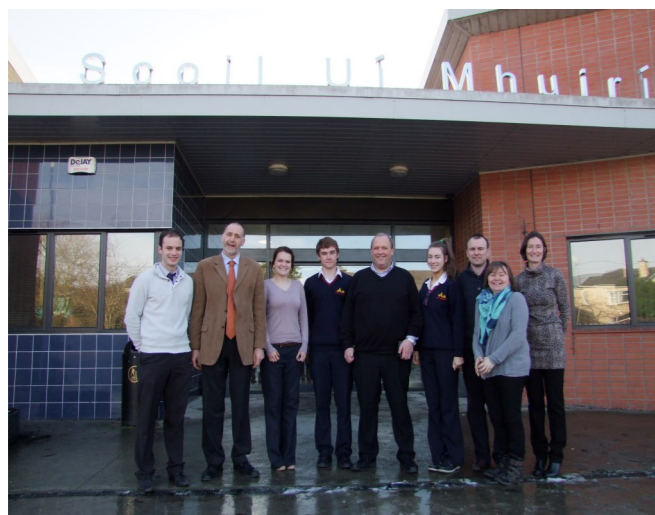


Inaugural Green Mile Event Seachtain na Gaeilge 2015

We were delighted to launch our Inaugural Green Mile Event during Seachtain na Gaeilge this year. This was a collaborative event between students, staff and the Parents Association. Close to 250 1st and 2nd Year students participated in the event with members of the Parents Association, Antoinette Rourke, Chairperson and Neil Cooney, Secretary in attendance to kick start the event. The Parents Association have kindly offered to match the funds raised from the event by the school and all proceeds will go towards purchasing a second defibrillator for the school.



Operation Transformation's Mark Mc Ardle meets our students



We were delighted to welcome parent, Mark Mc Ardle to the school early in the New Year to speak with our students and staff regarding his Operation Transformation journey and to facilitate a discussion on healthy eating and exercising.

Mark received a warm welcome from all at Scoil Uí Mhuirí and we would like to congratulate him on his success on the programme!

Thanks to Ms. Matthews for organising same and we were delighted to see our school, students and staff make an appearance on RTE!!



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Scoil Uí Mhuirí Art Students impress the Judges and win on the Trashion Fashion Catwalk in the Carrickdale Hotel, Dundalk

On Tuesday evening, 27th February 2015, Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Abi Loughlin was celebrating along with her Art Teacher Ms. Harrington when her dress was announced as one of the winning dresses at the Louth County Council Trashion Fashion event in the Carrickdale Hotel, Dundalk.

Trashion Fashion is a catwalk show that showcases outfits made from materials that are really destined for the bin! This is the third year that the event has taken place locally and it has proven to be a very impressive showcasing opportunity for the creative talent that Co. Louth has to offer.

Abi, along with her classmates Kevin O' Neill, Ashling Hickey, Gwendoline Smith, Janet Akintunde, and Dammy Sasore's next step was to take part in the Regional Finals of the Junk Kouture Competition in the Helix DCU.

Congrats to all our students involved in these competitions and to their teachers Ms. Harrington, Art Department and Ms. Murphy, Home Economics Department. We look forward to more success stories from our Art students in the future.



Scoil Uí Mhuirí on Twitter

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Scoil Uí Mhuirí Musicians open the LMETB Musical Extravaganza

On Wednesday evening, 11 March 2015, the Scoil Uí Mhuirí Music Department opened the LMETB Musical Extravaganza in An Tain Arts Centre in Dundalk.

Music plays an very active role in the life of the school and the Music Department is growing and is now staffed by two teachers Ms. Fiona Shields and Ms. Ciara Morrison Reilly. The Department is passionate about giving students the chance to let their musical spirit run free and the recorder is now one of the many instruments taught in the school. Other instruments being taught include drums, piano, bass and guitar.

The school's 1st and 2nd Year Recorder Orchestra debuted at the Inaugural Christmas Fair in the school in December 2014 and were delighted to entertain a larger audience at the LMETB Musical Extravaganza. Their musical production of Eine Kleine Nachtmusik was warmly received by the audience on the night.

The school choir also had an opportunity to impress the packed audience with their version of Rihanna's 'Four Five Seconds' and Fun's 'Some Nights'.

