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**Boys GAA**— Well done to the U-15 boys team who defeated Ballisodare in the County competition. They led the game throughout and ran out eventual winners by 2—5 to 0—1. They will now play Ballymote Convent in the next round.

**County Sports—County Sports Day**

On Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> our annual county sports day took place at the IT Sports complex. All the hard work and preparation for the finals paid off as we had twenty five medal winners in the competition including eight golds, eight silver and nine bronze. Gold medal winners were Grainne O Loughlin, Sharon O'Connor, Eithne Morley, Rachel Cavannagh, and Yvonne O'Connell. Our silver medalists were Niamh Morley, Eithne Morley, Gerard Doyle, Ciobha Hennessy, Michelle O'Reilly, Peter Flynn, Keith Candon, and Ethan McTiernan. Finally our bronze medallists were Michael Byrne, Sandra Torsney, Ciara Brennan, Keith Candon, Michael Doyle, Jamie Conlon, Ethan Crawley, and Jane Maitland. Well done to all those who took part.

**Ladies GAA**— The Coola ladies recently played out an enthralling draw with St. Mary's of Ballina in the Senior Ladies championship. The final score was 5—8 to 5—8 in a game that was played under terrible conditions. The sides will have to do it all again over the coming weeks.

**Ladies Soccer**— Well done to the girls soccer team who won a tournament held in the Sligo sports ground recently.



**Handball**—Congratulation to Stanley Harte and Tommy Trill on their recent success in winning Connacht titles at u-12 and u-13 levels

Happy Hallowe'en



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TRANSITION YEAR— A FIRST FOR COOLA



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Our first ever Transition year group started their year in an exciting fashion. The group took part in golf lessons in Castle Dargan and will take part in many out of

school activities throughout the year such as fishing, horse riding, self defence classes, public speaking, and much more. The Transition year tour will take place in February 09 and will see the students take to the slopes of northern Italy. The students have also been busy raising funds for their skiing trip to Italy. They had great success with their recent pizza sale and would also like to thank everybody who helped and contributed to the recent bag packing in Tesco last week. It was a huge success.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL WALK

On Friday 17th October, the students and staff took part in the annual sponsored walk. The funds raised were **€7000**. Many thanks to everyone who collected sponsorship and who donated money. The

following students received a sum of money for collecting the most money— Philip Carr, Stephen Scanlon, Shannon Healy Glenn Kelly and Sonia McDermott. Between them they collected €921

## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to start by congratulating last years Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students on excellent results. We wish all those who have moved on all the best in their chosen careers. I would like to welcome our first years and other students who have joined our school over the summer. With continued growth in enrolment figures we see our largest student body ever for 08-09.

I would like to welcome new members of

staff, Ms Kennedy, Ms McKenna, Ms Hoare, Ms Gavigan & Ms Tierney. We have had a smooth start to the year and we are all delighted to see the new Transition Year programme running so well.

On the building front work has started on four new classrooms. One of these rooms will be a state-of-the-art Music room and another will be a new computer room similar to our existing computer room.



We are also preparing a planning application for a canteen facility in our school. I would like to thank the parents association for their support to date on this project.

I would like to thank all of the students who made such an enormous effort in supporting our annual sponsored walk.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing mid-term break.

### Parents Association Members 2008-2009

Theresa O'Rourke (Chairperson) Maureen Maguire (Secretary), Vincent Carty (Joint Treasurer), Rosaleen O'Connell (Joint Treasurer), John Hargadon, Finbar McCormack, Ruth Gibbons, Marion McTiernan and Margaret Broderick, Brian Travers, Declan Feeney, Mary Quinn, Michael Candon, Breege McGoldrick and Marie Clancy.

### MENTOR QUIZ



The quiz was a great success with the first year students getting the chance to spend time with their 4<sup>th</sup> year mentors. The quiz consisted of rounds on History, Sport, Geography and much more.

The competition was excellent with a very close finish. The winning team consisted of Mentor Elaine Tuohy and 1<sup>st</sup> year students Ciara Brennan and Niamh Brennan and Daniel Conlon. Well done to all who participated.

## AFTER SCHOOL STUDY

After school study has again commenced in the school. There are a limited number of spaces left; any student interested can contact Mr. O Donoghue for more details.

**Junior Cert Results:** Following the example set by last year's Leaving Certs, the 4<sup>th</sup> year students achieved some outstanding results in the Junior Certificate. Congratulations to everyone concerned.

**Parent/teacher meetings:** Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Leaving Cert and 4th year Parent/Teacher meeting in the last few weeks. There was an excellent turnout and hopefully the future Parent/Teacher meetings will be equally well attended.

**Arrivals and Departures**—Congratulations Mr Rooney and his wife on the recent birth of their new baby. We would also like to wish our English & French teacher Mr. Grahame Cleary all the best for the year with his voluntary work in Cameroon.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Mon Nov 3rd:** Information Day for **Transition Year** students at IT Sligo
- Tues Nov 11th:** **3rd year** Parent/Teacher meeting 4pm-6.45pm
- Thurs Nov 13TH :** Open Day at IT Sligo for **5th year** students
- Wed Nov 26:** **1st year** parent/teacher meeting 4pm-6.45pm
- Mon Dec 8th:** **School closed** to students due to Staff Planning Day

**Practical subject showcase**— there was an exhibition of practical coursework from all of the Sligo VEC schools held in the VEC offices on Wednesday 22nd October from 11— 6. Projects from Coola included; Metalwork, Woodwork, Engineering, Construction and Home Economics. Well done to all who had projects submitted.



### 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 peo-

ple who once walked with God in their daily lives, and who are now dead.

"All-Saints" day is **their** feastday