



On a stormy Wednesday morning last, 27<sup>th</sup> September, in the lovely surrounding of Belvedere, Mullingar the Westmeath Schools Cross-Country Championships took place. Philip King, being the only representative from Moate Community School, took to the course of the Intermediate Boys 3000m race. The race started off at a very fast pace and Philip sat at the back of the leading pack making sure they didn't break away from him.

After 2000m he was sitting nicely in fifth place. With 500m to go, he passed two competitors and was running right behind the person lying in second place. Coming around the final bend with just 100m left, Philip took off and finished the race in second place with a very good time of 9.05.

This competition marks the start to the cross-country season and Philip has a number of races coming up and he is hoping for a few more good results and times.