



Technology Rocks at Davitt College!

Students are intrigued as they are shown the science of sound and electricity by Sue McGrath, Director of Science2Life, during a Technology Show organised by Davitt College in association with Engineers Ireland. This and other similar events, organised by Davitt College, aim to increase the uptake and popularity of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects among Davitt College students. Davitt College believes that getting young people interested in science and technology will help ensure that Ireland has the pool of talented scientists and engineers it needs in the years to come.



Training Camp at Davitt College with Mayo Senior Football Manager James Horan



The Davitt College girls football team took part in a mini-training camp over the October mid-term break where they worked on off-pitch preparation and on-pitch delivery. Mayo manager James Horan was one of the speakers at the event. Mr. Horan is pictured here with players from the Junior and Senior teams in Davitt College and their coaches Ms. Flynn and Michael Gallagher



An Gaisce Awards - Silver and Bronze for Davitt College



On Tuesday the 9th October a group of eighteen students from Davitt College attended an An Gaisce awards ceremony in GMT, accompanied by PAL Emer Whyte. Amongst the group seven obtained Silver Awards and twelve earned the Bronze Award.

An Gaisce is the President's Award and the country's most prestigious and respected individual award programme honoured by the President to encourage the youth of our nation to excel. Over the course of the year students undertook a personal skill, an aspect of community involvement, physical recreation and an adventure journey. The skills ranged from developing I.T skills, learning to drive, cook, play an instrument or learning a craft. The aspects of community involvement ranged from partaking in the Big Brother Big Sister mentoring programme, volunteering in the Sacred Heart Hospital, helping to train teams, volunteering in charity shops and visiting people in need in the community. Students also undertook physical recreation in areas of karate, swimming, zumba, pilates, yoga and running. The length of commitment varied depending on the award, with time periods ranging from thirteen to fifty two weeks. At the end, participants of both awards went on an adventure journey to Achill Adventure Centre. The Bronze participants undertook a two day one night hike and camping adventure, and the Silver participants undertook a three day two night camping trip. Davitt College would like to extend congratulations to all our young achievers and we wish them luck with following up the next award system, with some of the students presently continuing with silver and gold levels of the award system. Picture shows Mr. Andy Moran, Captain Mayo Senior Gaelic Team, Ms. Emer Whyte PAL; Mr. Hugh MacConville, An Gaisce

Silver award winners: Lorcan Mc Ellin, Hannah Mulchrone, Aoife Deacy, Christopher Walsh, Eadaoin Donnelly White, Roisin Mc Nally, Ailish Mc Donagh,

Bronze Award winners: Fintan Murphy, Suzanne Murray, Elaine Dunbar, Nicole Williams, Michelle Kelly, Shane Nugent, Patrick Kilcoyne, Michael Nolan, Niall Kearns, Tessa Geraghty, Rachel Farragher, Ivana Connor

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The Davitt College Sports Department was up and running within days of returning after the summer break. The teams began their training and all involved were beginning their preparations for what will be another busy and action packed calendar. Training sessions were taking place before, during and after school hours. With over 20 teams competing at inter schools competitions the sports department will be hoping for plenty success for the coming year. Congratulations to Liam Irwin on his victory in the Irish Junior road race championship, Emma Sheeran for gaining her place on the Connacht U-14 School girls Soccer team & Erina Flannery & Aisling Hughes who will play in the All-Ireland Senior Ladies Club final next month. Colm Quinn and Aaron Daly are also congratulated for their wins in Boxing.

Emma Sheeran qualifies for Connacht



Congratulations to Emma Sheeran, 2ND Year

who qualified for the Girls U-14 Connacht Soccer Squad. Emma had to undertake four different trials alongside pupils from various schools in Connacht to obtain her place on this team.

Students from Davitt College Sports teams who took part in a running Technique Workshop in Davitt College Sports Hall conducted by Cathal Cregg (Roscommon Senior Footballer and Running School Castlebar). Pictured are Keith Mulchrone, Oran Scully, Erina Flannery, Cathal Cregg, Fintan Murphy & Rebecca Lawless.

Running Workshop



The U-16 & Senior girls Basketball teams are currently playing their group matches. They played Ballinrobe in the first round where the U-16 team lost by 6 points while the senior team recorded a hard fought win. They will play Claremorris and Westport next. The girls' basketball training takes place on Mondays from 4-5pm in the sports hall.

Basketball

First Year Soccer

Four teams represented Davitt College at the Mayo V.E.C. junior boys

7 aside soccer tournament in Ballina in September. Displaying great skill and determination, the school's A team were the eventual winners of the competition. The team were victorious in all seven matches scoring over 30 goals and conceding just one.

Active School Flag

The Davitt College Sports Department will be putting together an Active Schools Flag Committee next term. This group of students and staff will be involved in the process of making Davitt College a healthier and more active school. In order to achieve this prestigious flag the whole school must be involved in the process and as part of this there will be an Active Schools Week/ Healthy Living week in the third term.



