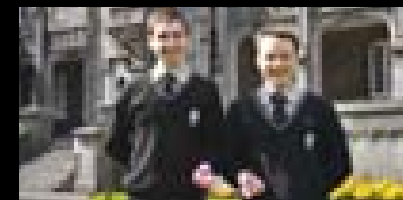




ST KIERAN'S COLLEGE



Record 2011







Monsignor Kieron Kennedy

President's Address

The publication of the College Record over the years has always been an occasion of celebration. Each edition has been very well received. Each has included a comprehensive chronicle of the main events and the good news stories in the life of the College since the previous edition. The 2011 edition is no different. I warmly welcome its publication.

However, on this occasion it would be remiss of me not to refer to the National Mood and climate in which we find ourselves. The ongoing challenging economic situation and the restructuring of our country's finances and banks continue to place many demands on all citizens, young and old. We are now in our fourth year of recession. We are faced with public and private indebtedness. Parents strive to meet the needs of their children on a reduced budget. Many of our students are anxious about what the future holds for them. Unemployment and involuntary emigration have revisited us with a vengeance.

For the family that is St Kieran's and everybody involved in education and formation the impact has become more and more obvious and will sadly become more serious. Government finances, department budgets,

sponsorship, personal disposable income will all come under further pressure. This in turn will further impact on our service provision for our students and on our staff. This reality now calls for a new and deeper sense of solidarity with one another – where we can sense that we are not alone in our efforts.

When you read through this edition you will feel that strong sense - from the pages rejoicing with good news that detail the commitment and the dedication to our living traditions. You will sense the level of teamwork, shared responsibilities, inclusiveness, pride of place and belonging. You will sense a happy place, a campus of new initiatives – this year these have involved the W.I.T. Research and Innovation Project, St Patrick's College Maynooth and Adult Faith Development Service as well as the on-going refurbishment of

the school facilities - a good place for students and staff.

For all this much thanks are due to Mr John Curtis, Principal, Mr Adrian Finan, Deputy Principal, Fr Dermot Ryan and the Chaplaincy Team, all the staff, students and students' council, parents and their association, my colleagues on the new Board of Management and the Trustees. The hard work, dedication, support and much good will mean that St Kieran's College is well equipped to face the new reality and the challenges ahead.

As we nurture anew our lives based on our ethos, on our traditions and in God's spirit, let us continue to pray with and for one another.

Monsignor Kieron Kennedy
College President and Chairman
Board of Management



St Kieran's Staff 2011 - front row (l-r): Mr Niall Connolly, Ms Debbie Ghanen, Mr John Curtis (Principal), Mgr Kieron Kennedy (President), Mr Adrian Finan (Deputy Principal), Ms Jane Galway, Ms Mary Lennon. Second row (l-r): Mr John Quan, Ms Aisling Phelan, Ms Orla Ring, Mr Carl Lynch, Ms Eileen Hanrick, Ms Christine Warner, Mr Tom Hogan, Mr Liam Smith. Third row (l-r): Ms Eadaoin Brennan, Ms Sharon Keyes, Ms Jackie Norton, Ms Mary Martin, Mr Ken Maher, Mr Richie Ruth. Fourth row (l-r): Ms Eilish Ahern, Ms Bernie Dowling, Mr Ger Buckley, Mr Martin O'Neill, Mr Michael Rice, Mr Larry Cotter. Fifth row (l-r): Ms Jean Fitzpatrick, Ms Ann Wemyss, Ms Bernie Boland, Mr Ken Archbold, Mr Eamon Heffernan, Mr David McCormack. Sixth row (l-r): Mr Michael Kelleher, Mr Michael Forrest, Fr Dermot Ryan, Mr Simon Reddy, Mr John O'Keeffe. Back Row L-R: Mr Don O'Connor, Mr Philip Walsh, Mr Joe Kavanagh, Mr Ger Flood, Mr Paul Fitzgerald. Missing from photo: Mr Patrick Darmody, Ms Karen O'Mahony, Ms Loreto Mannion, Ms Emma Ryan, Ms Sheila Walshe.



Mr John Curtis

A message from the Principal

The College Record serves as a celebration of the vitality of our students and the commitment of our staff and this year again bears witness to the myriad of activity and the breadth of achievement that marks a year in St Kieran's College.

It is that mix of personal development, academic and sporting success and an adherence to the school's tradition and founding mission that we strive towards and that gives this school its unique character. We take justifiable pride in our students, we hope that we have encouraged and can inspire them to be what they can be. This publication is a tribute to their school year.

Every year brings change, and an important innovation this year has been the launch of the College website. It acts as a means of communication with our broader community and, as with the Record, serves to profile the school and highlight the activities of our students. On behalf of everyone involved in the school I would like to thank my colleague and Deputy Principal, Mr Adrian Finan and our new Chaplain, Fr Dermot Ryan for their endeavour in establishing and maintaining the site – I know that it has had many visitors to date and greatly impressed with its detail, breadth and scope. It is an invaluable addition and has already become an integral part of school life.

Change, too, can be seen in that the new Technology rooms in the Bantile have been completed and Business and Religion can now be taken as subjects for examination

at Leaving Certificate level. We are moving ahead with developments on our IT infrastructure and, as a minimum, by next September all our classrooms will have overhead projectors fitted, high-speed Broadband connectivity and each member of our staff will be equipped with a lap-top. In this context, I would like to thank College President Mgr Kennedy, our Trustees and our Board of Management for their ongoing support in ensuring that this school remains at all times progressive and innovative.

I would like to wish Mr Billy Bolster well in his retirement after his thirty six years of service to St Kieran's. He has been instrumental in developing a vibrant Physical Education department and in enhancing the sports' facilities of the school. I would like to thank Fr Sean O'Connor, who has moved to St John's parish, for his contribution to the school as Chaplain and as a member of the Pastoral Care team for six years and for the attentiveness and kindness that he always displayed to staff and students alike. I know that all of us would wish him well in his new role.

The publication of the Record is, as I am sure you can imagine, a team effort that involves contributions from so many of our staff and

students but Ms Eadaoin Brennan, Ms Martina Lawlor and Fr Ryan have to be thanked especially for their roles in editing and bringing together what I hope you will agree is another marvellous production.

As our last term nears completion, I would like to thank all of our pupils and parents for their endeavour and courtesy during the year. I believe that a special strength of St Kieran's is the commitment, dedication and time given by our staff and I would like to thank my colleagues in this regard. The Junior Certificate marks an important milestone in a pupil's academic career and I would like to wish the Third Years well in their upcoming exams. I had the privilege of joining the staff here in 2005, when the present Leaving Certificate class were commencing their six-year cycle in St Kieran's. I have enjoyed this shared journey with them and in a special way hope that their exams go well in June and that they flourish and thrive in the years to come. Young people the calibre of which we send out from St Kieran's College have the capacity and the capability to surmount any difficulties we might have in this country: we all look forward to a bright future.

Mr John Curtis M.A., M.Ed.

OSSORY ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The group was established by Bishop Freeman to support, encourage and offer parish and diocesan initiatives that contribute towards the faith development of the people of our diocese.

Since its establishment in September 2010 Ossory Adult Faith Development has, in collaboration with other diocesan bodies, sought to work towards an increased engagement in our parishes as living faith communities.

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It does this by offering tiered educational formation and

training for the members of our parish communities.

Earlier this year the Faith Development Group established its offices here in St Kieran's College and it is from here that the group coordinates its varied programme of activities. In fact Kieran's has been delighted to host the launch of Scripture reflection books; Audio CD's; reflection evenings; debates; baptism, communion and confirmation courses; lunchtime theology and many other initiatives in the area of faith development.

Ossory Adult Faith Development Group:

Fr Dermot Ryan, (Director), St Kieran's College, Kilkenny. Email: dermotryan@ossory.ie Tel: 056-7753625 & 086-6097483

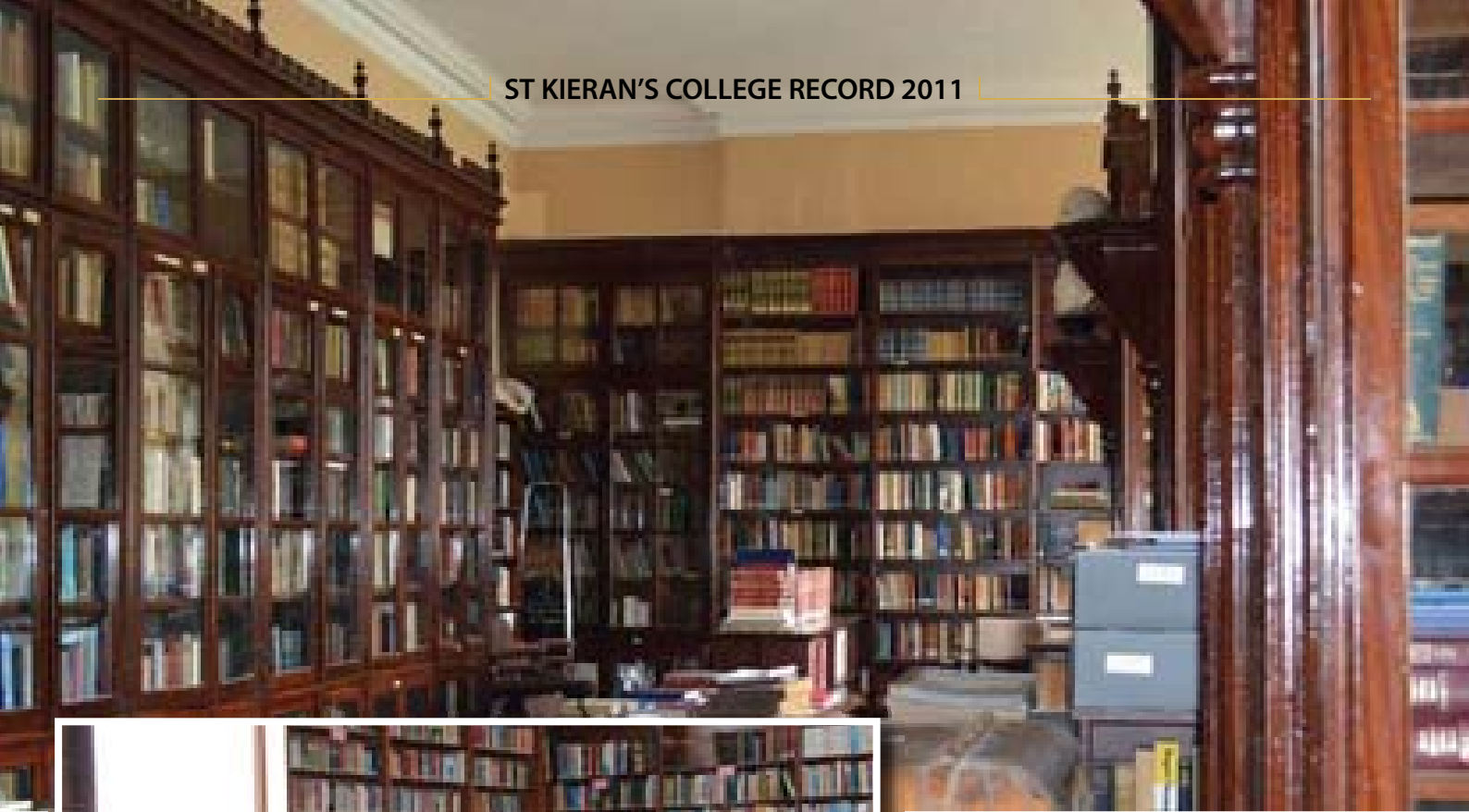
Secretary: Martina Lawlor, St Kieran's College, Kilkenny. Email: afd@ossory.ie Tel: 056-7753624. Office hours (Wednesday 9-1, Thursday 9-5.30, Friday 9-5.30).

Committee: Olivia Maher, Derek Dooley, Michael Hogan, Christine Kelly, Declan Murphy, Rev Kieran O'Shea.

Some of the varied programmes of activities coordinated by Ossory Adult Faith Development.

Lenten pilgrimages organised by Ossory Adult Faith Development this year, below: Sliabh na mBan and right: St Mullins.





The main, now refurbished, foundation library with its original gothic bookcases. It is home to a very fine collection of books inherited and purchased over the generations. It is now open to scholars and seriously minded students by request. With purpose made shelving and re-ordering, The Carrigan Library will serve the priests and people of the diocese engaged in theological and faith studies from September. It is named after Canon William Carrigan our most famous historian.

VOCATIONS

As Catholics, in the past we have been spoiled by the number of men and women who have chosen to heed the call to religious vocation.

This trend has diminished. Members of the Church today must recognise this reality and create an awareness of the importance of encouraging God's people to serve as priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and laity in full-time Church ministry. Like Samuel, some of the people in our family and diocese may have a call from God, but are unable to hear or understand what our Lord is asking them to do.

To help support people thinking of a vocation the diocese has established a vocations office here in St Kieran's College. The office hours are from 10 am to 4 pm. Fr William Purcell, the Vocations Director is available for Workshops and Seminars for Parish and community groups.



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Ossory Vocations Team: Most Rev Seamus Freeman, SAC, Sr Ena Kennedy, Secretary, Rev Sean O' Connor, Ms Noreen Cooney, Mr Pawal Pomal, Mr Derek Dooley, Rev Raymond Dempsey, Mr Joe Maher, Sr Sarah Jordan,

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The Ossory Diocesan Forum

Forum Coordinator, Sr Helen Maher



Established in 2004, the *raison d'être* of the Ossory Diocesan Forum is to encourage and enthuse all members of the diocese to live out their baptismal role as co-responsible for the mission of Jesus in the local church.

The Constitution describes the Forum as "a pastoral initiative which hopes to provide a forum where the voices of all people of good will can be heard and enabled to shape the life of parishes and diocese." (Ossory Diocesan Forum Constitution 2009)

The Forum is composed of Pastoral Councils at parish, deanery and diocesan levels. These councils are interconnected and work together collaboratively to identify and address pastoral issues.

One of the highlights of this year took place on 19th March, 2011 when over two hundred people from all over the diocese came together in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Kilkenny for a Forum Assembly. These were members of the various pastoral councils. The theme for the day was "Co-responsibility for the life of the Church." Dr. Tony Hanna, a layman working in the pastoral development office of the Archdiocese of Armagh, spoke eloquently about the

call of all the baptised to be actively engaged in the life of their parishes and diocese and how a vibrant future for the Church depends on such a collaborative vision. Group discussion, and the feedback from this, indicated

that those present felt inspired and encouraged by the whole experience of the Assembly.

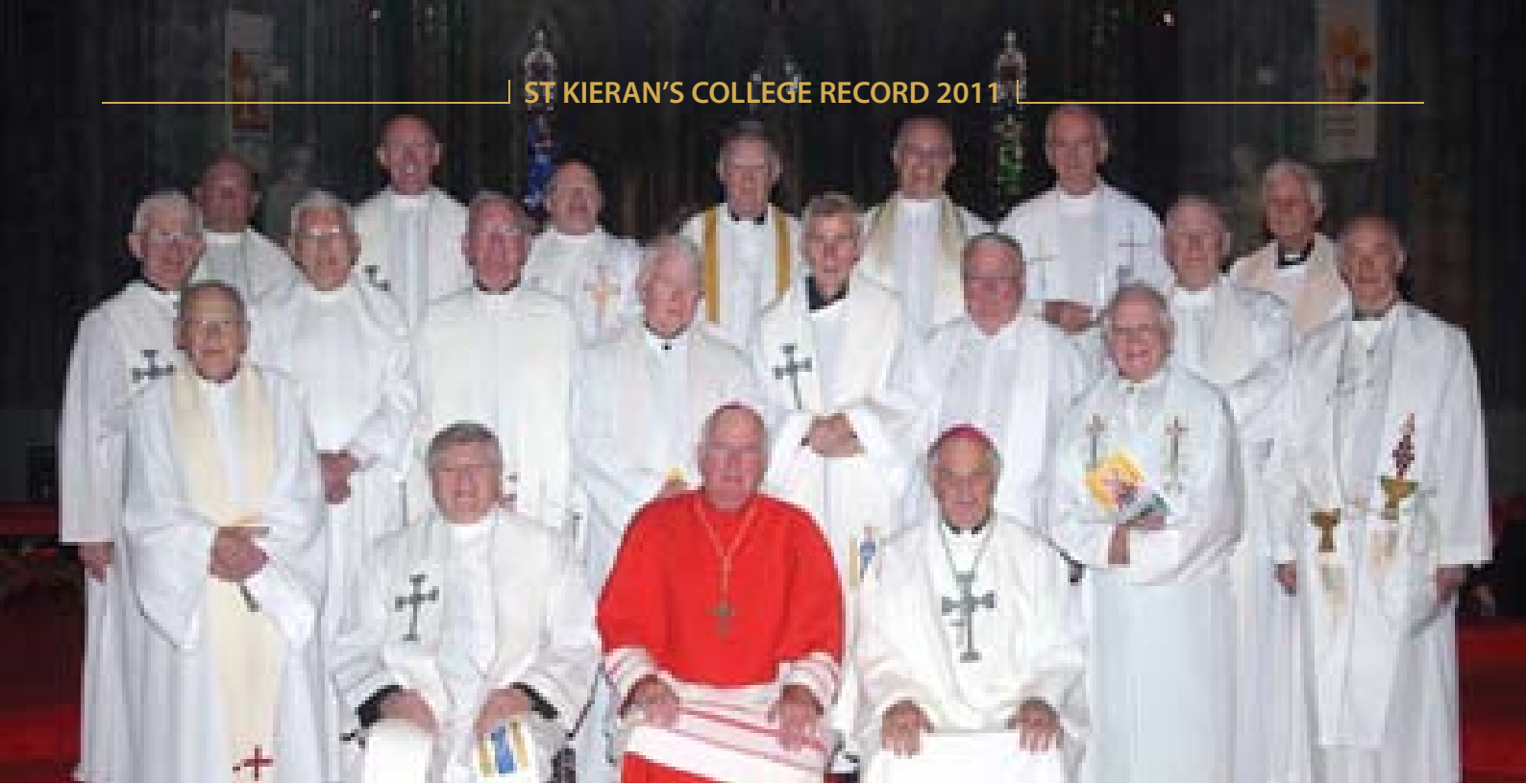
The Forum Coordinator, Sr Helen Maher, is based at the Forum Office, St Kieran's College.



The Diocesan Pastoral Council pictured with Dr Tony Hanna, Assembly Facilitator, back row (l-r): Fr Dan Carroll, Diarmuid Healy, Chairperson, Dr Tony Hanna, Pat O'Shea, Fr Dan Bollard. Front row (l-r): Sile Grant, Mary Neary, Bishop Freeman, Sr Helen Maher, Anne Walton. Missing from photo: Sr Nora McCarthy.



Some of the attendance at the Ossory Diocesan Forum Assembly, Kilkenny, 19th March 2011.



