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The Stars Come to St.Colman's

By Ian Murphy



For one week only a special constellation came to St Colman's College Fermoy. The "stardome" was set up in our assembly hall and it never ceased to amaze students. It consisted of a blue inflatable dome, and inside, there was the high-tech equipment which consisted of a glass reflecting dome, which brought us the many stars of the sky, but this time, they were only ten feet away! The reality of it all was brilliant. You were surrounded by stars no matter where you looked, but not just any random stars, no, you were surrounded by stars which you

would see that very night. Yes you can pinpoint where you want to see, so we were looking at stars over Cork. Another amazing ability of this free technology is that you can go back and forward in time to see exactly what you want to see. Let me give you an example, the woman who organised this, spent twenty years looking for a star which she saw a mere four times. With this technology she could find it in twenty minutes! I was most definitely star struck!



Fermoy Rowing Club 2011

By Seán Connolly



This year has been a great year so far for Fermoy Rowing Club with wins in nearly all age groups, well deserved after the long months of hard winter training. The club has attended three head of the rivers in Limerick, Cork and Kerry. Crews with members from St. Colman's have enjoyed success in Limerick and Kerry with the Men's J16 Quad winning in both Limerick and Kerry and the Men's J15 Quad winning in Kerry. Also, the Men's J16 8+ consisting of 7 St. Colman's students lost out by just 2 seconds in Limerick but had a win back in October. The women have

again been enjoying success as they continue on from a great year of rowing last season. So far they have come away with wins in all the events in sculls, doubles and quads. Zoe Sohun and Hilary Shinnick also won the Cork Sculling Ladder in the J14, J15, J16 and J18 age groups, beating girls up to three years older than them.

The club also attended the first regatta of the season in Islandbridge, Dublin on the 2nd of April 2011. It was an early start to the day, leaving Fermoy at 5am. The day was a success, and the club came



away with 4 wins in the Men's J14 Quad and J15 Quad and the Women's J16 Quad and J18 Scull. On the 9th of April the club is attending the Schools Regatta, where crews will be rowing for all the local secondary schools.

Skibbereen Regatta is on the following day and they're both being held in the National Rowing Centre in Inniscarra, Cork. Well done to all who have won so far this year and good luck in the coming season.

Work Experience

By Snow Boarder TY Shane Stephenson



During the month of February all the TY students dabbled in the real working world. Some were architects, aeronautical engineers, vets, primary and secondary school teachers even florists! For my work experience I went to Aviemore in Scotland. I flew into Glasgow Airport from Cork and I then got a four hour train to Aviemore. I was working on reception and also as a lifeguard in the leisure centre

of a big hotel complex. The work was challenging but I got to know a lot of people and realized my own skills. It was very busy as it was the Scottish and English mid term. On my days off I went snowboarding on the Cairngorm Mountains which were only a few miles away. It was some of the best weeks in my life and I'd love to go back.



TY's at the Young Social Innovators Speak Out!

By David Quinn



On 23rd March 2011 Ms. Buckley and St. Colman's Transition Year students headed to Cork for the Young Social Innovators Annual Speak Out. The event took place in the City Hall, Cork. We were greeted by the Lord Mayor of Cork Michael O'Connell. Our conversation impressed him so much that so that two of our students were invited to a special meeting in the Lord Mayor's Office to discuss our YSI project "Learning a Foundation of Foreign Languages in Primary Schools". This was an

incredible honour for us. There were approximately four hundred students at the event with each school having to perform a small acting piece explaining their Y.S.I projects which ranged from suicide awareness to helping abandoned animals. The St. Colman's lads put on a very entertaining drama piece about people being lost in a foreign airport unable to speak enough of the language to ask for help. We are now waiting to see if we have qualified for the Y.S.I. project finals in Dublin later this month.





The Lord Mayor and St. Colman's College T.Y's



Mr. Alan Fenton enjoying Life in the Lord Mayor's Office



Open Day and Open Night

By Shane Dennehy



“The Locker Room” (Photography by Trevor Franks)

The St. Colman’s College Open Day and Night was held on the 3rd of February 2011. Primary school students from Fermoy and surrounding areas were invited to meet the teachers, tour the school and see as well as experience the facilities available to them. The students were shown a number of interesting experiments including turning water into wine! They also

made their own pottery in the art room and investigated some machines in the technology rooms. The rest of the tour included fitness tests, rowing, a language lesson, interactive computer exercises and games in the library. The students enjoyed the experience very much due to the work put in by staff and students and the day was a great success.





