

# Ardcoil La Salle Review 2009





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## Foreword



As I approach the end of my first year as Principal of Ardscoil La Salle, I am convinced more than ever that in Education, relationship comes first, not intelligence. It is the combined relationship between home and school working as partners that supports our teenagers in their preparation for adult life. Central to this are our relationships as adults with our students. These nurture their talents, support the development of self-esteem and enable social, interpersonal, and academic attainment.

This year I have enjoyed my first steps in developing relationships and am very appreciative of the commitment of Teachers, Parents, Students, and the Board of Management to this work.

Looking back on the year, some of the most memorable moments are those where such supportive relationships, combined with hard work and dedication, gave rise to celebrations of achievement for our students in a variety of fields.

These moments include the performance of 'Funky Town' in January by our TYP students where students went from 'zero to hero' (and heroines) in one week. Class 2.1 impressed me with their interaction with members of the Oireachtas both on the school visit and on the students' return visit to the Dáil. The participation of our Soccer and GAA teams at competition level bear testimony to dedication to the rigours of training and to developing technique on the field. The TAP awards in Trinity College in May were a celebration of the winning combination of hard work and talent, which the school fosters. The Talent Show demonstrated that school is not just about academic performance - natural talent, as well as self-belief and confidence, were needed to perform in front of an audience. The Merit Awards, with Lord Mayor Eibhlin Byrne as our special guest, acknowledged students whose contribution to the daily life of the school was deemed meritorious. These students embody values that will make for great citizens of the future.

In recalling these moments (and others too numerous to mention) I am deeply appreciative of the outstanding dedication of our teachers. These and other events occur amidst a daily commitment to the demands of the timetable and exam preparation. I would like to wish our Third and Sixth years every success in the forthcoming exams, and hope our graduates find fulfilment and contentment in their lives ahead.

Finally, next year will bring a unique set of challenges as we strive to develop the potential of each student at a time of recession. The collective power of us all as partners will be essential - both as a model for our young people and as support for one another.

Gerard Lynch  
(Principal)



# Fundraising

## Samaritans Purse Organisation

Over the last ten years almost two million of the world's most disadvantaged children have received a shoe box, enthusiastically packed with gifts from Ireland. Last Christmas seven shoe boxes were sent to the Samaritans Purse Organisation by pupils and staff here in Ardscoil La Salle. For many of those children it was one of the few gifts they have ever received. It may seem small, but these shoe boxes can change a child's life! This simple act of generosity gives hope to children caught in the midst of wars, natural disasters and extreme poverty and shows them they have not been forgotten.



## St. Francis Hospice

The staff has raised €314 for the St. Francis Hospice. Thanks to all who contributed and the wonderful efforts of Ms. Young and Ms. Ni Raghallaigh and their very friendly student team of helpers for organising a very successful coffee morning. St. Francis Hospice provides specialist palliative care to patients with advanced Cancer and Motor Neurone Disease, living in north Dublin city and county. It is a voluntary organisation under the care of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

## Autism Society

Earlier in the year TY students raised money for The Autism Society of Ireland. Autism is characterised by severe problems in communication and behaviour and an inability to relate to people in a normal way. It is estimated that between 1200 and 2000 children and young adults have autism in Ireland, with a rate of increase of some 100 new cases every year. Well done to the Transition year students. The United Nations has declared April 2<sup>nd</sup> every year as World Autism Awareness Day.

# Fundraising

## **The Central Remedial Clinic**

The Central Remedial Clinic is a centre for the care, treatment and development of children and adults with physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy and arthrogryposis. The Clinic has four Dublin-based Day Activity Centres. These centres provide social, physical, educational and recreational activities for adults whose disabilities prevent them from participating in other training or work programmes.

## **Cedar House Dublin**

Ms Clarke instigated fundraising for Cedar house through a coffee morning catered by Ms Young and students. The coffee morning raised €250.52. Cedar House provides five separate services aimed at providing resources and support for rough sleepers that would otherwise be difficult for them to obtain. Approximately 2,500 individual men and women make use of the service annually, so it is indeed a most worthwhile cause.

## **D.S.P.C.A Raffle**

A raffle was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in aid of the Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The D.S.P.C.A. provides direct care for thousands of animals at their shelter in Rathfarnham for both domestic pets and wildlife and also through their mobile veterinary clinics. It is a registered charity, established in 1840 to prevent cruelty to animals and is now Ireland's largest animal welfare organisation.





# Fundraising

## The I.S.P.C.C.

Our Transition Year students also raised money for The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (*I.S.P.C.C.*), which was founded in 1889. It is Ireland's oldest and most well-known children's charity. The I.S.P.C.C. has a long, proud history of service delivery and advocacy on behalf of children. The I.S.P.C.C. exists to ensure all children are given the chance to feel love and happiness, to stop discrimination and exclusion of children and to end cruelty and injustice to children.



## Concern

Some sixth year students took part in the Concern Fast. Concern Worldwide is a non-governmental, international, humanitarian organisation. The organisation is dedicated to reducing suffering and working towards the elimination of extreme poverty in the world's poorest countries.

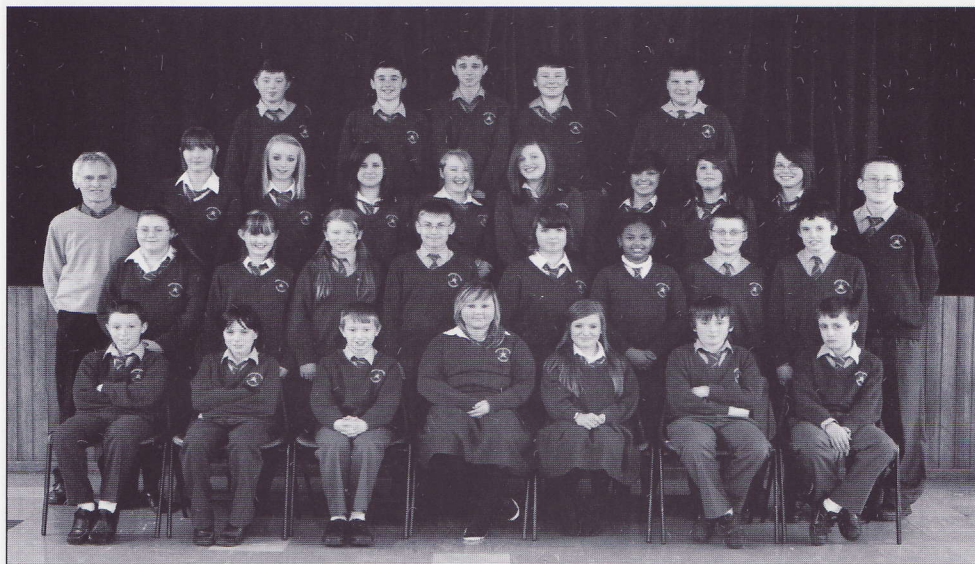
## Sponsored Walk

Thanks to students and teachers for making the walk a success. Almost €4,000 was raised. Congratulations to class 1.1 who won the class competition and to 1.1A who were a close second. Andrew O'Leary (1.1A), Laura Hanlon (1.1) and Daniel Williams (1.1) each won prizes for their individual contributions. All monies collected are used to fund extra curricular activities in the school.

## TableQuiz

Last April, Ardscoil La Salles Parents association generously organised a table quiz. It was held locally in the Grange/Woodbine Community Centre and enjoyed a great turn out on the night. A substantial amount was raised for projects in the school. Many thanks go to the Parents Association for their time and efforts for this event and for their hard work and support of the school this year.

# First Years



**Class 1.1 - Back Row:** Lee Lynch, Colin Sheeran, Craig Griffiths, Gavin Hickey, Laurynas Liutvaitus. **Third Row:** Mr. Henry, Vivienne Foster, Ciara Farrelly, Amy O'Sullivan, Gemma Gaughan, Diane Murphy, Laura Hanlon, Shannon Kelly, Kristina Lee, James Culleton. **Second Row:** Ciara Manning, Molly Dunne, Jordan Kearns, Danil Chatuncev, Holly Doyle, Betelehem Mesfein Mekoner, Daniel Williams, Brian Dillon. **Front Row:** Barry Davies, Dylan Smith, Keith Stafford, Megan Carpenter, Hannah Mooney, Joshua Redmond, Aaron Daly.