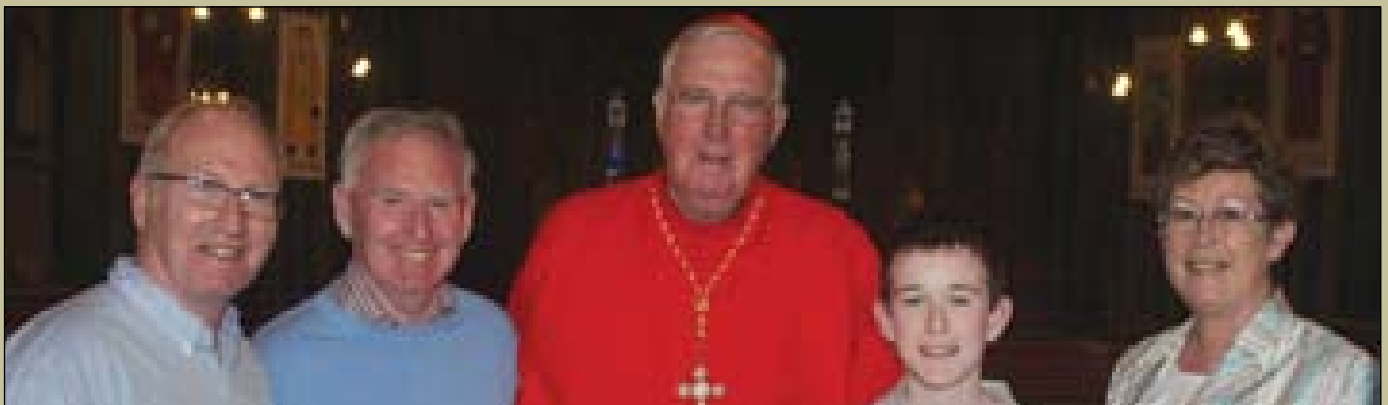
H.E. Cormac Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor pictured with Diamond, Golden and Silver Jubilarians at the St Kieran's College Reunion Mass in St Mary's Cathedral. Pictured (sitting): Monsignor Kieron Kennedy, President St Kieran's College; H.E. Cormac Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor; Bishop Seamus Freeman, Bishop of Diocese of Ossory. Second row: Rev James McEvoy, Rev Patrick Moss, Rev Walter Cooke, Rev John Fitzpatrick, Rev Brendan O'Callaghan, Rev James Lennon, Rev Thomas Carrigan, Rev Bill Clancy, Rev Thomas Burke, Rev Joseph Delaney. Back row: Rev Anthony O'Connor, Rev William O'Riordan, Rev Anthony Devlin, Rev Patrick McIntyre, Rev Donal C. Sheehan, Rev Ciaran Marren, Rev Joseph Koegh.

St Kieran's College Reunion Mass

2010



L-r: Monsignor Kieron Kenendy, President St Kieran's College; Most Rev Laurence Forristal, Bishop Emeritus of Ossory; H.E. Cormac Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop Emeritus of Westminster, Most Rev Seamus Freeman, SAC, Bishop of Ossory.



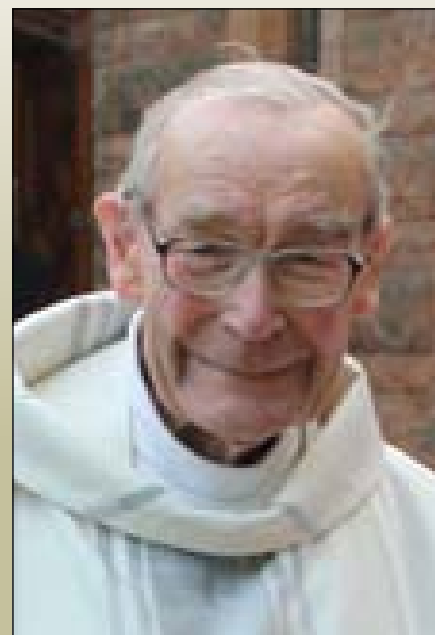
L-r: Rev Richard Scriven with Charles Digney, former Chairperson of Irish Childrens' Pilgrimage Trust; H.E. Cormac Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop Emeritus of Westminster; Brendan Digney and Mary Digney.



Kilkenny Crystal Reunion 2010 gift Candle Holder - especially commissioned not just to commemorate a great occasion but to embody the substance of reunion day - Rekindle the Flame



Cardinal Murphy O'Connor and Monsignor Kennedy being welcomed to St Kieran's College.



Canon Kieran O'Farrell at the re-union. Canon O'Farrell was ordained in 1950 after his secondary and seminary education in St Kieran's College and has served for all of his life in the diocese of Motherwell, Scotland. He has worked in towns such as Motherwell and East Kilbride and ministered to many of the workers in the giant Ravenscraig Steelworks factory in Cragneuch, where he now lives happily in retirement.

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Monsignor Kieron Kennedy's 60th birthday party with members of staff (l-r):
Ms Dorota Lacek,
Ms Ann Meany,
Mr Frank Murphy,
Monsignor Kieron Kennedy,
Mr Jim Delaney,
Ms Mary Lennon,
Ms Margo Coonan.



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Baptism of Fionn Doyle, in the chapel of St Kieran's College on St Kieran's Day, pictured with his parents Shane and Orla and extended family.

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New home for the ICT Research and Innovation Centre. This will be the first move off campus by WIT with this Information Communication Technology Research and Information Project. Site works to begin mid-summer.



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Mr Pat Drennan and Mr Jim Lennon braving the elements to keep the College open during the snow.

Kilkenny Campus

National University of Ireland (NUI) Maynooth



The pioneering role of NUI Maynooth in broadening the horizons of adult education in Ireland is widely recognised. A milestone in recent years was the development of a new initiative in 1997 - the establishment of the University's first Outreach Campus at St Kieran's College in Kilkenny under the aegis of the Department of Adult and Community Education, NUI Maynooth. This model of a university Lifelong Learning Campus is the only one of its kind in Ireland.

The Campus provides opportunities for people over 23 years of age from all over the south east to access part time, flexible, accredited third level courses. This allows many students to gain or return to employment, or to undertake continuing professional development relevant to their career path. Just as importantly, perhaps, these programmes offer participants an opportunity to explore new fields of interest, and encourage them to grow as thinking, questioning and critical individuals.

As well as the flagship BA in Local and Community Studies, which involves nine Departments of NUI Maynooth, the Campus also offers a range of shorter Certificate and Diploma programmes at undergraduate level. This year postgraduate programmes were introduced up to Masters level in Adult and Community Education and Local History

To complement the accredited offerings, the Campus has developed a series of short courses in a number of areas including Philosophy and English Literature and a range of teg (Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge) courses in the Irish Language from absolute beginners level to intermediate. These courses allow people to have a 'taste' of a subject without the pressure of examinations, and they run for shorter periods and are costed accordingly making them ideal for potential students of the 'university of the third age'.

Students find the friendly, learner-centred atmosphere; the quality of

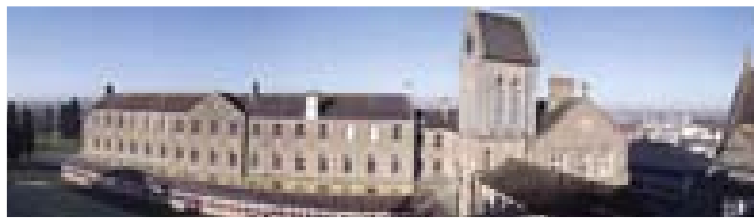
student support and the excellent facilities, including a library and IT Room all conducive to getting the best out of their time at the Campus both in terms of personal development and third level qualifications. So far over 1100 people from Kilkenny and the surrounding area have received a third level qualification through Kilkenny Campus.

There is an Open Evening on May 19th to which all are welcome, and there will be second Open Evening in September. Please feel free to call in or have a look at our new website at <http://kilkenny.nuim.ie>.

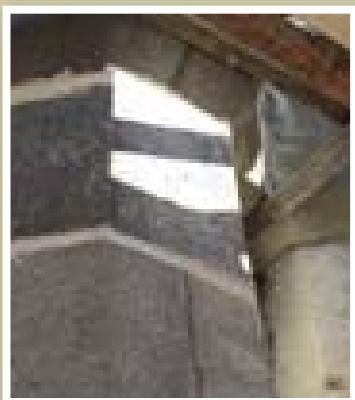
For further information please contact Tel: 056 777 59100/ 7775919/ 087 2630999 or email Kilkenny.campus@nuim.ie



Two prizes in memory of the late Prof. Thomas A. F. Kelly who was Head of the Philosophy Department at NUI Maynooth were awarded to students who undertook the first ever NUI Certificate in Philosophy in 2009/2010. The prizes were awarded to Anne Harrington who attended at Maynooth and Callan woman Sarah Meagher who completed the Certificate at Kilkenny Campus. The students are pictured with Dr. Michael Dunne, Head of the Dept. of Philosophy at Maynooth, who presented the prizes.



COLLEGE RENOVATIONS



FR SEAN O'CONNOR

MR KEN MAHER AND FR DERMOT RYAN

In September 2004 Fr Sean O'Connor joined the staff of St Kieran's College as the School chaplain. Over the following six years we got to know Sean as a man of humility who earned the respect of both staff and students by simply being himself.

Upon arrival to the school, you would see Sean standing in the usual spot (unless it was raining in which case Sean could be found be sipping tea in the staff room!), at the end of the avenue, saying hello to everyone arriving. Sean always had a friendly word and a smile for everyone.

He fully entered into the spirit of St Kieran's by getting involved in as many activities as possible. As well as being a sacramental priest who prepared the usual school liturgies, Sean also taught Religion to all age groups, went on retreats, took classes away on trips, trained hurling, soccer and handball teams and fully committed himself to any social event that happened.

One such event was the now legendary Lourdes fundraising table quiz night. Sean was asked to contribute to the quiz by preparing a round of eight sports' questions. Of course, he was only too happy to oblige. However, a problem arose when Sean, in researching a question on the number of clubs permitted in a golf bag, simply counted in his own bag: 16!! Consternation ensued and, needless to say, in spite of having the round's writer by their side Sean's team didn't do very well in the sport's round.

There are innumerable funny stories that are associated with Sean's years here: the day he went on pilgrimage to climb Croagh Patrick but didn't climb it, his love of swimming, his inability to sing the Fernando Torres song, the day he backed

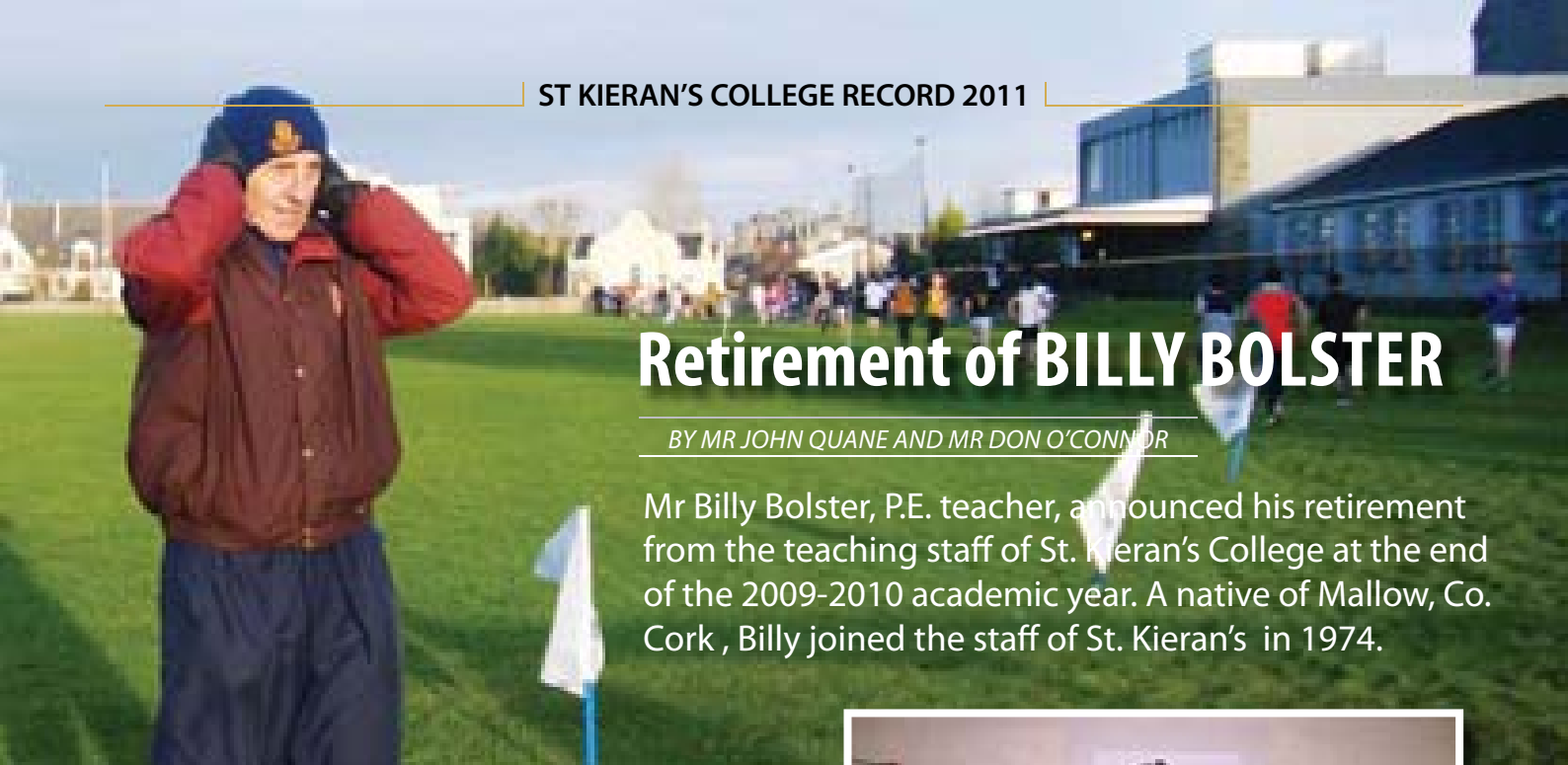


into a pole in Kenmare while on a Gaisce trip and, of course, his legendary lead balloon jokes in the staffroom.

Sean was a great chaplain to both staff and students in St Kieran's College for those six years. His "down to earth" personality made him very approachable for all. His quiet nature, his honesty and his sense of humour made Sean a source of great help to all the students as well as a great colleague and friend to all the staff.

In the summer of 2010, Fr Sean moved back into parish life, this time to St John's parish in the city. We were happy he didn't move too far away so we'd be able to stay in touch. He is much missed in and around St Kieran's and we wish him all the best in his new role as Curate in St John's. They are lucky to have him.





Retirement of BILLY BOLSTER

BY MR JOHN QUANE AND MR DON O'CONNOR

Mr Billy Bolster, P.E. teacher, announced his retirement from the teaching staff of St. Kieran's College at the end of the 2009-2010 academic year. A native of Mallow, Co. Cork, Billy joined the staff of St. Kieran's in 1974.

Having excelled in athletics during his secondary school years, where he was All-Ireland Schools' Champion in 800metres, Billy won an athletics scholarship to Michigan State University where he achieved a B.S.Ed Degree in Physical Education.

While studying in the U.S., he quickly developed a reputation as an outstanding athlete and won many accolades. He was also a member of the University's successful Penn Relay team.

Since his arrival in St. Kieran's, Billy has been influential in raising the P.E. profile of St. Kieran's College and has been instrumental in developing the profile of physical education and the sports facilities in the school.

With a keen interest in all sports, Billy has been a member of the backroom team of many of the successful St. Kieran's College All Ireland winning hurling teams. He has also coached many successful athletics teams in the school.

In Kilkenny he established the highly successful Bolster Tennis Camp, one of the most sought-after tennis training centres in the country. Billy has captained numerous Irish tennis teams at major international events including European Junior Championships events. Coach to Davis Cup and Federation Cup players also coach to numerous national champions, Billy is a Tennis Ireland Tutor/ Assessor, former international athlete, Irish record holder for the mile, and currently plays International Veterans Tennis for Ireland. With a keen sense of humour, Billy has enlivened the conversations in the school staffroom on numerous occasions, constantly seeing the lighter side to even the most trying situations. He would always be the first to offer advice to both young and old, calling on his life experiences to help guide newer staff members and students. He will be fondly remembered by his former students, who have on many occasions, both private and public, expressed their gratitude for his guidance and direction during their school life.

Of course it would be remiss of us not to mention the many staff celebrations when Billy would entertain with his considerable vocal and musical talent. In fact there is no finer exponent of the songs of James Taylor (on the staff, at least!!!). His virtuoso piano performances are legendary!

With his love for the Iberian Peninsula, Billy is, no doubt, looking forward to his retirement, when he intends to spend many enjoyable golfing outings near his Spanish home near Marbella.

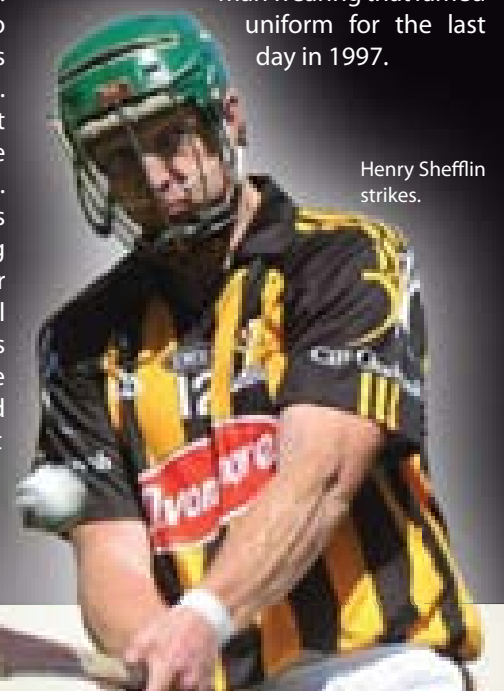


Henry Shefflin Past Pupil Award and Guest of Honour



I started my secondary school education in St. Kieran's College in September 1991 a day after Kilkenny had been beaten by Tipperary in the All-Ireland Final. I was so proud wearing my Kieran's uniform that evening going to see the team. I was following in the footsteps of my older brothers Tommy and John who had already attended Kieran's. My other brother Paul also started the same day as myself (in a better class!!). I was really looking forward to starting in Kieran's ever since the day Tommy had won the Croke cup with a team that included Pat O'Neill, Adrian Ronan and DJ Carey. Hurling was the main draw for me to Kieran's, but I soon found out there was much more to offer behind the big gates. I was very lucky to make some great friends in the classrooms and on the field during my time spent in Kieran's. I thought that when I went to Kieran's hurling was all I would do, but during my time there each teacher used their skills to teach and educate me to a level where I went on to achieve an honors degree in business in WIT. I feel that the excellent work of all teachers improved me over the five years. I was not the most successful hurler in my time as my only honours were a Croke Cup in '96 and an U-16 Leinster in '95. This was very disappointing for

me during that period but in hindsight I learned a great deal which still stands to me today. I had brilliant coaches who taught me so much about the game and what I needed to do to improve (I also had Wall Ball!!!). This also came from playing with all the other excellent players from the various counties during my time in Kieran's. Kieran's has a great tradition which is passed from generation to generation and this is due to the great teachers, management and students over the years. I learned so much from my time in Kieran's and I was still a proud man wearing that famed uniform for the last day in 1997.



Henry Shefflin strikes.

1996 All-Ireland winning team



Award Recipients

Academic Achievements

Mathematics:	Mihails Nilandros	David Freeman
Irish: Recipient of Corn na Gaeilge	Aidan O'Dowd	
English:	Laurence O'Carroll	
History:	Cormac Everard	Rory Bryan
Geography:	Aidan O'Dowd	
Science:	Diarmuid Hickey	Anthony Wilson
Design and Communication Graphics:	Bernard Mullan	
Technical Graphics:	Mihalis Nikandros	
Music:	Lucas Hartman	Chris Casey
Art:	Maurice O'Neill	Kieran Casey
Business studies:	Cormac Everard	Eamonn O'Connor
French:	Bill Lahart	Caimin Browne
Spanish:	Cormac Everard	

The Frank Muldowney Award

The Frank Muldowney Award for best results in the Junior Cert Examination 2009 – Eoghan O'Connor.