“The Art Room” (Photography by Trevor Franks)

Turas go Calcutta

Le Seán Ó Maoláin



Tosnaíonn mo scéal le ceart
trí nó ceithre cinn de bhlianta

ó shin. Rinne mo fhoireann
sacair i Mainistir Fhear Maí,



'bag pack' um Nollaig don chumann carthanachta 'Hope'. Oibríonn Hope le páistí bochta i gCalcutta. Bhí mo Dhaid ina bhainisteoir ar an bhfoireann, agus bhí aithne aige ar an mbean atá i bhfeighil 'Hope' i gCorcaigh. Madelaine Cummins is ainm di. Ise a chuir an smaoineamh i mo cheann dul ann mar bhí sí ag caint le mo Dhaid faoi thurasanna a dhéanann daltaí san Idirbhliain go Calcutta. Duirt sí go dtéann cúpla grúpa go dtí an Ind gach bliain ón Idirbhliain ó scoileanna éagsúla. Nuair a chuala mé é sin bhí fonn orm imeacht ina dteannta. Bhí orm €3700 a bhailiú. D'eagraigh mé 'bag pack' agus scríobh me litreacha chuig na comhlachtaí áitiúla. Fuair me airgead ó mo chlann agus dhíol mé barranna seacláide sa cheaintín ar scoil freisin. Bhí an t-airgead bailithe agam ansin agus bhí me réidh don turas. D'ullmhaigh mé mé féin agus fuair mé na hinsteallaí. Afách bhí mí-adh orm. D'eirigh me tinn trí lá roimh an turas agus ní raibh me ábalta dul. Bhí díoma an domhain orm ach dúirt Madeleine go bhféadfainn dul i mbliana. Rinne mé dearmad ar an turas ar feadh beagnach an bhliain go léir ina dhiaidh sin.

Timpeall Mí Nollaig 2010 thosaigh mé ag fáil na hinsteallaí arís. Bhí beagnach gach rud réidh agam mar bhí na rudaí céanna ag teastáil uaim an bhliain roimhe sin. Bhí sceitimíní an domhain orm ach chun na fírinne a rá, bhí mé beagánín neirbhíseach freisin mar ní raibh aithne agam ar aon duine. Ar an 17ú Feabhra den bhliain seo, chuaigh me go dtí an Ind. Bhí 52 daoine ar an turas: 5 múinteoirí agus 47 daltaí ó na scoileanna timpeall na Mumhan. Thosaíomar in aerfort Chorcaí, fuair eamar eitleán go Londain, ansin go Dubaí, agus ansin go Calcutta. Ní raibh ach duine amháin eile a bhí ina aonar: buachaill ó Bhaile an Easpaig. Bhí mé i mo shuí in aice leis ar an eitleán agus bhí me ag caint leis. Bhí an t-ádh liom mar bhí gach duine sa ghrúpa an-chairdúil. Bhí a fhios acu go raibh mise agus an buachaill ó Bhaile an Easpaig linn féin, agus rinne siad gach iarracht labhairt linn.

Shroicheadar Calcutta. Bhí an áit dochreidte. Bhí se ag titim as a chéile agus bhí gach sráid plódaithe. Bhí an aimsir mheasctha, bhí an teocht timpeall 25 céim ach bhí se scamallach an t-am ar fad. Rinneamar dóthain



gníomhachtaí nuair a bhíomar ann. Chuamar go dtí na scoileanna, na hospidéal agus na háiseanna eile a chuireann Hope ar fáil do na paistí bochta sa chathair. Bhí sé uafásach na tithe truamhéileacha a fheiceáil agus iad dubh le daoine. Cé gur chuir sé isteach orm táim sásta go raibh seans agam iad a fheiceáil. D'fhanamar ann ar feadh seachtaine agus b'é an tseachain ab fhearr é i mo shaol go dtí seo. Thaitin sé go mór liom agus ba mhaith liom dul ar ais tar éis scoile.