Senior Boys Gaelic

This year the team has started very well under the management of Mr Donlon and Mr Nevin and remain unbeaten in three competitions. The team trains every Friday morning at 7.30am. In September they beat both Ballyhaunis Community School and Ballinrobe Community School in the Flanagan Cup and now are in the final to be played at the end of November. The month of October saw the team retain the County Mayo VEC title, after beating St. Brendan's Belmullet on a score line of 5-12 to 2-10 and this has qualified the team for the Connacht Final in February against a Galway school. In the County Schools League we have three wins out of three having beaten Louisburgh, Belmullet and Achill with some impressive score lines. The team this year is captained by Diarmuid O Connor and vice captains are Joe Geraghty and Conor Finnerty. Management want to thank the team and their parents/families for their commitment to the early morning trainings.

The 1st year boy's Gaelic team have begun their preparations for the Connacht 1st year league and championship. The team recorded a comfortable victory over Scoil Mhuire Swinford in the league but were unfortunate to lose to St. Brendan's, Belmullet where the early concession of two goals would prove the difference at the end. The team is made up of players from Ballintubber, Breaffy, Parke, Castlebar Mitchells and Islandeady and has huge potential to deliver success to the school

Panel: James Finnerty, Niall Fadden, Bah So, Lerlah, Dara Kelly, Jack Jensen, Noel Geraghty, Keith Cashin, Michael O' Brien, Dara Kelly, Conor Mc Donnell, Paul Barrett, Bartek Zalewski, Terence Ward, Daniel Brogan, Ciarain Costello, Sam Dean, Casper, Daniel Plaster

1st Yr Boys Gaelic

Girls Gaelic



Hurling & Camogie

The Schools hurling team have participated in a number of Blitz's organised by Connacht GAA and have acquainted themselves well showing a huge improvement in skill level. The Camogie team continue to make huge progress with a number of the girls now representing the school on the Mayo Schools team which participates in the Connacht Camogie competitions. Great credit must go to Mr. Buckley who has shown a great commitment to improve the standard of hurling and camogie in both the school and county.

Transition Year Delphi Trip 2012





Rugby News

The Junior rugby team are currently participating in the Connacht U16 development league and have played a number of matches recording victories over St. Tiernan's, Crossmolina and Easkey Secondary School. The team were unlucky to lose narrowly to Roscommon CBS and St. Muirdeachs, Ballina but have shown great skill and determination for a team participating in the Connacht Competitions for the first time. The team are due to play St. Mary's Ballygar in their final league game before preparations will be stepped up for the Connacht Cup which will begin in January. If all members of the panel are available, the team will be confident of going a long way in the competition.

The team also attended a Connacht Rugby training session where they got the opportunity to mingle with the professional players before participating in a training session organised by players and management from Connacht Rugby.

Fintan Murphy (5th Year) is currently representing the school on the Connacht U18 rugby team and both Jack Rowland and Jordan Keighley are currently training with Connacht U14 rugby development squad.



The Davitt College Rugby team recently attended a Connacht Rugby Training Session. They are pictured with Connacht Rugby player Mr. Dan Parks, a native of Australia.



Westport and Headford to be played before Christmas.

The Sports hall also hosted this year's FAI Boys & Girls Futsal tournament. The Davitt College first year girls won 2 out of their 3 games to reach the final against Westport. Strong performances from Saoirse Walsh, Geraldine Fleming, Elaine Fleming and Clodagh O'Shea helped the team get to this stage. The final went down to the nail but the Davitt girls lost in the dying minutes by a single goal.

Davitt College played host to this year's FAI **FUTSAL** tournament for the second year in a row. The tournament was played in the sports hall with eight schools competing for this year title. The Davitt College boys were slow to get going and lost their opening two games. They played Louisburg in their final qualifying game and won 4-0 but unfortunately it wasn't enough to qualify to the semi-final on the day. Ballinrobe Community School went on to win the tournament. All the above teams that represented Davitt College are members of the U19 soccer team who will begin their Connacht F.A.I. Cup campaign with games against Rice College,





1st Year Trip to Westport

This year our 1st Year students adventure trip took place in Westport House. On the 2nd October, 110 first year students set out for Westport Adventure Islands in Westport House. This was a very exciting day for our first years students with a great day of fun filled activities had by all.

Our Schools Got Talent

Davitt College would like to congratulate Sarah Horkan, Ethan Carey and Ethel Hoare who took part the second round of "Our Schools Got Talent" on Saturday 8th December in Claremorris and wish Ethan and Ethel the best of luck in the semi-final of the competition which is due to take place in January 2013.



The successful musicians (From L) Ethan Carey, Ethel Hoare and Sarah Horkan, are pictured with their music teachers Mr. Mulderrig and Ms. McManus



ISPCC Childline Fundraiser

Davitt College presented a cheque for €820 to Fiona Jennings from the ISPCC. This money was raised by Davitt College students selling the ISPCC shield badge. A raffle for 2 tickets to the Childline Cheerios concert sponsored by Teresa McHale from Childline took place and the lucky winner was Dara Kelly. Picture shows students who raised money with Mr. Ger King, Deputy Principal; Mrs. Teresa McHale, Childline; Dara Kelly, Winner; Ms. Fiona Jennings, ISPCC and Ms. Bernie Rowland, Principal