Academic of the year awards

1st year – Vladislav Medvensky

2nd year – Alex Helizon

3rd Year – Cormac Everard

5th year – Michael Tierney

6th Year – David Freeman

The L.C.V.P. student of the year award 2009 – Richard Deasy

Awards of Merit to Outstanding Students 2010

1st year – Eoin Holligan, Bill O'Neill, Ben Leydon

2nd year – Conor O'Carroll, Graham English, Kieran Freeman, Ciaran Fennelly

3rd year – Cormac Everard, Mihalis Nikandros, Conor Quinlan, James Tyrell

4th Year – Patrick Hughes, Fergal Lawlor, David Hennessy, Conor Holligan

5th Year – Gerry Walsh, Conor McMurrow, Michael Tierney

6th Year – Caimin Browne, David Freeman, Aidan O'Dowd, Eamonn O'Connor

Students of the Year 2010

1st Year – Robert Dunne

2nd Year – Shane Walsh

3rd Year – Eoin Gough

Transition Year: Patrick Kilroy Award – Aravind Menon

5th Year – Evan Guilfoyle

Student of the Year 2010

Ben O'Connor

Academic Awards



Seated (l-r): Vladislav Mendevesky, Alex Helizon, Cormac Everard, Eoghan O'Connor, Michael Tierney, David Freeman. Back row (l-r): Mr John Curtis, Principal; Monsignor Kieron Kennedy, President; Bishop Seamus Freeman; Mr Ross Stewart, Past Pupil Award; Mr Martin Tynan, Guest Speaker; Mr Adrian Finan, Deputy Principal.

Student of the Year Awards



Seated (l-r): Robert Dunne, Shane Walsh, Eoin Gough, Aravind Menon, Evan Guilfoyle, Ben O'Connor. Back row (l-r): Mr John Curtis, Principal; Monsignor Kieron Kennedy, President; Bishop Seamus Freeman; Mr Ross Stewart, Past Pupil Award; Mr Martin Tynan, Guest Speaker; Mr Adrian Finan, Deputy Principal; Ms Jean Fitzpatrick.



When I sat down to write this piece for Ms Brennan, I just did not know how I was going to sum up the last six years in St Kieran's College. So I asked myself, "What was the best thing about the last six years in school?" Some would vouch for the great education we received, the great learning experiences we had, the opportunities presented to us daily, the sharing of knowledge and other such scholarly pursuits. I agree that all of the above were crucially important during our time here, but many of us would also say that the best thing about Kieran's were the friendships we made, the people we met and the "craic" we had together over the years.

The one unique aspect about our cycle since we came through the gates of St Kieran's is that we entered this school

at the dawning of a new era, the reign of Mr Curtis! As innocent little first years we thought the principal was like a totalitarian dictator with teachers dishing out homework and punishments. But we soon came to realise that there was a lot more going on in St Kieran's.

We witnessed many changes such as the retirement of some legendary teachers like Ms Meany and Mr Bolster who we had heard so much about prior to us entering the gates. Also during this time we witnessed many transformations within the school like demolition of the legendary handball alleys. New projects were undertaken such as the revamp of the Senior Hurling field and the Birchfield grounds, the addition to the school of a library,

technology rooms, computer rooms and the refurbishment to areas like the "Bantile" and Hall 33. These past six years have been a time of great change in the College and I think I speak for us all when I say that we are glad to have been a part of it.

We entered St Kieran's as young teenagers but we now prepare to leave as young adults. All of us have our own unique memories that we will undoubtedly carry with us for the rest of our lives, memories such as the friends that we made, funny incidents that occurred during our time here or teachers that have impacted on us, and no doubt there are probably some memories that we may choose to forget!!

On a personal level I will take with me some lifelong friendships, which might have started in the grounds of St Kieran's but I have no doubt will continue way beyond the gates of the College. I also feel lucky to have been part of some of the great sporting achievements of the College which I have shared with good friends.

So as we approach that all important day which will lead to the end of an era it will see one important chapter of our lives close and another one open. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the Sixth Year students to thank all of the teachers and staff of St Kieran's college for making our time here an enjoyable (for the most part at least) but, most importantly, an unforgettable experience.

ECDL Certificate Awards



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Brian and Diarmuid Cody



Pictured are Brian and Diarmuid Cody. In 1971 Brian was a member of a St Kieran's College team which won both the Leinster Colleges title and an All-Ireland final. Diarmuid followed in his father's footsteps when he joined the senior panel this year and also won both titles.

St Kieran's Students Win UCD SCHOLARSHIPS



Three St Kieran's College students who did their Leaving Certificate in 2010 were conferred with scholarships at a ceremony in the O'Reilly Hall in UCD recently. Pictured with school Principal Mr John Curtis are, from left, Christopher Casey (Medicine), Ben O'Connor Science) and James Gannon (Sport).

All-Ireland Sponsors

St Kieran's College would like to thank the following for their generous sponsorship of this year's Senior All-Ireland winning team.

- Glanbia
- Spar, Callan Road
- Bank of Ireland
- Ulster Bank
- Kilkenny Supporters Club
- Hotel Kilkenny Leisure Centre
- The Ormonde Hotel
- Star Hurleys
- St Canice's Credit Union
- O'Neill's Sports
- M&A Coaches
- Trustees, St Kieran's College

Visit to the WHITEHOUSE



This St Patrick's Day two former students of St Kieran's College were invited by President Obama to visit with him and his family at the Whitehouse.

Eoin Kelly, who captained last year's All-Ireland winning Tipperary team, and Tommy Moore of Cartoon Saloon, who was nominated for an Oscar for his animated film The Secret of Kells in 2010, were part of the Irish delegation who attended the celebrations in the Whitehouse. This is the first time that the delegation to the Whitehouse included a winning All-Ireland captain or a Kilkenny artist and no doubt Eoin and Tommy's presence is a well deserved recognition of their outstanding achievements in their respective fields.



DIARMUID HICKEY in STRASBOURG

After winning the Rotary International Youth Leadership Award, Diarmaid Hickey got to travel to Belfast, Dublin and to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France along with 23 other delegates (12 from the Republic and 12 from Northern Ireland) where they had opportunities to meet members of various parliaments and sample parliamentary life.

In Stormont Diarmaid got to question MLA's from each party in the Assembly and sit in on assembly sessions. Then they travelled to Dublin where they met newly elected TD's and ministers on the historic day of the 1st sitting of the 31st Dáil. Diarmaid was presented with his winner's certificate of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award in the EU Commission Office in Dublin.

Then the delegates travelled to Strasbourg. Diarmaid was given an opportunity to participate in the parliamentary proceedings in the European Parliament in Strasbourg. He was elected President of a committee dealing with the lack of interest in Democratic and Political life amongst

EU Citizens, meaning he had to chair a debate of over 60 people from over 21 different EU countries without any translators. It was his duty to write, introduce and propose the report that his committee produced. Once the spokesperson from his committee read his report in the parliament it was Diarmaid's job to respond to, and refute all comments, critiques, or questions on the report. Here he debated through English, French and Irish and was commended by members of parliament when his report was approved with an overwhelming majority.

Despite being the youngest present in the parliament at just 16 Diarmaid was probably the most involved and his orations were received with great acclaim and received personal commendations from MEP Martin Kastler and the chairperson of the Euroscola Day. He received a standing ovation for his closing speech on the Youths of Europe and how their enthusiasm is inspirational. The trip was a great success.

Launch of St Kieran's College

WEBSITE

The new St Kieran's College website was launched on St Kieran's Day, 5th March. The website contains information on all aspects of College, school and campus life at St Kieran's and can be accessed at www.stkieranscollege.ie

Pictured at the launch are (l-r): Mr John Curtis, Principal; Mgr Kieron Kennedy, College President; Fr Dermot Ryan, Chaplain and Mr Adrian Finan, Deputy Principal, who together worked on establishing the site; and students Ronan Leahy and Conor Mahon.



LITURGIES



Fr Dermot Ryan

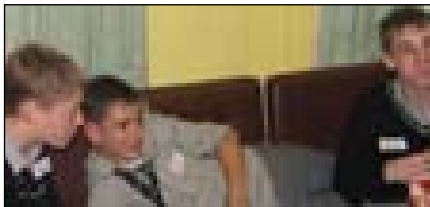
The different liturgies of the church year call us to reflect on the different areas of our lives and how it is that they overlap with our life of faith. It is no different with the liturgies that we celebrate here in our school.

At key moments in this school year we gathered to pray: the opening of the school year mass when we pray for all that is possible in the year ahead; in November when we come together to remember those who are part of our lives, our friends and family, who have died; during Advent and Christmas when we prepare for and remember what a young person can do, an infant king saviour!; on the feasts of St Blaise and Ash Wednesday when we had the opportunity to carry the sign of being

Christian; St Kieran's day when we came together to celebrate our proud tradition past and present; the various retreats, a 'different day' to reflect for a moment away from the hectic busyness of a school; and shortly our Leaving Cert Mass when we will come together to give thanks for all that has happened here and to pray for the endless possibilities which lie ahead for those who will move on. Our faith and life go hand in hand and so it should be...

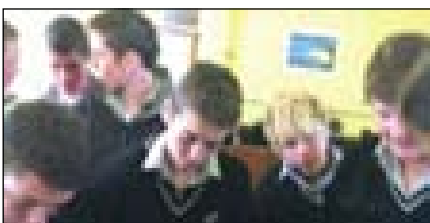
Retreats

Every year the students of St Kieran's College have a day set aside for a retreat.



A retreat is a chance for our students to relax, to take some time out of their busy schedules and to spend some time together with their friends.

Retreats provide opportunities for the students to reflect on their lives and to perhaps discuss and think about what direction their lives are going in. Retreats can also be spiritual experiences with some time set aside for some prayer and meditation.



Our First Year students have their retreat in the school. A retreat team visit the school in September each year. This is a day which gives each of the First Years a good opportunity to meet and get to know everyone in their class in a more informal setting. The day begins with a couple of games which encourages the students to speak to others that they haven't yet spoken to. The retreat team spend a good part of the day on their anti-bullying workshop. There is also some time allocated for questions, answers and prayer.

In Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth year, students visit the De La Salle Retreat Centre in Castletown, Co. Laois. The students tend to enjoy the day here as it is away from their everyday routines. Castletown provides a large campus with warm discussion rooms, a comfortable oratory, tea room and a games room with plenty of space outside for break time hurling and football. The students always seem to enjoy their day here and it is a good opportunity to return to school relaxed and refreshed.

In Fourth Year the retreat takes on a slightly different dynamic. Students go on some form of pilgrimage for a day. In recent years this has involved walking from Duiske Abbey in Graigueenamanagh to St Mullins Cemetery stopping for thoughts and discussion along the way. In 2010 the TY students went on a day long pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick leaving at 5am and returning at 9pm. These pilgrimages offer the students a time to relax with their classmates, away from their usual routine in school with a chance to reflect a little on life and on their spirituality.

Retreats offer a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. In St Kieran's College we feel that it is important for all students to get an opportunity to take time out of their busy lives during the school year. We often hear of things which can happen in life that puts things into perspective for us. May we never lose sight of the real meaning of our lives and give thanks for the many blessings we have.

Lourdes

Each year a number of students travel to Lourdes on the diocesan pilgrimage.



Front row: Cormac Connolly, Jack Cotter, Shane Butler, William Allen, Cormac Everard, Peter McPhillips. Back row: David Burke, Michael O'Neill, Conor Quinlan, Cormac Ryan.

This year there are 10 students representing St Kieran's College on the pilgrimage that takes place from May 22 - May 27. While there the students help with the movement and transfer of pilgrims who are in need of assistance to and from the religious ceremonies and masses. The youth group, of which they are part, play a vital role in the

success of the diocesan pilgrimage.

To ensure that this trip can happen, the students must first be chosen from the Transition Year classes. This task often proves very difficult and this year was no exception with nearly 30 applicants for just 10 places. Following interviews and the selection of students, those chosen are then faced with the task

of raising funds to finance the trip. Activities such as a bag-pack in Super Valu, a tag rugby day and a table quiz helped the students raise the necessary funds. The task for 2011 is almost complete and with the date of departure nearly upon us, all we can ask and pray that this is a safe and rewarding trip for all involved.

Cairdeas

Each year twelve of our Fifth Year students take part in the Cairdeas programme. This programme has been set up in the school to help First Years to settle into their new school environment.

The Cairdeas team agree at the beginning of the year to help initiate our First Years.

Each Fifth Year was assigned approximately ten students to look after. They met each of their students on their first day and at regular intervals throughout the year particularly during the first term. The beginning of secondary school can be difficult for first years with so many new subjects and new faces to get used to. The Cairdeas team aim to

help First Years with any concerns they may have at this challenging time and indeed, throughout the year the Cairdeas team are present in the school to assist with the needs of their assigned First Year group if necessary.



Cairdeas 2011 (l-r): Joe Ryan, Richard Fitzgerald, Miodrag Ignatovic, Conor Holligan, Jack Bruton, Brian Cantwell, Peter Walsh, Robert Hayes, Tim Brennan, Fergal Brennan, Anthony Corr-Larkin, Adam Cummins, Kevin Duncan, Fergal Lalor, Anthony Forristal.

Student COUNCIL

SHANE WALSH



Front row (l-r): Robert Kerwick, Ciaran Browne, Christopher Keane, Lukwe Gannon, Morgan Thomas. 2nd row (l-r): Shane Walsh, Lyndon Brannigan, Ben Leydon, Alan Hayes, Brendan McSorley, Aravind Menon. 3rd row (l-r): Dean Walsh, Martin O'Shea, Shane Comerford, Luke O'Connor, James Rice (Chairperson), Alex Rafter. 4th row (l-r): Sean Mulholland, Conor Wall, James Rafter, Bobby Murrery Walsh. Back row (l-r): Barry Briscoe, Anthony Corr Larkin, Peter Butler, Ultan Moran, Diarmuid Hickey.

The student council is a group of students who has been elected by their class to represent them. Each class has a representative whom they can go to give their ideas to. When the council meets we discuss the ideas that have been given to us by our class. Mr Kavanagh is the teacher

who attends our meetings to help the meeting run smoothly. When the council has decided on what ideas we want to bring to the teachers our representative James Rice makes an appointment to meet Mr Curtis. They have a discussion and sometimes the ideas we have at our meetings are put

into practice. This year our meetings have been centred on the new school website and helping to change some of the school rules. The student council is very important as it gives the students a voice in our school.

DEBATING

ARAVIND MENON

St Kieran's College took part in the Concern Debating Competition this year stretching from October until April. This year's team consisted of Conor Quinlan, Cormac Everard, Aravind Menon, Miodrag Ignatovic, Bill Lahart and Diarmuid Hickey.

Our first debate was at home debate against Scoil Chríost Rí in Portlaoise. The motion was "Genetically Modified Organisms are necessary in the fight against world hunger" which St Kieran's College won.

We won our next debate against Presentation Secondary School in Waterford with the motion being "Young Irish People are indifferent to the problems of the developing world".

Our next two debates were against

CBS Carlow and Abbey Community College, Waterford with the motions being about climate change and child labour respectively. We won both the debates which meant that we had qualified for the knock out stages. In the first round of the knock out stages, we were up against Presentation Thurles. The motion was "One year after the earthquake, the developed world has been a good friend to Haiti". It was a closely contested debate but unfortunately St Kieran's College lost this time and were knocked out of the competition.

Many thanks to Ms Galway and Mr O'Neill for all their help and support throughout and thanks to all the teachers and students who supported the team throughout the year.



L-r: Ms Jane Galway, Aravind Menon, Mr Martin O'Neill. L-r: Cormac Everard, Conor Quinlan, Bill Lahart. L-r: Miodrag Ignatovic, Diarmuid Hickey.



visit to St Kieran's royseven

GEAROID KENNEDY AND MAURICE O'NEILL

On the 4th of May, after a tour of Germany, the band Royseven paid a visit to the school and did a workshop with the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Year music students. They got the workshop off to great start by introducing themselves and playing their single "We should be Lovers" which has been number one in the radio charts for a number of weeks.

They then told us a bit about how they got together. They said that it takes a band on average seven years to break into the industry and now with eight years behind them they feel like they are going places.

We then learned about their singing with Sony in German: the release of their albums "The Art of Insincerity" and "You Say, We Say": the difficulties they face in the music industry and the transition their music has made over the years.

The whole group really enjoyed the band's performance of their other singles "No Romance", "Channel 103 on my own TV". The workshop was wrapped up with some of our own budding musicians, Brian Cantwell, James McGrath and Aidan Byrne playing along with the band to the lively single "Killer".

FILM Footage

In recent years, St Kieran's College has begun to display some of the achievements of its students since the College first opened its doors. One of the most ambitious programmes was to display photographs of various individuals and teams who have contributed to the College's long tradition in both the academic and sporting fields. While this programme was undertaken film footage of many sporting events was discovered, this footage can be viewed on the school's website. There was a huge reaction to this footage and as a result the school made the decision, that wherever possible, events within the school's calendar would be recorded.

Last year this task was given to Transition Year students to undertake. One student, Fergal Lalor took on this project with passion. He attended all events that he was asked to (even those on weekends!) without question. During matches Fergal could be seen

away from his peers vying for the best position in the stands to place his camera. His film work was displayed after each match in the glass hall for all who could attend the match to see. His excellent filming skills allowed students who were not at matches get a sense of the tension and elation at games. Fergal has made a huge contribution to the archives of the school. The footage he has captured will be enjoyed by many over the years to come.



Fergal Lalor

Poetry **A LOUD**

JAMES WALTON

I first heard about Poetry Aloud when my English teacher Mr Cotter was giving us poems to learn. We came into class and were told about the competition. For the first stage of the competition we had a poem to learn "Stopping by the woods on a snowy evening".

There was a large attendance at the first round with 80 students vying for 4 places to get through to the next round. The event took place in the school theatre. After everyone had said their poems the three judges gave their verdict.

I did not expect to get through to the next round as there was strong



competition; however, my name was called second. I was surprised and delighted to get through. I was very proud as I was the only one from Kilkenny to be put through.

The next round was held in Dublin in the National Library of Ireland

beside the Dail. The stage was very impressive.

I had to say another two poems and I was nervous that I would mess up. Thankfully I didn't but I didn't win. I wasn't too disappointed as I was delighted to get as far as I did.

The Senior Hurling Panel

EOIN GOUGH

I was asked to write this article to try and capture the significance of hurling in St Kieran's College.

On Saturday 2nd April 2011 St Kieran's won their 18th Senior Colleges "A" All Ireland title and their second in two years, but the winning of that final began back in early October when training began, in fact you could say it began five years ago when the same panel of players won the Leinster Juvenile final in Dr. Cullen Park.

It was quite daunting at first, playing alongside players you've looked up to and idolised as a young student, players you've seen win finals all the way up along for the school and with the county, playing on a panel you've wanted to be a part of from the moment you walked through those gates on your very first day, a panel that best represents the long-standing legacy and tradition of the school, but after a while it was like any other team.

As I wrote this, I was thinking about all of the former students of St Kieran's who've gone on to win countless senior All-Irelands for Kilkenny, and how they've way out-numbered any other schools around the city in those winning panels, and I wondered, was

it that some of the greatest hurlers ever to have played the game, just happened to come to the college around the same time, won All-Irelands for fun and then made their way onto county teams and did the same? No. They came to Kieran's as normal lads who wanted to hurl and became great. They began the same as everyone else; trials, training and matches, and when they got to the big days they fought hard and deserved it. What they learned here enabled them to go on and make history with the county.

I also thought about the reason St Kieran's College has been so successful at all levels of hurling and I think it comes down to three things; first of all the facilities the school has are second to none, there has always been a hurling pitch at Kieran's, nowadays there are five as well as a gym, and there are always people playing around at lunch and after school, especially during the sunny summer months. Secondly there's the commitment and enthusiasm of the staff. We are very lucky to have so many teachers willing and able to train teams every year without fail and help the students to improve and



to reach their full potential. Finally, I think the biggest factor of the school's success is its history. The players have seen all of the photos up on the walls of winning teams and they want to be up there too, they want to be known as a "great Kieran's team" that is talked about long after they've left the school, and winning an All-Ireland ensures that and it is this hunger for success, to be like the great teams of the past, that sets us apart.