**Class 1.1A - Back Row:** Hannah Fagan, Hayley Mooney, Carlita Clifford, Andrea Doran, Cian Lenihan, Andrew O'Leary, Daryl Sherwin, Stephen Dolan, Adam Loughman. **Middle Row:** Luke Coates, Dean McMahon, Amy Blackmore, Jake Keegan, Laura Horan, Hayley Tierney, Adam Keegan. **Front Row:** Derek Doherty, Fazil Veliyev, Glenn Radley, Lee Harris, Aaron Dale, Stephen Kenny, Lee Walsh. **Absent:** Jennifer Connolly, Melissa Gray, Megan O'Neill, Lynne Smith.



# First Years



**Class 1M - Back Row:** Ms. O'Connor, Jonathan MacMahon, Dylan Byrne, Matas Gudaitis, Colm Smith, Ciaran Fagan. **Front Row:** Lee Kelly, Jade Blake, Shauna Smith, Nicola O'Sullivan, Adam Kelly. **Absent:** Shannon Cassin, Eric Kearns, Jasmin Mooney, Shauna Slattery.

## Mo Cheantar

*by Andrea Doran 1.1A*

Tá an bóthar dubh  
Is na soilse buí  
Tá an spéir gorm  
Is an féar glas

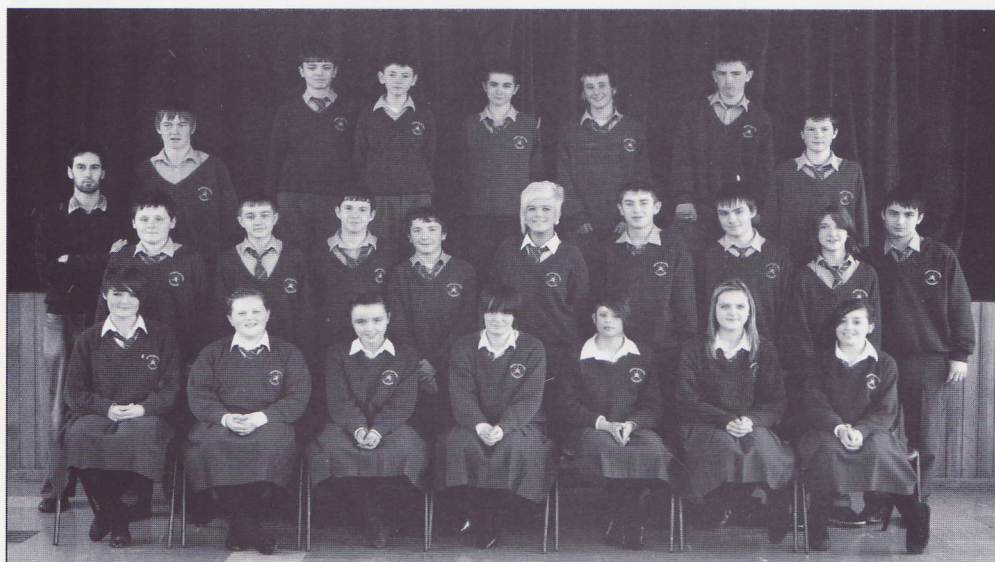
Rugadh agus tógadh mé  
Anseo i gCill Bharróg  
Is aoibhinn liom é  
An pleidhcíocht is an craic leis na daoine

Tá na gardaí i Rath Eanaigh  
Is an gruagaire i gCill Bharrog  
Tá na muinteoirí ag múineadh  
Agus mise, an cailín óg.

# Second Years



**Class 2.1 - Back Row:** Daniel Gainullins, Eric Dixon, Ryan Grehan, Keith O'Brien, James Brady, Ben Daly. **Third Row:** Ian McGuinness, Ian Maher, Sam Gormley, Steven Smith, Sean Kane, Adam Dale.  
**Second Row:** Ms. Weir, Matthew Tang, Heather Doyle, Kate O'Toole, Niamh Byrne, Shannon O'Shea, Nada ElAdham, Linda Fitzgearld.  
**Front Row:** Ian Reynolds, Emily Gilligan, Jade Connor, Shaday Bates, Jennifer Singleton, Nicole Nestor, Dean Gilroy. **Absent:** Ciaran Cordial, Karlin Hamilton, Amy Woods.



**Class 2.1A - Back Row:** James Mooney, Alex Bonnie, Matthew Meehan, Craig Rafferty, Sam Woolhead, Ryan McDonald, Ross O'Rourke.  
**Middle Row:** Mr. McElhinney, Ryan Lennon, Daniel Guerin, Kenneth Cummins, Christopher Reilly, Nicole Murray, Liam Craig, Andrew Benson, Jonathan Ryan, Denis Samoila. **Front Row:** Lauren McKenna, Kim Carroll, Louise Daly, Aoife McGearty, Simone Prior, Emma McDonnell, Niamh McEvoy. **Absent:** Barry Dunne, Kelly Lawlor, Dale Twomey.

# Second Years



**Class 2K** - Back Row: Ryan Kenny, Darren Leahy, Alexander Zbenovics, John Paul Smith, John Byrne, Ruben Da Silva Lemos, Ms. Rickard. Front Row: Sinead Leonard, Leanne Byrne, Shannon Quigley, Hayley Doyle, Chelsey Murphy. **Absent:** Aleks Bloch, Lynn Bracken, Michael Norris, Robyn Ann Roche, Johathan Ryan.



**Class 2L** - Back Row: Ms. Clarke, Jonathan Flanagan. Front Row: Lee Caulfield, Cian Flood, Tracey Kelly, Alan Coates, Mark Alden. **Absent:** Mark Blake, Laura Connolly, Pauline Healy, Matthew Kavanagh, Darren Moloney, Shannon O'Loughlin.

# Third Years



**Class 3.1 - Back Row:** Stephen Hatton, Cathal McCarthy, Conor O'Brien, Ian Corr, Sean Barrett, Glenn Conroy. **Third Row:** Mr. Brennan, James Coates, Jonathan Giffney, Christopher Buckley, Sam Dempsey, Jamie O'Brien, Sean Smith, Gary Gaughan. **Second Row:** Sean Keogh, Eva Daly, Aisling Farrell, Lauren Garbutt, Siobhán Scanlon, Shane Gilroy. **Front Row:** Monique Comendador, Molly Woods, Leanne Kiernan, Aisling Carroll, Nicole Wood, Laura Watters, Megan Hickey. **Absent:** Elizabeth Blackmore.



**Class 3.1A - Back Row:** Ridwan Osomoku, Darren McSherry, Evan Carmody, Daniel Leahy, Craig Ronan, David Conroy. **Third Row:** Ryan Daly, Ciaran White, Ainoras Liutvaitis, Josh Wrench, Dean Mason. **Second Row:** Kevin Kavanagh Dunne, Steven Payne Lyons, Graeme Mulhall, Keith Keatley, Adam Currivan, Sam Johnson, Ms. Rogers. **Front Row:** Glenn Smith, Aoife Flynn, Leanne Fitzgerald, Carla McGrath, Orlagh Fitzpatrick, Rachel McMahon. **Absent:** Stephen Dennis, Nicole Pollard.

# Third Years



**Class 3M - Back Row:** Mr. Britton, Daniel O'Brien, Kevin Meade, Lee Bishop, Ross Byrne. **Front Row:** Matthew Barry, April Borland, Shauna Kenny, Mark Kelly, Lauren Conroy, David Keaghan. **Absent:** Jamie Barry, Jessica Flynn, Daniel Trimble.

## The Dublin Simon Community

*By Leanne Fitzgerald and Aoife Flynn 3.1A*

Our C.S.P.E. class did a project on the work of the Simon Community. First we studied the Homeless Community in class and learned that there are thousands of people on the streets in Ireland, with lots of them on the streets in Dublin. Then we looked at the work that one group carry out to assist these people. We decided to invite a guest speaker from the Simon Community. Our speaker told us of the work they do.

