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**History Quiz:** Congrats to Michael Byrne, Emma Cavanagh, Shauna Kelly and Tomas O'Reilly who finished second at the History Teacher's Association table quiz in the Sligo Park Hotel recently. A second team comprising of Steve Lyons, Louise Mulligan, Michael O'Rourke and Elaine Tuohy also took part.

**Public Speaking:** Rachel Cavanagh, Carmel Gethins and Ann-Marie Kelly will take part in the BPW Association public speaking competition in the school on Wednesday 21st Nov. Please come and support. This year's Mental Health Public speaking team is Carmel Gethin, Cian Harte, Colin Hamilton and Ann-Marie Kelly. We wish them luck in the first round at the end of November.

**Student Council:** The Student Council has been very busy with various initiatives since September. A Healthy Eating programme was launched, the school's website is being revamped and due to a concern about litter additional bins were placed around the school.

**Boys Soccer—** The U-14 team had a comprehensive win over Ballinode on Friday 19th Oct. Best on the day were Keith Candon, Declan Willis, Killian Torsney, Joe Kilcullen and Shane Conlon. A strong squad performance sets the lads up nicely for their next game against Ballymote. The U-16 team had a disappointing result against a strong Manorhamilton team and will play Ballinode after the mid-term.

**Hurling Training:** Hurling training has started for students on Tuesday evenings from 4pm to 5pm. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Bruen

**New Football Kit—**The Boys Senior Team are now 'sporting' a new football kit thanks to the money raised from the bag-packing and through kind sponsorship from I.C.D.S. Recruitment.. Many thanks to Robert Bruen.

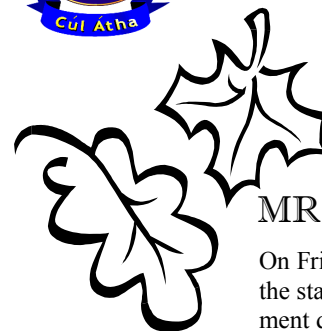
Happy Hallowe'en



# Coola Post-Primary School

## Autumn Newsletter

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### MRS. FARRY'S RETIREMENT

On Friday 12th October, the staff attended a retirement dinner for our colleague Grace Farry in Cromleach Lodge.



Mrs Farry receives a presentation from Mr. McGoldrick and Mrs. Tighe

Originally from Donegal and a native Irish speaker, Grace first came to Sligo in the late 1960's to teach in Colaiste Mhuire, Ballymote and then worked with Co. Sligo VEC in Corran College. She then took a break from teaching to raise her four children before returning to teach again in the late 1980's.

She taught for a while in the Grammar School before making Coola her base ever

since. In Coola she taught Irish and Business Studies and had a great rapport with students and staff alike.

She will be sorely missed and the students and staff of the school want to wish her a long and happy retirement.

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### THE ANNUAL SCHOOL WALK

On Friday 19th October, the students and staff took part in the annual sponsored walk.

The funds raised were over €6,080. Many thanks to everyone who collected sponsorship and who donated money.

The following students re-

ceived a sum of money for collecting over €100:

Irene Hennessy, Shane Conlon, Marcus Fallon, Adam Middleton, Sandra Torsney, Ruth Moore, Killian Torsney, Dylan Aldridge, Niamh O'Reilly, John McGoldrick and Gavin McMorrow.

## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I think you'll all agree that it has been a very busy and enjoyable first half term. There is so much happening within the school. I want to draw particular attention to the excellent Leaving and Junior Cert results, the Class Tutor system, the enormous success of the school walk, the new students and staff, the trip to Austria, the bag-packing and the success of the after-school study which

will run for four evenings a week after mid-term.

There was also a lot of renovation work carried out over the summer—the foyer was newly tiled, the electrical system was rewired and a new burglar alarm, fire alarm and P.A. system were installed. I would like to acknowledge the support of the V.E.C. in completing this work and to wish Mr. Martin

O'Brien (former C.E.O.) all the best in his new role with Monaghan V.E.C.

I want to wish Mrs. Farry all the best in her retirement and to wish Peter McTiernan a speedy recovery after his recent operation.

I finally want to thank everyone for their dedication and support. Enjoy the holidays!

## MUSIC TRIP TO AUSTRIA

Students from the Senior music classes are in Vienna at the moment sampling some of the delights of the famous city.

They will visit many places of historical interest including the Hofburg Palace, the Mozart Haus and St. Stephen's Cathedral. The group

are hoping to attend a concert as well as getting some retail therapy along the way.

## ALAN TAKES TO THE SKIES

Alan Wynne (Leaving Cert) recently became the youngest pilot in the coun-

try when he earned his pilot's license by completing his first solo flight on his 16th birthday.

Alan's story was reported in the Sligo Post and on local radio in early October.

Alan hopes to study Aeronautical Engineering next year in UL and one day hopes to become a commercial pilot.

Well done Alan!

### World Champs!

**Congratulations to Liam Codd (201) and Colin Hamilton (402) who both won 2 gold medals at the Wado-Ryu Sports Karate World Championships held in Italy recently.**



## WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS



A stage of the World Rally Championships will take place in east Sligo on Friday 16th November. Due to the road closures and in the interest of safety the school will be closed for all students on this day. All teachers will take part in a school planning day in the school.

### PARENT/TEACHER MEETING

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Leaving Cert Parent/Teacher meeting on Monday 22nd October. There was an excellent turnout and hopefully the future Parent/Teacher meetings will be equally well attended.

**New Arrivals:** Congratulations to Ms. McDonagh and Ms. Wynne on the recent birth of their new babies. We will welcome Ms. Kelly to the staff to cover for Ms. McDonagh after the break and want to say goodbye and thanks to Ms. Duffy for her work over the last number of weeks.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### • Parent/Teacher Meetings:

Tues. 13th Nov.— 3rd Years (4pm—6.45 pm)  
Wed. 28th Nov.— 1st Years (4pm—6.45 pm)

•**Fri. 16th Nov.** School Closed for all students due to WRC. Staff Planning Day  
•**29th Nov.** Open Day for Leaving Cert Stu-

dents at Sligo I.T.

#### •Christmas Hols:

School Closes Friday 21st Dec. Reopens Monday 7th Jan. 2008

**Best of luck to Mr. Rooney who is off to New Zealand during the mid-term break. He will accompany President Mary McAleese on her state visit down-under. Mr. Rooney and his wife will give a musical performance at a dinner held in the President's honour.**

### REFLECTION



'The feastday of "All-Saints" on November 1st isn't about those who are publicly named as saints—each of those has their

own feastday. Instead, on the Feast of "All-Saints" we think of many ordinary good people who once walked with God in their

daily lives, and who are now dead.

"All-Saints" day is *their* feastday and we remember them.