



MOATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Newslink



EASTER 2017

JUNK KOUTURE 2017

TY students this year set about the task of making a creation from waste materials to enter in the Junk Kouture competition. This competition started in 2011 and we have taken part each year, striving always for bigger and better creations with more intricate designs and red carpet glamour. This year seven of our creations made it to the Regional Final which was held in the Helix Dublin.

After a long day of rehearsals, dance makeup and preparation the show was on. Starting at 7pm Moate's students strutted their stuff and preformed with grace, elegance and determination.

At last the results were in and first out was "All Eyes on Me", then another and another until Moate had got six to the final, it was an amazing night and we couldn't ask for a better result.

Now the students will regroup and take a

break before they set about perfecting their dresses and preparing their performance for the final which will take place in the 3Arena Dublin on April 27th 2017. We wish them all the best of LUCK!



Above: Laura Kirwan - www.net
Left: Ella O'Neill - All Eyes on Me.



Sorcha Handy - Artemis' Striding.



Tina Geoghegan - Fibre Optic.



Rebecca Flynn - Captivated.



Emily McCabe - Can you see me??

CANSAT Science Project

Euan McDonnell, Ronan Murphy, Patrizia Spiess and Deborah Fakeye are taking part in CanSats Europe Competition which is sponsored by the European Space Education Resource Office (ESERO). As part of the primary phase of the project, they will build a device that measures temperature and atmospheric pressure when dropped from a height of 300 feet. The device consists of an Arduino Circuit Board contained inside a 330ml drinks can. The secondary mission is to measure methane levels in the atmosphere, using a methane sensor.

The group worked on the project for about two months and on the 15th of March took part in the Regional Finals at the Engineering Building at the AIT, against 5 other schools. The day seemed perfect for launching a quadcopter, with sunny

skies and warm weather. They also gave a presentation of their project to four judges, who questioned them thoroughly. As the day came to end, they were ecstatic to find out they were the winning team and would be progressing on to the National Finals in Emo Court in Portlaoise on the 27th of April. Well done! See them on facebook, www.facebook.com/Cansat MCS.



Ronan Murphy, Patrizia Speiss, Deborah Fakeye and Euan McDonnell with Paul Mulvey and Margaret Mandal at Athlone IT.

BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition at the RDS

Ronan Murphy, Nicole Murray and Jenny Fox

Looking back on an enjoyable four days spent in the RDS in Dublin at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved. As we arrived at the RDS the electric atmosphere was palpable in the large halls as everyone started setting up their stands. The event started off with a bang at the opening ceremony where Michael D Higgins opened the competition with an inspirational speech, followed by The Academics. One of the first experiences encountered in the competition was the judging. Each of us presented our project to four individual judges who examined our projects thoroughly.

We, the students taking part were Jenny Fox, Nicole Murray, Ronan Murphy, Gerard O'Reilly, Lorna Boland and Jessica Okpaeye.

As there was 550 projects competing in the RDS, we met people from all across the country from Cork to Antrim, and from Dublin to Galway. As well as other students, we met a few famous people along the way. To name a few there was Gerry Adams, Manchester United's Rio Ferdinand and television presenter Eoin McDermott. Our own students, Jenny and Nicole appeared on the TODAY Show with Maura and Daithí to present their project live on RTÉ TV at the RDS.

A bus of students travelled up from Moate to visit the students who were exhibiting their projects. Jenny, Ronan and Gerard were fortunate enough to get to experience the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) Workshop on Friday. This involved posing for a 3D head scan, viewing mites on insects through an ultrasensitive microscope, viewing the human body using augmented reality, and playing around with a thermal sensor.

Everyone enjoyed their four days in Dublin as well as gaining valuable skills. We would highly recommend anyone to take part in the competition.

Nicole Murray, Jenny Fox, Lorna Boland, Gerard O'Reilly, Ronan Murphy and Jessica Okpaeye.



Congratulations to Amy and Roisin

Congratulations to Amy Gavin Mangan and Roisin Ennis who were chosen to represent Leinster in the Lidl Post Primary Interprovincial Competition. Both girls are from Naomh Ciarán club in Offaly. It was Amy's second year to be chosen while Roisin was one of the youngest to be selected nationally. A huge achievement with both girls representing MCS with pride and distinction.



Amy Gavin Mangan and Roisin Ennis.