Is turas suntasach é, agus d'fhoghlaim mé a lán rudai. Ceapaim go bhfuil sé uafásach go gcaitheann

daoine fásta agus páistí cónaí in áiteanna cosúil le Calcutta. Níl usice glan ná go leor bídh acu, gan trácht ar ospidéal, scoil, nó dóchas don todhchaí acu. Caitheann said a bheith ag obair an lá ar fad , ach ní fhaigheann said ach timpeall euro amháin in aghaidh an lae. Tá a fhios ag gach éinne nach bhfuil sé cothrom ach tá teipthe orainn, go dtí seo, teacht ar aon réiteach sásuil. Chonaic mé John O Shea ón gcumann carthanachta 'Goal' ar an teilifís le déanaí agus tá an ceart aige: Níl rudaí ródhona sa tír seo anois in aon chor nuair a chuireann tú i gcomparáid é le háiteanna cosúil le Calcutta.





By Anthony Spillane

On Friday 8th April 2011 the students of St. Colman's College had the chance to show off their wide variety of talents in the annual unique show Colman's Got Talent. From singing to poetry, dancing to rapping we had it all in two hours of fun-filled entertainment. The presenters were no strangers to the stage with two of last year's contestants Steven Forde and Rory O' Connor taking over the microphones this year. This year was a resounding success for everyone in the school, teachers and students alike,

had a fantastic time and were highly entertained. Congratulations to the fifth year band who won the coveted first prize with their spine tingling rendition of 36 songs in one rock song. Well done also to Cian O' Leary who won second prize for his wonderful arrangement of "Fire Work" by Katie Perry and well done to first year James Comerford who earned third prize for his harmonica and guitar rendition of "Good Riddance". The show is run by the student council, prefects, Mr. Leahy and Ms. Gumbleton who are chief organisers.

No Uniform Day 1st April 2011

By Anthony Spillane

On Friday 1st April the school held a No Uniform Day in aid of Bee For Batten's Organisation which raises money for Batten's Disease. This is a rare neuro-degenerative condition that

affects babies and young children and is always fatal.

A two-year-old Kerry boy will become the youngest child in the world to undergo brain surgery. Liam Heffernan has



successfully met the strict criteria for this trial. The invitation comes nine weeks after his five-year-old sister died from the extremely rare disease. The disease is an inherited disorder of the nervous system and over time, children suffer mental impairment, worsening seizures and progressive loss of sight and motor skills.

Last March, the Heffernan's founded the All Ireland Batten's Disease Charity- Bee For Battens. The charity's website beeforbattens.org accepts donations and works to increase the awareness of the disease. Congratulations to the students and staff of St.Colman's and Loreto who raised €2,135 for the cause.



Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Queeney and the Bee For Batten's Mascot



History Trip

By Ian Murphy



On Wednesday the 23rd of March 2011 the T.Y. and Fifth year history class went on a trip to Glasnevin Cemetery and the Tutankhamun Exhibition in the RDS in Dublin.

When we arrived to Glasnevin Cemetery we were guided around the cemetery to see some of the most interesting people, including the likes of Eamon de Valera, Michael Collins and Daniel O'Connell.

Then it was off to the Tutankhamun Exhibition. It consisted of two short movies and an audio guided tour of the replica treasures. It was a

great day out and it is a must see!



Student of the Month Awards

By Dylan Thebault and Tomack Lipinski



September: Owen O'Keefe

Owen swam the English Channel in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. He also earned the title "Young Person of the Year".

October: Colm Spillane

Colm earned the title "Man of the Match" in the victorious Castlelyons Minor and U21 County winning teams.

November: Brendan Wilson

Brendan won World Championship in Karate.

December: Martin Purcell.

Martin is the anchor man for U19 Ireland Tug of War Squad.



By Gavin Collins

St. Colman's transition year students gave up their time to collect money for the Chernobyl Charity on a cold winter's morning. It all began when a lady from the charity showed the students a DVD about what great work the charity do with the street children and people in need from the Chernobyl disaster.

The students knew the money they raised was going to a very worthy cause. The students set off to various locations around the town of Fermoy to collect. It was going to be hard to collect money in these challenging times but the people in the town were very generous.

