



St. Kieran's College



**Record
2007**



President's Address

I welcome this edition of the St. Kieran's College Record which bravely attempts to chronicle the main events of the College during this, the 224th academic year.

The College campus is home to St. Kieran's College Secondary School for boys, to Creidim, the Diocesan centre for Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation, to the Diocesan Forum Office and the Outreach programme of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth which with three hundred registered mature students celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

St. Kieran's has a proud tradition and while maintaining its tradition continues to respond to new needs and demands. A major part of this response over the past two years has involved serious financial commitments from all stakeholders especially the College Trustees. During this period the following projects have involved:-

New toilets / Refurbishment of the Glasshall and Ancillary Works / Main heating system/

Study hall and classrooms refurbishment / New boilers / Health and Safety items for the 1979 building / New lift system to the top floor / Water system and new tanks / Staff toilets / Sports and playing fields renewal / Pavillion refurbishment / New furniture, fittings and lockers / New computers and equipment.

Total expenditure to 31/08/06 stands at €1,769,559 which includes €161,356 for necessary maintenance alone. We have received capital grants to 31/08/06 of €999,042. The College Trustees have continued to invest and show their commitment in a most concrete way. For this phase they have committed €646,014 and overall, €1,086,014 to date.

St. Kieran's continues to strive for excellence and depends on the hard work, dedication goodwill and support of many to meet current needs and plan for the future. Sincere thanks are due to Mr. John Curtis, Principal, and colleagues and staff, to the students, to the parents, the Parents' Association, to



my colleagues on the Board of Management, and Bishop Forristal and the Trustees.

This level of involvement has encouraged us to look forward to a period of expansion and development which will meet the needs of all those who make up the community that is St. Kieran's College.

Mgr. Kieron J. Kennedy
President.



The teaching and secretarial staff of St.Kieran's College Secondary School 2006/07

Front: Ms. Maureen Meany, Mr. Tomas O'Murchu, Mr. John Curtis, Mgr. Kieron Kennedy, Mr. Nicky Cashin, Mr. Tom Looby, Mr. Billy Bolster.

2nd Row: Ms. Emma Ryan, Ms. Sharon Keyes, Ms. Jacqui Norton, Ms. Jane Galway, Ms. Eadaoin Brennan, Ms. Debbie Lynch, Ms. Ann Wemyss, Ms. Mary Martin.

3rd Row: Fr. Sean O'Connor, Mr. Ken Archbold, Ms. Olive Comerford, Ms. Eileen Hanrick, Mr. Ken Maher, Mr. Richard Windle, Ms. Jean Fitzpatrick, Mr. Niall Connolly, Mr. Ger Buckley, Mr. Adrian Finan.

4th Row: Mr. Patrick Darmody, Ms. Eilis Aherne, Ms. Bernie Boland, Mr. Tom Hogan, Ms. Loretta Mannion, Ms. Sheila Walsh, Mr. John Quane, Ms. Christine Warner.

5th Row: Mr. Philip Walsh, Mr. Martin O'Neill, Mr. Eamon Heffernan, Mr. Don O'Connor, Mr. John O'Keefe.

Back: Mr. Michael Forrest, Mr. Michael Kelleher, Mr. Charlie Lynch, Mr. Larry Cotter, Mr. Joe Kavanagh, Mr. Simon Reddy.

Principal's Address

The end of the academic year gives us occasion to reflect on the successes that have been achieved and the changes that have occurred in the past twelve months. The Record is a celebration of the application and creativity of our students and is testimony to the breadth of activity that takes place in St. Kieran's College. The success of the school is predicated on academic achievement but we are fortunate in having such a broad spectrum of extra-curricular activity to help mature and develop the personalities and talents of our pupils. I would like to congratulate our Editor Ms. Keyes on the quality of this production and to thank her on behalf of all my colleagues on the staff for the enormous effort and time she has put in to ensuring that it is a publication of which we can all be proud.

A number of development projects in the school are continuing or are in the planning stage and in that regard I would like to thank the President of the College, Mgr. Kennedy, and the Trustees for their ongoing commitment to improving facilities for the benefit of the student body. Work is continuing on the grounds,

the refurbished pavilion is now open, a major project will see windows replaced or upgraded during the summer as well as some improvements to classrooms, and there are plans to develop Computer and Library facilities in the school. This year, we introduced a teacher-based classroom system and I would like to thank staff and students alike for ensuring that it has been a success.

I am delighted, too, that next year we will see a Student Council in operation in St. Kieran's – elections have been held, training and induction has taken place and the students have already had an input into the development work that we are planning to undertake. It has been a productive year for the Parents' Association – a very successful bag-pack was organised to raise funds for a defibrillator for the school. We now have the defibrillator on site and staff members have been trained in its operation should we ever be faced with a critical incident that demands its use. As always, I would like to thank my colleagues on staff for the tremendous amount of work they have put in during the year in both the



curricular and extra-curricular spheres. I would like to thank the student body for their co-operation and diligence, ultimately it is the pride they take in themselves and in their school that makes St. Kieran's what it is.

Finally, on behalf of everyone involved in the school community I would like to wish the Junior Certificate and the Leaving Certificate students all the best in the upcoming exams – their success reflects on us all and we are confident that the education received in this school will stand them all in good stead as they make their way in life.

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

For the Record

Once again, it has been my privilege to hound and cajole contributors for our now annual publication – the St Kieran's Record.

This year, our Record is 56 pages, a considerable increase from last year and reflects the enthusiasm for the publication – and of course the many aspects to school life at St. Kieran's College in Kilkenny.

I wish to sincerely thank my teaching colleagues – those who contributed articles, those who advised and those who helped me in any way with this production. Also a special mention and

considerable credit must go to the students of the school, many of whom have submitted articles for this year's publication once again.

I know the Record reflects positively on events in our school during the last year. I hope that students, particularly those who are leaving us, will look back on this publication in years to come and remark that these probably were the best days of their young lives.

On behalf of all my colleagues in St Kieran's I would like to thank my predecessor as Editor, Fr Richard Scrives, for all of the work he put into

the Record up to 2004. Finally, I wish to acknowledge the considerable expertise and patience of the staff

of the Kilkenny People and in particular Tom Beirne and Deirdre O'Dowd. To one and all, have a great summer.

*Sharon Keyes,
Editor, The Record.*



Creidim

Creidim was founded in 1994 after the close of our Seminary. It was established to promote and develop adult religious education and faith formation in the diocese of Ossory. This means that Creidim responds to the life long learning needs of the adults within the diocese.

Through baptism all Christians are called to be witnesses to the Gospel. The laity shares with the clergy, a responsibility to

enhance the mission of the church. Creidim's role is to support people to fulfil this mission.

The most exciting and fundamental projects for Creidim this year is in the development of a formation course for established and emerging parish pastoral councils. A team of ten people are currently undergoing training and shall be available from September onwards to

provide education to parish pastoral councils as the need arises

Creidim is managed by the co-ordinator Leona Connolly who is supported by the secretary Liz Ruth. Leona is responsible to the steering committee that includes Chairperson: - Mr. Declan Murphy, Ms Ann Walsh, Very Rev. Daniel Carroll, Sister Helen Maher, Rev. Martin Delaney, Ms. Mary Mescal and Mr. Billy Murphy.



Members of the Leaving Certificate class of 1946 Pictured outside the College with Mgr. Kieron Kennedy, Fr. Sean O'Connor and Mr John Curtis.

National University of Ireland, Maynooth, at St. Kieran's College

Mr. Billy Murphy
(Chair, Kilkenny Campus
Steering Committee)

The location of the NUI Maynooth Campus at the historic setting of St. Kieran's College carries on a long tradition of scholarship and learning at this site. St.Kieran's was the first seminary to open in Ireland after the relaxation of the Penal Laws, with a founding date of 1782, which predates St.Patrick's College, Maynooth by some 13 years.

The city of Kilkenny has a long and proud history of learning and narrowly missed becoming the venue for the second oldest University in Ireland (after TCD). The outcome of the Battle of the Boyne brought a premature end to the embryonic University but not to the pursuit of education at third level. In the 1950's there was much discussion about the idea of a University for Kilkenny to be based at Kilkenny Castle, but sadly this was not to be.

However, as NUI Maynooth nears its tenth year in Kilkenny, we look forward to

expanding the provision of third level in our county and in the region, at a time when modern technology allows us to develop the vision of a campus without walls.

The opportunity to pursue lifelong learning is beneficial to the individual for his or her personal and professional development. This has consequences for the wider society and for our economic wellbeing, which is enhanced by a culture that promotes accessible continuing education.

Ossory Diocesan Forum

Following extensive consultation with priests and lay people throughout the diocese, the Ossory Diocesan Forum was established in December 2004. The Forum is a representative body of priests, religious and lay people who, with the Bishop, seek to address the pastoral issues of the day and plan for the future. Forum members number fifty seven, a lay representative from each of the forty-two parishes, two priests, representing priests of each of the three deaneries, three religious, representing the religious communities working in the diocese, five co-opted members and a Forum Coordinator. The priorities identified early in the life of the Forum were the

establishment of Parish Pastoral Councils throughout the diocese, Young People's involvement in Church and Prayer/Liturgy. Issues are worked on initially by a Working Group with interest or expertise in a particular topic. Proposals are then brought to the full Forum for discussion, decision and implementation.

The Forum office is located in St. Kieran's College and Forum officers are:

Chairperson: Seán Treacy, Deputy Chairperson: Síle Grant, Secretary: Anne Walton, Treasurer: Seamus Quigley, Coordinator: Sr. Helen Maher, Communications Officer: Diarmuid Healy.



Sr Helen Maher.

Jim Carew

By Maureen Meany



L. to R.: Jacinta Carew, Jim Carew, Maureen Meany, Monsignor Kieron Kennedy, John Curtis and Larry Cotter.

Jim Carew taught in St. Kieran's College from 1970 until his retirement in 2007. Jim taught French and he began to organise trips to France to improve the language skills of his students. This led to him being Mr. School Tours. At first the trips were to France, later he branched out to Switzerland and Germany. In 1988, he organised a very successful trip to Russia. Two busloads of students and teachers left on a trip of a lifetime, just as Russia was opening up

to the outside world following the period of perestroika and glasnost. Later trips became skiing holidays, which were very popular with students. Another great interest of Jim's was soccer. For many years he coached the senior soccer teams in the school. The high point came in 1993 when St. Kieran's won the Leinster Colleges Senior Cup. Every year St. Kieran's teams under Jim's guidance entered the Carlow/Kilkenny leagues and cup

competitions, and then went on to the Leinster Inter-League Cup.

Jim was a great believer in the importance of staff morale, as a means of coping with the stresses of teaching. He was always to the forefront in organising staff activities like the staff volleyball games in the gym, nights out, word puzzles and crosswords to wreck our heads and keep us busy. Jim had a wry sense of humour and his clever asides will be missed in the staffroom.

Irish Quiz

On Thursday 25th January St.Kieran's College hosted the annual Feachtas Trath na gCeist attracting teams from Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary and Wicklow.

The school was represented by five teams:

Brian Banahan 4th year; Niall Quinlan 4th year; Ken O'Farrell 2nd year; Derek Phelan 2nd year.

Ian O'Fearghaill 5th year; John Wallace 5th year; Eoghan Lalor 3rd year; Donal Brennan 3rd year.

Niall McQuillan 5th year; Jack O'Connor

5th year; Gary Corcoran 5th.

Brian O'Shea 5th year; Tom Ryan 5th year; David Cummins 3rd year; Bill Murtagh White 3rd year;

Oisín Daly 5th year; Cathal O'Neill 2nd year; Rick Leydon 5th; Sean O'Dwyer 2nd year.

Retreats



Pictured are some of the Leaving Cert. students while on Retreat during the year.

Since September 2006 all of the students in St. Kieran's College have received a class retreat. These retreats took many different forms. Our First Years went out to the retreat centre in Callan, Second Years to Grace Dieu in Waterford, Third and Fourth years to Kiltegan, Co.