St Kieran's College is a school steeped in tradition and becoming part of that is a privilege. The senior team this year showed they had the character and hunger to win in the dying moments in Thurles, and they got what they deserved, an All-Ireland medal in their pockets and the feeling that they were a part of something special.

St Kieran's College

A FAIRTRADE SCHOOL!!

In our C.S.P. E. class we learned about Fairtrade and decided to do something to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight.

DYLAN JORDAN AND PADDY VAUGHAN

We were very lucky to get a visit from a coffee farmer from Guatemala named Miguel. He told us all about coffee growing in Guatemala and how important Fairtrade is to the farmers in this developing country. We really enjoyed asking him questions about his work.

On Thursday the 10th of March a Fairtrade coffee morning was held in our school. It was organised by Class 1A2 and our teacher Ms Galway. The aim of the coffee morning was to celebrate Fairtrade and raise awareness of it during the annual 'Fairtrade Fortnight'.

Everybody in our class had a job. The survey committee got a list of fairtrade products in the supermarkets all around Kilkenny. We started off by setting up the refectory. The set up committee did all the work on getting it set up. We got posters and bunting from the Fairtrade Steering Committee in Kilkenny and decorated the college refectory for our coffee morning.

All the students in our class brought in fair trade products such as tea, coffee, hot chocolate and orange juice, as well as biscuit and Fairtrade chocolate. All of the products we sold had the fairtrade mark. The teachers bought hot drinks as well as all the other classes. At 11 o'clock it was very busy because everybody was out for their break. All

the hot drinks had to be refilled and the hot chocolate with mini marshmallows was a bit hit!

The morning went really well and we raised over €1200. A special thanks to Monsignor Kieron Kennedy for a hugely generous donation and for allowing us use of the refectory.

We would like to thank Superquinn, Centra in Johnsgreen and especially Supervalu in Thomastown who kindly donated lots of Fairtrade products. Thanks also to all students and teachers and especially the parents of class 1A2 who supported our coffee morning. The proceeds of the coffee morning are going to The Irish Autism Society to build houses in Kilkenny for adults with autism.

There are fair trade products for sale all over Kilkenny. We think it is a very worthy cause and would encourage everyone to buy fair trade.





Concern fast

Each year Concern organises a 'festival' to raise money to help stop child nutrition. Students of St Kieran's College take part and fast for 24 hours in November each year to raise some much needed sponsorship for Concern. This year the students raised over €3,000. Well done to all who participated!

Leinster House

BILL BRENNAN

In the build up to the trip, Mr Ruth and Ms Galway, our teachers, assigned everyone in the class a special job to ensure the day went smoothly. When we arrived at Leinster House, we met Liam who was our guide for the day. He showed us around and gave us a history of the House. We were

On Thursday 14th of October two classes from St Kieran's College, 3SC and 2A4, went on a CSPE trip to Leinster House in Dublin. The outing was part of our action project for the Junior Cert. Exam.

fortunate enough to see some debating going on while we were there. After having lunch at the cafeteria we went to a workshop to test our knowledge of politics and what we learned on the tour. We did really well and then John Paul Phelan, Mary White and Bobby Aylward

came in to answer some questions we had prepared. All in all it was a great day and will no doubt be of great benefit to us in our Junior Cert. exam. We would like to thank everyone in the Oireachtas who arranged the trip for us.



Trip to the Dail

First Year History Trip

JACK LYNCH

On Friday 15th April all First Years went on a history trip to Ferrycarrig Heritage Park and Dunbrody Famine Ship. At nine o'clock three buses set off, two going to Ferrycarrig and one going to Dunbrody. When we reached Ferrycarrig we were shown into a theatre by our guide. There we watched a film explaining the basics of the Stone Age. We then left and we were shown around the park. First we saw a temporary settlement that would have been used by the Mesolithic people. We then saw a permanent house made by Neolithic people. While we were in the park we were also shown other features like a dolmen and a ring fort. At the end food was cooked for us in the Fulacht Fia. We left for Dunbrody when the other bus arrived. When we got there we were shown above and below deck. Two actors were dressed up like people from that time so we could see what they would have worn. When we were finished there we left to go to the Horse and Hound to meet the other two groups for lunch. There we had a delicious dinner of chicken and chips. We arrived back in school by 4pm.



FIRST IMPRESSIONS from the 1st Years

The first highlight of the year was when the first day came around. I was a bit nervous at first but then I got to meet my classmates and everything was good. The next highlight was when I got to do my first hurling trial and I actually played well. If I continue to play like that I could make the team. Another big moment was when we started our first project in Science and we looked through the microscope. Other highlights include getting an A in my Maths project, having my first chicken roll which was delicious, going on Retreat with my class and taking part in Sports' Day. I also bought a new hurl from the young entrepreneurs in Transition year. Not a bad start to my time in St. Kieran's!

Brian O'Neill

I am a first year in St Kieran's College. It is great fun and the school has a lively atmosphere. There are lots of sports and activities to do in the school during our breaks. At lunchtimes on Mondays and Fridays we go running down to the Castle park. We run out the main entrance on the College road, down by Larkin's chipper where we see all the students tucking into their delicious curry chips. When we reach the Castle Park Mr Archbold leads the trials and Mr O'Keeffe leads a slow jog. On the trials we run around the lake where all the swans are swimming. Then we run down by the river Nore and up the steps towards the castle. We take a breather at the top, then run up the hill and then back to school where we have plenty of time to have our shower, get our books and go to class.

P.J. Dalton

Irish Junior Mathematics Competition 2011

St Kieran's competed in the Irish Junior Maths Competition for the first time. On Saturday 16th May, St Kieran's was represented by our top three students Niall Holligan, Paddy Ryan and Robert Freeman in the Irish Junior Mathematics Final. This was held in the CBS High School in Clonmel.

Our boys enjoyed the challenge of the hour long competition and represented the school well.

All of First Year took part in the Irish Maths Teachers Association quiz on Tuesday 8th March. There were 20 multiple choice questions ranging from the reasonable to the very difficult. The boys found the test tough but all made a very good effort. The results were very good and well done to all the students who took part and were so cooperative. Many thanks to Ms Ryan for organising what was a very interesting quiz.

Top ten results from the Maths Quiz

1. Niall Holligan
2. Paddy Ryan
3. Robert Freeman
4. Conor Purcell
5. David Dunne
6. Eamon Forristal
7. Niall Brennan
8. Liam Walsh
9. Brian Power
10. Robert Kerwick



Students who received the highest prism scores in First Year, (l-r): Paddy Ryan, Robert Freeman, Niall Holligan.

Maths

The annual maths prism competition was held in the college in February of this year. This is a competition of 20 multiple choice questions which students from each class in every year participate in. The results once again were of a very high standard and the maths department were very pleased with the results. Three students from First Year who achieved the highest scores in their year are now going forward to represent the school in an All – Ireland maths competition which is to be held in Clonmel at the end of May. Best of luck to the three lads.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Trath na gCeist Dé Luain, an 14ú Márta



Tráth na gceist mór a bhí ann sa halla staidéir chun seachtain na gaeilge a cheiliúradh.

Tháinig daltaí na dara bliana le chéile chun páirt a glacadh ann. Seacht babhta san iomlán a bhí gceist agus bhí na ceisteanna bunaithe ar réimse mhór thopaici cosúil leis an stair, an ceol, agus ar ndóigh an spórt!! Bhain gach aon duine spraoi agus spórt as an tráthnóna.

Agus deireadh an chomórtais ag druidim linn bhíatmaisféar corraitheach le brath sa halla agus na daltaí go léir ag feitheamh ar na torthaí.

Ach b'iad na buachaillí ar fhoireann 21, Tom O Keefe, Sean Morrissey, Eoin Walsh agus David Shivgulam a bhuaigh Tráth na gCeist na dara bliana le 38 pointe as 42. Agus foireann 24, Conor Phelan, Cathal Phelan, Gary Tynan, Fintan O'Sullivan agus Donagh Mahon a thóg an dara háit. Comghairdeas le gach duine!!

Green Flag Mission

CORMAC LEHNEN

Since 'Green Schools', an international environment awareness and education programme, was founded it has awarded many schools all over Ireland with a green flag. What is a green flag and what does it mean for a school? A green flag symbolises a school's dedication, commitment and responsibility to the environment and the world we live in.

Green Schools' aim is not just to award schools with a green flag but to encourage and create long-term student awareness of environmental issues not only within schools but the wider community. By being part of the Green Schools' Committee students are participating and taking responsibility for their school and the environment.

The Green Schools' Committee in St Kieran's College is made up of students and teachers actively working within our school, campaigning for awareness, getting other students to become involved, take responsibility and above all make St Kieran's College a greener place. First Year students got creative when we made posters for Green Schools. This was one of the first steps in getting students more involved. Ordering recycling bins for every classroom, spending time in school after hours to properly label the bins and going around the First Year and Second Year classes to talk about what



Front row (l-r): Ms Orla Ring, Aravind Menon, Cormac Lehen, Alan Mooney, Ms Jane Galway. Back row (l-r): Mark Shortall, Jason Carroll, Kevin Maher, Conor Wall

we are trying to achieve for our school were all little things that contributed to the bigger picture.

Every week our Green Schools Committee comes together to review the past seven days, come up with more plans for the future and put plans already made into action. We also discuss ways to improve litter and waste management on school grounds. Recently a Green Schools' representative visited St Kieran's College to give us pointers and tips

on how to keep students informed and keep track of our progress. This helped us to put our action and waste management plans into perspective. The talk was very informative and put our goals for the school into focus.

There is no conclusion to the work St Kieran's College or any other school across the country and Green Schools do. Everyone's co-operation and continued support is needed for this mission to work. It is an ongoing project.

2nd Year visit Midlands Prison 2011

SHANE O'GORMAN AND LIAM COSTELLO

On the 10th of May class 2A1 visited the Midlands prison in Portlaoise for our Junior Cert C. S. P. E. project. When we arrived we went into the prison gardens. Our guide showed us the layout of the prison. He told us the prison was built in the year 2000. He said there were around 600 inmates in the prison, 62 are in for life, 49 sex offenders and 3 inmates over 75. No one has ever escaped!! The inmates cook and clean for themselves. The prisoners are allowed to have a playstation and a TV in their cells and they can decorate their cells if they behave. The prisoners are allowed one visit a week, two letters a week and one phone call a day. They take part in recreational activities such as pool and board games. They also get to use the gym, woodwork and metalwork facilities. The inmates have to get at least 1 hour exercise a day. The officers use dogs to stop riots, search visitors and search cells for drugs. We got a great insight into life in a prison from

visiting the various parts. Well done to all of the students involved in organising the visit and thanks to Ms Galway and Mr Carroll for accompanying us on the visit.



My name is Eoin Gough and I was asked at the start of the year by Mr O' Neill, the TY Co-ordinator, to do the job of editor for the TY section of the school yearbook. Basically what I did was go on all of the trips and activities that were planned for the 4th Years as well as sporting events like athletics, hurling and Gaelic matches, then write up articles and reports on them, and hand these to Ms Fitzpatrick, the school editor. After Easter, along with Ms Brennan and Ms Fitzpatrick, I gathered everything I had written throughout the year, added some photos and this introduction and that was it. I enjoyed TY and my job as editor; it gave me an opportunity to see things I wouldn't otherwise have had the opportunity to experience so thanks to Mr O' Neill, Ms Fitzpatrick, and Ms Brennan for all the help during the year.

Tag Rugby Day raises funds for Lourdes

On Tuesday 5th April, over one hundred TY students from Loreto Secondary School and St Kieran's College enjoyed



a day of tag rugby at the Kilkenny Rugby Club to help raise funds for the Diocese of Ossory's annual Lourdes Pilgrimage. Fourteen students from both of the city schools will be going on the pilgrimage from the 22nd to 27th May and have been busy fundraising all year long and, together with their teachers, they came up with the idea of the tag rugby with each student paying €5 to go towards the trip. Two buses arrived at Foulkstown at half nine and we all quickly changed and got out on the pitch where the teams were picked and the rules explained to us. There were sixteen teams of seven players, four boys and three girls, with each team having one substitute and

all three girls having to play at all times. Matches were twelve minutes long and every team played at least four matches. Everyone was excited and the matches began in earnest at 10am across the three pitches at the rugby club. An hour break at twelve o'clock gave the teams a chance to rest before the quarter finals and also gave the boys a chance to show off their kicking skills in front of the female audience. Once the break was over, the draw for the quarter finals was made and after no time at all it was down to the last two, Team 9 and Team 14. The final was held in front of all the other students who had already finished and rounded off the day nicely as Team 14 emerged

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as overall winners thanks to a last minute try by captain James Tyrrell. The day was a huge success and the sunny weather only added to the excited shouts and laughter around the place. Thanks must go to all of the teachers from Loreto and St Kieran's who made the whole day possible, the referees who gave up their free time to help out and to the Kilkenny Rugby Football Club for lending us their pitches and facilities for the day.

Sliabh na mBan Hill Walk

On the 30th September and the 7th October last, all of TY went hill walking up Sliabh na mBan Mountain in Co. Tipperary. The year was split into two groups, with one group going a week after the other.

The Sliabh na mBan hill walk is organised at the beginning of every year and is used as a bonding session for all of the new Transition Years. Buses brought the TYs up to Tipperary and luckily it was clear skies on both days. They left early and all climbed the mountain together in stages and once they reached the top, ran back down to the foot.

Everything went off without a hitch except for two students, Eoin Barry and David Maher getting lost and delaying everyone for a while.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and we would like to thank Mr Kavanagh and Mr O' Neill for organising the trip and taking part on both days as well.

Sean Byrne Memorial Mile Run

On March 16th 2011 all of the TYs walked to Scanlon Park at 12 o'clock for the Sean Byrne Memorial Mile Run, which was organised by Kilkenny City Harriers trainer Sean Lynch. The mile run is organised by the KCH every year to commemorate the death of their former associate Sean Byrne.



The KCH invited all of the TYs in the schools of Kilkenny city to Scanlon Park on different days, recorded their times, then took the school with the lowest combined time of their first six finishers, and gave them the Sean Byrne Perpetual Trophy.

All of the TYs were in good form on the hot sunny day and enjoyed the four laps of the track and at the end of it all they each received a certificate stating their names and times. The winner of our race on the day was Conor Mahon and we found out days later that we had won the overall team title.

Thanks to the KCH and Sean Lynch for organising the run as well as the students for taking part so enthusiastically on the day.

Law Day

On two consecutive Fridays, the 19th and the 26th of November, Kate Hedigan and Ruth Dowling came in to St Kieran's College to take the Transition Year students through their Law-Ed program, the aim of which is to teach the young adults of Ireland more about law in Ireland, the justice system, and the different career opportunities available in law.

Firstly, the whole year was split into two groups, with one going to the talk on the 19th while the other one went on the 26th. My group was scheduled for the 26th and we were all ready and excited at 9am in the Careers Room of the school, having heard rave reviews from the other group of the previous week.

Kate and Ruth arrived in and began by introducing themselves and their backgrounds; both were from Kilkenny, Kate was a solicitor, working with a firm in Limerick city while Ruth was a defence barrister in the Criminal Courts in Dublin. We got to work immediately and were given the task of defining Law, how we use it in everyday life and what kind of penalties we can get for breaking it, which resulted in some interesting answers and a few funny stories. Next the girls took all of our questions; which varied from speed cameras, drink driving and the banking executives to legal highs, burglaries and most importantly for



some, the "ridiculous" farming laws of the country. The girls then went on to tell us about the different laws that affect us as teenagers, explained the difference between under-age and adult crime and their punishments, the differences between Civil and Criminal Law and we also heard evidence from the infamous "Scissor Sisters" trial. They then talked to us about the Court System in Ireland, the roles of the judges, juries and the difference between a solicitor and a barrister and finally we did some role-playing of different scenarios concerning crime. Amazingly this was all before lunch!

At 2pm we all reconvened and we were set our last challenge of the day: the mock trials. Everyone was put in

groups of six and each group member was given a different role e.g. the witness, the victim, the accused, the defence barrister etc, and each group had a different case to act out. All of the groups tried hard to impress, some weren't very well rehearsed and others were brilliant. One group in particular had the whole room crying with laughter at their unique interpretation of their case.

We all left that room at the end of a great day a lot more knowledgeable about law and the justice system in Ireland and the programme opened our eyes to a whole new possible career path. Thanks must go to Mr O'Neill, TY Co-ordinator for organising the two great Law Days.



Car Safety Demonstration

On Thursday, the 25th November, all of the TY students of St Kieran's College were given a car safety demonstration by Michael Gleeson, a professional car safety instructor. Each of the four transition year classes took it in turns to go out to the small trailer on the back of his jeep parked in the school car park, for the hour and a half course. It was a chilly, frosty morning as, at 10:20, my class, TYB and I, stepped out of the warm classrooms and into the freezing

cold air, up the trailer ramp and, waiting inside was Michael, alongside the front half of a car.

The car had its two front seats and front wheels, no roof and no bonnet, leaving the engine exposed to the conditions of the winter morning. Michael introduced himself, telling us he was from Cappamore in Limerick and that he had first thought about the idea of car safety demonstrations after a close friend of his had died in a car crash six years ago. He has been going to schools around the country ever since, teaching students about the workings of a car, how to stay safe while on the roads, and showing what

can happen if you don't.

It was non-stop laughing with Michael, as it was obvious from the start that he was a joker and a messer. In between our laughter he took us through how to wear a seat belt properly, how you should have your head rest and your seat positioned, how airbags worked, and what all the different lights on the dashboard represented. We then went on to tackle the engine and all that goes with it, the gearbox and the braking system.

Then he gave us all a sheet entitled, "When a car driven by an unbelted driver at 55mph hits a solid object this is what happens", which was a broken down (millisecond by millisecond) account of a car crash and, as we read down through it, the mood in the small trailer instantly changed from one of messing and joking around to one of horror at what could happen in a road accident.

The silence showed how the brutal truth of it all had hit home and we all left at the end of the demonstration, now knowing the misuse of a car can change someone's life and indeed, in 0.6 seconds, end it.



school MEMORIES

CORMAC COSTELLO

Upon reflecting on my experiences as a St Kieran's student, I realise much has changed since my first day here in last August 2005. I still hold vivid memories of arriving for the first time, gazing up at those dark, imposing limestone gates. I was no different to any other First Year at the time. Fresh faced, hurl in hand, soon to learn the ways of a Kieran's student.

One of my most distinct memories from my First Year here was the old handball alleys. They were the hub for all social activities. They were always occupied by those playing handball, wall ball and by VEC students. Every break time throngs would flock to the alleys and the adjacent hurling pitches. It was an exciting time, but a short lived experience. The alleys were soon

surrounded by vast plywood barriers, before being demolished that summer. It was no wonder because they had been a hazard. The old walls were crumbling and fit to collapse, they were also a hot spot of misbehavior of all descriptions! We had grown attached to them and it felt as if a small part of us had disappeared along with the handball alleys.

By the start of Second Year, we assumed ourselves to be veterans of St Kieran's. In actual fact not much had changed, but we no longer felt quite so small and insignificant. We had picked up on many of the tricks of the trade. Every Friday there used to be a stampede of students across the main hurling pitch. There was mayhem as students sprinted across the pitch and burst into

Rocco's to get their handful of greasy chips and battered sausage. It was a vicious contest or so it seemed to us First and Second Years!

Third Year gave us our first taste of exam pressure as well as angry and anxious teachers. Transition Year came as a relief as we emptied our brains of anything concerning the Junior Cert syllabus. However, hectic schedules led many of us to sacrifice a lot of class to facilitate the "Young Entrepreneur" program or the "421" program.

