

Once again, this year, Scoil Ui Mhuiri in Dunleer has outdone itself in the area of business and enterprise. The school had another highly successful Trade Fair, organised by Transition Year students aided by Enterprise teacher Martina Farrell.

The school gym was thronged with stalls selling everything from savoury foods to air fresheners. It wasn't just TYs – some first and second years got involved. In fact, the most successful stall there was ran by two brothers – one TY and one second year – Arann and Oisín Hand - who sold delicious hot dogs. Not only were they tasty, but they were also homemade and top quality. The Hand Bros also sold Cranberry and Apple sauces – and you could order your homegrown organic turkey with them as well. A truly enterprising pair of lads.

In another corner there was great excitement as most students got their first taste of the roulette table. Unsuspecting students could lay down a euro of their hard-earned cash for the chance of winning a homemade cookie. It generated great excitement and fun.

If you were looking for a special Christmas gift, SUM Trade Fair was the place to go. Sweet Delights offered handsomely wrapped sweets – Sunset Treats and Chocolates by Calum gave buyers great choice in that department too. There were some beauty products too – Castor Lash and LA Lipkits. Some of the students brought in their own homemade jewellery - with some absolutely beautiful pieces. These included Beadiful, Sava Crystals, Croc Creations – to name but a few. There were wooden plaques and sculptures, soccer socks and Lann Leire themed Air fresheners. You wouldn't be stuck for Christmas. By far the most novel stall I found was Botag Keyrings – cattle tags with quirky sayings that someone could use as a keyring – a great and original idea.

The stalls were open all day on the 30th November for various groups of students and did a tremendous trade. Later that evening it was the adults turn to “shop ‘til they dropped”. It's safe to say that the future of enterprise is safe in the hands of the next generation. You only needed to take a stroll through SUM Trade Fair to find that out.