Wicklow and our TYs and Leaving Cert. students went for contemplative walks in local scenic areas.

It is important to take some time out of our day-to-day routine, and to think about where our lives are going or to contemplate on the meaning of our

lives. Retreat days are supposed to be a relaxing break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and it was important that all students had the chance to do that this school year. We hope to continue these retreats for all classes in the coming years.

Ossory pilgrimage to Lourdes



Front L to R: Colum Kennedy, Niall Quinlan, Colm Manning. Back L. to R. Eoghan Grant, Michael Sherlock, Liam Doyle.

Niall Quinlan (TY)

Colm Manning, Eoghan Grant, Colum Kennedy, Michael Sherlock, Liam Doyle and I are to travel to Lourdes this May.

We are travelling with the Ossory pilgrimage. To date we have spent a lot

of time raising money for the pilgrimage. We did two days bag packing in Dunnes Stores, collected sponsorship on cards and received a donation from the credit union and the school.

When in Lourdes we will help out as carers for the week.

Prayer for exams

Let us pray for all students undergoing examinations:

Lord, Pour out your spirit of wisdom on these students: help them to remain calm, to attend carefully to the question asked, to think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express themselves well.

Grant that they may reflect the best of the work they have done and the best of the teaching they have received. Accept their best efforts in these examinations and in the great test of life on earth. May your love be upon them, O Lord, as they place all their trust in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Young Social Innovators

HOW'S YOUR DRIVING?

This year, as we were in Transition Year, we decided to do the Young Social Innovators (YSI) project. The aim of these projects is to help improve society. We decided to base our project on people's general lack of knowledge of the rules of the road. Our group consisted of Eamon Costello, Paul Forristal, Stephen Li and Oliver Byrne.

We began our project by researching the topic mentioned earlier, rules of the road. We searched the internet for information. We also visited different locations around the county to record a video of people breaking the rules of the road. We used the school camera and edited our film in the school SIP room.

In February we went to Waterford to a forum to make a two minute speech. We also designed a large poster to illustrate our points. As we were due to go on work experience we had to complete our submission three weeks early. This submission was a twelve page document recording all the details of our project. Our submission to Dublin was successful and our project has won a place in the YSI National Showcase in May. This is a three day event similar to



L to R: Stephen Li, David Doyle, Eamon Costello and Oliver Byrne.

the Young Scientist Exhibition and we will be accompanied by our teacher Ms. Brennan.

We hope that our project will help save

lives and that by highlighting the common mistakes made by drivers and reminding them of the rules of the road people will take more care driving.

'Why recycling is bad'

For our Young Social Innovators project, 'Why Recycling is Bad', we investigated the possibility that recycling may have disadvantages. Following our research we discovered that in a lot of cases recycling can be damaging to the environment. We submitted our work following a forum in Waterford and have successfully gained a place at the Young Social Innovators National Showcase in May. We have thoroughly enjoyed YSI and are looking forward to presenting our project in the RDS.

L to R: Robbie Molloy and Kieran Manning. Missing from photo Liam Lahart and Hugh Manning.



Young Scientists

The effects of music on spatial intelligence

David Griffin (5th Year)

Last year, in Transition Year, Bernard McDonald and I entered the young Scientists Exhibition with a project about aromatherapy and its effects on concentration. This year we decided to enter again because we enjoyed last year and learned so much from the experience.

This time we decided to test the effects of music on spatial intelligence. Spatial intelligence is the type of intelligence used to solve problems in Maths or Physics and in games like chess. We tested pupils' spatial intelligence while we played different types of music and we ran control tests in silence. Our results were fairly interesting with students, on average achieving highest results while listening to Rock, followed by Classical, Silence, Reggae, Dance and finally lowest scores achieved while listening to Metal.

I would certainly encourage students to get involved in future exhibitions and would like to thank Ms. Hanrick for her guidance. (I worked on this project with Bernard McDonald and Paul Barrett.)



L to R: Paul Barrett, Bernard McDonald and David Griffin.

'Does brain training actually work?'

Jack O'Connor (5th Year)



L to R: Jack O'Connor and Michael Kelleher.

This year Michael Kelleher and I entered the Young Scientists Exhibition with the experiment 'Does Brain Training Actually Work?' We tested the game Dr. Kawashimo's Brain Training for the Nintendo DS. We proved, using two test subjects, that the game can cause a 12% increase in brainpower.

We also played the game during the Young Scientist Exhibition and allowed others to test their brainpower.

The week was an experience in itself; we also made a few friends from some of the Dublin schools who had a similar project to ours. We enjoyed the experience and would like to extend our thanks to Ms. Hanrick without whom we wouldn't have gone. We would encourage anyone with an interest in science to take part in future exhibitions.

The stabilisation and rehabilitation of the patella following surgery

Robbie McPartlan, Eddie O'Shaugnessy, John Cahill (TY)

One of the members of our group, Robbie McPartlan had to have rehabilitation and stabilisation of the patella following surgery at the beginning of this school year, so when we heard about the Young Scientists Exhibition we thought that this would be a great idea for a project. We did a lot of research for the project using the Internet and we also got a lot of information from the Doctor who operated on Robbie and from his physiotherapist.

Overall it took about a month to finish this project and we even came in during our Christmas holidays to complete work. We used photographs, diagrams and x-rays of the knee as part of our presentation and we also showed videos of how the knee works on a laptop at our stand. The exhibition was held in January and was worth the time and effort.



L to R: Robbie McPartlan, John Cahill and Eddie O'Shaugnessy.

Science Olympiad

Corey Molloy (Transition Year)

Scholarship



Corey Molloy.

Due to particularly high results in both Maths and Science in the Junior Certificate, I was chosen, along with 149 other students in the country, to take part in the Irish-European Science Olympiad (IrEUSO).

This is a competition for Transition & 5th Year students and you get to compete in the branch of science of your choice (Physics, Chemistry or Biology), in my case Physics. To compete in the Olympiad I had to travel to DCU to take an exam and thoroughly enjoyed the day and the experience.



Stephen Bryan being presented with his Academic Scholarship

Past pupil, Stephen Bryan, was awarded an Academic Scholarship from the Institute of Technology, Carlow, during the 2005/2006 Academic Year. These scholarships are in recognition of high academic achievements at second level and are an encouragement for students to continue to achieve at the same level in third level.



Geoff Doyle and T. J. Sherman. Missing from photo Conor Brennan and Colum Kennedy

Young entrepreneurs

T.J. Sherman (TY)

At the beginning of the school year Mr. Finan told us about the Young Entrepreneurs. As friends, Geoff Doyle, Conor Brennan, Colum Kennedy and I started to think about possibilities for the competition. The idea we settled on was to sell 'Underarmour Body Warmers'. These are items of clothing for people that take part in all types of sport keeping you warm when it is cold and cool when it is warm.

To sell our product we went around to all First, Second and Third Year classes advertising the Body Warmers and we got a great response. We also sold a number outside the school. We bought our stock from a store in Dublin and had it sent down to Kilkenny through Elvery Sports.

We won the school finals of the competition and got through to the county final. It was a worthwhile experience which thought us something about setting up a business and all that that involves.

Student Council

Jack O'Connor 5th year

This is the first year the Student Council has been established in St. Kieran's. the majority of students reacted positively by putting forward their names and campaigning for places on the council. Some classes had up to six candidates put forward.

The council is set to go to work in the next academic year. Their mandate is to give feedback on how students feel the school could be improved.

The following students were those successfully elected as members of next year's student council:

- Paul Lynch 1SC
- Barry Briscoe 1SF
- Wayne Cuddihy 1SM
- Anthony Corr Larkin 1SK
- Jason Collier 2SK
- Oliver O'Neill 2SF



Students preparing to vote for the student council

- Michael Costello 2SC
- Anthony McNeill 2SM
- David Farrell 3SF
- Aiden O'Dowd 3SC
- Dylan Walsh 3SM
- Patrick Lennon 3SB
- Donal Brennan 3SK
- Kevin O'Neill TYD
- Brian Banahan TYA
- Corey Molloy TYB
- Cain Lynch TYC
- David Walton 5C
- Niall Mullaly 5B
- David Butler 5A
- Mark Kinsella 5D
- Justin Dermody 5E



Pictured are the members of the new Student Council.

Liturgies

Liturgies

Throughout the year there have been many liturgies in St. Kieran's. Our beginning of year mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's church, welcoming all students and staff back to school for

another academic year.

During November we held liturgies for each class to remember our deceased loved ones and friends.

Meditation and class prayers were carried out during Advent in December.

A whole school liturgy was held to celebrate the feast of St. Kieran in St. Mary's Cathedral. Lenten preparations were made during religion classes and we are currently preparing for our Third Year and Leaving Cert. Exams and for the end of year mass.

Cairdeas

Cairdeas is a programme which has been set up in the school to help First Years to settle into their new school environment. The Cairdeas team is made up of twelve Fifth Year students who agreed to help out with the initiation of First Years.

Each of the twelve Fifth Years was assigned 9 students. At the beginning of the year the Cairdeas team introduced themselves to new First Years. Following this they met with them to discuss their first few weeks in school and to help them in whatever way they could. At Christmas the Cairdeas team prepared, organised and ran a table quiz for First Years which was a great success.

This programme will be continued to help First Years settle into their new surroundings.



Back L. to R. Ciaran Neary, Jack O'Connor, David Rafter, Martin Gibbons, Niall McQuillan, James Duncan. Front L. to R. Luke Casey, John Fagan, David Walton, Brian O'Shea, David Buggy, Eamon Foley.

PRISM



L. to R.: Jamie Fogarty, John Connolly, Eamon O'Connor, Oliver Byrne, and Michael Tierney.

On the 18th of October nearly 7,000 students in 200 secondary schools across the country took part in a maths challenge.

The inaugural Problem-solving for Irish Second level Mathematicians (PRISM) aims to encourage students to take an interest in problem-solving from an early age.

Each participating school held a separate hour-long contests for pre-

Junior Certificate and post-Junior Certificate students.

The contests feature a series of twenty problems, in multiple-choice format, to challenge the problem-solving dexterity of participants.

Results of the PRISM Maths Quiz from St Kierans were:

Senior Quiz

Congratulations to joint winners

Oliver Byrne 4th Year and John Connolly 5th Year, both scored 16/20

Junior Quiz

Congratulations to

1st	Eamonn O'Connor	3SB	18/20
2nd	Jamie Fogarty	3SK	17/20
3rd	Michael Tierney	2SC	15/20

Thank you to all 180 students who took part.

The President's Award

Rory Hogan (TY)

The President's Award is for people who are between the ages of 15 and 25, are self motivated and like a challenge. There are 3 categories of President's Award: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Each has a set of preset requirements, a certain amount of hours of community service, physical activity, learning a new skill and an adventure.

This year in St. Kieran's College about 40 students took part in hopes of receiving a medal (25 bronze and 13 silver) with the aid of 6 teachers who were very helpful throughout the experience. We were allowed to choose our own physical, skill and community but the school organised an adventure weekend for us in the Star Sailing Adventure Centre in Kenmare. The weekend included two nights in Kenmare with one day of activities and two days of Canoeing.

Overall I thought that the President's Award was well worth the effort and enjoyed the whole experience.

Silver Medal



Back: Jack O'Connor, Stephen Quinlan, James Duncan, Andrew Prendergast.

Middle: Brian O'Shea, Martin Gibbons, David Walton.

Front: David Nolan, Michael Kelleher, Conor Phelan, Oisín Daly.

Missing from photo: Ian O'Fearghaill, John Wallace, Patrick Rice, Ciaran Neary

Bronze Medal



Back: Rory Hogan, Eamon Costello, David Rose, Michael Sherlock, Conor Quigley, Cian O'Sullivan, Neil Butler.

2nd Row: John Muldowney, Oliver Byrne, Sean Direen, Robert Butler, Eoin Holohan, Conor Brennan.