So how much has actually changed since our first day in St Kieran's? The school has changed its layout and appearance, teachers have come and gone, but we are fundamentally the same group of lads now that we were then.

St Kieran's COLLEGE CHOIR

Music Festival

St Kieran's College competed in the 2011 Kilkenny Music Festival with two choirs and both were very successful.

The 1st & 2nd Year Choir were the winners of the Meubles Cup with their 2-part rendition of 'Hakuna Matata'.

The Senior Choir were winners of the Eddie Gray Memorial Cup with what was described by the adjudicator as a "magical" performance of 'Pie Jesu'. Impressively, this choir managed to secure second place in the same competition with their performance of 'A Mhuire na nGras' with the Loreto Secondary School.

The St Kieran's College/ Loreto Choir were also awarded third place in the Ann P. Smithwick Cup for a performance of 'Ching a Ring Chaw', and were commended with 87 marks on their powerful presentation of 'Carry on My Wayward Son'.



Junior Choir. Front row (l-r): Aidan O'Sullivan, Luke Kelly, Brain O'Neill, Joe Sinnott, Greg Morrissey, Peter Lynch, Alex Lalor, Daniel Egars, Michael Ryan, Ms Aisling Phelan (Conductor). Middle row (l-r): Shane O'Gorman, Michael Cotter, Dean Malone, John Hession, Eamon Forristal, Caolan O Chlerrigh, Daniel Dewberry, Thomas Dorney. Back row (l-r): Sean Brennan, Brad Ellis, Darragh O'Connor, Bill O'Neill, Alan Mooney, Roman Hartman, Patrick Kennedy.



Senior Choir. Front row (l-r): Richard Fitzgerald, Joe Ryan, Andrew Tierney, Kevin McGrath, Ciaran Fennelly, Ian Martin, Paul Farrell, Ms Aisling Phelan (Conductor). Back row (l-r): James Rice, Brian Cantwell, Sean Lennon, Darragh Carrigan, Bill Simpson, Barry Power.



Feis Ceoil

The St Kieran's College Senior Choir/ Loreto Choir were highly commended for their performance at this year's Feis Ceoil in Dublin.

This was a fantastic achievement for the choir in their first appearance at this national competition. Once again congratulations to everybody involved.



Carol Singing on December 17th at Town Hall and MacDonagh Shopping Centre.

TRIP TO GURTEEN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE



The Fifth Year agricultural science classes got the opportunity to go to the ploughing match in Athy in September. We left Kieran's at 7.30 a.m. as we had a lot to see. The main purpose of the day was to get pictures and information on the different sheep and cattle breeds. This is needed for our breeds' project, which is part of our practical exam. In addition, we got the opportunity to see ploughing being done by the different types of ploughs, threshing, sheep shearing, crop demonstrations and the many trade stands to do with farming. For Science Week in St Kieran's College, Mr Darmodys' Fifth Year Agricultural Science classes went to Kildalton Agricultural College on Wednesday afternoon. We had been learning about the different parts and functions of the digestive systems of different farm animals in class. In Kildalton, the lecturer dissected the digestive system of a ruminant and a monogastric animal. The lecturer obtained a sheep's digestive system as an example of a ruminant animal and a pig's digestive system as an example of a

monogastric animal. Humans have a monogastric digestive system. This was not for the faint hearted with blood, guts and smells! We clearly saw the four chambers of the ruminant stomach and upon dissection we saw the internal structure and what each chamber was doing for the digestion of food. We examined the small and large intestines, the liver, the spleen and pancreas just to name a few! It was a very enjoyable and educational trip. It enhanced our learning and it was very practical and real to see the digestive systems in front of us on a table.

The Fifth Year agricultural science classes went on their annual farm visit to Gurteen Agricultural College on Thursday, March 10th. The purpose of the trip was to fulfill the practical requirements for agricultural science.

Gurteen College is located in Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. This is an agricultural college that provides training and education to 3rd level



agricultural science students. Courses in the college include agriculture, equine business, veterinary nursing, hedgerow management and animal protection.

The college farms over 350 hectares. Its main enterprises are dairy, beef, sheep, horses, machinery, tillage and forestry.

On our visit to the sheep shed we got hands on experience when some students had to deliver twin lambs.

We got a tour of the milking parlour, beef sheds, calving pens and we got demonstrations on the use of the different machines on the farm. We got to take pictures and obtained a lot of information for our projects.

ECOLOGY DAY

PETER ENGLISH

On 4th October the students of St Kieran's College held an Ecology day as part of our Leaving Cert. Biology studies.

For this event we had the honour of having with us the T.V. presenter and acclaimed ecologist, Eanna Ní Lamhna.

The day commenced with an expert analysis from our guest of our aims and objectives and an insightful overview of the energy flow through our chosen habitat. Following the morning session the students went outside and, led by Eanna, studied and analysed a woodland area within the College grounds. We incorporated a variety of methods to



analyse the environmental conditions of our chosen habitat, including air temperature in shade and in direct sunlight, soil temperature and soil's acidity or alkalinity.

The variation, frequency and distribution of the flora and fauna of the habitat were also measured using a number of different methods. Quadrats and transect

lines were utilised to examine the plant species and other apparatus such as nets, pooters and beating trays.

The day ended with an analysis of the recorded results, a summary of the techniques used and an evaluation of our conclusions. It was a very worthwhile experience and one that will no doubt be very helpful to us in our Leaving Cert.

School Tour 2010

JAMES DEASY

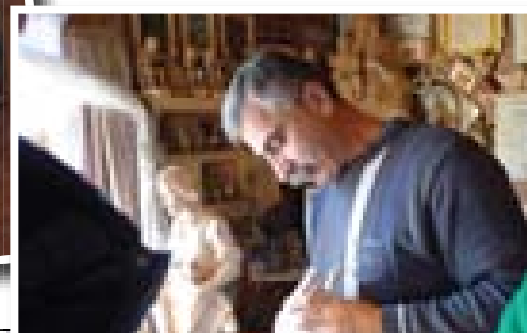
This year St Kieran's College Transition year students went to Krakow, Poland, accompanied by Mr Darmody, Ms Galway, Ms Ring and Mr Heffernan. Leaving the College at 3am was just the start of a hectic few days...

A tour of Krakow, some shopping in the market area, a visit to the 13th Century St Mary's Basilica and a trip to a water park were just some of the highlights of the first day.

Day two took the group to Auschwitz - an emotional experience: room after room of photos, valuables and even cans of the deadly 'Cyclone B' gas, (which was used to gas the hundreds of thousands of people in the chambers) left all feeling overawed. Following that, a trip to the salt mines acted as a complete change of scenery. This day was completed by an enjoyable and competitive visit to a bowling alley/arcade. Day three was a trip to the town of Zakopane. On route there was a stop at a carver's workshop: Jan Ziegler was the man's name and his work was unbelievably detailed. The trip ended when we returned home on Thursday October 28th. A great time was had by all and I hope that future Transition Years will get to experience this for themselves.

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LA BOISSE

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

On Wednesday 16th October a group of 24 students accompanied by teachers Mr Mikael Der Parseghian and Mme Brigitte Bourgeau from La Boisse, near Lyon in France, arrived in Kilkenny as part of the St Kieran's College/ Lycée de la Cotière exchange programme. Last May, the Kilkenny students travelled to France where they participated in the first half of the project and fortunately the Kilkenny return coincided with some wonderfully unseasonal weather to accommodate the outdoor activities.

The college linked with the French Secondary School in late 2008 and each of the Irish students was paired with a student from la Boisse based on their interests and hobbies. During the school year, emails and internet conversations were arranged between both groups and a common project was developed whereby the Irish students visited the Museum of Cinema in Lyon, a vineyard in the Beaujolais region and participated in various cultural activities.

During the week in Kilkenny, the French students were given a guided tour of Kilkenny by teacher Ms Jane Galway and they also participated in different classes together with the local boys. As

part of their History studies of Ireland they visited Glendalough Co. Wicklow. On the cultural side, they were coached in the basics of hurling by St Kieran's College teacher and Kilkenny hurler Mr Michael Rice. The event concluded with a game involving students from both schools organised by Ms Eileen Hanrick. They seemed to really enjoy the experience and many of them subsequently went to the Kilkenny County Hurling Semi-Finals in Nolan Park on the Sunday afternoon of their stay.

Following a visit to see the Book of Kells in Trinity College Dublin, Mr Michael Kelleher, Art teacher in St Kieran's College, gave a most educational and enjoyable workshop in Celtic art and lettering. On Friday, lessons were also given by Mrs Ann Bartley in céili dancing and this was followed by an Irish night in the college where students and teachers entertained the large number present with Traditional Music, song and dance.

On their departure on Wednesday morning, the emotional students



expressed their delight with the visit and thanked the organising French teachers from St Kieran's College Mr Don O'Connor and Ms Jacqui Norton for their efforts. They also expressed their appreciation for the wonderful welcome offered to them by the President Mons. Kieron Kennedy and Principal Mr John Curtis. Special praise was made of the hospitality offered by the host families during their stay. Already, all the students, Irish and French, are looking forward to the next exchange.

French Exchange 2011

EOGHAN O'CONNOR

For the second year in a row, St Kieran's College took part in an exchange with Lycee de la Boitiere, Lyon. Roughly twenty students from each school took part. The first part of the project involved emailing our correspondents, getting to know more about them and their families. The date was set for the exchange, the Irish visiting France in February and the French returning the favour in April. In February, we boarded a bus and headed for Dublin airport. We arrived in Lyon at half six French time and met our correspondents, retiring to their respective houses for the night.

The next day we were treated to breakfast with the principal in their school, an impressive structure, four storeys tall with modern games rooms, science labs and libraries. We experienced life in the French classroom, getting to try out subjects like Biology, Computers, Maths and everyone's favourite, English! During the course of the week we visited loads of the tourist attractions in Lyon, including two famous and beautiful churches and some ancient passages that linked two streets which were built and used during war. We also experience the French metro an impressive and efficient system. On Wednesday we experienced skiing for the first time. The morning was spent cross-country "raquettes" which was a

very tiring exercise. However we finally got the opportunity to try the ski slopes where we had great fun.

The highlight of the week for many was the international party held in the school on the Thursday night. The French, Irish and Spanish students who were also on an exchange in their school at the time, had a disco in their games room. The French music was a bit dodgy but the food was great and it was an enjoyable evening overall.

At the weekend, we stayed at home with our families and did activities with them, including karting, shopping and laser tag, which everyone enjoyed. On Saturday night one of the French students held a part in her house,

where we finally got away from parents and teachers! After dancing around like lunatics to a few rave tunes and devouring the majority of the food we roared out a few verses of "Horse Outside" and "Sinn na Fianna Fail" to a fairly confused French audience. The evening was topped with a unique dance performance from Diarmuid Hickey, which raised the roof off the place.

Exhausted after a tiring week, we collapsed onto a bus at four in the morning and headed back to Ireland for a well overdue fry! It was a great week and many thanks to Mr O'Connor and Ms Norton for all the work they put into making the trip run so smoothly.



Gaisce

ARAVIND MENON

The President's Award or Gaisce is a personal achievement award that was organised by the late President Patrick Killary during his term in office. The award is open to people between the ages of fifteen and twenty five. People attempting to win the award must complete four challenges over the course of a year. The four challenges are community work, physical activity, learning a skill and participation in an adventure. The Gaisce adventure trip for bronze and silver medallist students left St Kieran's College at 7.00 am on Friday 6th May as 37 students and 5 staff. Ms Galway, Ms Ring, Ms Hanrick, Ms Mary Martin and Mr Darmody took on a three day challenge.

We were heading for a wonderful activity centre called Star Outdoors in beautiful Kenmare. The bus journey was entertaining with a lot of fun and games on the way which involved Aodhagan Murphy solving a "Rubik's" cube in less than a minute!

The silver participants got off first into the mountains for their 18km hike from Torc Waterfall to Kenmare, while the bronze participants went to the activity centre where they did skills like raft building, pedal boating and team building activities.

We had a buffet dinner on Friday night and then we went into the field behind the activity centre to pitch our tents for camping. After we pitched up our tents, (which by the way took longer than you would think!) we went into the forest to collect firewood for the campfire and soon a sing-song began which lasted well into the night.

Saturday was the real challenge of the weekend with torrential rain and gale force winds. The silver participants climbed the mountains around the Beara Peninsula in difficult conditions. However, we all completed the challenge albeit with a lot of moaning and complaining. The bronze students had an equally difficult day on the





water with many people capsizing and eventually everyone had to be rescued!

We had the luxury of staying in an apartment that night and we got a bus from the adventure centre there. We were cooking our dinner that night so we stopped at the shop on the way there. When we arrived at the apartment we quickly ran in with the early birds getting the bottom bunks and the slow coaches getting the top bunk or even worse the sofa bed in the sitting room!

After a quick shower we began cooking which for some of us just meant microwaving processed food. We got up around 8am on Sunday morning and we got ready for our final day of adventure. We were informed by the teachers that the place had to be left spotless and we quickly organised a clean up! Sunday was a much easier day for bronze and silver participants, with the rain easing off after Saturday. The bus back home was much quieter as we were all exhausted after the weekend after a very rewarding weekend.

CHARITY **sleep out**

On Thursday 14th April 44 students from St Kieran's College braved the elements and slept out underneath the Tholsel in Kilkenny City. They were raising awareness and funds for the Kilkenny Branch of the Irish Society for Autism. The project they were raising both money and awareness for is an education and living project for adults with Autism on a residential basis. There is no current facility in Kilkenny City for adults.

These students raised more than €4000 for this project through sponsorship. They assembled at 9pm underneath the Tholsel with sleeping bags, pillows etc. Mr Carl Lynch (St Kieran's Teacher) cheated by bringing a bed with him but claimed extreme old age as an excuse! The next 10 hours were passed with singing, guitar playing, chatting and interacting with any passersby. Strangely enough very little sleep was had.

We would like to thank the Civic Authorities for access to the Tholsel, Glanbia and the Ormonde Hotel for sponsorship in the form of food, drinks etc.



Mr Lynch and his bodyguards!

The BUSINESS Department



The Business Department in St Kieran's College had a busy year which started with the excellent Leaving Cert results which were received in August last, well done to all who achieved those results. This was closely followed by

the similarly impressive Junior Cert results which were achieved, with 10 out of 52 students achieving A's in the subject at Higher Level. These students were honoured by Waterford Institute of Technology who

acknowledge all students who excel at the subject in the Junior Cert in the South East.

Moving away from classroom success, the department hosted two special guests this year, the first being David McWilliams, the renowned economist who gave us his views and insight on the current economic crisis. He was followed by Mr Denis O'Brien who visited the college in early March to provide students with an insight into the day-to-day troubles and issues with starting and running a successful business.

Both visits were greatly received and provided much food for thought after the guests had long left. A special word of thanks to both men for taking time out from their busy schedule to visit St Kieran's.

Also great credit must go to this year's TY students who participated in the Kilkenny Enterprise Board's Young Entrepreneur Award scheme.

The final for the competition was held in Newpark Hotel and was attended by every school in Kilkenny. St Kieran's students Conor Evans and Mihails Nikandrovs, with their unique 'Tie-Shaper' invention, won the senior



Students from St Kieran's College and recipients of Waterford Institute of Technology/BSTAI Junior Certificate Awards, for achieving an 'A' grade in their Junior Certificate Honours Business Studies. Seated from left: Cian Morton, Cormac Everard, Ian Dunphy, and Corinne Power-O'Mahony, Lecturer in Communications. Back row: Business teacher Neil Connolly, Conor Mahon, James Tyrrell, Diarmuid Hickey, Ciaran Breen, Eoin Gough, Bill La Hart and business teacher Paul Fitzgerald.

(photo: Aileen Drohan)

category on the day booking their place in the All-Ireland Final which took place in Croke Park on April 14th. Also claiming prizes for St Kieran's in the Newpark Hotel were Bill Lahart and Cormac Everard who won the Kilkenny Business Club award for their helmet customising service, Conor Mahon and Paraic Walsh who won the special merit award for their homemade bird-houses and Conor Quinlan and Cathal O'Neill winning high praise for their 'Kilkenny Student Discount Cards'.

Student Enterprise

Two St Kieran's College Transition Year students, Mihails Naikandrovs (17 years old) and Conor Evans (16 years old) set up a business, T-Ties, to compete in the Young Entrepreneur competition.

The two students came up with an idea to solve an everyday problem of many pupils and businessmen, which is keeping the neck tie knot in its proper shape throughout the whole day. After their previous mini-company failed, they were sitting in class brainstorming as their teacher Mr Fitzgerald was mentioning previous winners and their ideas.

Eventually Mihails came up with the design for the shape of the 'Tie Shaper'. The two entrepreneurs immediately



Preparing for Kilkenomics festival and arrival of David McWilliams in November 2010.



David McWilliams' visit, front row (l-r): Mr Niall Connolly, Bill Lahart, Mr David McWilliams, Jason Carroll, Mr Paul Fitzgerald, Mr Michael Rice, Mr John Curtis. Back row (l-r): Mr Adrian Finan, Aravind Menon, Jack McGrath, Eoghan Connolly, John Power, Brian Butler.



Student enterprise: Conor Evans and Mihails Naikandrovs.

gave up on the old idea and began expanding the new mini-company.

With this idea Michael and Conor entered the school's Young Entrepreneur business competition. By the end of the competition, the school picked four mini-companies to represent the school in the county Young Entrepreneur competition in Kilkenny. After a tough day of representation and judging, T-Ties managed to get 1st place in the Senior Category.

The product made by the two students is simple and effective. It is a piece of acrylic cut out to resemble the shape of a tie knot. It is placed inside the knot and then the tie is tightened around the 'shaper' to secure it inside and keep the knot in shape.

New Design & Communications Graphics Room



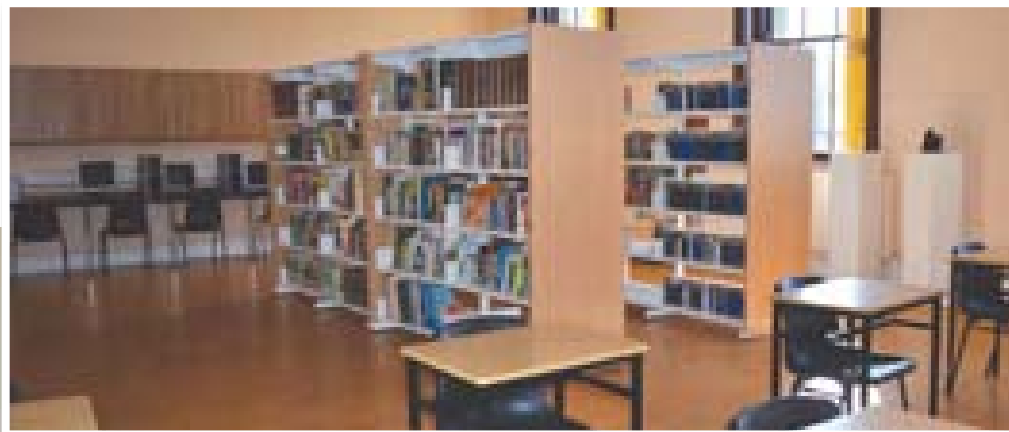
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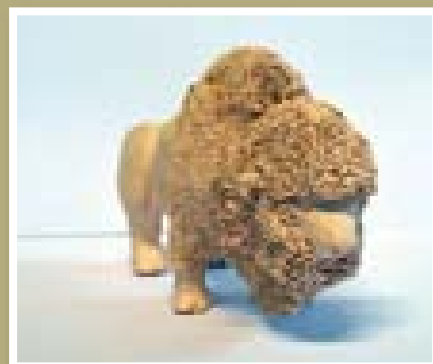
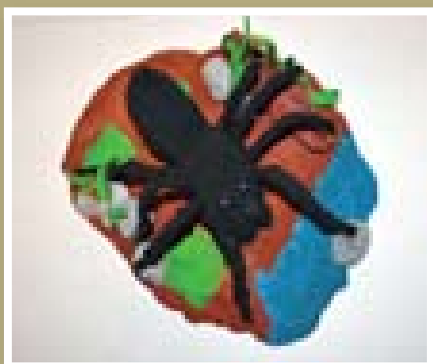


New Library facilities

Refurbishment of Library

Library corridor





Art

from the Students
St Kieran's College





St Kieran's Day Mass

St Kieran's Day was celebrated here in the school on Friday 11th March. The day, as is the tradition, began with a mass in St Mary's Cathedral. Mgr Kieron Kennedy, the school president, was the chief celebrant at the mass and during the homily he spoke about the proud history we have as a school. He reminded all gathered that we do no more today than to keep the ideal, the vision, and the hopes of the schools founders and first pupils alive. This is something, he observed, that the current school community does extremely well. This year the mass

was concelebrated by the school's new Chaplain Fr Dermot Ryan.