The Dublin Simon Community offers a continuum of care throughout the various stages of homeless. They work with over 2,000 people each year in Dublin who are homeless. Their services includes the Soup Run, a Rough Sleeper Team, Emergency Accommodation, Addiction Treatment Services, Tenancy Sustainment and Learning services, to mention just some. We learned loads about the work they do. We then had to link this learning into our project. We had to explain in our own words how all of this was related to Human Dignity and Rights and Responsibilities. We suggested that the Dublin Simon Community are very responsible as they help people to regain their rights and dignity. Ordinary people can be responsible too by doing voluntary work to help out.

## YOUR PEN

### *Farewell*

Nada ElAdham 2.1

As you lay there I watch you die,  
Wondering how to say goodbye,  
This emptiness that is inside,  
I feel I can no longer hide.

With you, my soul awakes,  
Though my heart it surely breaks.  
Although right here, I have to say,  
We will meet again someday.

Our friendship has grown so strong.  
For you to go it seems so wrong.  
You have been my guiding light.  
In the sky, you will shine bright.

### *Guess*

Johnny Ryan 2.1A

If we could see tomorrow,  
What of your plans,  
No one can live in sorrow,  
Ask all of your friends,  
Times you took in stride,  
They're back in demand,  
I was the one who was  
Washing blood off your hands,  
I know the things you wanted,  
They're not what you had,  
With all of these people talking,  
It's driving me mad,  
And when you're in need of someone  
My heart won't deny you,  
But life always gets harder,  
When there's no one left to cry to.

### *Hard to Say Goodbye*

Emma Brown 6<sup>th</sup> Year

*It's hard to believe that our days here are numbered*

*How the years have flown by one can only wonder,*

*I never thought the time would come when we'd have to leave this place*

*It's scary to think that in a short while we'll be going our separate ways*

*We've had a lot of fun here in Ardscoil La Salle*

*All the memories, cherish them we shall*

*Even though we have to move on we have to try*

*It's going to be so hard to say goodbye.*



# YOUR PEN



## Going to the Renaissance

*By Amy O'Sullivan 1.1*

I get into my car to go back in time  
To a place in history books you can only find  
In the blink of an eye  
I'm here, really here

I'm standing on a street not knowing where I am  
I can't believe I'm here in the Renaissance time  
I'm looking all around me in wonder and amaze  
How did I end up in this wonderful place?

It's what art and music were all about  
Because back in the future all they do is shout  
I meet Leonardo da Vinci perfecting her smile  
I stood there and watched for quite a while

It's time to go home; I have a tear in my eye  
For I'll really miss Leo, he's such a great guy

# TRANSITION YEAR

*Report by Ms. O' Connor*

The year kicked off with a trip to Carlingford, which was enjoyed by all. Interesting speakers such as the I.S.P.C.C. speaker have visited the class. The students had a great laugh at *A One Man Play – Psycho Spaghetti*. They successfully completed their work placement experience and all reports were positive. Historic visits to the Four Courts and Kilmainham have taken place as well as a tour of Mountjoy prison. Some students took part in the A.I.B. Build a Bank Competition. Thanks are extended to Mr. Mythen for investing his time and energy in this interesting venture. The students enjoyed



Action Track in January, where some 'Stars' emerged! They also enjoyed music classes with Mr. Dever and Mr. Noonan, doing well on the brass instruments. Thanks to all the Transition Year teachers and indeed the students for their enthusiastic participation.

## **AIB Build a Bank Launch**

Coman Goggins, former Dublin football captain and now a Sunday Game analyst, launched the school bank. He was there to announce the great prize of a Dublin jersey signed by next years panel to be raffled between all the students that open a bank account in the school bank. The bank opened every Friday in the table tennis hall at 12.50p.m. Manager John McNally and his team were there to assist all their customers, new and old.

# TRANSITION YEAR

## TY Economics Inflation Project

Mr. Mythen's class did a project to track the inflation rate of the items that they buy most often, such as chocolate, soft drinks, noodles etc. Each student picked one item that they had to price check each month. The big news is that chocolate is getting dearer and that some bars are staying the same price but the bars are now smaller than they used to be which is the same as a price increase. Thus, it is not good news for chocoholics.

## Transition Year Class 2009



**Back Row:** Gerard McShane, Kevin Lee, Emmet Doyle, Ryan Slater, Thomas Murphy, Timmy Kelly, Ruairí Hallissey. **Second Row:** Ms. O'Connor, John Kennedy, Lee Gilroy, John McNally, Paul Byrne, Sean Ryan, Sean Cummins, Darren Brabazon. **Front Row:** Janka Sarbai, Megan Lee, Niamh Fagan, Eric Dillon, Shauna Quinn, Ciara Bregazzi, Rebecca Murphy. **Absent:** David Bernes, Peter Doyle, Paul Gallagher, David Noonan.

## Transition Year Work Experience 2009

### *The Fashion Business*

*By Megan Lee*

For my work experience I worked in Topshop. I got to do all of the usual jobs, such as working on the till and dealing with customers. This was really great for improving my communication skills. However, I was most excited about working in VM. VM stands for Visual Merchandising.

A VM's job is to arrange the shop in a presentable way. The latest trends must be displayed, as well as the best sellers. As a VM I got to dress all the mannequins in Topshop and Topman. In my second week the shop was entering a competition called 'Model Store'. I was able to be involved and dress all the mannequins in high level designs. I also designed the front cover and window displays. This experience was really enjoyable. I learned about true business acumen in the fashion world. I would recommend other students interested in the fashion industry or business to try and get a similar work placement during Transition Year.



## Transition Year Work Experience 2009



### **The Electrical Business**

*By Thomas Murphy*



I did my work experience in Judge Electricals. This business provides electrical services to customers such as: data cabling testing, domestic, commercial & industrial installations, fire alarms & emergency lighting.

My work was interesting as I got to assist in putting electrics into a house. I mainly had to do jobs like cutting the wall and putting the dry line boxes in the wall. I also got to strip the wires, insulate the earth wire, wire up the socket and screw it into the wall. Obviously, there was a limit on tasks I could do as I am still in school and not qualified yet.

I would recommend others to do this because I learned loads during the experience. I learned what to do if something went wrong electrically in the home, as well as about electrics in general. It is enjoyable too.



### **Carpentry Work**

*By Darren Brabazon*

I completed my work placement in Santry, in LMK Detail. I worked from 9a.m. to 4p.m. from Monday to Friday inclusive. Everybody was very friendly and there was lots to do such as bringing in and out supplies and stocking up on supplies.

These activities require good management skills. I also learned 'on the job skills', for example, chiselling, measuring and filing. The work experience lasted for two weeks and the team there were very helpful. This type of work experience is useful to anyone with an interest in carpentry or business.

## Transition Year Work Experience 2009

### Little Sisters of the Poor

*By Shauna Quinn*

The Little Sisters of the Poor welcome the elderly of all nationalities and beliefs. I worked in this old folks home in Sybil Hill, Dublin. They aim to uphold the sacredness of human life in all its stages.



I really liked this work experience. I enjoyed talking to the residents, some of whom told me of their time in school! It felt good to make a difference in another person's life. Some of the people there do not get visitors, which is sad. After my time here I am inclined towards a career in social care.

The typical day for me began by being involved with giving breakfast. Then I washed dishes and cleaned the kitchen. I set up the dining room tables too. I

also went to mass with the residents.

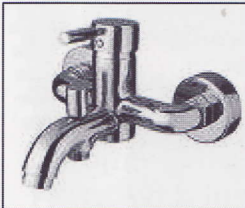
I would definitely recommend this to Transition Year students. It was hard work, but it is so rewarding you enjoy the time you spend there. The message of the foundress Jeanne Jugan, was evident there: "Making the elderly happy, that is all that counts", It is still timely today.



### Plumbing Work

*By Sean Cummins*

The plumbing industry is a basic and substantial part of our world. I worked in this industry for my work experience. I travelled from job to job with an experienced plumber and witnessed a variety of tasks completed. These types of jobs included: installation, under floor heating, pipe replacement and the installation of gas and electric heaters. From my work experience I learned that plumbing is an extremely skilled trade. The experience has helped me to think about my future.



# Drama

## Action Track

*By John Kennedy TY*

Our Drama was called Action Track. We spent one week doing something most of us had never done before. We participated in an acting and drama programme. Four people came over from England to help us create an original musical.