Congrats to all involved. Preparations are currently underway for production of a CD of music from the Music Department in the coming months and preparations for LMETB Musical Extravaganza 2016 are currently underway.



Ms. Cox's Science Students on a science research mission!



These Science students are on a research mission over the next few weeks in preparation for their entry into the Scifest Competition.

Scifest is a series of one day science fairs for second level students locally in schools and at regional levels in the Institutes of Technology.

We will keep you posted on their research and results in the next newsletter. Best of luck boys!!!!

Conor does us proud at Leinster Schools

The North Leinster Schools Cross country event was held in Santry in January and Scoil Uí Mhuirí had 30 athletes participating. There were some great performances on the day, with some students doing cross country running for the first time. Second year student, Conor Matthews was our top finisher, placing 11th and he qualified for the Leinster Schools' Championships.

In February, at the Leinsters, Conor finished in the top 15 to qualify for the All Ireland Schools' Cross Country Championships in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare on Saturday March 8th. Conor was pleased to finish in 54th place in a field of 118 runners at the All Ireland event.

As part of the Seachtain na Gaeilge activities, and to encourage awareness of water, the Parents' Council organised a Green Mile at the Dunleer AC track on Monday March 16th. The winner of the Green Mile Run was 6th year student Darren Mc Mullen in 5.28, a second quicker than his previous PB. All of the first and second year students participated in the event and were joined by their teachers and members of the Parents Association

The North Leinster Schools Track and Field Championships will take place in April and training and trials have commenced to select teams for all events: javelin, high jump, long jump, sprints, shot putt, middle distance, relays and hurdles.



Student of the Month Awards Winners January & February 2015

Congratulations to our Senior and Junior Student of the Month Award winners for January and February 2015. Overall winners for January were Ceadaoin Fleming and Aoife Gallagher and February winners were Jamie Mc Cormack and Kaeli Van Rhijn.

A special word of thanks to Dunleer Parish Credit Union for their continued sponsorship of these monthly awards.

Congrats to all those those students who have also been nominated for Student of Month for their class.



Shane wins Social Media Award for his Mini Company

Congratulations to TY student, Shane Bowhan, who won the Social Media Award for his mini company at the Louth Student Enterprise Awards recently.



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2015 at Scoil Uí Mhuirí

Once again, Seachtain na Gaeilge in Scoil Uí Mhuirí was an action packed week with events including competitions, quizzes, crosswords, treasure hunts and wordsearches available daily.

Students also had opportunities to learn some bodhran playing and practice some Irish dancing. Thomas Dorian and Luke Halpenny were DJs for Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Irish Radio. On Monday 16th March we had our annual 'Lá Éadaí Glas' where students were encouraged to dress up in green for St. Patrick's Day and we had our Inaugural Green Mile in collaboration with our Parents Association. Thanks to the Gaeilge Department for all work on Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Scoil Uí Mhuirí girls consider Engineering as a Career

On 8th October 2014, a number of our 2nd and 3rd Year female students attended an 'Engineering your Future' event which was organised by STEPS Engineers Ireland.

This event provided an opportunity for these female students along with their Guidance Counsellor, Mr. Aiden Matthews to meet with Engineers who are passionate about their careers including women who have pursued a career in Engineering.

The students also attended a similar event organised by DKIT as part of National Engineers Week in the New Year.

Women are beginning to recognise the opportunities a career in engineering can offer, a report launched by HRM Recruit has found as part of Engineers Week 2013. The research in association with Engineers Ireland, of 2,064 engineers in January and February of 2013, revealed that while men still outnumber women in the engineering profession, the tide is changing with 50% of female respondents under 35 years of age or younger.



Gaeltacht Scholarship Winners 2015

Scoil Uí Mhuirí were delighted to announce in March 2015 the winners of the 2015 LMETB/Scoil Uí Mhuirí Gaeltacht Scholarships for students. These scholarships provide Scoil Uí Mhuirí students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Irish language and by so doing acquire a love for the language, while also enhancing their language skills that will pay dividends in future examinations.

Each of the scholarship winners have an opportunity to spend a three week stay during the summer in Coláiste Bhríde in Rann na Feirste in Donegal. Coláiste Bhríde has been operating since 1926 in the village of Rannafast overlooking the Atlantic, where Irish remains the spoken language. Students are accommodated with families where Irish is the first language. This total immersion in the culture provides the best possible opportunity to improve and enhance their Irish language skills.

