



Moate Student receives major award at National Final of SciFest

Second Year MCS student, Adam Kelly, won the **ISTA Health Sciences Award** at the **National Final of SciFest** held in the Marino Conference Centre in Dublin on 10th November. Adam's project "**Can Beet Beat Other Feeds?**" was one of 42 projects exhibited at the

event which was organised by Science Foundation Ireland.

In his project, Adam investigated whether there would be a difference in weight gain if cattle were fed beet or maize ration. After feeding his own weanlings either beet or maize or barley, Adam found that in fact beet was more successful in supporting weight gain.

In the Regional Final of **SciFest** at the AIT in May, Adam won the **Science Foundation Ireland Best Project Award**, as well as the **Junior Life Sciences Individual category award** and an **Animal Health and Production award**.

SciFest provides students with the opportunity to present and display their projects and encourages a love of science, maths and technology. The

students at Moate Community School have benefited hugely from their involvement in the programme, developing key skills in communication as well as scientific investigations.