It took us three days to prepare the musical. They considered an array of ideas, in relation to plot and song choice, that we came up with as a group. I was cast as a bar tender who was yearning for his lost love, Christine. Other roles included police, lino – fitters, secret agents and thieves. The play was about a series of robberies in Funky Town and it was up to the detective to solve the mysteries.



***'Many of us had to sing and that was very nerve wrecking.'***

We ran through the play many times and then the dances were choreographed. Many of us had to sing and that was very nerve wrecking. By the time we finished rehearsing I was sore to the bone. Then the big night came around and I was never so nervous in my life! We were all shaking with the nerves. The crowd filed into the hall and soon it was filled. Luckily, the night went smoothly.

One of the moments I most enjoyed was probably when I sang in front of the audience. I have never done anything like that before. I also enjoyed when we played drama games. Most of all, however, I enjoyed the whole thing in general. It was different to typical school days and I would definitely do it again.

# *Drama Gallery*



# Drama Gallery



# Merit Awards 2009

**By Ms. O'Meadhra**

**Co-ordinator for Positive Discipline**

On 12th May 2009, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Eibhlin Byrne, came to our school to present the annual Merit Awards, as well as guests from the Board of Management and the Parents' Association, two representatives of the Youth Alcohol Peer Education Programme, and last year's joint Senior Students of the Year, Shauna Buggy and Deborah McShane. Sincere thanks are extended to the entire school, teachers and pupils alike, for their co-operation in the smooth running of this important event in the school year. Our most heartfelt congratulations go to all those hard-working students who received well-merited awards!

## Junior School Merit Awards

### First Years

#### **Academic Endeavour:**

Megan Carpenter, Danil Chatuncev, James Culleton, Brian Dillon, Derek Doherty, Holly Doyle, Molly Dunne, Ciara Farrelly, Vivienne Foster, Craig Griffiths Blount, Lee Harris, Kristina Lee, Dean McMahon, Betelehem Mesfein Mekonen, Dianne Murphy, Amy O'Sullivan, Nicola O'Sullivan, Joshua Redmond, Colin Smith.

#### **Excellent Attendance:**

Gemma Gaughan, Laurynas Liutvatis, Dylan Smith

#### **Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance:**

Daniel Williams

#### **Academic Endeavour &**

#### **Contribution To Sport:**

Barry Davies, Glenn Radley

#### **Academic Endeavour, Contribution To Sport & Excellent Attendance:**

Colin Sheeran

#### **Academic Endeavour, Excellence Attendance & Contribution to Cultural Activities:**

Jordan Kearns

### Second Years

**Academic Endeavour:** Andrew Benson, Niamh Byrne, Jade Connor,

Adam Dale, Heather Doyle, Emily Gilligan, Tracey Kelly, Sinead Leonard, Nicole Nestor, Shannon O'Shea, Shannon Quigley, Ian Reynolds, Jennifer Singleton, Matthew Tang, Amy Woods.

#### **Excellent Attendance:**

Jonathan Ryan

#### **Contribution To Sport:**

Kim Carroll, Kenneth Cummins, Hayley Doyle, Nicole Murray

#### **Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance:**

Ian Maher

#### **Academic Endeavour & Contribution To Sport:**

Louise Daly, Emma McDonnell, Niamh McEvoy, Lauren McKenna, Chelsey Murphy, Simone Prior

#### **Academic Endeavour, Contribution To Sport & Excellent Attendance:**

Aoife McGearry

#### **Youth Alcohol Peer Education Programme:**

A group of students, mostly from second year, undertook training in the delivery of peer education and support to other young people and youth groups. This training took place once a week after school for a period of twelve weeks and earned them special certificates:

Ben Daly, Dean Gilroy, Sam Gormley, Karlin Hamilton, Ian McGuinness, Laura Horan, Jonathan Ryan

## Third Years

### Academic Endeavour:

Ross Byrne, Aisling Carroll, Monique Comendador, Stephen Dennis, Aisling Farrell, Leanne Fitzgerald, Aoife Flynn, Orlagh Fitzpatrick, Gary Gaughan, Stephen Hatton, Mark Kelly, Shauna Kenny, Sean Keogh, David Keoghan, Leanne Kiernan, Carla McGrath,, Rachel McMahon, Siobhan Scanlon, Daniel Trimble, Ciaran White

**Contribution to Sport:** Lee Bishop, James Coates, Megan Hickey Hoolahan, Kevin Kavanagh-Dunne

### Excellent Attendance:

David Conroy

### Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance

Eva Daly, Anoras Liutvatis, Molly Woods

### Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Sport:

Dean Mason

# Junior School Special Awards

## Junior Sportsperson of the Year

James Coates, Megan Hickey Hoolahan, & Dean Mason



Each of these athletes consistently displays the highest standards of sportsmanship, combining a high level of athletic skill with team spirit, leading by example, inspiring teammates to greater effort and, while enthusiastically competitive, yet always strives to play fair.

Mark Kelly

## The John Slattery Award



This award was set up in memory of the late Mr. John Slattery, who taught in Ardscoil La Salle, encouraging the academic progress of junior students. It is given to a pupil in Junior cycle who has consistently shown a positive attitude to schoolwork and helpfulness and courtesy to fellow-pupils and teachers. Mark received this award for excellent behaviour, consistent hard work, for displaying strength of character in pursuing the personal goal of trying always to achieve the best possible academic standards.

## Junior Student of the Year

### Stephen Hatton



Stephen has maintained the highest standards of excellence in all areas of school life over the past three years. He has been exemplary in character, respectful of others, steadfastly cooperative with and obliging to both teachers and fellow-students. Highly motivated, extremely diligent, conscientious in attendance and punctuality, Stephen consistently strives for and reaches the goal of academic excellence. He is always willing to take part in every activity whether academic, sporting or cultural.

For the pursuit of excellence in all fields, for displaying strength of character and outstanding personal integrity, Stephen has well and truly deserved the accolade of Junior Student of the Year 2009.

## Senior School Merit Awards

### Transition Years

**Academic Endeavour, Contribution to the AIB Banking Project & Contribution to Cultural Activities:**  
Emmet Doyle

**Academic Endeavour, Contribution to Mentoring of First Years & Contribution to Cultural Activities:**  
Darren Brabazon

**Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Cultural Activities:**  
Eric Dillon, John Kennedy, Rebecca Murphy, David Noonan

**Excellent Attendance:**  
Ryan Slater

**Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance:**  
Gerard McShane

### Fifth Years

**Academic Endeavour:**  
Emma Brady, Gary Brown, Owen Crabtree, Ian Culleton, Frank Doyle, Ciara Fitzpatrick, Rebecca Gray, Carl Grehan, Keith Hand, Andrew Jones, Daniel Kelly, Aaron Kenny, Sara Kenny, Greg Langella, Ross Lennon, Kevin Leonard, Sean McHenry, Laura McKay, Shane McKenna, Rebecca Matthews, Calum Murphy, Aaron Reilly

**Contribution to Sport:**  
Mark Coleman, Kevin Fitzgerald, Killian Jenkinson-Smith, Daniel Lodge, Gerard McMahon, Daniel Nugent

**Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance:**  
Luke Carter, Mark Kerins

### Sixth Years

**Academic Endeavour:**  
Emma Brown, Kevin Byrne, Conor Killeen, Maxine McKenna, Niamh McLoughlin, Gary Morgan, Hayley Murphy, Gavin O'Driscoll, Tanya O'Shea, Jennifer O'Sullivan, James Plunkett, Pamela Ryan, Nicola Smith, Jennifer Stafford, Mary Grace Vender, Jessica Vickers

**Contribution to Sport:**  
Anthony Brady, Stephen Dowling, Stuart Grehan, Aaron Humphries

**Academic Endeavour & Excellent Attendance:** Michael Boylan, Declan Grogan, Ian Hamilton, Michael Lee

**Academic Endeavour, Excellent Attendance & Contribution to Sport:**  
Fintan Dunleavy

**Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Sport:**  
Keith Sheeran



**Positive Attitude to School:**  
Karl Alden

**Exceptional Performance in  
Engineering and in Building  
Construction:**  
Daniel Higgins

## Senior School Special Awards

### Senior Sportsperson of the Year



Anthony Brady & Stuart Grehan

This year we are pleased to find not one but two worthy recipients of this honour, each outstandingly skilful, always going the distance, never shirking responsibility, considerate of other players and fair in every way; in short, displaying all-round sporting excellence.