3rd Row: Michael Nolan, Paul Forristal, Stephen Li, Colin Manning, Robbie Molloy, Hugh Manning.

Front: Liam Doyle, Kieran Manning, Darragh Twomey, Niall Quinlan, Corey Molloy.

Gaisce Adventure Weekend

Ian O'Fearghaill (5th Year)

This year's Gaisce adventure weekend was a little different to last year's journey. For a start last year's tiny minibus was (thankfully) nowhere to be seen, this meant that we were able to enjoy our four hour journey in the comfort of an air-conditioned, DVD playing coach. There's little doubt that Father Ted DVDs and your own choice of music passes the time a lot quicker than wrestling with someone else's baggage for a seat. The Fifth Years, Participating in the Silver Award, reached Kenmare on Thursday evening in good spirits.

Once we settled in to our apartments it was off into town for something to eat. The choice boiled down to Chinese takeaway or chips and we soon discovered Kenmare is not exactly the liveliest place around (its got two roads, a library and an ATM). That night entertainment came in the form of a rented DVD and everyone probably stayed up just a little too late...

Next Morning there were already a few tired heads and we caught our first glimpse of the 4th Years, who were there for the Bronze Award, as they passed us out on the way to the "Star Sailing" adventure centre.

For those who haven't kayaked before, let me just say that moving in a straight line is easier said than done. The morning was spent around the pier learning basic paddle strokes, learning how to "raft up" and pretty much going where ever the tide wanted to take you. Later on we were given lunch in the centre and then it



Students at Kenmare Completing activities as part of their President's Award

was back out onto the estuary, but this time for multi-person canoeing. Canoes are much easier to control and we clocked up a decent amount of distance. We managed to make it to a pier further up the estuary where everyone got to relax, stretch their legs and jump in, or if you were unlucky to be light enough, get thrown in...Everyone managed to get the hang of both canoeing and kayaking well enough over the course of the day. Fr. Sean claimed to have a 'near death experience' after capsizing but managed to get over it by about dinnertime.

Next morning the itinerary was much the same with mostly Transition Years kayaking and Fifth Years in the canoes. We weren't as lucky with the lunch

though, with soggy sandwiches instead of a sit down meal, to help save time and cover a longer distance. Our instructors also had some interesting warm-ups for us to try out. One in particular that Ms. Galway won't be forgetting any day soon, after she was bounced on her back along a human chain of 4th and 5th Years.

By the final day of kayaking tired doesn't even describe how most people were feeling. The 4th Years had it a little easier as they got the canoes whilst the 5th Years were stuck with the Kayaks. Overall everyone enjoyed the trip and had a good laugh while earning their Bronze and Silver Medals but I think we were all relieved to step onto the bus to take us back to Kilkenny!



Student investment challenge competition



Jack McCarron, Chris Nolan, Mr. Niall Connolly (Class Teacher), Eamon Costello and Paul Forristal.

The student Investment Challenge Competition is organised by Setanta Asset Management and The Irish Independent for students in Secondary Schools and Third Level students. The aim of the competition is to promote the awareness of share purchasing as an investment opportunity. Each participant is given a notional 100,000 to invest in a choice of shares which are monitored over a six month period and the person or team whose portfolio of

shares have appreciated the most in that time is declared the winner. the Competition is a national one with thousands of entrants each year.

The Irish Independent featured regular league tables throughout the period and St. Kieran's students figured regularly in the top 10 individual placings. At the start of the year Paul Forristal was doing very well with his selection of Waterford Wedgewood, Glanbia, Irish Life and Permanent,

Royal Bank of Scotland and Dell. However when Paul's selection began to slip in price he was replaced in the top ten by class mate Chris Nolan. Chris' selection of Paddy Power, Kingspan, Ryanair and CRH showed an impressive increase of 34.1% over the six month period to earn him second prize in the overall competition. Chris was presented with his prize at an enjoyable function in Croke Park in April.

CSPE

CSPE trip to the Dail



Eamon O'Connor (3SB)

In October, as part of our CSPE project for the Junior Certificate, we took a trip

to Dail Eireann to learn about democracy. We split into committees beforehand in preparation for the trip.

We had to get permission to leave school and prepare a list of questions to ask the politician we were to meet, Phil Hogan was this Politician and he was to be our guide on the tour of the Dail.

The day began with a trip to Croke Park museum where we learned about the history of the GAA. It was very interesting and good craic too. After lunch we went to Dail Eireann. Here we were joined by Phil Hogan. He brought us inside and showed us the different rooms in Leinster house. We had the chance to go into the Dail chamber for a while when it was in session. Then we were shown the Senate.

Phil Hogan gave us a talk about the work of the politician and the daily activities in the Dail, he explained how the voting system works and the laws of the country. We learned a lot of interesting facts throughout the day.

We arrived back in Kilkenny at about seven o'clock. It was a tiring but very enjoyable day and a big help towards our CSPE exam.

CSPE Action Project

Joey Corcoran (2SK)

As part of CSPE for the Junior Certificate, our class (2SK) had to do an action project. We had the choice of a few different topics, so we chose democracy as our topic. Mr. Maher, our CSPE teacher and the class decided that it would be a good idea to do a survey on the upcoming General Election. So, the following Tuesday we met a local TD, John McGuinness, who was invited to the school. We asked him a number of questions about being a politician and he gave us some good advice about the type of questions we should ask in our questionnaire.

When we had compiled our questionnaire we each took twenty that we were to complete by phoning people in our parishes. The questions asked which party people would vote for, which TD, what they thought were the most important election issues etc.

On Thursday February 15th we went to



the Market Cross, Dunnes Stores and other central locations in Kilkenny to get as many questionnaires as possible filled in.

In our next CSPE class we tallied the

results; we discovered that Fianna Fail was the most popular political party and that health and education were the biggest issues on people's minds. Overall it was a successful and

Crossbar challenge



The 20th of November was Universal Children's day. Class 2SC decided to do a fundraiser for UNICEF to celebrate this day. UNICEF works worldwide to protect children from violence, abuse and poverty. The CSPE class did a 'crossbar challenge' as part of their action project. Students from the junior years

entered the competition. They paid to take five shots in an attempt to hit the crossbar.

Fergal Brennan (1SK) was the overall winner of the challenge, with four out of five shots hitting the crossbar.

A raffle was also held on the day with prizes sponsored by Elvery's Sports,

Hennessey Sports, Argos, Xtravision, Broderick's music store, Remy Dowling Star Hurleys and the Art and Hobby shop.

Overall, 275 euro was raised for UNICEF. Class 2SC wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in this event.

The day we went to the Courthouse

Dylan Walsh (3SM)

As part of our studies for Civic, Social and Political Education our Class (3SM), along with our teacher Ms. Galway, decided to pay a visit to the local courthouse. On a Tuesday morning we walked from the College to Parliament Street to listen to a number of cases in

the Courthouse. The court began at about ten and we stayed in the courthouse until about half twelve.

In the Local Courts they mainly deal with lesser crimes like, theft, drink driving, vandalism etc. the cases we saw were for crimes like those mentioned above. It was interesting to

see how all parties acted in court; the accused, defence, prosecution and the judge. We felt that the judge wasn't as strict with his sentences or fines as we thought he might be. It was an interesting visit and will help with our understanding of one aspect of the justice system.

Poetry

Twisted fashion and flying

'Have you ever flown?'
The question bounces around my head.
The answer given to me
On a Monday.
'Yes I have' I say answering myself.
I fly as high as insanity takes me.
My father taught me to look outside the
box.
On a Monday.
We are together
Creating our own twisted fashion.
A fashion that only works on Mondays.
My father of fact
Me of fiction
On a Monday.
But as we fly back shock hits me. The
sun lowers its head in sadness.
It knows the moon is coming and we are
leaving.
I lie in my bed for hours begging for my
wings to come back.
'Only on a Monday' says my father in my
dreams.
I marvel at my feathers.
My feathers fall and our twisted fashion
changes back to common sense.
Only on a Monday.
Only on a Monday do I fly....and fall.
I wait seven days for my angel.
Fearing the next fall.
I sit in my bed. My mind changing back
to the box.
Our twisted fashion leaving.
As the clock beeps midnight I cry.
I cry only on a Tuesday.



Jake Moylan with the Certificate received from the Ledwidge Society

Jake Moylan, Transition Year, was highly commended in the Francis Ledwidge International Poetry Competition for adults. This competition received entries from as far away as Phoenix, Arizona. The following is an extract from the letter sent by the Ledwidge

Society to Jake: 'Most young people are struggling to shake off the shackles of rhyme and echoing poets of old, but you displayed none of this. In short your work is modern, fresh and original.' In all Jake entered three poems into the competition- here is just one of these:

Creative Writing Workshop

Recently students and teachers from St. Kieran's attended the first creative writing workshops for both students and teachers in the same group (in Ireland) which was held on a trial basis, both here and in Donegal.

The workshop was held with local

writer Kerrie Hardie, and organised by our own Mr. Cotter. It was designed to improve the skill of drafting a piece of work into a finished product. Students and teachers from across the county gathered in the Kilkenny Education Centre over four separate days to hone

their writing skills.

Overall it was helpful, each member of the group bringing three pieces of work to be critiqued by their peers. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and many of us have continued to meet and present each other with our work.

The Importance of Romance

Philip Brennan (6th Year)

Romance is one of the world's most misunderstood concepts. Nowadays, thanks to chic-lit and Hollywood, romance means roses, candles and ultimately sex. It is a great shame that its true meaning has been lost. Romance refers to the boundlessness of the human imagination and the extravagant stories and ideas which can be conjured to bring us outside the realms of reality. Oscar Wilde said that romance is "deceiving others".

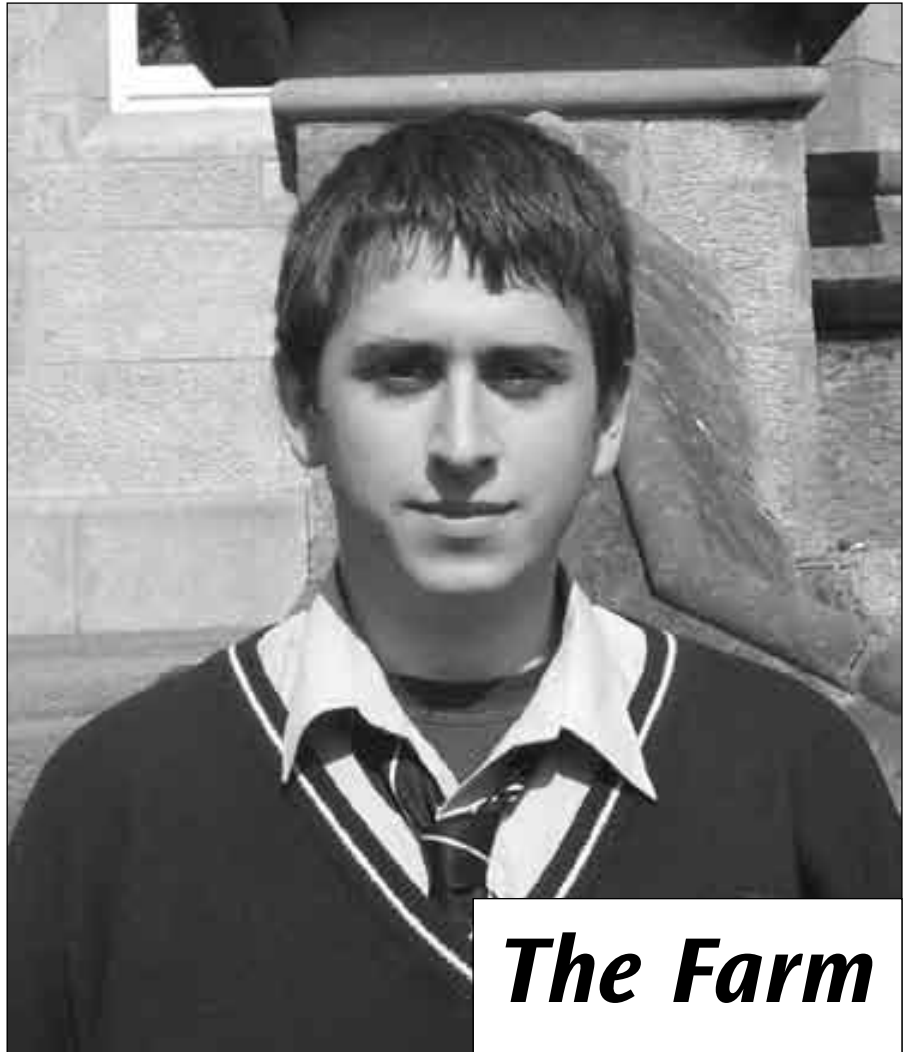
This benign deceit is important to society and our existence because it stirs the stagnant ditchwater of everyday life and lets us imagine beyond the straight lines and staunchness of our tedious existence. Romance is the fuel of the philosophers and novelists and of those who make the world a more colourful and bearable place.

