



Rice Bytes

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Munster Title for Rice College



Rice College were crowned Munster Champions at Ballyhea in Cork on 14th Dec 2010. They defeated Hamilton High School from Bandon in the final of the Corn Mhic Craith U-15C Football Championship on a score line of 4-8 to 2-7.

After the game, Rice College captain Conor Finucane was presented with the trophy by Tom Collum, Munster Colleges servicing officer (see below). The team is managed by Mr. O'Driscoll and Mr. Clohessy.

Well done to students and management on this well deserved victory. The hard training and supreme commitment resulted in this great success. Congratulations!!



Junior Ladies Football

Rice College Junior Ladies Football had a busy and enjoyable year. They beat St. Pat's of Shannon, near neighbours Coláiste Muire and Lisdoonvarna in the group stages of the competition before qualifying for the final. In the final, played in Coolmeen, they met a very strong Kilkee team who won on a score of 4-10 to 2-4. While it is always disappointing to lose a final, a good number of this panel are under age again next year. Throughout the campaign Rice College had good performances from Rebecca Devine, Megan O'Brien, Orla Hennessy, Fiona Tuohy, Orlaith Lynch, Ciara O'Malley and Aoife Clohessy. Maith sibh!

Peace, Health and Prosperity to all our students, staff and families in 2011.

Transition Year Christmas Market



TY students selling their wares

On Wednesday Dec 15th the transition year students hosted a Christmas Market in the school canteen. The event was managed and run by 'MaeRia promotions' an event management company, just 1 of the 9 minicompanies set up and run by the transition year students. The minicompanies are entries in the county enterprise's student enterprise awards competition. The other 8 companies used the event to launch and sell their products to the invited public. The event was a huge success with many of the companies selling out on the day. Products available were calendars, festive decorations and cards, a children's cookbook, sweets and baked treats, novelty golf goods and other Christmas stocking fillers. The festive atmosphere was further enhanced by special guest Santa who was on hand to chat with younger visitors to the Market.



Rice College carol singers and musicians helped create a warm festive atmosphere at the TY Christmas Market. Spot Santa in their midst!

TY Public Speaking

Congratulations to Transition Year students Ciara Gleeson, Maeve O'Neill, Tara Murphy, Amy Lyons and Aisha Jedir who represented Rice College in the Clare Final of the Soroptomist International Public Speaking Competition.

Maeve qualified for the Regional finals of the same competition, which will be held in Killarney in February. Rice College wishes her the very best of luck!



Student Reflection of TY by Tara Murphy

TY started and we were all like first years again. I was so excited to learn new languages like Spanish and Japanese. We went to the Burren Outdoor Education Centre where we fell down waterfalls in caves together...we went to a Road Safety show in Glor and I don't think anyone will forget their seatbelt again...a drama company came to perform a show for us and did a workshop after, we all absolutely loved it and had zero inhibitions...work experience was an amazing two weeks for me, I really didn't want to leave...our business mini companies have been very successful and we went to a business show in Thomond Park.

We have all learned how important teamwork is from being in TY and also how it's very difficult to have such responsibility sometimes.

All in all everyone loves TY and it has honestly completely exceeded my expectations. I most enjoyed making better friends with people you thought were quiet, doing things you'd never have dreamed of, like for me public speaking competitions, hip-hop dances or drama sketches. By the end of TY I think we'll all be fantastically matured and skilled in sowing buttons, changing car tyres and most of all, be better friends with everyone in our class or as we like to call it, our family.

Rice College Christmas Hamper Appeal

Rice College students were very generous and thoughtful in the lead up to Christmas this year. As part of their Advent project they opted to create a hamper from each class. Students brought non-perishable food items and donated the class hampers to St. Vincent de Paul.



BT Young Scientist 2011

Rice College had three entries for the BT Young Scientist Competition this year, with only one success: Naoise Stack-Marques, a Junior Cert Student.

His project will enter into the Chemical, Physical and Mathematical Sciences Category with the title "Polygonal Numbers". He is investigating the patterns in Polygonal Numbers and as a result has created mathematical formulae from them.

Naoise will represent Rice College in the annual Young Scientist Competition in Dublin from the 12th – 15th of January, 2011.

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Swimming / Lifesaving

Rice College had its biggest representation at the Munster Schools Swimming Championship. 22 students represented the school, winning 6 gold, 12 silver and 8 bronze medals. The parents council provided t-shirts for the event. 8 students have qualified to represent the school at the Irish schools in Belfast in February and are training hard..



Bernard Cahill, Declan Bredin and Dylan Barrett (above) represented Ireland in Belgium in September at the European Junior Lifesaving Championships. All the boys won medals - Bernard won the swim and board race, while Declan was second in the 2km run. Bernard and Dylan went on to come 2nd in the board rescue race, a pairs event which involves Dylan swimming out to a marker and Bernard rescuing him on a board. All events are simulated life-guard everyday experiences.

Advent Mass



The students of Rice College shared their talents with the wider community on December 5th when they contributed to the Advent Mass in Ennis Cathedral at 10.30. The students enhanced the Liturgy with their many prayers, readings and reflections. Students worked diligently in their preparation for this celebration. Music students further enriched the mass with soloists, classical arrangements of liturgical music, hymns sung by the choir and a beautiful traditional Irish arrangement of Pachelbel's Canon. Students are to be commended for their dedication and commitment and are thanked for giving up their many lunchtimes leading up to this mass.