Key members of the school team, whether in soccer, Gaelic football or hurling, both Anthony and Stuart have shown impressive leadership ability, motivating and spurring on teammates before and during matches, leading by example in training and on the field. Each is a player of distinction, with a strong sense of team spirit and outstanding ability, committed, passionate and determined performers on the pitch, always generous in victory and courageous in defeat.

### Senior Student of the Year



Conor Killeen

Our Senior Student of the Year is an exemplary pupil, maintaining throughout his school career a consistent commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence. A pleasure to teach, Conor aims for the highest goal in every undertaking, never seeking praise, and exhibiting a laudable independence of mind.

Having achieved excellent results in the Junior Certificate examinations, he continues to apply the same exacting standards to preparations for the Leaving Certificate.

Conor is not only outstandingly able in academic work, but also possesses sterling personal qualities. He is known for uprightness, maturity, helpfulness; treating both staff and fellow-students with unfailing courtesy and consideration; always completely reliable, outstandingly honourable, and utterly unassuming. Outgoing and supportive of fellow-students and of teachers, combining meticulous schoolwork and outstanding academic achievement with the highest ideals of personal integrity and all-round excellence of character, Conor is a worthy recipient of the accolade of Senior Student of the Year for 2009.

**Ad Summum Semper**  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

# Fifth Years



**Class 5.1 - Back Row:** Keith Hand, Greg Langella, Jamie McDonald, Liam Keoghan, Mark Connolly, Aaron Reilly, Thomas Daly, Alex McGrath, Edvinas Liutvaitis. **Front Row:** Aaron Kenny, Ciara Fitzpatrick, Laura McKay, Calum Murphy, Kevin Fitzgerald. **Absent:** Killian - Smith, Daniel Moore.



**Class 5.2 Back Row:** Mark Kerins, Sean McHenry, Jamie Brennan, Mark Coleman, Michael Eustace, Connor Das, Dominic Doherty. **Third Row:** Daniel Lodge, Aaron Collins, Gerard McMahon, Andrew Jones, Cillian Mulvey, Ralph Comendador. **Second Row:** Matthew Jackson, Owen Crabtree, Kevin Leonard, Mark Cummins, Adam Stafford, Jake Woolhead. **Front Row:** Laura Darby, Emma Brady, Rebecca Gray, Laura Curtis, Tammy Walsh. **Absent:** Anthony Byrne, Anthony Conroy, Paul Conroy, Niamh Leech, Ciaran Ryan.

# Fifth Years



**Class 5.3 Back Row:** Patrick Pope, Daniel Nugent, Carl Grehan, Frank Doyle, Shane McKenna, Kevin Tyrell. **Middle Row:** Kevin Smith, Leon Dunne, Niall Barrett, Ian Culleton, Steven Keogh, Shane Benson, Daniel Kelly, Gary Brown. **Front Row:** Craig O' Toole, Siobhan Coates, Rebecca Matthews, Claudia Parravani, Antonia Kelly, Ross Lennon. **Absent:** Kiril Beatty, Daniel Byrne, Micheal Dale, Frankie Gaynor, Sarah Kenny, Loren Mooney, Daniel Quinn, Amanda Row.



**5.4 Back Row:** John Blake, Karl Byrne. **Middle Row:** David Henry, James Connolly, Ryan Tracey, Conor Ryan, Carl Roche, John Kelly, John Gifford, Lee Roche. **Front Row:** Nikita Smith, Gemma Farrell, Kayleigh Ryan-Byrne, Sean Cassin, James O'Shaughnessay, Antony Blake - Murphy, Lee Bracken. **Absent:** Anthony Alden, Luke Hart, Dylan Kidd, Tracey Lawlor, Anthony McCann, Roisin Murray.

# Sixth Years



**Class 6.1 - Back Row:** Michael Lee, Conor Killeen, Kevin Byrne, Michael Boylan, Jake Kelly, Ian Hamilton, Mr. Cleary. **Front Row:** Declan Grogan, Darragh Finneran, Christine Cullen, Sandra McDonnell, Fintan Dunleavy, Kevin Connolly. **Absent:** Shane Kenny, James Leahy.



**Class 6.2 - Back Row:** Mr. O'Brien, Justin Plunkett, Aaron Humphries, Aaron Gibson, Stuart Pender, Jonathan Smith, Robert Dowling, Wayne O'Connor. **Middle Row:** Mark Masterson, Robert Grehan, Niall McGuinness, Keith Sheeran, Conor Ledwith, Stuart Grehan, Marc Forde, James Leahy. **Front Row:** Thomas Farrell, Tanya O'Shea, Nicola Smith, Jennifer O'Sullivan, Maxine McKenna, Jennifer Stafford, Mary Grace Vender, Daniel Higgins. **Absent:** Graham Judge, Niamh McLoughlin.



# Sixth Years



**Class 6.3 - Back Row:** Gavin O'Driscoll, Conor O'Toole, Alan Kavanagh. **Middle Row:** Mr. Dever, Ricky Shevlin, Sean Farrell, Anthony Brady, Stephen Dowling, Ryan Cummins, Karl Baker. **Front Row:** Joseph Ryan, Shane Cullen, Tracey Dunne, Niamh McLaughlin, Jake Wrench, Anthony Trimble. **Absent:** Michael Corbett, Sarah Farrell, Dean Flood, John O'Brien.



**Class 6.4 - Back Row:** Karl Alden, Glen Plunkett, Stephen Byrne, James Plunkett, Ciarán McDonnell, Kristian Handley Grant. **Middle Row:** Paul McCabe, Emma Brown, Andrea Dowling, Pamela Ryan, Hayley Murphy, Sandra Long, Jessica Vickers, Ms. Cooper. **Front Row:** Rebecca Kelly, Tara Brady, Shauna Colton, Jade Roche, Lauren Ryan, Amy Browne, Stacey Sheridan. **Absent:** Jennifer Healy, Thomas Kelly, Maireise McCormack, Gary Morgan.

# The Complete Sixth Year Survey 2009

CATEGORY	NOMINATIONS	WINNER
Best Smile:	Paul McCabe Sandra Long Conor Ledwith Michael Boylan	Michael Boylan
Most Likely To Run For President:	Mark Ford Ian Hamilton Aaron Gibson Niamh McLoughlin	Ian Hamilton
Most Likely To Win An Oscar:	Mark Ford Conor Ledwith Thomas Kelly Aaron Gibson	Aaron Gibson
Most Likely To Win X-Factor:	James Plunkett Karl Alden Ricky Shelvin Emma Brown	Emma Brown
Most Likely To Star In 'Home and Away':	Graham Judge Wayne O'Connor Sarah Farrell Thomas Kelly	Sarah Farrell
Most Likely To Save The Planet:	Daniel Higgins Alan Kavanagh Declan Grogan Hayley Murphy	Declan Grogan
Best Person To Be Stuck On A Desert Island With:	Mark Ford Sandra Long Kevin Byrne Conor Ledwith	Conor Ledwith
Most Likely To Take Over From Oprah:	Ryan Cummins Robert Dowling Anthony Trimble Amy Brown	Robert Dowling