Sixth Year student Eleanor Guinan wins National Essay Competition

Congratulations to Eleanor Guinan, who submitted a winning essay in the UCC School of Law Essay Competition 2017. Eleanor's essay was entitled 'Should bankers go to jail for white collar crimes?' and is an extremely interesting and informative read. The standard of essays this year was very high and the judges of the competition were very impressed with the quality of all submissions from our school. As part of her awards ceremony Eleanor enjoyed a tour of the campus of UCC and attended a lecture on each of the essay topics to illustrate the impact of law on all aspects of Irish society.



Eleanor with Prof. Ursula Kilkelly.



Chloe Clavin winner at recent Interschools showjumping competition.

BASKETBALL



First Year Girls Basketball team defeated Borrisokane CC recently.



Second Year Boys Basketball winners of Midlands C Trophy.

JOHN PAUL II AWARDS

Congratulations to the 5th Year students who successfully completed their John Paul II Awards recently. Laura Malynn, Carmel Carroll, Áine Guinan, Claire Murray, Fiona Kelly, Leanne McCauley and Sarah Murphy were presented with their Bronze or Silver award from Bishop Francis at the awards ceremony in St. Mel's Cathedral.

The Pope John II Awards is an award system much like the Gaisce Awards. In order to receive these awards our students partook in both parish and social activities. They volunteered for activities in their parish like Children's Masses, Minister of the Word and the Eucharist, working with the Altar Society or singing in their Church Choir. For the social aspect of the programme they carried out activities like Nursing Home visits, working with students from St. Hilda's or mentoring the First Year students in our school. All these activities prove to be extremely beneficial in helping the holistic development of our students.



Monsignor Noonan, Fiona Kelly, Laura Malynn, Sarah Murphy, Áine Guinan, Claire Murray, Carmel Carroll, Teacher Yvonne Prendergast & Bishop Francis Duffy.

Junior Ballad Group win All-Ireland Title

Well done to Edel Stone, Bronagh Bradley, Oisín Johnston, Nicole Rabbitte and James Costello and their mentors Louise Heavin and Ronnie Minnock on becoming All Ireland Junior Ballad Group Champions.



MCS denied Leinster Title in drama packed decider

There was high drama in Tubberclair on the 3rd of February as Mercy SS Ballymahon took on MCS in the Leinster Junior B Final.

Moate CS opened up a 0-3 to 0-2 lead inside the first ten minutes, with points from Leah Quigley (0-2) and full forward Aoife Dalton.

Moments later, a splendid save from goalkeeper Fiona Fox denied the Ballymahon girls a goal chance.

With Roisin Ennis and her midfield partner Áine Gaynor becoming more influential, the momentum then shifted in Moate's direction with a point coming from Maria O'Donohoe from a tough angle.

Better was to come from Moate's perspective when Aoife Dalton netted at the second time of asking, her first effort having hit the crossbar, after good build-up play by Ennis. Quigley added another point leaving Moate leading 1-8 to 1-4 at half time.

Within five minutes of the resumption, the Moate girls appeared to have one hand on the trophy with Aoife Dalton scoring 1-1, leaving Moate ahead by eight points (2-9 to 1-4).

Ballymahon's Clodagh Lohan rattled the net and from there on, the game was on. Moate's wing forward Sinead Robbins responded with two excellent points, both from difficult angles to steady Moate's nerves.

However, luck was very much on the Ballymahon side as Clodagh Lohan added another two goals to their score along with another goal from Zoe Guinan. This put Ballymahon five ahead (5-7 to 2-10) and such a gap was a bridge too far for Moate, despite O'Donohoe's late goal.

Final score: Mercy SS Ballymahon 5-8 • MCS 3-11.



Moate Community School U16 Girls team.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As part of Catholic Schools Week, a number of events were organised in our school. On different days, various classes attended morning Mass. The students participated by doing readings and prayers of the faithful.

Various classes also learned how to make St Brigid crosses. The students collected rushes and in religion class, teachers showed the students what to do.

On Friday, we organised a parish event because we wanted parishioners and students to interact and learn from one another. We invited people from the Parish to come over to school after morning Mass. We organised tea and coffee and teachers and students baked. The Sixth Year music class sang a medley of songs and the school trad group played music. Students did the catering.

Also some of our First Year students chatted to the people who came over and made St Brigid Crosses during the morning. This was the skill that they had learnt earlier in the week.



1st Year students at Moate CS participate in Catholic Schools Week.

SENIOR BOYS REACH LEINSTER FINAL!