Many people would say the Eiffel Tower in Paris is "romantic". And it is, extremely so. But not because it is where countless pictures of people kissing have been taken but because it is completely unconventional and flamboyant. It reaches beyond the minds of the concentric public and gives them something to awe and gawk at.

Romance is purely human, like writing and speaking. Unfortunately our romantics are often branded freaks or weirdoes and cast aside. Our poets and thinkers are thrown into despair while the white-coated scientists and obedient gentry go ahead and dissect that boring slope towards generic existence which they slide down so smoothly...

We need to embrace our freaks, they're more romantic than even the man who scatters rose-petals on the ground and proposes to his partner under the lights of the... Eiffel Tower!

Those blue-haired peculiar people on the street have more life-experience and prowess than the square neat-suited man with the suitcase and



Philip Brennan.

degrees suffocating his walls, who lives in a lovely big square house in the most exclusive of estates. If all the world was populated by them we'd be living in a lollipop without a flavour and we'd all get lost on our square streets and forget which one of the square plain cars was ours, we'd be bored driving on our perfectly straight roads surrounded our square fields and genetically modified cows. Argos would rule the world and water would be our only beverage.

Whether you think they're freaks or romantics, they do make life a little less ordinary and give yours the zest and extravagance which you take for granted.

Without romance we'd be apes.

The Farm

By Eoghan Grant (TY)

I like to work on the farm
Milking in the Barn.

The clean smell of fresh cut silage
The Tractor starting and working up
mileage.

The sight of dew rising on a
Cold spring morning
The splashing sound of slurry falling.

Winter is a sorrowful time
Feeding silage all the while.

Summer comes with longer evenings
Lots of grass no need for silage
feeding.

Performance

by Stephen Colfer

"Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player

That struts and frets his hour upon the stage

And then is heard no more."

I'm in a field, below me rests an army. The man who leads them to take back the throne stands next to me but right now that isn't important. What's important is that my cousin just asked if his family is ok and I happen to know they're all dead. Oh crap. Five minutes late we begin the march on Scotland ready to take our revenge when suddenly after only eight steps, ranks break, heavy swords are grabbed by the blade and I bend over to make sure my socks aren't showing through these imitation boots.

A theatre is a strange place; the entire building is created with the sole purpose of entertainment. Every theatre has a character, every theatre has a ghost, be it the Opera's Phantom or the lesser known Watergate's "Padder". Stepping into one is like being introduced to someone, returning is saying "hello" to an old friend. These places always seem to know what is happening in them, they shine with applause when pleased and groan when something goes wrong. They may in fact be the reason there is no such thing as an indifferent audience

It is not, however, the blue prints that accommodate this character, many theatres consist of nothing more than a small podium and twenty odd plastic chairs. What gives birth to these beings



6th Year Student Stephen Colfer

are the stories told within them. It's strange how an audience never sees a theatre's real theatrics, the set building, the messed up lines, the weeks of rehearsals but most of all the last minute panic that is the ten minutes before the curtain rises. It is here that one can see true transformation, when a person who was nothing more than lines on a page and has resided inside the head of an actor, suddenly becomes real.

You can spend all the time in the world trying to become someone else but this is the only place you truly can become someone else. It's the one place where lies are true. Reality can only wait in the wings for the people it bugs all the time, because on stage those people don't even exist. Performance is all about embracing a lie, the only way to get through it is to go with the flow. Any trip

to a drama class will instantly show you the difference between acting and doing. The actor playing an idiot becomes the best idiot he can be, his character will be remembered as an excellent idiot. Then there's the person who feels just a little too silly when being an idiot, he himself will be remembered as just an idiot.

The true joy of performance lies within its perfection. These characters that live only on stage get their own ideal endings. They live in a world created to inspire and they leave forever satisfied. As actors break character to take a final bow that person leaves forever and the actor will return as someone else. Performance allows us to live with these people within their ideal world. And though the life beyond those wings may be a stage itself, as a crazy Irishman once said, the play is badly cast.

Moving image education

As part of English class, Transition Year A participated in a module in Moving Image Education, organized by the Irish Film Institute and Second Level Support Services in English. The principal aim of this module was to encourage a visual literacy that would

enable students to interpret, respond and create.

TYA attended three film screenings in the cinema comprising American Teen Drama, Irish Film and Documentary style movies. Following on from this

the class also engaged with moving image in the classroom using the resources provided. The response was a positive one with students expressing their enthusiasm and an increased understanding of moving image and visual literacy.

Poetry aloud

Two St.Kieran's College students were the winners of the Poetry Aloud competition held in their school this year. They were among 66 students from a dozen secondary schools to compete at the regional contest. All were required to recite a poem by Louis MacNeice and one other poem by a contemporary Irish poet, in the competition run by the National Library of Ireland and Poetry Ireland.

The competition is divided into Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories. At the regional heat students competed for three places in the All-Ireland final. The Two students from St. Kieran's to go through to the Semi-final and final were Stephen Colfer (senior) and Corey Molloy (intermediate).

The adjudicators were Prinsias O'Drisceoil of the South East Arts Education Advisory Committee, poet Mark Roper and Loretta Mannion teacher of English in St. Kieran's.

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The students who will take part in the Poetry Aloud Semi-final and final in the National Library of Ireland, including St. Kieran's College students, Stephen Colfer and Corey Molloy.



Students from the South East of Ireland who were competing in the 'Poetry Aloud' poetry competition in St.Kieran's College.

AWARDS NIGHT 2006

St. Kieran's College Student of the Year Awards

By Don O'Connor

One of the highlights of the St. Kieran's College school year is the annual Student of the Year Award Ceremony, and this year the 12th annual presentation took place in the Watergate Theatre on Wednesday 31st May, where students were rewarded for their outstanding academic, sporting and extra-curricular achievements during the 2005-'06 school year.

Every year St. Kieran's College acknowledges one of the school's former pupils for his exceptional accomplishments in Irish society, and the 2006 recipient and Guest of Honour was Mr. Pdraig Walsh, President of the I.F.A. Mr. Walsh spoke of his affection for the school and the manner in which his education in St. Kieran's had prepared him for life in a talk that also noted the importance of planning and goal-setting.

Hosted by teacher Ms Jean Fitzpatrick, the packed theatre was also entertained by musical and poetry acts throughout the evening, together with a special showing of the Transition Year film "When the Leaves Fall".

Principal of St. Kieran's College, Mr. John Curtis, complimented the students on their successes in the various fields, wishing the departing Leaving Certificate class of 2006 good luck and happiness in their future endeavours.

In the Academic Awards section, prizes were presented to students in various subject categories, with the principal recipients being 1st Year: Michael Tierney, 2nd Year: Eamon O'Connor, 3rd Year: Corey Molloy, 5th Year: Richard Dowling 6th Year: Robbie Walsh.

In the Special Achievement Category,



Guest of Honour at the 2006 Awards Night, Mr. Pdraig Walsh, President of the I.F.A. and past pupil of St. Kieran's College.

particular mention was made of the fund raising endeavours of a group of students who succeeded in raising money to provide three boats, the St. Kieran 1, St. Kieran 2, and St. Kieran 3 to the victims of the Tsunami disaster in Sri Lanka.

The year's major sports awards were presented to Michael Dore (Cross Country), Eoin Kelly (Athletics), Michael Walsh (Soccer), Aidan O'Dowd (Gaelic Football) and James Dowling (Hurling) with the Overall Sports Star of the Year

going to handballer and hurler Richie Hogan, holder of 17 Leinster titles and 10 All Ireland titles.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation to the Students of the Year for 2006, and this year's winners were: 1st Year: Joey Corcoran, 2nd Year: Michael Gorman, 3rd Year: Paul Forristal, The Patrick Kilroy Award for Best Transition Year Student: Ciaran Neary, 5th Year: Stephen Colfer and the 6th Year recipient and overall Student of the Year Award was Eoin O'Shea.

Award receipts**Academic Achievement**

Mathematics:	Harry Maharaj
Irish:	Robbie Walsh
Music:	Tommy Grace
Technical Graphics:	Richard Troy
English:	Stephen Shortall
Classics:	David Butler
History:	Eoin McCormack
Art:	Michael Sherlock (junior) Patrick Brennan (Senior)
Business Studies:	Richard Troy (junior) Killian Everard (senior)

The Frank Muldowney Award

for Best Results in Junior Certificate Examination 2005: Ian O'Fearghaill

Overall Academic of the Year**Awards:**

1st Year:	Michael Tierney
2nd Year:	Eamon O'Connor
3rd Year:	Corey Molloy
5h Year:	Richard Dowling
6th Year:	Robbie Walsh

The YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

went to the winners of the Senior Section of the Enterprise Awards and winners of the most innovative product award in the national finals:

Michael Kelleher
Peter Cody

Waterford Institute of Technology and B.S.T.A.I. awards

for outstanding Junior Certificate results in Business Studies:

Oisín Daly, Niall McQuillan and David Butler

Texaco Art Competition

Highly Commended in the National Finals: David Doyle

Cross Country Athletes of the year

U-14	Niall Walsh
U-15	Eamon O'Connor
U-17	Brian O'Shea
U-19	Michael Dore

Athletics:**Junior Athlete of the Year:**

Alan Tyrell: Third in Leinster 400m.

Intermediate Athlete of the Year:

John Fagan: Winner of the 400m hurdles.

Senior Athlete of the Year:

Eoin Kelly: Winner Leinster Senior High Jump and Triple Jump Competition



STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS Back: Mr. John Curtis, Ms. Mary Cooper, Mr. Pádraig Walsh, Fr. Sean O'Connor, Mr. Nicky Cashin. Front: Michael Gorman (2nd Year), Stephen Colfer (5th Year), Ciaran Neary (T.Y.), Eoin O'Shea (6th Year), Paul Forristal (3rd Year), Joey Corcoran (1st Year).



*SPORTS AWARDS Back: Mr. John Curtis, Ms. Mary Cooper, Mr. Pdraig Walsh, Fr. Sean O'Connor, Mr. Nicky Cashin.
Front: Oisin Daly (Junior Hurler), Brian O'Shea (u-17 Cross country), Richie Hogan (Sports star of the year), James Dowling (Senior Hurler), Michael Dore (u-19 Cross country), Michael Walsh.*



*SPORTS AWARDS Back: Mr. John Curtis, Ms. Mary Cooper, Mr. Pdraig walsh, Fr. Sean O'Connor, Mr. Nicky Cashin.
Front: Pat O'Carroll (Soccer), Gavin Houlihan (soccer), James Gannon (Juvenile Hurler), Aidan O'Dowd (Football), Eamon O'Connor (u-15 Cross Country), Niall Walsh (u-14 Cross Country).*

Rugby:

Two students of St.Kieran's College were selected on the Leinster U-18 Rugby Panel David O'Connor And Colm Brady who went on to represent the province in the Interprovincial Series.

