



Rice Bytes

June 2011

Student Awards



Awards were presented to students in Rice College in May to recognise their hard work and achievements during this academic year. Awards were given in all subjects to all classes.

The Student of the year award was highly contested with many students being nominated by their teachers. Pictured above, the following were the nominated students: Declan Bredin, Paula Loughnane, Ultan O'Brien, Patrick Flynn, Michelle Hefernan, Michelle Mather, Brian Coote, Declan Ensko, Dylan Barrett, Naomi McMahon, Aoife Martin and Carol Shanley.

Heartfelt congratulations to Declan Ensko, Rice College Student of the year 2011.

Transition Year

This year was the inaugural year of having two TY classes. Once again students experienced a wonderful variety of activities and challenges throughout the year. They grew as individuals, as a team, both personally and spiritually.



Pictured, John Bowker conducts a drumming workshop. Students thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

Students in TY visited the Burren Outdoor Education Centre. They benefited greatly from working as a team. Braving the elements, they endured and enjoyed many exciting and stimulating activities. Pictured students helping each other during one of the many outdoor pursuits.



Rice College Captures U15 Clare Colleges Hurling Title



Cusack Park was the venue for the Clare schools hurling final between Rice College Ennis and St. Joseph's Tulla.

Rice College increased their intensity in the second half and a great team ethic seemed to upset the physically stronger Tulla outfit. Great scores from Michael O'Malley, Conor Finnucane and Colm Fitzgerald extended Rice Colleges lead. C. Corbett again kept Tulla in touch with frees but it was obvious that they were finding it difficult to break down a stubborn Rice College defence, where Shane McInerney, Michael Lyons and Conor O'Halloran were particularly outstanding. Rice College Team: Colm Devine, Michael Lyons, Shane McInerney, Seamus Nugent, Conor O'Halloran, Lee Brady, Timmy O'Connor, Conor Finnucane, Conor O'Brien, Michael O'Malley, Cillian Brennan, Liam Lynch, Eanna Barry, Evan McNamara, Colm Fitzgerald. Substitute: Conor Grogan.

Under 15 Football Title

The Rice College U15 Football team won the Clare U15 Colleges title to add to the Munster title they had won earlier in the year. In the final played at Inagh, they overcame a strong challenge from Ennistymon CBS on a scoreline of 5-6 to 1-6. There were some outstanding performances from Colm Rice, Liam Lynch, Patrick Chesser, Conor Finucane, Conor O'Halloran and Michael O'Malley. Maith sibh.

Faith in Action

Fifth Years took part in a 10km fundraising walk/run on May 12th. Congratulations on collecting €4,095. Fr. John Molloy will put €3,240 to good use in his mission work in Ecuador. TLC - the organisation for cystic fibrosis received €855 which they will invest in medical facilities. Well done to all involved, it is a great achievement in these trying times.

Fr. Fergal O'Neill, our chaplain has been a tremendous support to both students and staff alike in the past year. As well as the many masses the school was involved in, he gave greatly of his time to the faith and development of the Catholic ethos in Rice College. He offered masses before school during the season of lent, held reconciliation services throughout the year and offered personal, spiritual and emotional guidance to students during lunch-time on a weekly basis. He undertook a staff reflection session based on the Edmund Rice Charter. It is hoped that the spirit and meaning of Edmund Rice will continue to be nurtured and flourish within Rice College.

Thank you Fr Fergal, we do appreciate your hard work.

Rice College Concert, Glor 2011



What a wonderful night! 150 students took to the stage in Glor on Feb 12th and displayed with aplomb the amazing talents of our student body. They conducted themselves impeccably and were a credit to themselves, their parents and our school.

Budding Authors



Congratulations to Laura Mather, Orla Hennessy and Hannah Ryan, prizewinners in the Clare Champion short stories competition. Well done girls, we look forward to reading your novels in the future!

RUGBY BLITZ

Rice College U16 Rugby Team won the Clare Rugby Blitz in Lees Road on Thursday 27th January 2011.



The Blitz was preceded by a coaching session given by six of the Munster coaching staff. To win the blitz, Rice College beat strong teams from St. Flannans, Ennis, St. Caimins, Shannon and Scarriff/Tulla.

The Panel was David Flynn (Captain), Alan Britchfield, Paudi Carmody, Conal Curtain, William Tumas, Michael Lyons, David Reynolds, David McDonald, Liam Halpin, Joel Lynch, Michael Clinton & Ross Kelly.

The players who took part were: Johnny Kennedy, Johnny Martin, Segun Junaid, Eoin Sexton, David Brassil, Marcus Casey, Chris Hanrahan, Seamus Quigley, Shane Hanrahan, Nicholas Twumasi, Daithi O'Callaghan, Ian Haugh, Ronan O'Halloran, Aaron Lysaght, Hugh Cahill and David Flynn.

Congratulations to the **Rice College U14 boys**, 7 a side rugby, who won The Clare Schools Rugby Blitz on the 9th February 2011 in Lees Road Ennis, they beat Kildysart in the final by 2 trys to one try and they now go on to represent the County in the Munster U/14 7 aside tournament.

Junior B Camogie Final

Rice College Ennis played Killaloe side St. Anne's in the Junior Girls Final on Monday 23rd May. The game was played in Eire Og, Ennis. Scores were proving difficult to get in the first quarter as St. Anne's defence stayed strong. Even though Rice had a lot of possession they scored just 1 goal and 2 points. They began to capitalise on that possession in the second quarter where they scored a further 2 goals 3 points leaving the half time score of Rice College 3 goals and 5 points to no score. Rice were hoping this lead would be enough playing into the wind in the second half, Rice continued to dominate from the throw in and tacked on some good scores to run out convincing winners on a score of 7 goals and 13 points to no score. The team consisted of Clodagh Burke, Lisa Green, Karen Roche, Louise McDonald, Jessica Leamy, Megan O'Brien, Fiona Touhy, Michelle Nihill, Orlaith Lynch, Eimear Casey,



Rebecca Devine(cpt.), Rebecca Cahill, Rebecca Connellan, Fiona Murphy, Laura Fitzgerald. The Subs were Aishling Doyle, Caoimhe Morrissey, Laura Chesser, Amy Broderick, Karen Kennedy, Grainne Hennessey, Ciara Fitzgerald, Samara O'Callaghan, Aoife Talty, Clionna O'Loughlin, Caoimhe O'Halloran, Ornaith Hanratty, Aoife Lydon and Orlaith Martin.