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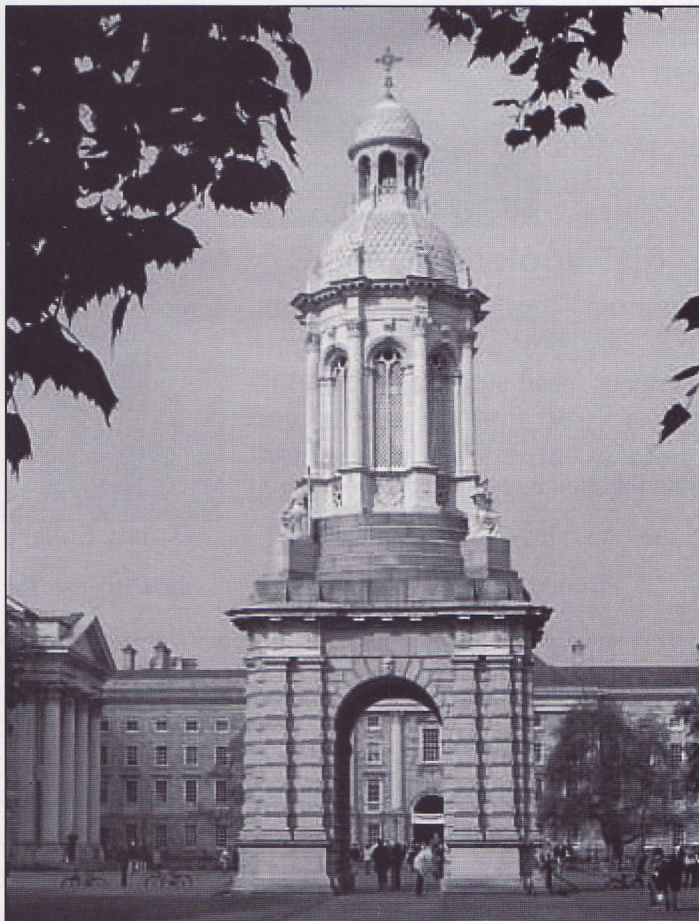
CATEGORY	NOMINATIONS	WINNER
Most School Spirit:	Amy Brown Wayne O'Connor Niamh McLoughlin Daniel Higgins	Niamh McLoughlin
Best Dressed:	Stewart Grehan Sean Farrell Jake Wrench Stacey Sheridan	Sean Farrell
Most Reliable:	James Plunkett Glenn Plunkett Daniel Higgins Wayne O'Connor	Daniel Higgins
Best Personality:	Jonathan Smith Robert Dowling Sandra Long Aaron Gibson	Aaron Gibson
Most Likely To Become A Millionaire:	Paul McCabe Conor Killeen Michael Corbett Mark Ford	Mark Ford
Most Positive Attitude:	Jennifer Stanford Niall McGuinness Michael Boylan Tanya O'Shea	Michael Boylan
Most Charming:	Stewart Grehan Robert Dowling Joey Ryan Sandra Long	Stewart Grehan
Most Likely To Be Remembered:	Rebecca Kelly Tara Brady Jonathan Smith Robert Dowling	Jonathan Smith

# TAP

## Trinity Access Programme

Ardscoil La Salle is a TAP linked school. This allows us to participate in a wide range of outreach activities organised by the TAP office in Trinity. The outreach activities aim to:

- Increase the number of non-traditional students who proceed to and successfully complete third level.
- Enhance a curiosity about learning and the educational experience of participants.
- Encourage students to participate in once off college-based activities.



This year some of our students participated in the TAP Educational Achievement Awards. The school winners, who each receive a €10 voucher for Golden Discs, were: Betelehem Mesfein Mekoner, Molly Dunne, Heather Doyle, Sam Gormley, Matthew Tang, Jonathan Ryan and Mark Kelly.

The TAP Educational Awards overall winners were: Daniel Chatunchev, Jordan Kearns and Jennifer Connolly (first years), Louise Daly and Aoife McGearty (second year) and Stephen Hatton (third year). These prizes were presented at a presentation ceremony in Trinity College on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

# Trinity College Shadowing Day



Ms. Ahern organised for five of our fifth year students to spend a day “shadowing” a student from Trinity College. Our students had a choice regarding the course they chose to investigate, including History, Physiotherapy, Science, Mathematics and Computer Science. They attended lectures in these respective subjects and spent a day experiencing life as a student in Trinity College. The students had to apply for the placement

day by completing a form stating the course they would like to study if they went to Trinity College. When chosen the students had the opportunity to tour the Trinity College campus. They were shown how to use the virtual library and visited the laboratory where practicals take place. They also enjoyed the lightwave exhibition, the science gallery and the action happening there, as well as the Colleges very well equipped gym.

## **Laura McCay Reports:**

Our guidance counsellor organised for us to attending the Shadowing Day. The choice of course was varied but I choose Physiotherapy. We had to be at the Regent House in Trinity College at 8.20 a.m. on that morning. We were brought upstairs to a room where students from the 20 other T.A.P. schools were. We were introduced to our undergraduate student whom we would be shadowing. The term ‘shadowing’ means we were brought around by the university student and experienced what a typical day would be like for us if we take a course here.



# The Great Outdoors



## Geography Field Work

Ms. Baird and Mr. Mythen took their classes to Balcaddan Bay in Howth this year for their geography field trip. The group observed the beach and surrounding areas. They counted waves and measured stones. The group later wrote up their findings in detail.

## Science Ecology Trip

Junior Certificate students enjoyed a trip to the zoo last December. They had a great day at the Phoenix Park doing their research. The day will help them in their studies.

## Biology Ecology Trip

Biology classes 5L and 5N went on their seashore ecology trip to Sandycove. Ms. Ní Raghallaigh reports that they did very well and managed to identify five sea weeds and five animals. Then they had to count them out using the percentage cover or direct count methods. They also had to research one plant and animal in detail. They measured three abiotic factors. Their work involved five practicals and twenty A4 pages of research and results overall. The group were lucky to have lovely weather the day of the trip and this made the collection of data a pleasant process for everyone.



## Mighty Mathematicians

Ms. Cooper

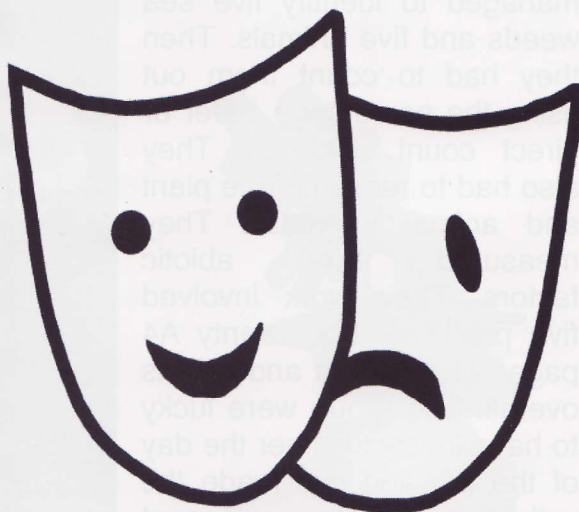
Nearly 7,000 students in 200 secondary schools across the country took up a maths challenge from N.U.I. Galway. The Inaugural **Problem-solving for Irish Second level Mathematicians (PRISM)** contest aims to encourage students to take an interest in problem-solving from an early age. PRISM runs two contests that are open to all Irish post-primary students; one for junior cycle students and one for senior cycle students. These are problems designed to test problem solving ability.

Twenty of our best mathematicians, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> year, took part in this year's challenge. All our students performed magnificently on the day. However, special congratulations must be passed on to Stephen Hatton (3.1) and Aaron Kenny (5.1) who were both placed within the top 100 students nationwide. This really was most impressive achievement! The students did well under pressure indeed.

We look forward to further success and challenges in the future.

## Fifth Year Theatre Trip

Many fifth year students visited the theatre to see *The Playboy of the Western World*. This is a three-act play by Irish playwright J. M. Synge and first performed at the Abbey Theatre in 1907! It is a story about Christy Mahon, a young man running away from his farm, claiming he killed his father. Locals seem more interested in his story than condemning the murder. An enjoyable outing was had by all.



## Art Gallery Trip



Image of a Castle by Turner

Last January the sixth year art class visited the Turner Exhibition in the National Art Gallery. These world renowned water colours are available to view in January only when the light is kinder to them, water colour being fugitive.

Joseph Mallord William Turner (1775–1851) was the leading British artist of his era. He managed to transform the genre of landscape through his works that proclaimed him heir to the old masters even while they heralded a new and visionary direction in 19th-century painting. He was known for his technical brilliance and amazing use of light and colour. He integrated learned references to literature, mythology, and historical events in his pictures. His commitment to the idea that watercolor was equal to oil in painting regarding complexity and expressive power, raised the standard for others working with watercolour. It seems that he inspired generations of artists.