Our Senior Boys had a very exciting season this year culminating in a Leinster final in Portlaoise against St Peter's of Wexford on Friday the 27th of January.

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL:

Before Christmas Moate had defeated Athlone Community College and subsequently St Aidan's of Dublin in the quarter final round, and hopes were high that 2017 would be our year and the Leinster Title would belong to MCS!!

On January 18th Moate played Good Counsel of Wexford in Stradbally, Laois. Moate's Daniel Heavin opened the scoring. Good Counsel got two frees either side of a Sean Pettit point. Pettit raised the white flag and Good Counsel did the same before a powerful run from wing back Ciaran Kelly led to another score. Running in support from the wing, Kelly took the ball at pace and passed it to Robert Forde who was on hand to drill the ball in. Good Counsel had goal chances also but thanks to heroics in goal by Jordan Nugent all they could get was a point and Moate went in at the half leading by 1-3 to 4 points. The second half started with a Moate point by Forde. Good Counsel got one back before Pettit struck a fine forty-five over the bar. The lead was cut by two Good Counsel frees but influential substitute Ben Cox and Pettit both pointed for Moate to restore Moate's advantage. A final point for Good Counsel wasn't enough as both Pettit and Cox, respectively, finished again to put the icing on the cake. The game ended 1-9 to 8 to Moate.

Team: Jordan Nugent, David Mullins, Luke Gavin-Mangan, Charlie Parker, Kieran Hartnett, Ruairi

Aspell, Ciaran Kelly, Sean Clinton, Paul Gorman, Harry Cornally, Daniel Heavin, Sean Farrell, Sean Pettit, David Fleming, Robert Forde. **Subs:** Liam O'Neill for Hartnett, Ben Cox for O'Neill (black card), Cathal Byrne for Clinton, Jack Bradbury-Hughes for Aspell.

All roads now led to Portlaoise on the 27th of January where the challenge of St Peter's of Wexford awaited them. Moate began to prepare. The team trained, the town wished them well, days off were organised, buses were booked, bunting was put up and there was hope in the hearts of everyone!!

The game proved to be a fiercely fought pulsating final. St Peters led by 0-7 to 0-3 at half time. The big opportunity came midway through the second half when Moate trailed by five points: a wonderful counter attack created goal chances for Robert Forde and Sean Pettit. Forde's initial shot was saved and Pettit blocked in the follow up. A goal would have given us real momentum at this stage, but instead St Peter's found the strength to repel our best efforts. Moate's tireless battling qualities ensured this high quality final remained competitive. It was not to be our day however and St Peter's claimed the title.

Team: Jordan Nugent, Charlie Parker, Luke Gavin Mangan, David Mullins, Ruairi Aspell, Kieran Hartnett, Ciaran Kelly, Sean Clinton, Paul Gorman, Harry Cornally, David Fleming, Robert Forde, Sean Farrell, Dan Heavin, Sean Pettit. **Subs:** Ben Cox for Mullins, Jack Bradbury Hughes for Clinton, Liam O'Neill for Farrell.

Well done to all involved.

BADMINTON

With the optimism of reaching a Leinster tournament our junior boys prepared themselves for a tough challenge in the schools tournament on Tuesday 24th January. Two under 16 teams and two under 14 teams played on the day. All four teams did brilliantly winning their fair share of games and one under 16 team which consisted of Fiachra Cunningham, Garbhan Cunningham, Owen Higgins and Paul Heffernan made it through to the Leinster tournament. It was a great event for the juniors gaining a lot of experience for the future. Well done to all.



Twins Fiachra and Garbhan Cunningham.



Senior Boys Leinster Finalists.

STUDENT ENTERPRISE AWARDS

Seven mini-enterprises represented our school at the County Final which took place on Friday 10th March in Golden Island Shopping Centre. Each group was interviewed by the judges and had an opportunity to sell on the day. Previous to this the groups had marketed and sold their products in school, at home, in the local shops and also in Bank of Ireland for Enterprise week.

In the Junior category 'The Ball Stall' ran by Megan Clinton, Shannon Mulvihill, Katelyn Dolan McHugh and Shauna Irwin came second and in the Senior category 'Bin Boltz' won the Innovation award. The students involved were Darcy Lawless, Kian Moran, Ronan Murphy and Dylan Ross. Well done to all!



Ronan, Dylan, Darcy and Kian receive their awards.



Katelyn, Shannon, Megan and Shauna receive their award.