P.J. Wins Trip to China



P.J. O' Donoghue from class 211 is going to Shanghai from the 13th to the 29th April. He will be studying the Chinese language and culture in Shanghai University. The trip is as a result of participating in

the Transition Year Chinese Programme and attending the first Chinese Bridge Competition for secondary school students in Ireland which was held in UCC last year. Bon Voyage P.J.!



Transition Year Trip to Munich

By David Lombard



The transition year German class from St. Colman's College travelled to Munich for a four day cultural trip in early December 2010. During our time in Munich we travelled to the Dachau concentration camp, the Marienplatz Christmas market and ice skating at Karlsplatz. We also visited the Olympic park, the

fabulous BMW museum and went to the top of a TV tower to take in the wonderful view of the city. As well as this we got a walking tour of all the historic sites by our History Teacher Mr. Tobin. We all really enjoyed our experience in Munich and would recommend it to anyone.





1st Year Blitz: Future Harty Hurlers

By David Nelligan



The First Year Blitz is a league involving TY's who train the teams and enthusiastic first year students who love the game of hurling. Four teams are involved in a league system and the points are shown on the television in the foyer. Training takes place in the pitches regularly as well as matches. The cheering from the TY coaches is terrific and there is a great atmosphere at every game. Outstanding players so far are PJ Dennehy and Oisín Hickey.



Mini Company: Xseller8 and TransitionX

By David Nelligan

Two TY mini company classes travelled to Cork Marts last December to compete in the Cork enterprise Board Trade Fair. Led by Ms. Hogan, the two businesses, Xseller8 and TransitionX, entered the fair with high hopes. However, competition was fierce with fantastic presentations and innovations. After judging, there was a long wait to hear the judge's decisions. After

hard deliberation, the results were given. Colman's company Transition X won best innovation which was a fantastic achievement. There was hard work put in and it paid off well for the two companies. It was a great experience and well worth doing.

Horticulture

By James Neville



The 711 class in St. Colman's will be selling turnips and daffodils at the markets within the next few weeks. When they have these dug up they

are intending on planting tomatoes and cucumbers so that they might be able to sell them coming up to the summer holidays.



Southwesternmx

By David Nelligan

The Southwesternmx Championship is a Motocross, Grasstrack, Hare and Hound Championship based in Cork. Races are held on tracks in Bartlemy and Brinny, outside Cork City.

The club is in its second season with regular races over the year. The Motocross Championship began on the 20th of March and the Hare and Hound championship began on the 27th of February.

The club is organised and races are as safe as possible and proper guidelines are rigorously adhered to. In the school, there are students from first year to leaving cert

who are racing in this year's championship



An Irish Gang in Paris

By Ned Daly and David Geary



C'était formidable!! For the school tour we went to Paris, which is located on the river Seine in Northern France. The metro was the most used type of transport and it was transport craic as we had great fun chatting with the locals. The history of Paris is very interesting as most of the buildings haven't changed since 1860. Our first night in Paris entailed a visit to the marvelous Mairie and the Église fameuse Notre Dame.

The following day we spent the morning intrigued in the Louvre and in awe of the Champs le Élysées. We then went to the Arc de Triomphe as well as a local vibrant market. On the third day we enjoyed the white knuckled roller coasters Euro Disney. With all of these activities, Mr. Dolan (the prize winning poet!) still managed to organise a viewing of the Man Utd vs Liverpool match! Oh là là!!





David Coleman in Fermoy



Clinical psychologist and presenter of RTE's critically acclaimed series 'Families in Trouble', David Coleman presented a special talk about teenagers at the Cork Marts

premises in Corrin, Fermoy on Thursday, March 31 at 8pm.

The Parents' Associations of Loreto Secondary School, St. Colman's College and Colaiste an Chraoibhin came together in a joint venture to organise the talk and the event was sponsored by Mellerick's Pharmacy Fermoy.

Coleman gave a lecture on topics ranging from parenting to communication.

His latest book published in January 2010, is a guide for parents of teenagers called Parenting is Child's play -The Teenage Years.