The visit was declared a success by the pupils and Ms. O'Meara who found it to be a very interesting and rewarding experience, with plenty to provide material for the forthcoming examination.

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# Civic Social and Political Education



The Junior students have been very busy this year. Mr. Henry's 3.1 C.S.P.E. class visited the European Union Information Centre, Ms. Weir's 3.1A class had a guest speaker from the Simon Community and Ms. Hackett's 3M class did a mobile phone collection for Jack and Jill. These activities help the students with their C.S.P.E. projects for their Junior Certificate Examination.

Eddie Hobbs:

Patron of The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation

## The European Union Information Centre

By Siobhan Scanlon 3.1

Our class visited the European Union Information Centre in Dawson Street as part of our C.S.P.E. project with Mr. Henry. We travelled by Dart to the city. At the centre we were shown a short film about the E.U. The film dealt with the history of the E.U., how it is organised and how Ireland has benefited from membership. This was followed by a table quiz which tested our knowledge on the E.U. The winning team in the quiz included Stephen Hatton, Gary Gaughan, Sean Keogh, Shane Gilroy and Christopher Buckley. After the quiz we were allowed to wander around the E.U. Centre and take it all in. They gave us lots of pamphlets and balloons. We spent an hour in the centre and found the visit really worthwhile as it helped us with our project a lot.

## Second Years Political Debate

- Kate O'Toole and Heather Doyle 2.1



Dublin North East TDs Tommy Broughan (*Lab*), Micheal Woods (*FF*) and Terence Flanagan (*FG*), and Senator Martin Brady (*FF*) agreed to visit our school to explain their roles as public representatives. The visit was part of our C.S.P.E. Junior Certificate project, which is worth 60% of the final mark. It all

started when we sent our invitations and to our delight they said 'yes'. On the morning of the visit we had a two hour workshop with Karen Murphy, Oireachtas Education Officer, and our C.S.P.E. teacher, Ms. Hackett. The politicians stayed for one hour and we enjoyed our time with them. Later, we wrote thank you letters to the TDs, Senator Brady and Karen Murphy. Senator Brady wrote back inviting us to visit the Dáil so that was something to look forward to! Ms. Hackett organised for us to do just this.

## At the Dáil

-Shaday Bates and Linda Fitzgerald

We got the train to Pearse station and walked from there to the Dáil. When we arrived we went into the Dáil, we put our bags down and went upstairs and sat down in the Dáil chamber. We were shown around the Dáil and our guide, Chris, told us about past leaders and about the daily Dáil activities.



# Education Fair



The Education Fair was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January in the Le Cheile Community Centre in Donnycarney. It was organised and funded by the Northside Partnership's Regional Education Network. The fair was run as a community event where education, training and learning providers could meet the local communities. The main aim of the Fair is to promote learning as a possibility and an opportunity for everyone 'from cradle to the grave'.

Over thirty different education providers attended including Trinity College, Dublin City University (D.C.U.), Dublin Institute of Technology (D.I.T) and all the Northside Post Leaving Certificate colleges. The organisations participating in this Education Fair provided information to students on what education opportunities are available to them. They were recruiting for courses and providing guidance and advice about what courses or learning programme are suited to our students so that they can make positive decisions about where they want to be in life.



Our fifth year students attended talks on completing the CAO Application form and talks about choosing a career. The programme of talks ran throughout the day of the Education For All Fair. Students had the opportunity to speak to the college representatives and availed of the many college brochures on offer. Hopefully the afternoon prompted students to think about further educational opportunities after the examination this summer. The activities certainly highlighted the wide variety of learning experiences on offer in North Dublin.

## School Completion Programme

The students have been enjoying Breakfast Club and After School Club. They participated in a pool competition and have been cooking up some treats in the Home Economics room. They also completed an Alcohol Awareness Programme, which was a huge success. The project was developed by Kilbarrack Coastal Community Programme (*K.C.C.P.*) in response to the growing problem of alcohol abuse among young people in the area. Aaron Fowler, Youth Alcohol Peer Education Co-ordinator (*K.C.C.P.*), Ms. Hackett

and Ms. Weir facilitated the sessions. The young people on the programme attended lectures and discussed the myths and truths about alcohol and drug abuse. They were given the facts in an age appropriate way. They made mini-dramas which were filmed and in which they acted. Ms. Hackett reported that the girls and boys performances were exemplary indeed. It is hoped that, having completed the programme, they will be able to make a more informed decision about alcohol consumption, and also help to advise others about it.



## SPORT



### Ladies U14 Gaelic Football Team 2008 - 2009

On the first outing on the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009, the Under 14 Girl's girls played Old Bawn, Tallaght. It was an exciting game. Our girls took time to settle and the scoreline, which was not in our favour, reflected this. In the first half Captain Kim Carroll scored a well-taken penalty to keep us in the game. The girls played very well in the second half and created a number of chances on goal but then unfortunately could not convert them all. They played with great team spirit. There was a great work rate from Kim Carroll, Emma McDonnell, Chelsea Murphy and Jade Blake. Ms Hughes was proud of the valiant efforts but victory was not ours on the day.



### Boys U16 Gaelic Football Team 2008 – 2009

On January 19<sup>th</sup> Mr. Brennan and Mr. Mythen took our boys to play the quarter final against James St. CBS. Ardscoil La Salle won on a score line of 1-10 to 1-5. Best for our team were Thomas Murphy and Luke Carter. The 31<sup>st</sup> of January saw us up against Marian College when we narrowly lost by one goal: Ardscoil La Salle 0-9 to Marian College 1-9. Best on that day were: Luke Carter (*who did very well scoring the first point of his career*), James Coates, Mark Coleman and Ger McMahon.

## SPORT



**Boys U13 Soccer Team 2008 – 2009**

### **U13 Boys Soccer**

#### **Ardscoil La Salle V's Palmerstown Community College**

Ardscoil La Salle confidently beat Palmerstown in a four goal thriller in Edenmore. Goals were scored by Barry Davies and a Ciaran Fagan header. Victory was sealed when Davies squared the ball for Colin Sheerin who guided the ball in off the post. We won on the day with 3 goals to 1.

### **U16 Boys Soccer**

#### **Ardscoil La Salle Vs Malahide Community College**

First up was a tough game against Malahide C.C. and it was a game of two halves! The first half saw us down by 3 goals. However, the boys turned it around in the second half with two goals from Sean Cassin and one from Mark Coleman taking us to a 3 -3 finish. Best on the day were: James Coates, Ger McMahon, Mark Coleman and Sean Cassin.

#### **Ardscoil La Salle Vs Castleknock Community College**

Here the Della were keen to defend their reigning title. It was a tight first half but the boys went 1 up by half time despite this, with a good solo effort by Mark Cummins. In the second half James Coates added a second goal to send the Della on their way to victory. The C.C.C. boys got a consolation goal near the finish but in the end the boys from Ardscoil La Salle got their just reward. Best on the day were: Carl Roche, Ger McMahon, Kenneth Cummins, Lee Bishop and Adam Currihan.

#### **Ardscoil La Salle Vs Glasnevin**

This was a day dominated by our young men, but one in which they could not produce the goals. Extra time was needed to separate the teams in the end. The game started with Glasnevin taking the lead against the run of play. The Della struggled to put the ball in the net until minutes before the full time whistle. Lee Bishop, however, did manage to do the job for our side and force the game to extra time. In truth we could have been leading by a couple of goals at half time, but this was not to be. Thus, extra time was needed to separate the sides once and for all. Here the Della boys did all the running and deservedly took the lead with a Dan Byrne strike, followed by a penalty scored by Mark Cummins. Best on the day were: Dan Byrne, Dean Mason, Kevin Kavanagh-Dunne and Lee Bishop.

#### **Ardscoil La Salle Vs Mac Dara's Community College**

The boys played well against a strong Mac Dara's side. They worked well as a team, according to Mr. Durkan, with some nice displays of skill. However, they were not as clinical in front as their opponents which saw us lose 4-1 in the end. Carl Roche, Mark Coleman, Dan Byrne and Lee Bishop did well on the day for Ardscoil La Salle.