Congrats to our winners: Rachel Judge, Katie Hoey, Eve Callan, Jennifer Geoghegan, Eimear Nic Fhiobhú, Kayla Crilly, Eimear Clare, Shauna Johnson, Darragh McEvoy, Evan Whelan, Thomas Dorian and Patrick Clarke.



1st & 2nd Year Boys Basketball Teams

First Year Boys

First year boys kicked off the season with a game against Lusk. For many of the boys this was their first time ever playing a basketball match and unfortunately they were defeated 23-7. The boys worked together at training and were a much improved side for the second game of the season against Colaiste de Lacy. The boys recorded their first win when they travelled to Beaufort College in Navan. This was their final game of the league and it was a very close contest. Scoil Uí Mhuirí boys played some of their best basketball in the 3rd and 4th quarters to win the game on a score-line of 16-13. **First year boys team:** Brandon Molloy, Saul McGinley O'Reilly, Ben Callanan, Ben Murray, James Crean, Caolan McMullan, Conor McMullan, Evan Reilly, Noah McCarthy, Lee Molloy, Tom Dorian, Adam Walsh, Jack Scullion and Craig Johnson.



Second Year Boys

The second year boys had a very successful season winning all of their games in the league. They recorded their first win away to O'Fiaich College. This was a very tight encounter with only a couple of baskets between the teams. Their next match was at home to Lusk, which they comfortably won 26-3. The boys then travelled to Beaufort College where they really played their best basketball and put an impressive 40 points on the board. This meant that the boys had topped their pool of the league and had reached the semi-finals with home advantage. They played Dundalk Grammer school who had finished second in the other pool. This game was a nervous encounter for the boys. The final score was 17-15 in favour of Scoil Uí Mhuirí. Next steps is to play Colaiste Oiriall in the final of the league on Thursday 26th March in Gormanstown College. Good luck boys!

Senior Students complete their Safe Pass Course

The SOLAS Safe Pass Health and Safety Awareness Training Programme is to ensure that, over the course of time, all workers in construction will have a basic knowledge of health and safety, and be able to work on-site without being a risk to themselves or others. From a health and safety perspective, construction workers are bound by law to hold a valid Safe Pass card. The aims of the programme are focused mainly around health and safety awareness, while the benefits include an improved safety culture.



A number of our senior students had expressed an interest in completing apprenticeships in the many different areas of the construction industry when finished at second level. The Safe Pass is a basic requirement for work on any construction site so we hope that being able to offer students an opportunity to have this completed will give them a little head start when looking for their dream apprenticeship.

Eighteen students from 5th and 6th year completed the day training on Saturday 7th February 2015 at the

school. Well done to all the students, We hope this has gives you a helping hand towards a possible future career. The students involved were Liam Fussey, Peter John Hanratty, Conor Fitzsimons Lynch, Alex Tuite, Calum Grimes, Dean Kelly, Daniel Reilly, James Meade, Shane Reilly, Patrick Sharkey, Darren McMullan, Marvin Reid, Peter White, Bernard Byrne, Ciaran Hoey, Sean Clarke, Conor Kirwan and Ciaran King.

TY Class of 2015 impress with their Musical 'Mammy Mia'

The 'Sold Out' signs were up for the TY Production of 'Mammy Mia' which took place in the school on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March 2015. The production was the culmination of commitment, hard work and teamwork on the part of the TY students over the past few weeks and months.



Sincere thanks to Scoil Uí Mhuirí staff members Ms. Miriam Howard, TY Co-ordinator, Ms. Fiona Shields, Music Department and Ms. Niamh Hughes, English Department for their work in preparing the students for staging a high quality performance on both nights. Events like this provide students with an opportunity to develop many skills including research, communication and team building skills. This event also provides us with an opportunity to showcase the musical talent which is evident in the school. This is one of the highlights of the TY Programme each year and the students will look back in years to come with fond memories of the event.

We also greatly appreciate the support of local businesses and organisations who kindly donated prizes for the raffles on both nights. A big thanks also to Audrey and Claire in the main office, our cleaning staff Agnes, Brendan and Veronica, our caretaker George and our students who did make up, sound and lighting on both evenings. Thanks to Ms. Farrell, Business Department who co-ordinated ticket sales and the sourcing of prizes for the raffles.