Gaelic Football: Player of the Year:

U-14: Aidan O'Dowd

Hurling: Players of the Year

Juvenile Hurler of the Year: James Gannon

Junior Hurler of the Year: Oisin Daly

Senior Hurler of the Year: James Dowling

Sports Star of the Year:

The 2006 Sports Star of the Year was: Richie Hogan

Certificates of Merit to outstanding students this year go to:

- 1st yr: Denis Hogan and Niall Walsh
 2nd Yr: David Farrell and Stephen Duncan
 3rd Yr: Paul Forristal
 4th Yr: Jack O'Connor, James Duncan, David Rafter and Niall McQuillan
 5th Yr: Glen Campion
 6th Yr: John Lawlor and Niall Clifford

Student of the Year

- 1st Year: Joey Corcoran
 2nd Year: Michael Gorman
 3rd Year: Nicky O'Grady
 Trans Year: The Patrick Kilroy Award: Ciaran Neary
 5th Year: Stephen Colfer

Overall Student of the Year for 2006:

Eoin O'Shea (6th Year)



OVERALL ACADEMIC OF THE YEAR AWARDS Back: Mr. John Curtis, Ms. Mary Cooper, Mr. Pdraig Walsh, Fr. Sean O'Connor, Mr. Nicky Cashin, Ms. Jean Fitzpatrick.

Front: Corey Molloy (3rd Year), Robbie Walsh (6th Year), Eamon O'Connor (2nd Year), Michael Tierney (1st Year) missing from picture Richard Dowling (5th Year).

Defibrillator



Pictured helping at the bag pack in Dunnes Stores to raise money for a defibrillator for the school are Stephen Duncan and Ben O'Connor.

Eoghan O'Connor (1SK)

This year the school decided to invest in a piece of equipment called a defibrillator. This is a complex device which can be used in the event of sudden cardiac arrest, it consists of a central unit and two electrodes. The central unit provides a source of power and energy. The two electrodes are placed directly on the patient. The device delivers an electrical surge to the patient in an effort to stop the chaos in the heart's conduction system. If this effort fails, the heart will produce little

or no forward blood flow, which will cause circulatory death through brain damage within minutes. The defibrillation current freezes all electrical activity within the heart system, giving the body a chance to regain control of the heart.

St. Kieran's has a proud sporting tradition and is widely acknowledged as 'one of the best hurling schools in the country'. Therefore, it seemed necessary that a defibrillator be at hand for the many sporting events that place throughout the year in the college.

However, these things cost money and a lot had to be done before such a vital piece of equipment could be afforded. The staff of St. Kieran's and the Parents' Council got on the job straight away and soon a bag pack was arranged in Dunnes stores raising a lot of money. The no-uniform day also raised money, this was held when the All-Ireland teams came to the school.

It may seem strange to spend so much money on something you hope never to use, but defibrillators save lives, and a life is something money just can't buy.

Senior and U-21 All-Ireland teams visit

Fergal Brennan (1SK)

When the senior, minor or U-21 teams win All-Ireland titles they often visit St. Kieran's with the winning trophies. This year the seniors came with the Liam McCarthy cup and the U-21s with the Cross of Cashel Cup. It was decided that this day should also be used as a no uniform day and money could be raised as a result. As the Kilkenny teams were coming many students took the opportunity to wear their Kilkenny Jerseys.



On the day each student made a two euro contribution with the money going towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the school.

All enjoyed the day and it was great to see students showing such support for their county teams. Many students also took the opportunity to get player and management autographs.

St. Kieran's day

**By David Hennessy,
Donncha Foley, Alan Lawlor
and Wayne Cuddihy (First Year)**

This year's St. Kieran's Day celebrations were held on Friday 9th march. Our first impression of St. Kieran's day was that it was a well organised and very enjoyable day. Some of us had already heard about it from older students who said it was a day to look forward to.

On the run up to the day lots of posters

were put up around the school advertising the many activities available, like bowling, pool, golf, fishing, horse riding and tag rugby, to name just a few. Students arrived in every morning eager to see what new posters had been posted. One of the most popular activities with the First Years was The Dome in Carlow, so many wanted to go because you got to go bowling, play pool and play on the arcade games.

The day itself began with mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, the mass was to celebrate St. Kieran, our school and its founding. The school choir, who had put in a lot of practice, sang during the mass. Once mass was over we all met up with our teachers and took part in our chosen activities many of us heading off in buses. The atmosphere was great and we are already planning what activities we will get involved in next year



David Rafter 5th Year LCVP student

LCVP

David Rafter (5th Year)

LCVP stands for Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme. This is a senior cycle programme designed to give a strong vocational dimension to the Leaving Certificate. The objective of LCVP is to prepare you for adult life by ensuring you are educated in the broadest sense possible. It helps you to cope in a work environment of rapid change; there is work experience in the first year of the two year cycle.

The programme gears you towards self directed learning, you are expected to work out problems for yourself and more responsibility is placed on you.

LCVP is divided into two link modules which are best explored through activity

based learning. The link modules are designed to make connections between the school and the community, future study and careers, enterprise and setting up a business.

A large part of this course involves working on a portfolio over the two years including items like a CV, diary of work experience, career investigation etc.. The written exam is completed in early May of Sixth Year which is also a plus. I would definitely recommend LCVP as a subject for the Leaving Certificate.

LCVP could gain up to 70 points for you in the Leaving Certificate and is a positive addition to your curriculum vitae.

The Last Supper

During the year a number of students, under Mr. Kelleher's guidance, spent time painting a number of pieces which were put together to form a beautiful and impressive Last Supper scene. This work is worth seeing and is hung in the College refectory.



Students working on the painting of The Last Supper)



The students involved in painting the Last Supper stand under the finished work in the refectory.

Kildalton trip



BY DAVID RAFTER (FIFTH YEAR)

ON Friday 23rd March 2007 the Fifth Year Agricultural Science Class, along with teachers Ms. Meany and Mr. Darmody, attended the careers open day in Kildalton College. The group were given a tour of the various systems of farming, i.e. beef and sheep units, and also got the opportunity to listen to the lecturers, who gave a detailed account of how each enterprise was run. There was also information available on the various third level courses available at the College.

I thoroughly enjoyed this visit to Kildalton College and it also proved invaluable in helping me to complete the various projects required for Agricultural Science as a Leaving Certificate subject.



Belfast trip

In 1990 a group of students from La Salle Secondary School in Belfast visited St. Kieran's College for a weekend, since then every alternate year a group of students from St. Kierans spend a cultural and activities weekend in Belfast. The students make many friends, learn the history and culture of Belfast and participate in activities

during the weekend. Many students remember the Belfast trip fondly years after they leave St. Kierans and it is a great experience for them.

This year a group of approximately 22 students from Belfast are visiting us. A group of 1st year students are hosting students from Belfast for the weekend of the 11th-14th of May. The Belfast

students will hurl against the school's under 14-b team, the host students and a local team. They will be visiting the castle and going quad biking among other activities. Ms. Hanrick would like to thank all of the parents involved and the board of management for their participation, without whom it would not be possible to hold these trips.



TRANSITION YEAR



TY FUNDRAISING

All Transition Years were involved in collecting money for a number of charities and organisations throughout the year, they included: The Wheelchair Association, Holly Day Collection for the Central Remedial Clinic, bag packing to help finance the defibrillator for the school, Special Olympics.

SAMBA DRUMS

All transition Year students spent a day with Samba drummer Dave McFarlane. During this workshop the boys gained experience in team work, rhythm and concentration. It was a very energetic and enjoyable day.

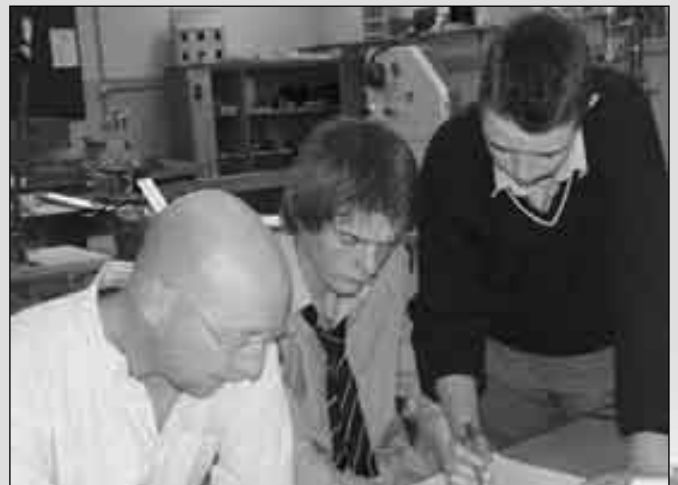
4-2-1 Drugs

Twelve Transition Year students have been training in the 4-2-1 Drugs Programme and have been working with First Year students during the year. The programme is designed to teach Transition Year students about the different types of drugs, their effects and some of the reasons why people use drugs. Having trained for three days these students in turn devise a six week course where they present their new found knowledge to First Year students in the school.





Just some of the many activities that Transition Year students have been involved in over the school year



Carols for Bothar

Aravind Menon (1st Year)

On a wet and rainy December day, one week prior to our Christmas holidays, over one hundred First, Second and Third Year choir singers backed up by a drummer and two guitarists followed Ms. Comerford into the town hall to sing Christmas carols for a charitable organisation called Bothar.

Any First Year students not singing were collecting money. The collectors were designated spots in the city by Ms. Norton, not too far away from the singers. It was a miserable day even by Irish standards. Just five minutes in, the heavens opened and many of the collectors were drenched, but thankfully none suffered frostbite or had to be hospitalised. However the weather did not keep the singers down as we were an enthusiastic



Members of the school choir who sang at the various Liturgies throughout the year and to raise money for Bothar at Christmas

crowd and we sang enthusiastically for two and a half hours.

Supermacs offered us free food, which

we graciously accepted. We raised €1647.95 and survived this wet experience.

Kilkenny Music Festival

St. Kieran's College student, Gerry Walsh, was among over 2,000 young musicians and singers who performed over the four days of the Kilkenny Music Festival 2007.

Gerry played a piece on the saxophone called "Folk Shuffle" for the under 15 category and was placed fourth, he will be eligible for this age group for two more years.



*Second Year student
Gerry Walsh.*

National Concert Hall

Chris Casey 3SB

On Monday 13th November, the two Third Year music classes and the Second Year music class went on a trip to the National Concert Hall in Dublin. The National Symphony Orchestra was playing several concerts for Junior Certificate students to give them the opportunity to experience the sound of the symphony orchestra and some of the pieces that they were studying. As well as this they would also learn about the different eras of music.

The concert started off impressively with

the main theme from Star Wars by John Williams. This was a brilliant piece to begin the performance with, as it is very popular and energetic.

The concert progressed with a selection of other pieces, including the extremely lively French piece, the Can Can, and the simple tune Happy Birthday.

With Happy Birthday, the conductor demonstrated the different ways in which a composer can change a piece, by changing the instruments, the mood or the volume.

The orchestra also played the set pieces

to be studied for the course: Hoedown from Rodeo by Copland, the Peer Gynt Suite by Grieg and the Brandenburg Concerto by Bach.

The one thing that disappointed me about the concert was the final piece, Cead Mile Failte. I felt that it was too plain and too anti-climatic for the end. It lacked the power and the energy of the opening piece and I think that they should have played a more dramatic piece to leave a lasting impression.

As a whole, however, I think that the concert was a very beneficial and entertaining experience.

Camerata Ireland

Camerata Ireland is one of the worlds leading chamber orchestras. It remains unique in carrying the distinction of being the only orchestra which enjoys the joint patronage of both the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese and Queen Elizabeth 2nd.

Over the last 3 weeks, St. Kieran's College was Fortunate to be part of their residency in Kilkenny, organised by the Kilkenny County Council Arts office. This involved a series of concerts, educational workshops and open rehearsals. The musicians who

visited our school gave coaching sessions, short recitals, demonstrated their instruments, explained about the orchestra and also about the music they perform. It was undoubtedly one of the musical highlights of the school year.



Some of the equipment in the theatre during this year's music practicals.