BT YOUNG SCIENTIST & TECHNOLOGY Exhibition

Driven by Innovation, delivered by 



By David Geary

We went up to the RDS in Dublin on Tuesday 11th January 2011 to the BT Young Scientist exhibition which was held in the RDS in Dublin. There were 520 project entries in total on show up in the RDS. We were entered into the “Social and Behavioral Section” with our project “An Investigation Into Under-Age Drinking In Ireland”. There were 96 other projects in our intermediate category.

The opening ceremony was on at 2 o'clock that day hosted by Aoibhinn Ní Shúilleabháin (who would later come to our stand... a lovely lady of science) and Aidan Power. After the closing ceremony, hosted again by Aoibhinn Ní Shúilleabháin and Aidan Power, we returned to our stand to find that we had won a ribbon for highly recommended.



U14 Soccer Report

By Alan Fenton and Aaron Neville



On Friday the 21st of January on a cold afternoon on a freshly cut pitch at St. Colman's. Dolan's u14 army lined out in the third round of the league against Douglas Community College. Colman's got an early chance straight from kick off, with a great chance from Adam Murphy which the Douglas keeper did brilliantly to get to, which led to a corner kick that Colman's failed to convert from. Eleven minutes in, Colman's were still on the attack winning another corner, Douglas managed to clear the delivery but only as far as the edge of the box where Colman's Keith o Leary was waiting. He volleyed the ball

first time rocketing it into the roof of the net.

The second half was kicked off to another exciting start with another early goal chance from Adam Murphy but he was denied by a great save from the Douglas keeper. Five minutes later Adam Murphy had another chance but this time he took it well by chipping the Douglas Keeper brining the score to 2-0. A seventeenth minute goal from Douglas led to an exciting closing thirteenth minutes. But a late Goal from substitute Kyle Cronin sealed the deal for Dolan's army with a final score of 3-1.





Seachtain na Gaeilge 2011

Le Seán Ó Gadhra agus Éamonn Ó Raghailigh

Tháinig Maidhc Dainín Ó Sé go dtí Coláiste Cholmáin ar an 14ú Márta chun bualadh le daltaí ón gcúigiú agus ón séú bliain. Bhíomar ag tnúth go mór leis mar bhíomar ag léamh a dhírbeathaisnéise 'A Thig Ná Tit Orm', atá ar an gcúrsa don Ardeist. Tá an leabhar sin lán de scéalta suimiúla. Labhair sé linn faoin

tréimhse a chaith sé ag obair i Londain agus an sórt saoil a bhí aige nuair a bhí sé ina chónaí i Chicago. Bhí sé an-ghreannmhar ar fad agus bhíomar ag gáire an t-am go léir! Is ceoltóir iontach é freisin agus ag an deireadh sheinn sé cúpla port ar an mbosca ceoil. Bhainamar an-taitneamh as!



Agallamh le Diarmuid Ó Súilleabháin

Le Gearóid Ó Ceallacháin, Rónán Ó Hagan agus Dylan Thebault



1. Conas ata tú?

Ceart go leor.

2. Cad as duit?

Is as Gleann Garbh i gContae Chorcaí dom. Rugadh agus tógadh mé ansin agus chuaigh mé go dtí Coláiste Bhréanainn i gCill Árne mar bhuachaill chónaithe. Sin é an áit a fuair mé mo chuid oideachais. Ansin chuaigh mé go dtí Coláiste na hOllscoile i gCorcaigh.

3. Cad ar a rinne tú staidéar?

An céim a rinne mé ná Gaeilge, Mata agus Tír Eolaíocht. Bhí suim mhór agam i dTír Eolas ach bhí an iomarca muinteoirí Tír Eolas sa scoil.

4. An bhfuil cumha ort i ndiaidh Coláiste Cholmáin?



Tá is dócha, ach tá a lán des na múinteoirí a thosaigh ag múineadh liomsa imithe ón scoil freisin agus buailimid le chéile chun babhta gailf a imirt agus rudaí mar sin.

5. Cén cis atá agat sa ghalf?

M'aois!

6. Cá fhad a bhí tú i do mhúinteoir?

Thosaigh mise sa bhliain 1969 agus rinne mé mo Theastas Oideachais ansin. Ag an am sin nuair a bhí tú ag déanamh an Ardteastas Oideachais bhí tú ag múineadh an lá go léir agus ansin chuaigh tú go dtí an coláiste ón a cúig go dtí a seacht. Tá sé an-difriúil i gcomparáid leis na laethanta seo.