## SPORT

### U18 Soccer

#### Ardscoil La Salle V's Chanel

This was the start of a new campaign for the U18 boys. It resulted in a scoreless draw and was a game with a somewhat lacklustre performance on our part overall. Best on the day: Stuart Grehan, Ciaran McDonnell, Aaron Humphries, Dan Nugent and Jonathon Smith.

#### Ardscoil La Salle V's Drimnagh

This was a very competitive game with some excellent football played in poor conditions. The Della boys started very strong with good efforts from Dan Lodge and Aaron Collins, both narrowly missing the goal. In the second half the boys had a lot of pressure to soak up, yet they coped remarkably well. With ten minutes to go a moment of utter bad luck resulted in an own goal for our side. Nevertheless, the lads rallied around and a great opportunity arose through a header from Stuart Grehan and a Johnny Smith shot. Sadly, it wasn't to be a Della day. Best on the day were: Stuart Grehan, Matthew Jackson, Johnny Smith, Ricky Shevlin, Anthony Brady and Aaron Collins.

### U19 Boys Soccer

#### Ardscoil La Salle V's Dunboyne

The boys drew this game initially, with a score line of 1-1 by the full time whistle went. Our only goal during normal time was thanks to Johnny Smith. Penalties followed after this and we won 4-3. The penalties were scored by Carl Grehan and Aaron Humphries. Dan Nugent, Stephen Dowling and Stuart Grehan did well on the day.

#### Ardscoil La Salle V's Cabra

This game also saw a draw at the end of full time, with 1-1 on the final whistle. Our boys played well but unfortunately they had conceded early on. They recovered well in the second half and dominated the rest of the game. This pressure finally showed on the scoreline as the equaliser was scored by Stuart Grehan. Once again we faced a penalty shoot out. Sadly, this time we were not so lucky and we lost 4-5. Best on the day were Dan Lodge, Matthew Jackson, Ricky Shevlin and Anthony Brady. Well done to the Della boys on a good performance overall.

## Senior Table Tennis

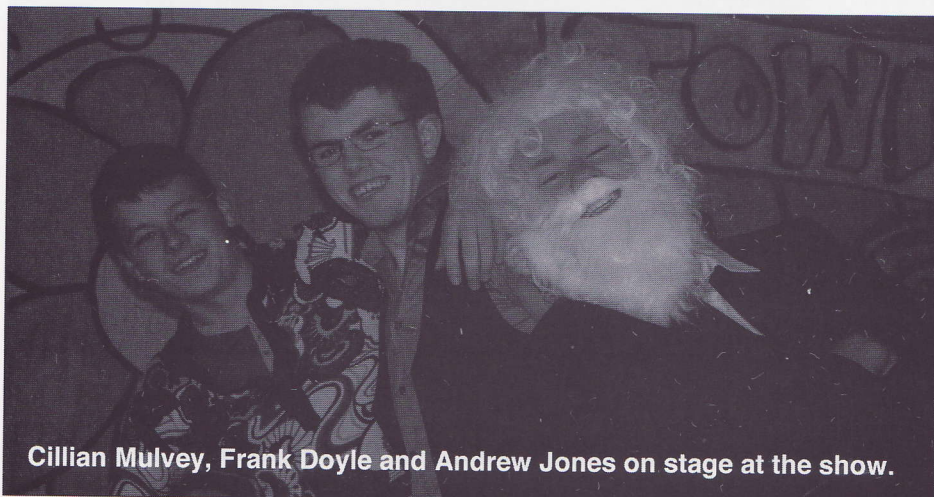
Ardscoil La Salle's under 18 table tennis team claimed a remarkable victory over Saint Colmcille's Community School in Knocklyon last December. In the lower seeded doubles match Johnny Smith and Darragh Finneran defeated their Southside counterparts in a thrilling contest. Our boys looked all but defeated as Colmcille's held five match points. When the southsiders were unable to press home their advantage Johnny and Darragh scored 16 consecutive points to equalise and finally claim the deciding set. David Bernes and Fintan Dunleavy also impressed in this very competitive and spirited contest. Final score against Saint Colmcille's

Community School was 4-2 in favour of Ardscoil La Salle.

Later, Della's form turned upside down against competitive Gonzaga.

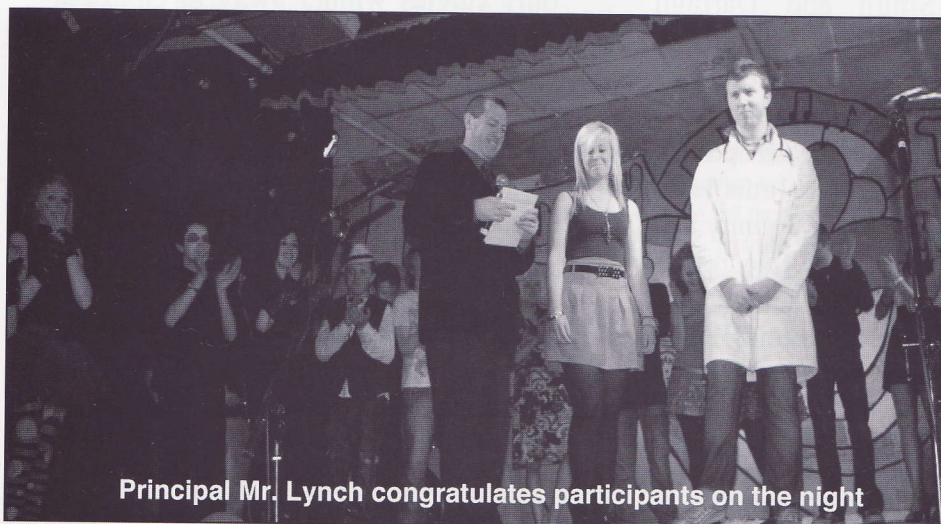
David Bernes was Ardscoil La Salle's only singles winner away to Gonzaga as Fintan Dunleavy, Darragh Finneran and Jonathan Smith narrowly lost their ties in a very evenly matched thriller. Most sets were won or lost 11-9. But in the end fortune favoured the southsiders leaving our boys terribly disappointed. Gonzaga 4; Ardscoil La Salle 2. This was a complete turnaround as the three losers all won their ties and David Bernes lost his one in their previous match away to Knocklyon Community College.

# Talent show



Cillian Mulvey, Frank Doyle and Andrew Jones on stage at the show.

A talent show was organised by Ms Thornton on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2009. Students were invited to show off their talents, such as music, signing, acting, and dancing. Students made the most of the opportunity and a wide variety of talents came forth for their moment on the stage. If only Simon Cowell could have made it! We were very proud of the efforts made and genuinely impressed at the variety of talent in the school. Thanks to all students who were so brave and entertaining on the night. Also, thanks must be offered to the enthusiastic audience for attending on the night.



Principal Mr. Lynch congratulates participants on the night

## The Talent Show Participants:

### First Half

1. Jordan Kearns – singing *'Summer Time'*.
2. April Borland & Kim Carroll – singing *'Missing You'*.
3. Niall Barrett & Liam Keoghan – singing *'Guy Love'* from the TV show *Scrubs*.
4. David Noonan – singing *'Stay Tonight'*.
5. Lauren Conroy, Megan Hickey, Kim Carroll, Nicole Murray - hip hop dancing to a collection of music tracks.
6. Betlehem Mesfein Mekonen – playing the violin.
7. Emma Brown – singing *'Beautiful'*.
8. Steven Hatton – doing an interpretation of the song *'Torn'*.
9. Aisling Farrell & Laura McKay – Irish dancing.

### Second Half

1. Andrew Jones, Cillian Mulvey, Frankie Doyle, Darren Brabazon - singing *'Seven Drunken Nights'*.
2. James Plunkett – singing *'Hero'*.
3. Emmett Doyle – break dancing.
4. Dale Twomey & girls – singing *'I'm Yours'*.
5. Elizabeth Blackmore – singing *'My Immortal'*.
6. Gary Gaughan – dancing to Rihanna's *'Disturbia'*.
7. Ciara Farrelly & Hannah Mooney – ballet dancing.
8. Niall Barrett & Tammy Walsh – singing and playing *'Hurt'*.
9. Johnny Smith, David Noonan, Emmett Doyle, Sean Cummins – playing *'Sweet Child O'Mine'*.



## Sixth Years 2008 - 2009



