

The 23rd of May was a significant day in the Scoil Ui Mhuiri calendar. Every year the school celebrates and honours its student cohort through an extensive award ceremony. This ceremony spans all facets of school life: Academic Achievement, Sports, the Arts and recognition of contribution to the school community through multiple areas. It is a joyous day, where students who have got on with their lives are lauded for their exceptional work – many times unnoticed, many times unsung.

It was a tremendous spectacle to see the entire school community together in one tightly packed space. The first event was welcoming the current sixth years into the building. They came in last of all to a standing ovation from the entire school – which was a poignant moment. As the ceremonies began it was very satisfying to see each winning candidate make their way through the body of students to receive their prize - definitely a walk of pride.

A commendable practice that has been part of the Scoil Ui Mhuiri narrative for many years now, are the awards that are given each year for Care, Citizenship and Spirit. Though each Year Head awarded a Student of the Year award for their respective groups – at the end of the ceremony the “big six” were awarded. Before this auspicious occasion, former pupils Emily Halpenny and Fionn Murphy were brought back and awarded for their huge success in the academic scholarships and prizes they received on completion of their Leaving Cert in 2023 and progressively through the year.

The “big six” were then awarded. They were, firstly, Excellence in Education – which went to Cathal Moynagh. After that was Senior Student of the Year and its recipient was Beth Smyth. Following on from that was Care in the Community which was awarded to Rebecca Cromwell. A delighted Michelle Nherara received the Citizenship Award, followed by the prestigious Spirit of Scoil Ui Mhuiri award which was gratefully received by the much-loved Eoghan McCabe. The sixth-year student body voted for the last award: “Students Student of the Year”. It went to the perennially popular Luke Reilly.

There were laughter, tears, music and jubilation. We want to wish a hearty congratulations to all the recipients and congratulate Scoil Ui Mhuiri on another highly successful year. Roll on 24/25!