1st Year Class Photos



Back: Patrick Hughes, Patrick Drennan, Aidan Byrne, Conor O'Shea, Thomas O'Hanrahan, Brian Bradshaw, Mark Randall, Donal O'Shea

Middle: Thomas Talbot, Jack McGrath, Ciaran Prendergast, Billy Leydon, Enda Morrissey, Patrick Duggan, Richard Brennan, Aodhain Murphy

Front: Tommy Hearne, James McGrath, Kevin McGrath, Noel Kehoe, Fergal Lalor, Stephen Thompson, Ciaran Casey, Emmet Byrne, Conor Long



Back: Aidan Cleere, David Carroll, Barry Briscoe, Ultan Movan, Andrew Whitney, Robert Lennon, James Quinn, Alexander Kaczmarek,

Middle: Michael Donnelly, William Murphy, Conor Holligan, Benjamin Scariff-lalor, Fintan Loughane, Mark Foley, Patrick Dorney, Shane O'Neill

Front: Harry Wallace, Conor Buggy, Daire Gleeson, James O'Shea, Robert Holohan, Kevin Kerpis, Jimmy O' Reilly, Dean Walsh, Martin O'Shea.



*Back: Eoghan O'Connor, Declan McQuillan, Brian Cantwell, Daniel O'Neill, Kevin Butler, Paul O'Neill, Barry power.
Middle: Anthony Forristal, Fergal Brennan, Diarmuid Cody, Peter Butler, Stephen Brennan, William Murphy, Jake Casey, Ciaran Murphy.
Front: Anthony Corr-Larkin, Andrew Tierney, Joseph Ryan, Jack Bruton, Eoin Corcoran, Aravind Jayadev-Menon, Michael Freeman, Diarmuid Nolan, James Rice, Richard Fitzgerald.*



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Front: Cillian Treacy, David Holden, Paddy Walsh, Donagh Carney, Luke Sheady, Wayne Cummins, Craig Breen, Donncha Foley, Adam Cummins.*

2nd Year Class Photos



Back: William Phelan, Cillian Buckley, Andrew O'Dwyer, Cian Prendergast, Michael Dunne, Michael Shortall, Sean Wemyss, Michael Tierney.

Middle: Sean Lowry, Darragh Carrigan, Eoghan Connolly, Cillian Phelan, Darragh Buggy, Patrick Butler, Brian O'Shea, Sean Lennon, Jack Nolan.

Front: Jack Hanrahan, Michael Costello, Patrick O'Carroll, Hugh O'Neill, Darragh Griffin, Peter English, Brian Walshe, Danny Moloney, Dylan Meagher.



Back: Stephen McKenna, Keith Doyle, Shane Noonan-Holohan, John Dunphy, Luke Feehan.

Middle: Shane Brennan, Eamonn Wallace, Seán Farrell, Shane Dowling, Conor Foley, Gerard Looby, Daryl Cody, Bill Simpson, Paul Buggy, Trevor Looby.

Front: Tom Mullan, Keithh Shanahan,, Michael Clark, Ryan Bolger, Oliver O' Neill, Peter Nolan, Wayne Johnson, Darragh McComb, Ciarán Madden.



Back: Kevin Brennan, Daniel Farrell, David Mullins, Michael Whitely, Niall Walsh, Derek Phelan, Seán O'Dwyer, Shane Brennan, Declan Bennett, Jason Collier.
Middle: George Allen, Michael Lanigan, Mark Grace, Jason Nugent, Jake O' Brien, Thomas Whitely, Fionbar Hayes, Tom Brennan, Matthew Nolan, Seán McDonald.
Front: Cathal O' Neill, Ken Farrell, Eoin Walsh, Cormac Costello, Gerry Walsh, Faris Ali, Cian O' Sullivan, Joey Corcoran, Aaron Nolan.



Back: Thomas Lennon, Steven Carr, Robert Lacey, William Gaffney, Patrick Brennan, Denis Hogan, Ger Smith, Sam Johnston
Front: Conor McMorrow, William Harrison, Jamie Minogue, Luke Hickey, James Burke, Steven Chappell, Anthony McNeill, Aaron McDonald, Richard Prendergast.

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*Back: Caiman Browne, Corey Rigley, Gerard Teehan, Ian Matthews, Keith Dowd, Evan Barry, Shane O'Sullivan, Pierre Morrissey.
Middle: Michael Cotter, Michael Gorman, Chris Casey, Jonathon Neville, Eoin Delahunty, Patrick Lennon, Colm McPartlan, Thomas Byrne, Michael Hayes.
Front: Kieran Lynch, Eamon O'Connor, Jamie O'Hara, Conor Maharaj, Darren Booth, Sean Phelan, Niall Kenny, Conor Gorey, Paraic Meany, Laurence O'Carroll.*



*Back: Kieran Casey, Anthony Wilson, Kieran White, Ciaran Gough, Andrew Cantwell, Ben O'Connor, Alan Byrne, Aidan O'Dowd
Middle: Dermot Kelly, Mark Prendergast, Shane Egan, Stephen Duncan, Conor Hogan, Sean Queally, Rory McPhillips, Jake Egan, Sam Moylan
Front: Karl Dos Santos, Kieran Fennelly, Michael Sheehan, Rory Bryan, Ciaran Colfer, Reamonn Brennan, Dermot Heafey, Bernard Mullan, Pdraig Walsh, Michael Twomey.*



*Back: Kieran O'Brien, Evan Cass, Robert Skehan, Gavin Holohan, Michael Dowling, Patrick Lawlor.
Middle: Richie Maher, James Holohan, Dara Nolan, Damien Tynan, David Luttrell, Cathal Healy, Stephen Lennon
Front: Mark McCarthy, Niall Heuston, Eoin Brennan, David Farrell, Paddy Dowling, Paddy Jackman.*



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Front: David O' Connell, Shane Grace, Eoghan Lalor, David Freeman, Bill Murtagh, -White, Seán Malone, Cornelius O' Flynn, Seán McPhillips, David Cummins.*



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Middle: Darren Evans, Michael Lennon, Luke Greene, Paddy Delaney, Cillian Phelan, Irakli Tvildani, Ciarán Leahy.
Front: Dylan Walsh, Hugh O' Brien, Ciarán Snype, Kevin Ireland, Gavin Joyce.*

Transition Year Class Photos



*Back: David Rose, Richard Shortall, John Fitzgerald, Rory O'Brien, Seamus Hayes, Eddie Ryan, Donal O'Riordan, Mike Kealy.
Middle: Edward Murphy, Mark Sheehan, Shane Norton, Eoin Holohan, Colin Manning, Richard Troy, Andrew Kavanagh.
Front: Samuel Johnson, John Muldowney, Corey Molloy, Brian Fitzgerald, Michael Sherlock, Ronan McCann, Paul Barron.*



*Back: Jack McCarron, Chris Nolan, Donal O'Farrell, Hugh Manning, Eamonn Costello, Cian O'Sullivan, Brian Banahan.
Middle: Colm Walsh, David Doyle, Oliver Byrne, Jamie Monahan, Neil Butler, Liam Doyle.
Front: Robert Butler, Kieran Manning, Liam Lahart, Darragh Twomey, Michael Nolan, Niall Quinlan, Stephen Li, Robbie Molloy.*



*Back: John Cahill, David Prendergast, Pdraig Burke, Rory Hogan, Kevin Nolan, Evan Prendergast.
Middle: James Byrne, Sean Direen, T.J. Sherman, David Ryan, Shane Farrelly, Eanan Cooke.
Front: Conor Barry, Cathal Kavanagh, Colum Kennedy, Stephen Mullins, Cain Lynch, Jake Moylan.*



*Back: Chris Randall, Eoghan Grant, Philip Ryan, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sam Holmes, Kevin O'Neill, James Brennan
Middle: Stephen Comerford, Eddie Nugent, Jack Walsh, Geoff Doyle, Thomas Tennyson, Frank Ireland
Front: Enda Madden, David Kennedy, Trevor Kelly, Barry Mullins, Gary Armitage, Jonathon Dewberry.*

5th Year Class Photos



*Back: Jack O'Connor, Bernard McDonald, Ciaran Neary, David Rice, Gary Cody, Richard Moss, Ciaran Treacy
Middle: Robbie Doyle, Joseph Walsh, Brian Cooper, David Butler, Stephen Quinlan, Thomas Armitage, John Holland, Danny Glendon, Shane O'Keeffe.
Front: Philip Heafey, Tomas Flynn, Kieran Kelly, John Fagan, David Brett, Richard Whitney, Kevin Bolger, Martin Phelan.*



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Middle: Craig Martin, David Nolan, Eoghan Curtin, Billy Hayes, David Rafter, Jack O'Connor, Joe Brennan, Michael Walsh, Peter Cody, Brian McPartlan.
Front: Paul Barrett, Eamon Foley, Brian O'Shea, Niall McQuillan, David Griffin, Robbie Kavanagh, Patrick Rice, Niall Mullaly.*



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Middle: Darren Guilfoyle, Declan Rafter, John Prendergast, Conor Phelan, Martin Gibbons, Oisín Daly, Colm Dowling.
Front: Patrick McQuinn, Luke Casey, David McPhillips, Tom Ryan, John Wallace, John Connolly.*



*Back: David Hanrahan, Andrew Prendergast, Gavin Duffy, Niall O'Brien, Niall Scanlon
Front: Darren Cornally, Mike Maher, Ciaran O'Malley, Chris Cummins, Gary O'Brien.*



*Back: Joseph O'Brien, Kevin Nolan, Eoin Long, Shaun McGrath, Mark Simpson.
Front: Robbie Culleton, Mark Dowling, Kenneth Heffernan, Miks Glaveckis, Shane O'Halloran.*

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Middle: Paddy Foley, James Cahill, Sean Houlihan, Philip Brennan, James Shortall, Darren Rafter, Aidan O'Neill, Martin Meany, Chris Foley.

Front: Padraig Butler, John Creegan, Richard Dowling, Eoghan Carney, Darren Ferns, Paul Mullan, James Taylor, Liam Frayne, Darren Glennon.



Back: Morgan Crowe, Damien O'Dowd, Tony McGrath, Keith Hogan, Ml. Lawler, P.J. Delaney, Keith Mullins.

Middle: Ml. Gannon, Padraic Murphy, Stuart Delaney, Jonjo Farrell, Tony Moore, Colin Murphy, Ml. McDonald, Sean O'Shea, Jamie McCarthy.

Front: Peter Dore, Noel Darmody, Darragh Wafer, Liam Ryan, Shaun Hayes, Shane Dunphy, Luke O'Mahony, Jonathon Rigley, Paul O'Dwyer, Brian Meagher.



*Back: David Walsh, Mary Casey, James Nolan, Craig Dowling, Darren Brennan, Paul Harrison.
Front: Julian O'Keeffe, Stephen O'Keeffe, T.J. Fitzpatrick, Philip Johnston, Ml. Johnson. Missing from photo: Shane Scanlon and Andrew Canty.*



*6D
Back: Nigel Kavanagh, Ml. O'Neill, Ml. Slattery, T.C. Walsh, Richard Norton, Liam Geoghan, James Meehan.
Front: Jason Tallott, Ml. Meany, Darren Adams, Robert Dillon, Andrew Hickey, Enda Fitzpatrick, Tony Hall. Missing from photo: Declan Long*



A number of the students who regularly went on structured training runs in the Castle Park.

Cross Country Running

Cross Country running has become a popular school sporting activity. Students are encouraged to take up running to develop their physical fitness. Runners of all ages and stamina levels enjoy the structured training runs in the castle park. The preparation for the inter-school competition intensified after the Halloween break. As always the emphasis is on 'team' and not the individual.

John F. Kennedy Park, New Ross was

once again the venue for the South Leinster Cross Country Championships. We had seven teams competing, in all fifty-six runners. We won all four team titles, which is a considerable achievement. Diarmuid Cody led home the U-14s. George Allen was the inspiration for the U-15s finishing second in the race. Eamon O'Connor rallied the Intermediate U-17 team while Stephen O'Keeffe was the captain of the U-19 senior team.