7. Cad a bhíonn á dhéanamh agat nuair a bhíonn am saor agat?

Ag imirt gailf uaireanta, ag obair sa ghairdín, ag dul ar siúlóid agus ag tógaint go bog é.

8. An ndearna tú a lán cairde i gColaiste Cholmáin?

Ó rinne, múinteoirí difriúla i rith na mblianta agus buailim leis na hiar-scoláirí go minic in áiteanna difriúla.

9. Cád é an rud is fearr leat faoin scoil

Amm, bhí cairdeas ann. Bhí cairdeas idir na múinteoirí agus na leaids agus sin rud an-thábhachtach san áit a mbíonn tú ag obair.

10. Agus cád é an rud is-greannmhara a tharla sa seomra ranga?

Tá cúpla ceann nach féidir liom a insint duit ach lá amháin bhí dalta amháin in easnamh ón rang. Ag an am sin, bhí seomra fé leith ag gach rang. Cheap mé go raibh an buachaill as láthair mar ní raibh sé sa rang. Bhí cófra sa seomra ar thaobh mo láimhe deise agus chuala mé glór



anois is arís i rith an ranga agus bhí an rang an-chiúin an lá sin. Nach raibh an buachaill sin istigh sa chófra! Ní chuimhin liom ainm an bhuachalla.

11. Cád é an t-abhár is fearr leat?

Mata nó Gaeilge is dócha. Tá Gaeilge ceart go leor don Teastas Sóisearach ach bíonn a lán des na daltaí ag déanamh gnáthleibhéal don Ardteist agus níl aon suim acu ann agus is rud deacair é dos na leaids agus dos na múinteoirí.

12. Cén athrú is mó a tharla sa scoil ón am a thosaigh tú ag múineadh go dtí an t-am a chríochnaigh tú?

Is dócha i 2003 an chríoch leis an scoil chónaithe. Nuair a thosaigh me ag múineadh anseo bhí ranganna ann Dé Sathairn chomh maith. Bhí a lán am saor againn i rith na seachtaine ach bhí gá le ranganna maidin Dé Sathairn dos na buachaillí cónaithe. Sin an ceann is mó is dócha.

13. Agus an pionós is fearr leatsa?

Nuair a thosaigh mé bhí cead againn an bata a usáid. Níor úsáid mé é ró-mhinic ach bhí cúpla duine a bhí ag obair liom agus d'úsáid siad é. Níor cuireadh aon rud sásúil ina áit i ndáiríre! An buile sa lámh nó dhá cheann agus sin é, deireadh leis. An pionós is fearr liom ná an pionós atá ann anois. Nuair a dhéanann tú an chéad rud mícheart cuirtear sa dialann é agus leanann tú ar aghaidh go dtí go dtéann tú chuig an príomhoide. Is é sin an tslí is fearr. Tá sé leadránach ach níl aon slí níos fearr ann.

14. Cén múinteoir is fearr leat sa scoil seo anois?



Ní féidir liom é sin a rá. Tá siad beagnach dearmadta agam anois!

15. Ar deireadh, cé hé an t-imreoir iománaíochta is fearr leat a d'imir don scoil?

Tá roinnt-mhaith is dócha. An chéad no dara bliain go raibh mé anseo bhí Séan Ó Laoghaoire ag imirt agus is cuimhin liom cluiche amháin i gCorn an Artaigh i gcoinne CBS Luimneach. Bhí sé tar éis dhá chúl a scóráil ag tosach an chluiche. Ansin tugadh buile dó ach tháinig sé ar ais sa chúig noiméad deireanach agus is beag nár bhuaigh sé an cluiche dúinn. Imreoir iontach ab ea é. Tá roinnt mhaith acu go háirithe sna blianta deireanacha. Sa bhliain 1999 nuair a bhuaigh Corcaigh Craobh Na hÉireann bhí seisear ar an bpainéal, seisear a d'fhreastail ar an scoil seo.

Thar ceann Muintir Cholmáin is mian linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil leis an Uasal Ó Súilleabháin agus rath a ghuí air ina shaol amach anseo.

Beir Bua agus Beatha!



Coming Soon