During the mass symbols were brought forward by pupils and staff of the school and College to represent the achievements and life of all involved in St Kieran's College.

St Kieran's Day Activities



My St Kieran's Day

MICHAEL RYAN

Each year the community of St Kieran's celebrate the feast of St Kieran. The feast of St Kieran is officially held on the 5th of March but the activities and the mass this year were held on the 11th of March.

The day started off wet but thankfully when we came out of mass the sun was shining. Students had a large range of activities to choose from on the day. Some of the activities on offer were: soccer, bowling, paintballing, tennis, quadding, swimming and golf.

Mass was held first thing in the morning and was celebrated by Monsignor Kennedy and music was provided by the St Kieran's College choir. After the mass students broke into their various different activities. Most students participated in two activities, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. Overall, St Kieran's day was enjoyed by all.



St Kieran's Day

First Year Class Photos



Front row (l-r): Shane Byrne, Joe Sinnott, Morgan Thomas, Stephen Carolan, Paddy Doyle, Luke Kelly, Gregory Morrissey, James Drea, Daniel Egars. Middle row (l-r): Aidan Nolan, Liam Walsh, Michael Ryan, Danny Carpenter-Kehoe, Daniel Fahy, Patrick Maher, Conor Rafter, Darren Mullen, Jacob Murrery-Walsh. Back Row (l-r): Paddy Earle, Mateusz Stefanski, James Mullally, Micheal Cody, Tom Whitty, Evan Swan, Eamon Forristal, Tadgh O'Dwyer, Brian Power.



Front row (l-r): Matthew Powell, Brian O'Neill, Dylan Collins, Padraig Roberts, Dylan Dunphy, Nathan Donohue, Shane Hennessy, Stephen Bateman, Sean Carey, Victor Costello. Middle row (l-r): John Hession, Niall Brennan, Cian Drennan, Thomas Allen, Brian Crowdle, Richard Stapleton, Brian Wall, Brandon Ashcroft, Robert Kerwick, Patrick Kennedy. Back row (l-r): Conor O'Neill, Niko Doyle, Jack McHugh, PJ Dalton, Joe Cuddihy, Ronan Hartman, Darby Fwamba.



Front row (l-r): Aidan O'Sullivan, Jake Cullen, Padraic Purcell, Sean Maher, Paul Luttrell, Paul Holden, Paddy Ryan, John Gillman, Eric Whelan, Morgan Walshe. Middle row (l-r): Hugh Corkery, Brian Kirwan, Thomas Phelan, Evan Carroll, Dion Burke, Shane Shaughnessy, Ronan O'Connor, Luke Gannon. Back row (l-r): Cormac Lehen, Alan Mooney, Tommy Walsh, Matt Kenny, Joe Connolly, James Nugent, Edward Moylan, Thomas Maher.



Front row (l-r): Robert Freeman, Tyler Lennon, Paddy Vaughan, Jody Dwyer, Dylan Walsh, Jack Woodgate, Tommy Byrne, Robbie Power, Eamon Egan, Peter Lynch. Middle row (l-r): Niall Holligan, Garret Graham-Mollerau, Kevin O'Shaughnessy, Artur Helizon, Robert O'Dwyer, James Walton, Christopher Keane, Michael Harold, Eamon Byrne, Liam Wallace. Back row (l-r): David Kelly, Jack Lynch, William Spencer, Marc Leahy, Peter Scarrif-Lalor, Daniel Dewberry, Darren Meany.



Front row (l-r): Paddy Brennan, David Dunne, Conor Byrne, Gavin Doheny, Adam McEvoy, Diarmuid Minnock, Niall Delaney, Bill Whelan, Shane Stapleton, Ciarán Browne. Middle row (l-r): Evan Tully, Abban Bohanna, Killian Fitzpatrick, Oisín Gough, Darragh Phelan, Geoff Brennan, Jack Condren, Kevin O'Sullivan, Maurice Walsh. Back row (l-r): Cormac Buggy, Tom Murphy, Ben Lawler, Eddie Delaney, Noah Canty, Pat Gannon, Tim Howes, Nicholas Kelly-Kavanagh.

Second Year Class Photos



Front row (l-r): Greg Aylward, Richard Keoghan, Gavin Costigan, Darragh O'Connor, Robbie Donnelly, Alan Hayes, Donovan Ashcroft, Harry Bruton, Niall Walsh, Mark Dowling, Shane Maher. Middle row (l-r): Conor Aylward, Alan Harrison, David Jordan, Daniel Harty, Jack Teehan, Shane O'Gorman, Sean Lynch, Eoin Holligan, Eoin Delaney, Shane Howe-Tyrell. Back row (l-r): David Mullins, Tom Cuddihy, Declan McCarthy, Liam Costello, Billy Hanlon, Jack Kavanagh, Eoin Walsh, Aaron Casey.



Front row (l-r): Jason Barcoe, Ronan Lynch, Conor Browe, Jake McDonald, Colin Corrway, Ben Hickey, Shane Keown, Sean O'Neill, Fintan O'Sullivan, Jack Brett, Dillon Dooley. Middle row (l-r): Mark Doyle, Niall Brennan, Rocco Pesce, Kevin Brennan, David Shivgulam, Ben Leydon, Conor Fennelly, Paddy Gallagher, Cian Costello. Back row (l-r): Robert O'Flynn, Dylan O'Shea, Jimmy Brennan, Neil Grogan, Terry O'Neill, Tom O'Keeffe, Darren Singh, Alex Milchev.



Front row (l-r): Caolan Ó Chleirigh, Aaron Healy, Gary Kehoe, Billy Ryan, Richard Leahy, James Lahart, Alex Lalor, Cathal Phelan, Jonathan Barron, Luke Dowling, Eamonn Hennessy. Middle row (l-r): Sean Brennan, Ronan Tynan, Marco Perozzi, Liam Blanchfield, David Shore, Kevin Mullen, Patrick Clifford, Diarmuid O'Brien, Brendan Mc Sorley, Richard Teehan, John O'Meara. Back row (l-r): Sean Comerford, Jack Keogh, Ben Conroy, Shane O'Carroll, Pdraig Dunphy, Sean Farrell, Stephen O'Connor.



Front row (l-r): Gradimir Ignatovic, David Ryan, Shane Joyce, Lyndon Brannigan, Bill O'Neill, James Campion, Jack Larkin, Mark Ryan, Brian Busher, Conor Phelan. Middle row (l-r): John Fitzpatrick, Peter O'Sullivan, Brian Slattery, Bill Brennan, Gary Tynan, Jason Cleere, Dean Malone, Ray Lahart, Eoghan Kearney. Back row (l-r): Daniel O'Connell, Philip Dreeling, Noel Whelan, Sean Morrissey, Bradley Ellis, Caine Curran, Wade Porteus.

Third Year Class Photos



Front row (l-r): Martin Dobbyn, Dylan Cullen, Michael Cross, Shane Walsh, Karl Cummins, Kieran Foley. Middle row (l-r): Ian Martin, Danny Burke, Kevin Hennessy, Daniel Funcheon, Josh Haines, Gavin Brennan, Damien Lis. Back row (l-r): Rolands Stafekis, Jake O'Dwyer, Jack Drew, Stephen Clancy, Kevin Blanchfield, Maciej Szeliga.



Front row (l-r): Brian Cody, James Tynan, Darragh Hennessy, Jack Walsh, Jamie Cashin, Tom Phelan, Shane O'Brien, Joe Mullan, Kieran Condon. Second row (l-r): Conor Comerford, Michael Fitzgerald, Sean Sinnott, Seamus McGrath, Shane Leahy, Bill Carrigan, Kieran Freeman, Dean Byrne, Philip Cooney. Third row (l-r): Luke O'Connor, Dion Fitzpatrick, Kacper Pawlowski, Ciaran Fennelly, Michael McDonnell, Conor Brennan. Back row (l-r): Stephen Farrell, Tadhg O'Carroll, Alex Helizon, Graham English.



Front row (l-r): Carlos Pesce, Brian O'Carroll, Brian Mahon, Ben Moylan, Patrick Reid, Paul White, Kevin Doyle, Conor O'Carroll, James Mullen. Middle row (l-r): Nicholas Dunphy, Jack Byrne, Michael Brennan, Robbie Hennessy, Conor Murphy, Dion Guilfoyle, Cian Smith, Cathal Dermody, Michael Shiel. Back row (l-r): Conor Lowe, Lorcan Quinn O'Loughlin, James Meaghar, Brendan Cullen, Ricci Drennan, David Walsh, Alex Rafter, Greg Tennyson.



Front row (l-r): Shane P O'Brien, John Lynch, John Rice, Paul White, Konrad Cwiklowski, Carlos Mitrakis, Daniel Duku. Back row (l-r): Killian McCormack, Brendan Hyland, Sean Burke, Shane Comerford, Steven Campion, Ger Dunne, Michael Shiel.

Transition Year Class Photos



Front row (l-r): Diarmuid Hegarty, Eoin Shortall, Adam Jordan, Simon Rafter, Ian Dunphy, Patrick Tynan, Aidan Byrne, Keith Reynolds. Second row (l-r): Conor Quinlan, Josh Phelan, Peter Treacy, Jack Naughton, Eamon Treacy, Paddy Mullan, Cathal O'Neill, Mark Butler, Jamie Maher. Back row (l-r): Colin Corcoran, Bobby Murrery Walsh, Conor McMullan, Sean O'Callaghan, Hugh Lane, Adam Ryan.



Front row (l-r): Jimmy Callanan, Gearoid Kennedy, Shane Butler, Shane Parsons, David Maher, Ciaran O'Carroll, Dylan Walsh, Cian Morton. Middle row (l-r): Cathal Minnock, Nathan Cahill, Bill Lahart, Sean Mulholland, Eoin Barry, Mark Shortall. Back row (l-r): Jack Cotter, Chris Bolger, Edmundus Gerulatis.



Front row (l-r): Jack Dowling, Robbie Malone, James Deasy, Tommy Kehoe, Shane Nolan, Paddy Hickey, James Tyrell, Cormac Connolly. Middle row (l-r): James Burke, Conor Coughlan, Craig Murphy, Johnny Mulholland, Kevin Maher, Maurice O'Neill, Brendan Neary, Ciaran Breen. Back row (l-r): Liam Elvidge, Diarmuid Hickey, Jason Carroll, Conor Wall, Dan Howes, Eoin Cooney, David Prendergast.



Front row (l-r): Conor Evans, Mikhail Nikandrov, Padraig Walsh, Emmet Nugent, Cormac Ryan, Michael Lennon, Donal Murphy. Middle row (l-r): Brian Mullally, Killian Cantwell, Ronan Leahy, Peter McPhillips, Niall Tracey, William Dooley, Michael O'Neill, Anthony Patchell. Back row (l-r): Eoin Curtis, Brian Butler, James Rafter, Conor Mahon, Michael Kenny.

Fifth Year Class Photos



Front row (l-r): Jack Holmes, Michael Freeman, Patrick Dorney, Donnacha Foley, Richard Fitzgerald, Fionbar Hayes, Dáire Gleeson, Adam Cummins, Wayne Cuddihy. Second row (l-r): Yannik Grundman, Alex Danilov, Paddy Duggan, Anthony Forristal, Shane Fitzpatrick, Richie Reid, Fintan Lynch, Mark Foley, Michael Donnelly. Back row (l-r): Craig Cummins, Robert Hayes, Anthony Corr-Larkin, Kevin Duncan, Patrick Drennan, Billy Leydon, Barry Briscoe.



Front row (l-r): John McGrath, Robert O'Hanrahan, Declan McQuillan, Thomas O'Hanrahan, Donal O'Shea, Diarmuid Nolan, James McGrath. Second row (l-r): Conor O'Shea, Kevin O'Neill, Paul O'Neill, Daniel O'Neill, Eoghan O'Connor, James O'Shea, Aoghan Murphy. Third row (l-r): William J Murphy, Patrick Ojive, Enda Morrissey, Ultan Moran, John Mullan, Shane O'Neill, Kevin McGrath. Back row (l-r): William T. Murphy, Mark Randall, Ciaran Murphy.



Front row (l-r): David Holden, Noel Kehoe, Fergal Lalor, Aravind Menon, Robbert Holohan, Derrin Maloney. Second row (l-r): David Hennessy, Ben Lahart, Tim Kealy Brennan, Tommy Hearne, Conor Long, Patrick Lehen. Back row (l-r): Jack McGrath, Paul Lynch, Miodraig Ignatovic, Conor Holligan, Alan Lawlor.



Front row (l-r): Conor Buggy, Jack Bruton, Emmett Byrne, Aidan Byrne, Shane Brennan, Brian Bradshaw. Second row (l-r): Diarmuid Cody, Aidan Cleere, Paul Comerford, Kevin Butler, Jake Casey, Richard Brennan. Back row (l-r): Peter Butler, Fergal Brennan, Brian Cantwell, Ciaran Casey.



Front row (l-r): Benjamin Scariff-Lalor, Martin O'Shea, Dean Walsh, James Rice, Andrew Tierney, Barry Power, Joseph Ryan. Middle row (l-r): Patrick Walsh, Robert Tucker, Mark Randall, Harry Wallace, Peter Walsh, Cillian Treacy, Richard Reid. Back row (l-r): Jaimin Butler, Stephen Thompson, Cormac Wafer, Thomas Talbot, Andrew Whitney, Ciarán Prendergast. Missing from photo: Peter Kenneally, James Quinn.

Sixth Year Class Photos



Front row (l-r): Jason Nugent, Sean Lowry, Jack Nolan, Eoghan Connolly, Eamon Wallace, Ross Williams, Dylan Maher, Cian Mullally. Second row (l-r): Sean O'Dwyer, Michael Brennan, Peter English, Mark Grace, David Dewberry, Ciaran Leahy, Micheal Lanigan. Back row (l-r): Sam Johnston, Aaron McDonald, Oliver O'Neill, Declan Bennett, William Phelan, Niall Walsh.



Front row (l-r): Keith Doyle, Darly Cody, Cormac Costello, Trevor Luby, David Mullins, Michael Whitely. Second row (l-r): Cathal O'Neill, Shane Brennan, Stephen Noonan-Holohan, Cillian Buckley, Derek Phelan, Evan Guilfoyle, Eoin Walsh. Back row (l-r): Paddy Butler, Stephen Mckenna, Denis Hogan, Kevin Shortall, Cian Prendergast, Pat O'Carroll.



Front row (l-r): Peter Nolan, Ger Luby, Darragh Griffin, Stephen Chappell, Ryan Bolger, Tom Mullan, Luke Hickey, Danny Farrell, William Harrisson, Ger Smith. Second row (l-r): Darragh McComb, Cian O'Mahony, Brian Walsh, Shane Dowling, Joey Corocoran, Kevin Kerpis, George Allen, Ger Teehan. Third row (l-r): Jack Purcell, John Power, Sean Wemyss, Jake O'Brien, Sean McDonald, Keith Shanahan, Godfrey Abonga. Back row (l-r): Bill Simpson, Matthew Nolan, Anthony Ryan, Darragh Buggy, Shane Brennan, Brian O'Shea, Paddy Brennan.



Front row (l-r): Hugh O'Neill, Andrew O'Dwyer, Conor Foley, Conor McMorow, Oisín Quigley, Ciara Madden, Wayne Johnson, Danny Moloney. Middle row (l-r): Michael Tierney, Jason Collier, Stephen Corr, Tom Brennan, Gerry Walsh, Kevin Brennan, Sean Lennon. Back row (l-r): Michael Dunne, Jason Quan, Thomas Whitely, Shane Noonan-Holohan, Michael Costello, Killian Phelan.

Cross Country Leinster Championships,
February 16 in Santry.

Cross Country

JACK KEOGHAN

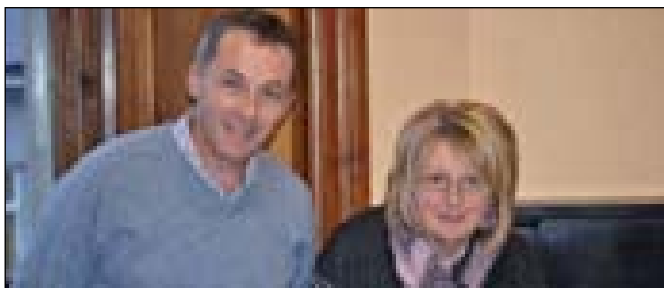
The annual Michael Brannigan memorial was held again for the First Years. Healthy pre-match rivalry was clearly evident for the inter-class completion. In the end Cormac Buggy won just edging out Tommy Allen. Class 1A1 won the team prize. Hopeful athletes went into training for the chance to represent St Kieran's at the South Leinster Championships. The College hosted the event again this year, we had a successful day with the Minor and Junior teams crowned



Cross Country Leinster Championships, February 16 in Santry.



Preparing for South Leinster Cross Country.



Administrative preparation for South Leinster Cross Country.



Minor Cross Country. Front row (l-r): Thomas Byrne, Michael Ryan, Thomas Allen, Aidan Nolan. Back row (l-r): Mr John O'Keffee, P.J. Dalton, Patrick Maher, Peter Lynch, Cian Drennan.

South Leinster Champions. Gary Tynan was most impressive, finishing second in the Junior boys' race.

The Intermediate and Senior teams were second and third respectively and also qualified for the Leinster Championship.

The step up to the Leinsters is considerable and the Juniors didn't disappoint, winning the gold and securing a place in the All Irelands, along with Tommy Allen who qualified as an individual for the minor.

Training intensified and built up to the All-Ireland which was held in Abbotstown in Dublin. We travelled there confident that we could be in the mix and we were right. The team ran extremely well and St Kieran's won the Junior All-Ireland for the third time adding to the previous success of 2002 and 2004.

Now with our cabinet restocked, it is safe to say that it is another successful year for the cross country team. A special mention to our mentors Mr O'Keeffe and Mr Hogan for their commitment and dedication over the year.

Jack Keoghan was the unassuming captain of this year's All Ireland winning Junior Cross Country Team. He was chosen to run for Ireland in the Aviva SIAB Cross Country International event held this year in Antrim.



Cross Country All-Irelands in Abbotstown, March 14th.



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Junior All-Ireland Winning Team



Senior Cross Country. Front row (l-r): Kevin Brennan, Bill O'Neill, Cormac Buggy, Gary Keogh, Eamon Hennessy. Back row (l-r): Mr John O'Keeffe, Luke Dowling, Gary Tynan, Jack Keoghan, Sean Morrissey, Tom O'Keeffe, Sean Lynch.

Athletics

This year St Kieran's College had good representation at the South Leinster track and field championships. The team performed very well at their individual events, most notably Victor Costello who finished second in the minor boys high jump, Patrick Maher who came second in the boys 500m race, Pijus Tjimas who won silver in the boys javelin and finally James Meaghar who won gold in the boys intermediate 500m race.