All our winning teams qualified for the

Leinster Championships, which were held in D.C.U. Dublin. The minors and juniors were second in their respective races while the seniors went one step further and won gold. We won the title of 'Best Cross Country School' in Leinster. Two teams qualified for the All Irelands. The All Ireland championships rounded off another cross-country season with our junior team finishing fifth and our senior students winning bronze in the team competition.

The Big Race

Jack Bruton (1st year)

Hello! My name is Jack Bruton and I am writing about the first year cross-country race. Everyone in first year participated in the run, unless you were injured or sick. All the classes walked the full course before moving into the starting position. The two teachers involved were Mr. O'Keeffe, our running coach and our Year

Head, and our other running coach, Mr. Hogan.

Many people trained on the Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays leading up to the race but there were also those who were first timers.

When Mr. O'Keeffe started the race Conor O'Shea (1SC) was out like a bullet with a chasing group not far behind. Many

runners soon faded away from the leader but there were a number right on his tail.

Declan McQuinlan was one of the strong contenders making Conor push all the way. Conor was triumphant and Declan finished a strong second.

1SC had the highest points score beat 1Sk by 23 points to take home the Michael Brannigan trophy.



Minor/U-14: Back: Harry Wallace, Michael Donnelly, Thomas Talbot, Darragh Gleeson, Peter Walsh, Eoin O'Connor.

Front: Enda Morrissey, Jack Bruton, Diarmuid Cody, Eoin Corcoran, Ben Lahart.

Junior/U-15: Back: Michael Costello, Peter English, Niall Walsh, George Allen, Sean Lowry.

Front: Declan McQuillan, Conor O'Shea, Danny Farrell, Ryan Bolger, Hugh O'Neill.



CCU-17 Intermediate/U-17:

Back: Jonathon Neville, Shane O'Sullivan, Aidan O'Dowd, Ben O'Connor, Ciaran Fennelly.

Front: Cathal Healy, Conor Hogan, Raymond Brennan, Eamon O'Connor, Paddy Dowling, Padraig Walsh, Liam Ryan.

Senior/U-19:

Back: Thomas Hayes, Niall Quinlan, Brian O'Shea.

Front: Eamon O'Connor, Eamon Foley, Stephen O'Keeffe, John Connolly. Missing from Photo- Robbie Kavanagh. Trainers John O'Keeffe and Tom Hogan Pictured with each group.



Handball

Leinster Champs

Eamonn Foley and Ciaran Neary won the Leinster Colleges Doubles Senior Championship 60x30 and 40x20 and Luke Greene won the Leinster Colleges Singles Junior Handball Championship 60x30 and 40x20.



Eamon Foley, Ciaran Neary, Luke Green.

Badminton

This year's badminton got off to an eager start with a large turnout showing up for Thursday practice.

The first competitive event took place in February where the U-19 team won out the Kilkenny schools' tournament in impressive style.

In March the U-14's followed suit by overcoming five other local schools. This secured them a place in the Leinster schools' finals in Baldoyle where they came in runners-up to a strong Salesian College team.

Between Easter and the summer break the players continued to practice and play ladder games against one another in a bid to reach the top of the ladder. The year will be rounded off with a doubles summer league.



*Robert Butler,
Conor Brennan,
Darragh Nolan,
Joseph Walsh.*



*Fergal Brennan,
Declan Bennet,
Ms. D. Lynch, Daniel Farrell,
Patrick Walsh.*

Golf '06-'07



SENIOR GOLF

Thomas Hayes and Ciaran Colfer.

It was a very good year for the senior golf panel who participated in the G.U.I. Leinster Branch Fourball Match play Championship.

Our team members were: Craig Martin (5th year), Jack Walsh (T.Y.), Thomas Hayes (5th Year) and Ciaran Colfer (3rd year). The team defeated Castlecomer Community School and Callan C.B.S.

We also entered the Stroke play competition. A qualifying round was held in Kilkenny Golf Club- a team of three playing off scratch. The cumulative score is calculated. St. Kieran's was one of 2 teams to qualify out of 21 schools that entered. All 3 team members- Craig Martin, Thomas Hayes and Ciaran Colfer- played exceptionally well on the day with Ciaran recording a personal best gross score of 77. Craig recorded a 4-under par 67. The next outing was in Rathsallagh Golf Club. The standard of Golf was very high resulting in St. Kieran's being edged out of the competition.



Jack Walsh and Craig Martin.

First Year Hurling League



First Year Hurling League winning team.

Traditionally, the First Year hurling league is the students' introduction to hurling in St. Kieran's College. These leagues are unique in that they cater for all abilities i.e. anyone interested in hurling is given the opportunity to play- which is the true meaning of amateur sport.

We started with 82 students divided into six teams of approximately thirteen players per team. Between September and Christmas over 18 games were

played, all of a very high standard and many potential "Sheffs" and "DJs" were spotted. Time will tell!

At all stages during the competition we noticed a great enthusiasm, competitiveness and seriousness and it all culminated in an excellent final where there could only be one winner (unfortunately).

This competition would not have been possible without our dedicated and enthusiastic referees led by Ciaran Neary.

We wish to thank the Kilkenny County Board for their continued support and sponsorship- they provided a set of beautiful trophies for the winners and medals for the runners-up. The trophies were presented by our P&S principal, Mr. John Curtis.

Thanks to the three teachers involved in the organisation and running of this league; Michael Forrest, Jane Galway and Patrick Darmody.

First Year Champions League

Earlier this year a 'Champions League' was held for First Years. 90 students entered the competition which was based on the real Champions League. The early stages of the competition were fought out on a group basis with the winners and runners-up of each group playing one another in the semi-finals. Each First Year class entered two teams.

Competition was tight and Arsenal looked promising earlier on with a 4-0 win over Celtic. A.C.Milan, Real Madrid and Barcelona also got off to a good start. However, after a long and hard

fought group stage four teams emerged with hopes of a place in the final. Arsenal (from 1SK) and A. C. Milan (from 1SC) both had 9 points from 3 games. Man. Utd. (1SK) and Celtic (from 1SC) were both group runners-up.

The semi-finals produced a few surprises with Celtic seeing off Milan and Man. Utd. making some uncharacteristic mistakes to set up an exciting final between Arsenal and Celtic. The final was held on the 30th March with all First Years attending. The Arsenal defence had a shaky start

allowing Celtis to steal an early goal. But the 'Gunnars' picked themselves up and found the equaliser through some great skill by Jack Bruton. It was end to end stuff for much of the remainder of the game. Both teams had chances, both teams had missed opportunities, but it was Celtic who emerged as winners with a late goal from Noel Kehoe to seal the victory.

Congratulations to Celtic. Well done to all students who participated in the First Year Champions League this year and to Paul Lynch of A. C. Milan who was the tournament's top goal scorer.

Leinster Senior Schools Swimming Championships

The Leinster Senior Schools Swimming Championships were held in the National Aquatic Centre Abbotstown on Sunday 14th January '07. Swimming for St.Kieran's College were Cian Mullaly and Conor McMorrow at Junior (13/14 age group) and Colm Dowling at Senior (17/19 age group), all qualified to represent their school at All-Ireland schools level in the Grove pool in Belfast on the 2nd and 3rd of February '07.

Cian came in 2nd in the final of the 100m backstroke. He also competed in the freestyle final and came in 4th place.

Conor swam in the final of the 100m butterfly and came in 3rd position and he also competed in the final of the 200m individual medley and came in 4th place.

Colm had double gold, a great achievement and at a level Colm is eligible for again next year. In the 200m individual medley Colm won gold and received the Challenge Cup which is in existence since 1919. In the final he beat the championship record which was previously held by Justin Mitchell Newpark CS, Blackrock in 1993 Colm swam in a time of 2.08.55. Colm also swam in 100m freestyle final and won gold in 52.29 making him one of the fastest in his age group in the country.



Colm Dowling.

Wise International Schools Gala

The schools international was hosted by Ireland in the National Aquatic Centre over the weekend of the 10th March. There were four teams of approx. 40 swimmers each from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland competing in each event. There were 8 swimmers in each final, two from each country.

Swimming from St. Kieran's was Colm Dowling who swam at Senior level in

the 200m individual medley the 200m breaststroke and the 4x100m freestyle relay. In the 200m individual medley Colm came in second place registering a time of 2:12:46, which was a personal best. Colm then went on to help his 3 Irish team mates to 3rd place in the 4x100m freestyle relay in 3:35:57, a Junior National Freestyle 4x100 relay record.

Safety and Rescue Awards

Congratulations to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Transition Year swimmers on passing their Safety and Rescue Awards of the Irish Water Safety Association. About fifteen students took the test and all were successful.

Soccer

Under-14

Tom Brennan

Tom Brennan, captain of the U-14 soccer team, reports on the season gone by.

The U-14 soccer team did very well this year. They reached the league final but were beaten by an excellent Carlow CBS team 4-2, after extra time.

They were very unlucky and hit the upright twice during the game.

To reach the final they had to play Carlow CBS previous and St Kieran's won 2-0, and also secured a hard earned draw against a tough Tullow team.

In a friendly game, St Kieran's had a comprehensive win over Pobalscoil, 11-1.



Under-18



Back: Sean Direen, Michael Walsh, Gavin Houlihan.

Middle: Martin Phelan, Andrew Cantwell, Andrew Hickey, Declan Casey, Stuart Delaney, Darragh Walsh, Philip Johnson.

Front: Ms. Eadaoin Brennan, Michael Gorman, Eoghan Carney, Tony McGrath, Oisin Daly, John Holland, Stephen Duncan, Mr. Ken Maher.

Stephen Duncan

This year's under 18 soccer started with a 2-0 defeat to a very strong Kilkenny CBS side. We then had a comfortable 2-1 win against Tullow Community School and a 0-0 draw with Carlow Presentation.

With only one game remaining a win was needed to advance to the league final. The game started off horrendously with Carlow CBS taking a 1-0 lead after only five minutes. Great work by Andrew Hickey and Daragh Walsh brought CBS

crashing down and completed a great day out. An inspiring 3-1 win sent Kieran's into an exciting final with rivals Kilkenny CBS.

In the league final a superb effort from Philip Johnson gave the Kieran's boys a deserved 1-0 lead at half time. Great defending headed up by our captain Tony McGrath was the backbone of the team and gave little chance for the CBS to get back into the game. Martin Phelan sealed the victory with a nice worked ball

and a pinpoint cross for a sweet header.

The quarter final of Leinster was against a disappointing Kells Community College. With appalling conditions the boys did very well and fully deserved a 2-1 win.

Unfortunately the lads went down in the Leinster finals to a very good Athlone Community College, with two of their goals coming in the first and last five minutes. The lads were very unlucky and lost 3-2.

Under-16



A year promised much, but unfortunately ended in disappointment. Despite finishing top of the league, having won all the group matches, St Kieran's College succumbed in the final, to second place Tullow Vocational School.

Games: —

SKC 2 C.B.S. Kilkenny 1
SKC 2 Carlow C.B.S. 0
SKC 2 Tullow Vocational School 0
SKC 3 Pres Carlow 1

In the final with dominant SKC leading 1-0, with only two minutes remaining, a

dubious penalty decision was taken, resulting in the score being leveled...seconds later Tullow went ahead with a great shot from outside the box. A last minute penalty appeal was turned down, therefore against run-of-play; St. Kieran's had to settle for runner up spot.



Panel;

Conor Barry
Stephen Duncan
Robert Skehan
Andrew Cantwell
Donal O Riordan
Sean Direen
Andrew Kavanagh
Gavin Holohan
Darragh Walsh
Nicky Creane
Sean Queally
Trevor Kelly
Ciaran Snipe
Conor Gory
Kevin Ireland
Shane Farrelly
David Cummins
Edward Nugent
Brian Donovan

Juvenile Football



Ms. Emma Ryan and Mr. Richard Windle with the U-14 (Juvenile) football panel who retained their South Leinster title this year.

