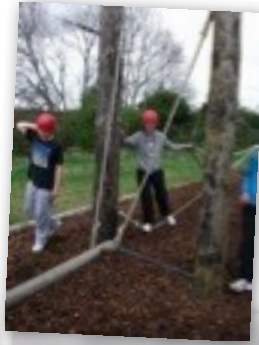
What a great year in sports we had! The year started off with soccer and gaelic. Everyone put in great effort. After midterm we had a brilliant day out in the Phoenix Park for the cross-country. We had good participation in the badminton too.

In the New year our junior team had a great basketball competition! The boxing had us sitting on the edge of our seats! Well done to those who took part. We had winners in the boldering competition. We ended our year with the athletics. We had nearly 40 students represent our school. Many medals were won. But, let's not mention the Millennium Race!!



# Carlingford Trips

This year third year and fourth year classes had the opportunity to go on trips to Carlingford Adventure Centre, Co. Louth. The students took part in a wide variety of activities.



## Mountain Trips

As usual this year each class got to go on a day trip to the mountains. Everybody has to get prepared for the adventure by getting into wet gear and mountain boots. Then we head off, usually in the minibus with Mr. Riordan driving, up into the mountains to Glendalough or the Wicklow Way. Sometimes the weather is good sometimes it's bad, windy and wet. But whatever the weather everyone has a good time, has a laugh and enjoys the fresh air and the stunning views.



# A BUSY YEAR FOR THE FERGUSON CLASS

Ferguson class has gone on many trips throughout the year. On almost all of our trips we used Dublin bus.

Early this year after completing a project on the Vikings the class went on a visit to the Dublin Viking Museum. Having already learned how Vikings dressed, ate, travelled and fought the boys got an opportunity to act as being Vikings.

Another trip was to the National Gallery. There the boys got an opportunity not only to see famous paintings but also got to paint a picture. On the way to the gallery, as you can see from the pictures, we made a stop off at Trinity College.

Back home in Finglas we went on a very interesting trip to the fire station. In class the boys had been learning about what to do if a fire happened at school or at home.

After having gone to the fire station everybody that day wanted to become a fireman.

In school itself one of our regular trips is to the garden. For the last four months the boys, once a week, have been digging, planting, watering and weeding the class garden.



## Horse Riding Club

*By Anthony Casey*

We go horse riding every Wednesday at Kilronnan equestrian centre. It is a very good club. All the leaders are very nice especially Michelle. The horses are all very good and great at jumping. We would like to say thanks to all the leaders in Kilronnan equestrian centre for all their help. And we would like to say thanks to Ms Watters our teacher in Coláiste Eoin for her effort in organising this for the students.



## 2 Cusack Trip to Wicklow

*By Liam Donnelly*

Before Easter the 2 Cusack class, Ms O'Flaherty and Mr Byrne went to the Knockree Youth Hostel in Co. Wicklow. We went down for two days and one night. We did all sorts of activities including; hill walking, mountain biking, paintball and archery.

We had a midnight barbecue down by the river and built our own little campfire. It was great fun! We were never bored. Some of us played pool day and night. It was a trip we will never forget.



# PARENT TALKS

Parents in the Finglas Area were invited to attend a series of talks. These proved to be very successful and interesting.

Joan Duffy from the Finglas/Cabra Drugs Task Force and Paul Caffrey, Juvenile Liaison Officer with the Garda, shared their vast knowledge with parents with the emphasis being on how to prevent your child from becoming involved in drugs. Good communication with your child was emphasised as being a big factor.

Julie O'Malley gave a talk about helping your child to become more responsible and parenting techniques to improve your teenagers behaviour.

Siobhan Butler, a general and pediatric nurse, gave an interesting talk on safety in the home with the emphasis on how to prevent accidents in the home.

Michael Ostinelli (Pacific Institute), who is involved in the delivery of the STEP and PX2 programme in the area, gave a talk about staying positive in the recession.

The final talk brought parents to Glasnevin Cemetery, for a tour and an interactive talk.

This was a very successful programme and we hope to give a series of talks again next year.



## STEPS PROGRAMME

Congratulations to Olive Spillane, Eva Lipik and Breda Murray who completed the Steps Programme. This fantastic programme has been running in the Finglas area for the past ten years.

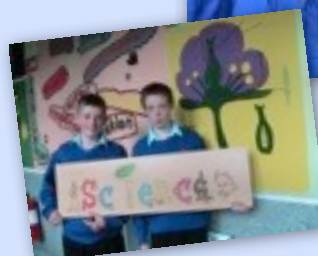
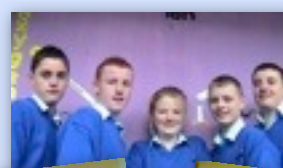
The Steps Programme is aimed at people in the community. STEPS is based on the principle that people have unlimited capacity for growth and can adapt readily to change. Participants are guided towards an understanding of their own resources, of their ability to believe in themselves and of the "bigger picture" of the many possibilities and options available to them. The core principle is that that if you change the way you think you change the way you run your life.



## TOLKA'S WORK OF ART

Coláiste Eoin students bring a splash of colour to the science corridor with words and symbols from the science curriculum.

A group of 3rd year JCSP students in Coláiste Eoin have painted the science corridor as part of their JCSP science class. They have brightened up the corridor with images of the Planets of the Solar System, science laboratory equipment, images of the body; lungs, tooth, ribs and heart, Hazard Symbols, Thermometer and Periodic Table. The students will receive a certificate on completion of their project.



# Coláiste Eoin Graduates 2011



## Avoca

*Blathnaid Barker*  
*Jessica Bonnie*  
*Kellie Brennan*  
*Seán Brown*  
*Michael Chabasinski*  
*Declan Coughlan*  
*Krzystof Darowny*  
*Jason Deegan*  
*Sarah Ellis*  
*Yasmin Gilmartin*  
*James Kearns*  
*Seán Kenny*  
*Natalie Kiernan*  
*Jamie Lucas*  
*Amanda Norris*  
*Mark O'Brien*  
*Richard Walsh*

## Dunloe

*Aaron Barrett*  
*Thomas Cawley*  
*Andrew Dwyer*  
*Jonathan Lyons*  
*David McCarthy*  
*Lorna Murray*  
*Shauna Somers*  
*Nadine Walker*  
*Ross Wolfe*



### A MESSAGE TO OUR 2011 GRADUATES

I congratulate you on your graduation from Coláiste Eoin and to you and your parents on your commitment to your education. I hope that many of you will continue to further your education. Remember that learning and education are never a burden.

I encourage you to follow your dreams and to approach life's challenges and opportunities with confidence and enthusiasm.

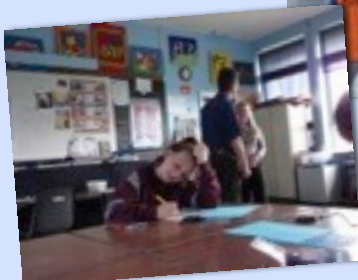
I wish you every success in the Leaving Certificate and every happiness in your future life.

Good Luck  
 Go n-éirí an bóthair libh  
 Bon Courage  
 Buene Suerte.

Bernadette Hand  
 Principal.

## GOODBYE - HELLO

May is a sad time of the year as we say goodbye to our Leaving Certificate students. However it is also exciting as we meet our new first years during their induction day. Students joining the school in September attend induction mornings where they meet school personnel and students and participate in a variety of activities.



*New first years taking part in PE, IT, Art and Science*