The lads next stop is representing the school at the Leinster Championships which are held in Santry in Dublin at the end of May.

Pictured with trainer Mr Simon Reddy. Seated l-r: Pijus Timus, Paddy Meaghar, James Meaghar. Missing from photo Victor Costello.



Badminton

This year St Kieran's fielded a strong badminton team consisting of Fergal Brennan, Declan Barrett, Shane Comerford and Paddy Walsh. On the 13th January the team headed for the Watershed assisted. The tournament commenced at 11am and St Kieran's first opponents were Johnstown. In this match they had a comprehensive 6-0 victory. Next up was Castlecomer Community School, who had beaten St Kieran's in the semi-final the previous year. It was very tight after the singles as the score was 2-2. Luckily, two good performances in the doubles helped St Kieran's to Victory. The next opponents were Mooncoin Vocational School. Mooncoin failed to produce on the day and St Kieran's stormed to a 6-0 victory. The team managed to qualify for the



L-r: Declan Barrett, Fergal Brennan, Shane Brennan, Paddy Walsh.

final against reigning Leinster and All-Ireland Champions, Kilkenny College. Surprisingly, after the round of singles St Kieran's were 4-0 up. The doubles

were then played and the team from St Kieran's won 5-1. The victorious team were then presented with their trophies and the Cup.

Handball



Front row (l-r): Mr John Quan, Brian Mahon, Sean Carey, Shane Byrne, Aidan Nolan. Back row (l-r): Sean O'Dwyer, Gerard Dunne, Brendan Hyland, Dylan Walsh, Cillian Treacy, John Power.

The College once again this year had many students participate in handball under the watchful eye of Mr Quan. We travelled to many competitions this year but unfortunately we were not

lucky enough to bring home any silver wear.

Our best achievement this year was for a number of students to get to a Leinster final.

Those students were Gerard Dunne, Brian Mahon, Sean Carey and Brendan Hyland.

Hopefully next year will be a more successful year.

First Year Hurling League

One hundred and ten First Years took part in the first year hurling league from November to January of the 2010/2011 school year.

Mr Darmody and Mr Forrest organised the league. There were six teams involved. Players showed fantastic determination and enthusiasm

turning up on wet, frosty and snowy Wednesday evenings.

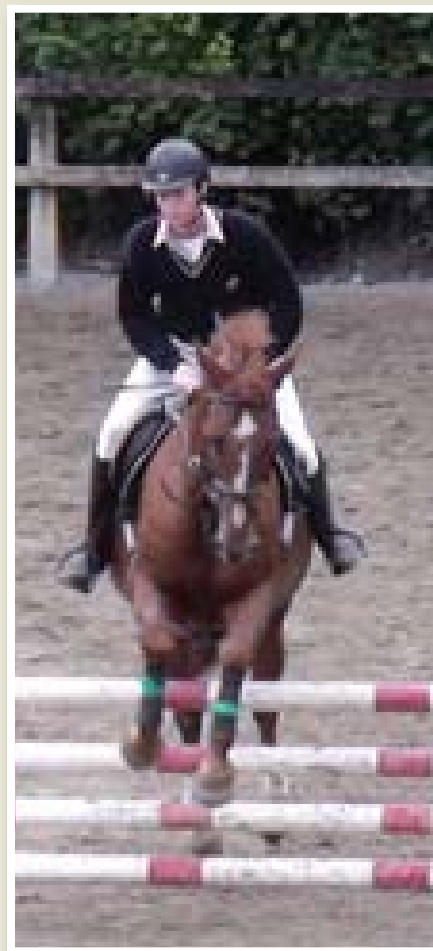
Each team played each other and the team with the top points got through to the final. It was neck and neck as to which teams would qualify. A high level of skill was displayed by all students concerned so the future is looking

good for future St. Kieran's and Kilkenny teams. Teams B and C qualified to the final which was hotly contested down to injury time. Congratulations to team B on their victory. Thanks to the County Board for presenting the school with a set of plaques for the winners and a set of medals for the runners up.



Front row (l-r): Jody Dwyer, Paddy Ryan, Pdraig Purcell, Hugh Corkery, Patrick Doyle, Dylan Dunphy Wallace. Back row (l-r): Darby Fwamba, Eamon Egan, Cian Drennan, Eamon Byrne, Paddy Earle, Eamonn Forristal.

EQUESTRIAN



JAMES CALLANAN

This year was a relatively quiet one for the equestrian team.

We started the year with show jumping, participating in the White Cup. Two teams competed for the school but unfortunately neither was successful

and we didn't progress to the next round.

The next event we participated in was our own event. Each year we host a leg of the Hoofprints Interschool's Show jumping league. Again the day was a huge success with over 50

teams competing. The day could not have been such a success without all the help we received from parents, teachers and sponsorships.

After these two competitions the showjumping league was interrupted by the snow.



Our next competition was the cross country All-Ireland competition. A total of 5 students competed on the day. While our team did not place in the prizes one of our junior team members Cian Drennan finished 7th overall in the junior singles.

We would like to thank all who have been involved with the equestrian teams over the last few years including Michael Costello, Paddy Drennan,

Diarmuid Hickey, Colin Corcoran, Alex Rafter, James Maher, David Mullins, Diarmuid O'Brien, Brendan McSorely, Seamus McSorely. Our new First Years are Victor Costello, Cian Drennan, Paddy Vaughan, Patrick Maher and Tyler Lennon.

We would like to give a special mention to Ms Brennan and all the teachers who have helped the equestrian team.



All-Ireland Hunter Trials, 2010 (l-r): Michael Costello, Cian Drennan, James Callanan.



SPORTS Day

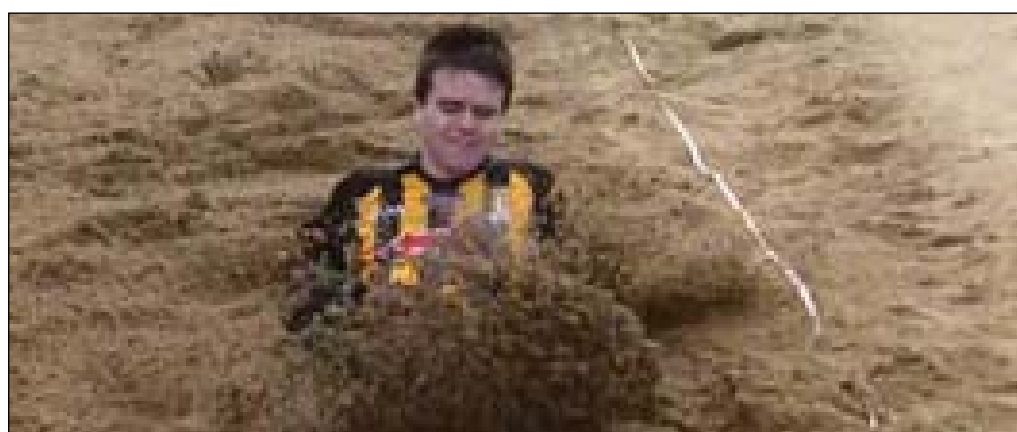


Sports Day is an important part of the sporting calendar in St Kieran's College. This year sports day was held on a beautiful sunny day in September in the fantastic grounds at Scanlon Park.

The main activities on the day centre on athletics, with students getting the opportunity to participate in events like the high jump and long jump. Throughout the years this day has allowed the athletics department discover a student's talent.

There are other events, however, where both teacher and student compete, the most prestigious of course being the tug of war competition between the Sixth Year students and the male teachers. This year the crown once again went to the teachers!





Golf

St Kieran's junior golf team had a successful year qualifying for the Leinster final in the Irish Schools U15 Stroke Play Championship.

The competition was strong in the qualifying rounds held in Enniscorthy Golf Club with 16 schools competing for three places. Well done to Ms Wemyss and the team.



Brian Crowdle, First Year; Ms Ann Wemyss, Philip Dreeling, Second Year; Matthew Kenny, First Year

CHESS

ARAVIND MENON

Chess is a strong sport in St Kieran's College with the school experiencing many victories in national tournaments over the past few years. The year started off with Transition Years organising a chess tournament for First Years. There was great interest shown by all First Years and eventually Brandon Ashcroft emerged as the winner with a perfect score of 6/6.

The school participated in the Leinster Championship this year for the first time in many years in the U14 and U19 section. The U14 team consisted of Donovan Ashcroft, Brandon Ashcroft, Diarmuid Minnock, Daniel Dewberry and Gradimir Ignatovic. The U19 team consisted of Aravind Menon, Michael Tierney, Aidan Byrne, Cathal Minnock, Miodrag Ignatovic and Maciej Szeliga. In the group stages both teams topped



Chess Leinster League, 27 January, v Belvedere and O Connell's School

their respective groups thus qualifying for the semi-finals. The U14 team lost their semi-final to the eventual winners Gonzaga while St Kieran's College U19 beat St Benildus 4-1 in their semi-

final match. In the U19 final we lost to Gonzaga 3-2 in a close match. Overall, it was a good year for chess in St Kieran's College and lunch time chess continues with Mr O'Neill on Wednesdays.

Soccer

in St Kieran's College

St Kieran's U13 Soccer

DYLAN JORDAN

Every year in St Kieran's College there are trials for the First Year soccer team. This year over 100 First years took part in the trials which ran over 4 different days. Our managers this year were Fr Ryan and Ms Brennan. We would train at lunch times in school.

We played our first match against a school from Castledermot at home. This was a tough match, we played brilliantly but unfortunately we didn't win. After this match we played the school's Second Year team in a friendly. There was great fun at this as it was played during lunch time and most of First and Second Year came out to watch it.

Our final match was against a school from Dublin called Oak Academy. We travelled up to the match and they had great facilities there. It was a great experience to play a team with such a great standard of football.



U13 Soccer - Front row: Owen Kelly, Aidan O'Sullivan, Padhraig Purcell, Dylan Jordan, Bill Whelan, Hugh Corkery, Shane O'Shaughnessy, Christopher Keane. Middle row: Fr Dermot Ryan (Trainer/Coach), Joe Sinnot, Morgan Thomas, Victor Costelloe, Steven Bateman, James Mulally, Ms Eadaoin Brennan (Trainer/Coach). Back row (l-r): Robert Kerwick, Arthur Helizon, Paddy Earle, Tom Whitey, Brian Crowdle, Shane Stapleton.

St Kieran's U14 Soccer

RONAN LYNCH

This year the U-14, Second Year, soccer team were trained by Mr Cotter and Mr Lynch.

We trained every Friday after school at 3.20. During the year we played in a cup competition which unfortunately we were knocked out of in the first round.

Mr Lynch and Mr Cotter organised numerous challenge matches for us throughout the year.

Towards the end of the year a trip was organised for us to go to the Aviva Stadium to watch Ireland play Uruguay. Ireland lost that match 3-2 but we really enjoyed going up to see the Aviva stadium.

We would like to thank Mr Lynch and Mr Cotter for all the work they did with us this year.



U14 Soccer - Front row (l-r): Richard Keoghan, Jack Cotter, James Lahart, Mark Doyle, Mark Ryan, Donnagh Mahon, Peter Sullivan, Lyndon Brannigan. Middle row (l-r): Donovan Ashcroft, Aaron Casey, Jimmy Brennan, Shane Jouce, Rocco Pesce, Luke Dowling, Conor Aylward, Conor Fennelly. Back row (l-r): Ronan Lynch, Aaron Healy, Gary Tynan, Patrick Clifford, Mr Larry Cotter (Trainer).

St Kieran's U16 Soccer



U16 Soccer - Front row (-r): Mr Ger Flood (Trainer), Dion Fitzpatrick, Seamus McGrath, Dean Byrne, Eoin Delaney, Ben Hickey, Cian Morton, Emmet Nugent, Rory Mc Phillips. Back row (l-r): Dylan Drennan, Jack Cotter, Tadhg O'Dwyer, Michael Kenny, Chris Bolger, Luke Tennyson, Killian Cantwell, Robbie Hennessy, Colin Corcoran.

This year we took part in a league and a cup competition. The season began with the cup. Our first match was at home against Borris. Although going a goal down in this match, we came back to win 3-1, with Emmet Nugent scoring a hat trick.

In the next round we were drawn against Carlow CBS. This match took place in Scanlon Park. We took the lead with a header by Colin Corcoran. Carlow came back into the match and their pressure led to an equaliser. We were both evenly matched towards the end, but in the last minute of the match Carlow scored a winning goal. We were unlucky to lose 2-1 and this was the end of the cup for us.

After the cup came the league. Our first match saw us face Carlow CBS again. We were looking for revenge. However, things did not go our way and we

suffered a defeat. Our next match was at home against Tullow. Chris Bolger gave us a great start with a good early goal. We went on to win comfortably from here.

The final match of the league was at home against Borris. We had a chance of going through to the next stage if we won and if other results went our way.

We knew it was an important match. We started well, putting pressure on Borris, while our defence was solid. After a while the pressure paid off and we were awarded a penalty. Emmet Nugent scored it to put us 1-0 up.

They started the second half well, getting an equaliser after a few minutes. The match was close when we were given another penalty. Emmet scored again to make it 2-1. Things were looking good for us as

the final whistle approached. However, Borris scored another equaliser and the match ended in a draw.

This ruined our chances of going through. Carlow CBS topped the league and made it through.

We did not manage to win anything this year but we put in some good performances and it was an enjoyable year.

Rugby

Shane Brennan
representing
St Kieran's
in Leinster A
Schools Rugby.



Juvenile FOOTBALL

KEVIN BRENNAN

The Juvenile Football season got off to a good start this year. We went down to Good Counsel to play them in a challenge match. We brought down two teams and we lost narrowly to an impressive Good Counsel team.

Following on from that match Portarlinton came down to St Kieran's for the first match of the South Leinster championship. We beat them convincingly. About a week later we played Athy again at home, which resulted in another victory. Our first away game was to Portlaoise CBS who we had heard were a very strong team. We played very well in the first half and came in at half time in the lead. In the second half we were leading by 9 points with 10 minutes to go. We fell asleep because we thought we had the game won. Portlaoise scored a few goals and before we knew it we were level. We were shell shocked, thankfully we got

another point just on the final whistle to win 3-11 to 5-4.

We played Enniscorthy in the South Leinster semi-final. It was a very exciting game and some great goals were scored by Niall Walsh and Daniel

O'Connor. We trained very hard for the South Leinster final. We were underdogs going into the match against Carnew of Wicklow. We got a real scare in the first 10 minutes going down by 5 points, but the strength of





Front row (L-R): Niall Walsh, David Mullins, Aidan Nolan, Niall Brennan, Jason Byrne (Captain), Alan Hayes, Sean O'Neill, Conor Phelan, Mark Dowling, Kevin Brennan. Second row: Jake McDonald, Darragh O'Connor, Eoin Kelly, Luke Dowling, Gary Tynan, Edward Moylan, Michael Cody, Conor Byrne, Joe Connolly, Billy Ryan. Third row: Gary Kehoe, Tom O'Keffee, Arron Casey, Jason Cleere, Sean O'Farrell, Tadhg O'Dwyer, Kevin Maher, Richard Leahy. Back row: Mr Paul Fitzgerald (Trainer), Eoin Walsh, Billy Hanlon, Liam Blanchfield, Kevin Mullen, Daniel O'Connor, Jack Keogh, Mr Niall Connolly (Trainer).

the team shone through and we eventually got back into it. Some great scores were taken by Liam Blanchfield and the match ended in a draw after normal time. Extra time had to be played as it was a final so we had to play another 10 minutes a side. We played very well and won the match by 5 points.

Our next match was the Leinster final against a reportedly very strong Kilcock team. We were training very hard all year for this match. The last time a St Kieran's team reached a Leinster football final was in 1989. Again we were underdogs going into the match. We won the game 3-12 to 0-4.

Our panel was extremely happy when our captain Jason Byrne lifted the cup. We went to Langton's after the match for a meal to celebrate our great win.

A special thank you to Mr Connolly and Mr Fitzgerald for their effort throughout the whole season.



Junior GAELIC FOOTBALL

In early October the Junior football panel took to the pitch training for the under 16 football campaign under the watchful eyes of Mr Windle and Fr Ryan.

The group stages of the competition saw St Kieran's drawn with Portlaoise CBS and Athy. In early December the team faced Portlaoise CBS and won by a goal on a score line of 3-11 to 2-11 in an eagerly contested home match. St Kieran's had a bye in the next round and in early January the team had a good win over Scoil Eoin Athy, played in the Athy County grounds. This left the Juniors topping their group with a home South Leinster semi-final against St Mary's Enniscorthy, a team that knocked out St Kieran's at this stage of the competition last year, played in Enniscorthy.

With revenge on the cards, the South

Leinster semi final was played at home on a wet a blustery day towards the end of January. St Mary's got off to a flying start, racing into a six point lead. It took twelve minutes for St Kieran's to register their first score which was a free converted by Emmet Nugent. Kieran's then scored three points on the trot, Killian Cantwell, Chris Bulger and Paddy Mullen all getting on the score sheet. Enniscorthy then tagged on another point and were looking like they were hitting the half time break with a three point lead. However, on stroke of half time Emmet Nugent pounced with a magnificent shoot to the back of the net, leaving it all square at 1-4 to 7 points at half time.

The second half saw Kieran's miss three easy frees, however Killian Cantwell put Kieran's into the lead for the first time in the match. Enniscorthy equalised on

the twelfth minute. Kieran's upped their performance considerably in midfield and went a point ahead with a lovely free from Emmet Nugent. This left the score at 1-6 to 8. Enniscorthy equalised and the teams exchanged points to leave the score at 1-7 to 9 points with ten minutes to go. Kieran's finished the strongest hitting two points to run out winners on a score line of 1-9 to 0-10 to St Kieran's.

Kieran's booked their place in the South Leinster Final which was played on Friday February 4th in Eirn Og Carlow.

The final was played on a very windy day, with St Mary's of Portlaoise running out eventual winners by 5 points on the day. Great credit is due to the panel of players who all put in a tremendous effort all year.



Junior Football South Leinster Finalists. Front row (l-r): Michael Donnolly, Jack Cotter, Alan Byrne, Brian O'Carroll, Alan Jordan, Cian Morton, Graham English. Middle row (l-r): Hugh Lane, Michael O'Neill, Vincent Teehan, Cormac Connolly, Eoin Curtis, Shane Parsons, Cillian Cantwell, James Tyrell (capt), Ricci Drennan. Back Row: Fr Ryan (mentor) Chris Bolger, Diarmuid Hickey, Stephen Farrell, Tadgh O'Carroll, Mr Windle (mentor).

HURLING **blitz**





A number of U14 blitzes were organised by the Leinster Council this year. They were jointly hosted by St Kieran's College and Palmerstown. Almost all First Years in the school and many second years took part in these blitzes. Schools from all over the county took part in these days with teams coming from Johnstown, Castlecomer and Thomastown. St. Brendan's Community School in Birr also sent in a team along with Good Counsel of New Ross. In the city the Vocational School, CBS and Kieran's sent in a few teams each. These days ran off very successfully thanks to the organisational skills of Brian Ryan and Jimmy Meagher and all the teachers of the relevant schools. All who participated enjoyed the days and we look forward to more of the same next year.

Juvenile

HURLING

2010/2011

BY SEAN MORRISSEY – CENTRE BACK



League 2011

Our first game in the league this year was an away match against a Meath Combined Schools team that we knew little about. However, we started off strong in the game with scores coming from Kevin Mullen and Niall Walsh. By half time we had established a big lead but knew the game was by no means over. We kept our foot on the peddle in the second half getting an early goal scored by Daniel O Connor. The final score was St Kieran's 2-16, Meath Colleges 0-8.