St. Kieran's juvenile football team reached the Leinster Football Final this year after an excellent campaign which saw the team retain their South Leinster football title along the way.

The season started with the group stages of the competition which saw St. Kieran's top their group producing some excellent football. Along the way they were convincing winners over Tullow CS, 6-20 to no score and Castlecomer, 5-11 to 1-2.

This qualified the team for the South Leinster quarter final where they beat Scoil Eoin of Athy on a score line of St. Kieran's 3-9 Scoil Eoin 4-3.

The team then progressed to a South Leinster Semi-Final where they were successful against FCJ Bunclody after a very tough game - St. Kieran's 3-10 FCJ 5-1.

This was the second year in a row that the team reached the South Leinster Football Final, and they retained their title following a very entertaining match played in Stradbally, St Kieran's 5-2 Colaiste Iosagain, Portarlinton 2-8.

St. Kieran's then faced the champions of Dublin, Colaiste Enna on the 13th February in the Leinster semi-final. On a very wet day St. Kieran's won on a

score line of St. Kieran's 0-13 Colaiste Enna 2-5.

This result put the team into the Leinster Final which was played in Dr. Cullen Park in Carlow against Colaiste Mhuire of Kildare. However this game ended in defeat for the college team who lost the Leinster title on a score line of St. Kieran's 2-5 to Colaiste Mhuire's 3-9.

The team was managed for the second year in a row by Ms. Ryan and Mr. Windle.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Junior Football campaign began with a good win away against Tullow Community School, with the team scoring four goals in the process. Our next outing was at home to Athy. This was a closely contested match with Athy going five points up by half time. However St. Kieran's responded to the challenge and scoring 1-5 to Athy's 0-2, in the second half, were leading by a point going into injury time. A costly loss of possession allowed Athy in for a well worked late goal which proved to be the decisive score.

St. Kieran's would then play the winners of group A, Naas, in the quarter finals. During this quarter final St. Kieran's played manly, holding a very fine Naas team to a point advantage in the first half. St.Kieran's conceded a goal directly after half time but the team continued to play valiantly trying to break down a very strong Naas side.

Naas added further points and finished winners on a score line of 1-12 to 0-7, thus ending the Junior Football Campaign for this year.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL PANEL

Donal Brennan, Thomas Byrne, David Cummins, Keith Davitt, Paddy Dowling, Stephen Duncan, David Freeman, James Gannon, Michael Gorman, Aidan O'Dowd, Shane O'Sullivan, Brian Prendergast, Paul Barron, John Cahill, Sean Direen, Brian Donovan, Geoff Doyle, Eoghan Grant, Sam Holmes, Andy Kavanagh, Kevin Nolan, Shane Norton, Eddie Nugent, Michael Rice, Eddie Ryan, Mark Sheehan, Richard Troy, David Buggy, Robbie Culleton, Ben Nolan, David Nolan.



Mr. Pat Murphy and Mr. John O'Keeffe with the U-16 (Junior) Football Panel.

TRACK AND FIELD

At the recent South Leinster track and field competition, held in Scanlon Park, St. Kieran's fielded much weakened Minor and Junior Teams due to a fixture clash. However the students who did compete did so with distinction and the following students qualified for the Leinster finals.

Peter English	1st Junior Discus
Daniel Farrell	2nd Javlin
Jason Nugent	1ST 100 metres.

The Intermediate and Senior competition was held on Friday 4th May with only the most dedicated athletes taking part. John Fagan broke the record in the 400mts and the 400mts hurdles (both records were previously held by

Eoin Everard and Jamie Quane, former St. Kieran's pupils) and Stephen O'Keeffe came second in the 5,000mts. Eamon O'Connor won the mile U-16.

On the 15th May the following achieved success at the Leinster Schools Finals:

Peter English	1st Junior Discus
John Fagan	1st Senior 400m Hurdles
Eamon O'Connor	3rd U-14 Mile



*Front: Jason Nugent, Peter English, Stephen O'Keeffe, Eamon O'Connor.
Back: John Fagan, Daniel Farrell, Mr. John Quane.*

Hurling

U-14 'A' Hurling

We are the defending Leinster Schools Juvenile Hurling 'A' Champions, the current holders of the Dr. Barry Cup.

This year's championship began in late March with nine teams divided into three preliminary groups. In our first game we defeated an athletic and physically strong South Dublin Colleges 0-12 to 0-9. The game was played in the College on a wet, heavy pitch which suited the bigger Dublin players. We played our best hurling in the first ten minutes of the second half scoring five points in a row without a Dublin reply.

After Easter we travelled to the north of the county and encountered a very spirited Castlecomer side. The hungrier Castlecomer team surprised us and we were defeated 2-11 to 3-10. St. Kieran's finished the group as runners up and went through to the quarter finals against Dublin North Colleges. In a much more confident performance led



The U-14'A' Panel Pictured with Mr. Pat Murphy and Mr. John O'Keefe.

by the inspirational Cillian Buckley who is team captain. We overcame the Dublin opposition 6-13 to 1-7.

In the semi-final we met St Brendan's, Birr and the outcome of that game was 3-15 to 1-10 so as we go to press we are

through to the Leinster Schools final playing against Dublin South Colleges.

Following a competitive game St Kieran's won the Leinster Schools Final by a point on a score of 2-4 to 11 points.

Under 14 B Blitz



The First Year students involved in the u-14 blitz with Mr. Adrian Finan, Ms. Eileen Hanrick and Mr. Ken Maher.

On Friday the 20th of April St. Kieran's College was represented by 75 students at an under 14 hurling blitz. There were 3 panels of 25 hurlers competing in the blitz. One team went to St. John's Park with Mr. Finan and were very successful,

winning the tournament having played matches against Castlecomer, Callan and Good Council. Two more teams competed in Palmerstown in another blitz against teams from CBS, Mooncoin, Abbey Community School and Thomastown. Both of these

teams reached the semi-final and were narrowly beaten. The students had a brilliant day with all teams playing at least 4 games. Another blitz will be held in May and hopefully we will have as much success if not more.

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The U-16 "A" Panel pictured with Mr. Tom Hogan and Mr. Philip Walsh.



The U-16 "B" Panel.

The Juniors began the campaign with a good win away to St. Mary's CBS Enniscorthy. Their next outing was at home against St. Brendan's Community school, Birr which the away team won by five points. The score was St. Kieran's 3-6, Birr 4-8.

In the quarterfinal St. Kieran's faced old rivals St. Peter's College, Wexford, in

Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow. This was a very exciting game that went to extra time. St. Kieran's emerged victors on a sore line; St. Kieran's 5-12 St. Peter's 2-11.

St. Kieran's faced much fancied city rivals, Kilkenny CBS in the semi-final. However, after a very close encounter the college emerged with a three point victory. St. Kieran's 2-8 CBS 0-11.

Panel

Thomas Byrne, Geoff Doyle, Aidan O'Dowd, Paddy Dowling, Richard Troy, James Gannon (Capt.), Donal Brennan, Kevin Nolan, Ben O'Connor,

Michael Cotter, Sean Phelan, Shane Norton, Sam Holmes, Eddie Ryan

Tom Ryan, Laurence O'Carroll, David Buggy, Nicky Creane, Robbie Culleton, Caimin Browne, Conor Doyle, Daire Nolan, Danny Luttrell, Conor Hogan,

Ciaran Goff, Paul Holden, Andrew Cantwell, Padraig Walsh.

The final against Good Counsel New Ross was played in Dr. Cullen Park and proved to be a bridge too far for the spirited college side. Good Counsel ran out winners by 6 points. Good Counsel 0-16 St. Kieran's 0-10.

Senior Hurling

St. Kieran's hurlers opened their Leinster league campaign with a stiff test against Castlecomer CS. The college boys started well and with the aid of a great John Joe O'Farrell goal they reached half time leading by five points.

The Comer boys stormed in to the second half and with five minutes to go had established a three point lead. The Kieran's team showed great character in turning the tide and points from Shane Brennan, Liam Ryan and a Keith Hogan free earned the college a crucial draw.

Next up was an equally tough

encounter against local rivals Kilkenny CBS. The CBS team who boasted five of last year's county minor team was ranked as favourite for the competition. The game was regarded as one of the best ever between these two hurling strongholds. A blistering start saw the sides level at 2-4 each after 12 minutes. For the remainder of the half scores were much harder to come by and the two teams retired at half time level, 2-6 apiece.

CBS had a great start to the second half and went five points up in as many minutes. Two great goals from Liam Ryan and Shane Brennan brought

Kierans back in to the game and coming up to injury time they had established a one point lead. With the game still in the balance it was the men in black and white who finished the stronger with points from James Nolan and Liam Ryan helping them to a merited 4-12 to 2-15 win. This victory was enough to see the College team in to the Leinster league final.

The league final saw the Kilkenny boys face up to their great Wexford rivals - Good Counsel of New Ross. After the closeness of the previous two games this proved to be a bit more one sided. A storming first half saw the College



St. Kieran's College Senior Hurling panel.

boys lead by 4-6 to 0-5 with goals from Liam Ryan, Joe Ramsbottom, Keith Hogan and Shane Brennan.

The second half saw the New Ross men coming back in to the game and a couple of late scores made the scoreboard a little more respectable from their point of view - a win for Kieran's 4-11 to 2-10.

The College boys worked hard over the remainder of the winter in preparation for the Leinster championship. Their first game was against traditional rivals St Peters of Wexford. The men from the Model County made St. Kieran's work hard for the full hour. The accuracy of Keith Hogan's free taking was crucial in keeping the Kilkenny men in the game. With minutes to go Kieran's had only a two point lead but a goal from Shane Brennan and points from Joe Brennan and Keith Hogan gave Kieran's the win - 1-15 to 0-11.

The city boys were now up against Castlecomer CS in a Leinster semi-final. Played in Nowlan Park the game started evenly enough. However a two goal blitz by James Nolan in the 10th and 11th minute seemed to have set St. Kieran's on their way. The Comer boys responded with a goal of their own before half time which left Kieran's leading at the interval by 0-5.

Playing with the aid of a breeze the men from Castlecomer gradually began to claw their way back in to the game. With ten minutes to go a Comer goal saw them take the lead for the first

time. A further pointed free left the margin at two points. Despite a number of raids on the Comer goal this was a game the Kieran's men were unable to close.

This was to be the only defeat the Kieran's team had all year in a campaign that saw them beat both the eventual All-Ireland finalists. This group of players can certainly hold their heads high after giving their all in training and in games throughout the year. Many of them are still available next year.

St Kieran's panel - Michael Gannon, Niall McQuillan, David Walsh, Michael Walsh, Brian O'Shea, Martin Phelan, Michael Fagan, Rick Leydon, John Joe Farrell, James Nolan, David Walton, Shane Brennan, Joe Brennan, Keith Hogan, Liam Ryan, Ken Heffernan, Oisín Daly, Padraig Phelan, Alan Tyrrell, Darren Ferns, Enda Fitzpatrick, Michael McDonald, Joe Walsh, James Gannon, Padraig Murphy, PJ Delaney, Ciaran Treacy, Stephen Quinlan, Sean Phelan, Tony McGrath, Sean Holohan, David Buggy, Thomas Byrne, Michael Lawlor, Conor McQuillan.



Members of the Kilkenny senior All-Ireland Team who are past pupils of St. Kieran's College.

Back: Eddie Brennan, Michael Rice, Brian Hogan, John Tennyson, James 'Cha' Fitzpatrick, Stephen Maher.

Middle: Paul Kinsella, Henry Shefflin, Donncha Cody, Andy Comerford, Eoin Reid, Richie Power, Sean O'Neill, Pat Dunphy.

Front: Brian Cody, Tommy Walsh, Michael Kavanagh, Monsignor Kieron Kennedy, Jackie Tyrell, Eoin Larkin, Derek Lyng.