We were expecting a big challenge

against Colaiste Eoin of Dublin as Dublin teams have been very successful in recent years. They started off the better team scoring a few good points but as we got over the nerves and started to settle into the game we began to play better hurling. Ray Lahart gave an exhibition in free taking, scoring with every opportunity. In the end St Kieran's registered a good win 2-14 to 1-7.

St Brendan's of Birr have always been great rivals of St Kieran's down through the years and so we knew that this challenge was going to be a tough battle. Again, Birr started quicker than we did and we needed our goalie Jason

Barcoe from Clara to pull off a few great saves to keep our hopes alive. Once again, once we settled into the game, we managed to score a few points and with goals from Greg Aylward and our captain Kevin Mullen, we were able to pull away. Another challenging game finished St Kieran's 2-15, Birr 1-10.

We then faced Castlecomer Community School in the League Semi Final. We expected this to be a tough match and we were right. Castlecomer came out of the blocks much quicker than we did, hitting us hard. A strong wind on the day put our backs under great pressure in the first half and our forwards were finding it hard to hit the



Front row (l-r): Tadgh O'Dwyer, Gary Tynan, Jimmy Brennan, Conor Phelan, Jason Barcoe, Eoghan Kearney, Gavin Costigan, Kevin Brennan, Niall Walsh, Eoin Delaney, Joe Connolly. Second row: Mr Liam Smith (Trainer), Michael Cody, Eamon Hennessy, Darren Mullen, Billy Ryan, Richie Leahy, Philip Cooney, Jason Cleere, Noel Whelan, Sean Morrissey, Mr Richard Ruth (Trainer). Third row: Greg Aylward, Philip Dreeling, Jason Byrne, Billy Hanlon, Eddie, Delaney, Ray Lahart, Jack Keoghan. Back row: Mr Ken Maher (Trainer), Kevin Mullen, Eoin Walsh, Liam Blanchfield, Eddie Moylan.

target. Castlecomer were a very strong and physical side picking off some great scores. We were down at half time losing by a couple of points. In the second half, we used the advantage of the strong breeze to scrape our way back into the game with scores coming from the industrious Niall Walsh and the opportunist Daniel O Connor. We were also very thankful that day for a solid performance by full back Eoin Walsh who caught many dangerous balls that could have ended up in the back of our net. In the end St Kieran's

just edged out Castlecomer to win by 2-11 to 1-9, a tough battle that set us up for the final against Kilkenny C.B.S. On a sunny day in Nowlan Park, once again we started the game slowly and were a few points down when Kevin Mullen stepped up with a great individual effort to score a goal drawing the game. The C.B.S. played well and kept our backs busy. Liam Blanchfield gave a great performance in mid-field for St Kieran's. The game was close with only ever a couple of points between the teams When approaching the final

whistle we were down by two points when Ray Lahart stepped up to score a great goal into the top of the net. The C.B.S. replied with a point to draw the game leaving a nail biting finish that could have went either way. With the clock ticking down, it looked like the game would finish as a draw when Tadgh O Dwyer of James Stephens managed to steal a point and seal the win for St Kieran's in a very tight encounter. Kevin Mullen received the League trophy to the delight of the St Kieran's supporters.

Leinster Championship

After a successful league campaign the juvenile hurlers started championship challenge in Kennedy Park New Ross on the 12th April against St Peter's College Wexford. St Peter's fielded a strong side and kept toe to toe with St Kieran's. Scores from Daniel O'Connor, Tadgh O'Dwyer and Ray Lahart help Kieran's to seal victory. Eoin Delaney and Eoin Walsh kept things tight at the back with another fine performance by Liam Blanchfield in mid field.

After the Easter break the team returned to training in preparation for the Leinster semi-final against Castlecomer Community School. The match was held on the 11th of May in Freshford.

A very strong wind made hurling difficult. Castlecomer fielded a very big physical side, this was a tough battle and Castlecomer really presented the team with a great challenge. Things were tight at half time but scores from Eamonn Hennessy, Greg Alyward and Joe Connolly helped Kieran's to pull away. This win set up an intriguing



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final as CBS Kilkenny had beaten Good Counsel in their semi-final.

The Leinster Final was held on the 18th May in Nolan Park on a windy but dry afternoon. Kieran's got off to a bad start playing against the wind with the CBS scoring 3 goals in the first 10 minutes. With their backs to the wall the St Kieran's College team stood to their greatest challenge yet. Darren Mullen, Liam Blanchfield and Kevin Mullen gave inspirational performances to help claw back a few points on board with the half time score 4-0 to 0-5 in favour of CBS.

In the second half St Kieran's came out a new side, with the wind behind them, they scored almost immediately after the throw in. Once again brothers Kevin and Darren Mullen, Jack Keoghan, Sean Morrissey and Jason Byrne gave rousing performances in the half-back line and in mid-field. Tadgh O'Dwyer was industrious throughout the game upfront, with Ray Lahart taking frees and Liam Blanchfield providing the points. Kieran's was back in the game. This all led to a nail biting conclusion with Ray Lahart snatching a point in the dying minutes to force extra time. A few changes were made and in the first half of extra time Kevin Mullen and

Eoin Walsh in the backs managed to keep the CBS at bay against the wind, while upfront the fresh legs of Niall Walsh and Philip Dreeling made all the difference. Niall Walsh, the man from Windgap, scored a screaming goal to tilt things in Kieran's favour. In the second half with Kieran's with the wind things began to look promising. Nevertheless the CBS fought hard providing a nail biting conclusion to the game. But the Kieran's lads held their nerve and

pulled away in the last 10 minutes, with points from Sean Morrissey, and Liam Blanchfield and a goal from Ray Lahart. At the final whistle the score was 3-16 to 4-8 in Kieran's favour. This led to jubilant celebrations by the Kieran's fans.

Congratulations to all involved with a special mention for our trainers Mr Smith, Mr Maher and Mr Ruth for all the effort they have put in since September.



U16 Hurling - Leinster Junior Hurling Champions

2010-2011

JAMES TYRRELL & JAMES DEASY

This year St Kieran's College were hoping to retain the Fr Cosgrave cup, the Leinster Junior A schools title. Trials quickly began and numbers were whittled down to a final squad of 35 players by our trainers Mr O'Keeffe and Mr McCormack. Our season began mid September at home to Good Counsel, New Ross. It was a tough battle but Kieran's came out on top with a fine inspirational performance from Diarmuid Cody.

Next was the match against Castlecomer, another tough encounter away in Comer's backyard. Kieran's came away with a less than convincing win. However, man of the match on the day was Patrick Mullen with six wonderful points from play. We were through to the knockout stages which left us with only two weeks to prepare for the semi-final, enough time for challenge matches to be organised.

The first challenge match was against Thurles C.B.S, who travelled to the College and this game showed up

some problems that needed to be ironed out. We were lucky to come away with a win. The second challenge was away to Blackwater Community School. We suffered a defeat at the hands of the Waterford men, mainly due to the fact that we had 19 wides on the day. Although having lost down in Lismore, most would agree that on that day it was clear that we were just beginning to play as a unit, beginning to play as a team.

Our semi-final was held in Palmerstown on the 14th of October 2010, against worthy opposition in the form of C.B.S Kilkenny. From the throw in they hit us hard, Robbie Fitzpatrick scored some great points for C.B.S in the early stages. Gradually we grafted our way back into the game. We suffered a set back as unfortunately our captain Diarmuid Cody had to be substituted due to a shoulder injury. It took extra time at the end of a riveting normal time to separate the sides.

Final day arrived on the 18th of

October 2010 in Dr. Cullen Park Carlow. Our opposition St Peter's of Wexford went in as favourites. They had beaten Kilkenny C.B.S in the group stages. It would come down to who wanted it more on the day. Three bus loads of our supporters began to arrive just as we were coming out onto the pitch. They were a great help as they gave us that little boost when we needed it. Both sides were evenly matched. Andrew Kennedy stood out for St Peter's at centre back. In the 38th minute Gearoid Kennedy scored the game's first goal for Kieran's. St Peters responded with a point, only for Kieran's to score a goal and two points in quick succession. St Peter's fought back with three points of their own but it was too little too late and we held out to win on a scoreline of 2-10 to 0-11. The strongest line on the pitch was the St Kieran's half back line made up of Harry Wallace, Ricci Drennan and the man of the match Eoin Gough.



Front row (l-r): Mr John O'Keeffe (Trainer), James Tyrrell, Bill Carrigan, Graham English, Eoin Gough, Diarmuid Cody, Patrick Hickey, Shane Parsons, Cormac Connolly, Mr David McCormack (Trainer). Second row: James Deasy, Kevin Mullen, Nathan Donohue, Stephen Farrell, Michael O'Neill, Harry Wallace, Shane O'Brien. Third row: Ciarán Breen, James Deag, Killian Cantwell, Patrick Mullen, James Maher, Sean O'Callaghan, Christopher Bolger, Mark Butler. Back row: Simon Rafter, Jack Cotter, William Dooley, Thomas Talbot, Brendan Neary, Gearoid Kennedy. Absent from photo: Dylon O'Shea, Shane O'Brien.

St Kieran's U16 'B'



Front row (l-r): Mr Michael Rice (Trainer), Brian O'Carroll, Shane Walsh, Conor O'Carroll, Tom Phelan, Conor Browne, Shane O'Brien, James Tynan, Kieran Freeman, Aidan Byrne, Ben Leydon, Cian Morton, Mr Martin Walsh (Trainer). Second row (l-r): Padraic Walsh, Conor Brennan, Kevin Blanchfield, Adam Jordan, Michael Lennon, Conor Murphy, Seamus McGrath, Brian Cody, Eoin Shortall, Ms Eileen Hanrick (Trainer). Third row (l-r): Alan O'Beirne, David Walsh, Brendan Cullen, William Dooley, Jack Drew, Kames Callanan, Brian Butler. Back row (l-r): Michael Shiel, Eoin Curtis, Dylan Drennan, Ronan Leahy, Michael Kenny, James Rafter, Cormac Ryan, Coin Corcoran.

When the under 16 'B' started back in November 2010 it was meant to finish just after Christmas but because of the bad weather and various exams, the under 16 'B' championship did not finish until May. St Kieran's College had two teams participating in this competition with the involvement of nearly 50 players. The St Kieran's 'C' team had Callan CBS and Ballyhale in their group. They first played Callan CBS in a strongly contested affair. However, it was Callan who came out on top. They then played Ballyhale but they proved to be strong opponents and beat Kierans. This resulted in St. Kierans 'C' team being eliminated from the competition at the group stages. The St Kieran's 'B' team had CBS in their group. St Kieran's 'B' played CBS and they won

thanks to a wonderful team effort. This ensured qualification to the semi-final. In the semi final Kieran's 'B' had to face Ballyhale, the team which had previously knocked Kieran's 'C' out of the competition. This developed into a wonderful game of hurling with both sides playing with great skill and determination. It was a very high scoring affair with the outcome in the balance right up to the final whistle. Thankfully Kieran's 'B' came out on top and went on to face Johnstown in the final in Nowlan Park on the 5th of May. The final of this competition was a thrilling affair between the same two sides that did battle in last year's decider. This was an evenly contested encounter played in difficult wet conditions. Johnstown opened

brightly with a goal in the first ten minutes. Kieran's replied with some great points from Simon Rafter, Shane O'Brien and a well taken goal from Eoin Curtis. The sides were level at half time on a score line of 1-8 to Kieran's and 2-5 to Johnstown. The second half continued in the same manner with never more than a score between the sides. David Jordan and Colin Corcoran drove Kieran's forward throughout this half. Eventually Kieran's came out on top on a scoreline of 1-14 to 3-6. Sean O'Callaghan, Kieran's inspirational captain, collected the trophy after a well fought victory. A special thank you to Mr Rice, Ms Hanrick and Mr Walsh who gave up their time to train us throughout the year.



St Kieran's 'Grand Slam' winning Captains 2010-2011 (l-r): Kevin Mullen (Leinster Juvenile Champions), William Phelan (Leinster and All-Ireland Senior Champions), Diarmuid Cody (Leinster Junior Champions).

ST KIERAN'S COLLEGE

SENIOR HURLING

2010/2011

EOIN GOUGH

Early on in year

After the All-Ireland winning success of last year, the St Kieran's College senior hurling panel was picked and ready for training by mid October and quickly made it to the Leinster League Final, beating Castlecomer CS on a scoreline of 4-06 to 1-07.

When the league ended, the training intensified as players came back from injury and competition grew for places on the first fifteen ahead of the opening championship match against Dublin South on 3rd February. Three goals from Thomas O' Hanrahan and one from Jack Nolan sealed a 4-13 to 1-06 victory over the Dublin side on a difficult day for hurling in Dr. Cullen Park.

Good Counsel, New Ross proved to be tough opposition in the semi-final

three weeks later in Carlow Town Hurling Club and after a closely fought first half St Kieran's showed a lot of character to stay in the game. It was only in the last ten minutes, when Thomas O' Hanrahan, Cathal O' Neill and Cillian Buckley all got goals in quick succession that we took control. The match ended 4-11 to 1-12 and allowed St Kieran's to continue to the Leinster Final to face old rivals Castlecomer Community School.

Leinster Final

There was a 2,000-plus crowd gathered in Nowlan Park on Wednesday 2nd March to see St Kieran's College win their 51st Leinster Colleges "A" Senior Hurling title by defeating Castlecomer CS, 3-07 to 0-07, in a closely fought match.

The match began at a quick pace with Castlecomer, having most of the

possession early on, being unable to penetrate the St Kieran's defence, before Charles Dywer (Castlecomer) and John Power each landed two frees to settle the sides.

The first of our three goals came in the 15th minute when a long free from Cathal O'Neill dropped into the square and was quickly touched in by John Power and with another two Power frees to Castlecomer's one, St Kieran's went down the tunnel at the break leading 1-5 to 0-3.

The second half began with another exchange of scores and then three more points for 'Comer which left them only two points behind with ten minutes remaining. Then on 51 minutes, Diarmuid Cody found Power in space on the "21" at the city end and with the goalie charging out towards him, John remained cool and flicked the ball over the 'keeper and into the empty net. From the puckout Power then won possession and gave Cody a pass (in

roughly the same area as earlier) who bent low and lifted the ball over the goalie's head for the second time with a beautifully weighted handpass to leave the score at 3-07 to 0-07. 'Comer won a penalty late on but it was saved by William Phelan and once the ball was cleared, the match ended.

The Kieran's defence shone throughout while Paddy Butler and Conor O' Shea dominated midfield, with John Power, Diarmuid Cody and Cillian Buckley getting the scores up front.

All-Ireland Senior Hurling Semi-Final 2011

St Kieran's College played Charleville CBS in their All-Ireland semi-final on Saturday 19th March in Tipperary Town and after an efficient first half performance which left them 1-07 to 0-03 ahead at the interval, they went

on to win the game 3-10 to 0-07 to set up a date in Thurles with old enemies Ardscoil Rís.

From the off St Kieran's put the Cork school under pressure with the inside forward line of Jack Nolan, Thomas O' Hanrahan and Michael Brennan all scoring within the first five minutes, as well as two John Power frees shortly afterwards. Charleville then tried a three man midfield to try and find a way into the game but this only compounded their problems as the free man in the Kieran's defence, Luke Hickey, cleaned up the loose ball and launched the attack which led to the first goal of the match, when Michael Brennan was fouled on the Charleville 20-metre line and John Power stepped up to put the ball in the back of the net and leave the score 1-07 to 0-03 at the break.

The second half began with a goal after Michael Brennan found Thomas O' Hanrahan who neatly tucked the ball home to the bottom right hand corner. There was now ten points between the sides and the match was as good as over. St Kieran's did little to impress

the crowd from here on apart from a last minute wonder goal from Thomas O' Hanrahan and ended the match as 3-10 to 0-07 victors.

Although they won the match quite easily there was still a huge amount to work to do and a big increase in both physicality and work rate needed if the Kieran's team were to have any hope against a much fancied Ardscoil Rís side in the All-Ireland final.

All-Ireland Senior Colleges Hurling Final 2011

In the two week period between the semi-final victory over Charleville and the All-Ireland final, one of the things that was said to the panel of players during the preparations was that in order to beat a much talked about and highly fancied Ardscoil Rís team we would have to answer the question,

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“Are we as good as men as they are?”

“Are we as good as men as they are?”, in other words, we knew that we had enough skill and athleticism to win but all year we hadn't played to our full potential for 60 minutes and what we needed to do was to step up to the mark in terms of physicality, work rate, grit and hunger.

This question was answered by four o'clock on Saturday 2nd April 2011 in Semple Stadium, Thurles.

St Kieran's looked ready for a battle and played the first half against the wind to try and counteract Ardscoil's knack for quick starts. Thomas O' Hanrahan scored twice early on followed by points from Michael Brennan and John Power (free) to leave the defending champions 0-04 to 0-03 ahead after 20 minutes. At the same time the defence was giving nothing away with William Phelan and Pat O' Carroll dominating at full and centre back respectively. This was the best Kieran's had played all year and it continued when, after a great hook and block in the corner by O' Hanrahan and Jack Nolan, the ball was half-cleared out to Cillian Buckley who played it into Micheael Brennan. Brennan got caught up by a defender and gave a lovely handpass into the path of Thomas O' Hanrahan who duly finished to the back of the net. Kieran's went in at half time deservedly ahead 1-04 to 0-04.

Ardscoil got the perfect start to the second half with a goal from Oisin Hickey after only twenty seconds. St Kieran's kept their composure and over the next ten minutes led once again 1-8 to 1-04 thanks to three John Power points and one from Michael Brennan. The tables turned, however, and Ardscoil fought their way back into the match through frees from Shane Dowling and a great point from Alan Dempsey. William Phelan converted a free from his own half in the 49th minute but this was followed by a fourth and fifth free from Dowling to put the Limerick school two points ahead with only injury time left on the clock.

Any other team might have panicked but Kieran's focused on creating one more chance and it came in the 62nd minute when Buckley won a puck-out, passed to Conor O'Shea, who ran down the line, shipped a heavy challenge on the shoulder he had dislocated only weeks previously, and delivered the ball across the 14 yard line where Thomas O' Hanrahan was in position to control and flick it to the Ardscoil net. St Kieran's were now one point up with only seconds left but Richie Reid was still alert enough to catch a short puck-out, turn and hit the ball high and over the bar to put us now two points ahead.

There was still drama left when Ardscoil were awarded a free on the Kieran's 20 metre line but it was missed, the whistle

was blown and St Kieran's College had won their 18th Croke Cup and their second in two years.

The victory would not have been possible without the hard work and hunger of the players and panel and the work of the management team of Mr Tom Hogan, Mr Philip Walsh and trainer Mr Ken Archibald who put in a huge amount of time and effort in order to see another All-Ireland title return to the College Road.

A special word of thanks to Mr Billy Bolster, Mr John Quan, Mr Michael Rice and Mr Brian Cody who all contributed to the success of this year's team.



Mr Tom Hogan and Mr Philip Walsh



Conor O'Shea



Thomas O'Hanrahan



Senior Hurling 2010/2011



Front row: Cormac Wafer, Enda Morrissey, Jack McGrath, Luke Hickey, William Phelan (captain), Sam Johnston, Patrick Butler, Jack Nolan, Cathal O'Neill, Conor O'Shea. Second row: Mr Philip Walsh (trainer), Tom Brennan, Hugh O'Neill, Peter English, Thomas O'Hanrahan, Richie Reid, Robert O'Hanrahan, Peter Kenneally, Cillian Treacy, Diarmuid Cody, Mr Tom Hogan (trainer). Third row: Patrick O'Carroll, Aidan Cleere, George Allen, Michael Donnelly, Niall Walsh, Cillian Buckley, Robert Lennon, Mr Ken Archbold (trainer). Back row (l-r): Sean O'Dwyer, Michael Brennan, John Power, Eoin Gough, Cillian Phelan, Ger Teehan. Absent from photo: Ciaran Prendergast and David Bourke.





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