

Portlaoise College Summer Newsletter

June 2018



PRINCIPALS FOREWORD

As Principal of Portlaoise College, one of my most enjoyable tasks every year is to reflect on the year that has passed and all the positive activities our students and teachers are involved in. The School Newsletter is a vital part of that reflective process and a major part of the communication between school and home.

Despite all the weather woes and cancellations of some extracurricular activities and events, this year too has been another most successful and exciting year in the life of Portlaoise College.

For all your first time readers and in particular our new in-coming 1st years and their parents for September 2018, I hope you enjoy the newsletter and hopefully you will get the opportunity to feature in future editions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and parents for your contributions to the continued growth and success of our College.

Without singling out any particular event, I want to thank all involved in creating the moments that individually are great events and successes but collectively create a school that we all can be proud of.

On a sad note, Mr McEvoy has announced his retirement from teaching and will not be back among us in September. As previously acknowledged by current students, past students and fellow Teachers over the last number of weeks, Mr McEvoy's retirement brings an end to what was a truly a vocation to the teaching profession. It is bitter sweet, as we know he has to go but we hate to see him leave. We all wish him well and thank him for his true professionalism and what was a significant contribution to the development of Portlaoise College.

To all our Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students, I wish them all the best for their exams and their future college and work life. Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, students and staff for their contribution and hard work this academic year.

Noel Daly



Evening of Excellence Special Guest Maria Walsh



Our Leaving Certificate Graduation Class of 2018

RECOGNISING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At Portlaoise College we place a great emphasis in acknowledging our students' accomplishments inside and outside the classroom. These can range from academic recognition (Evening of Excellence) to participation and acts of kindness around the school (Well-Being Awards).



Our Evening of Excellence at Portlaoise College where over 140 different students were presented with awards.



Our 1st and 2nd Well-Being Award winners. Students were nominated in the areas of positivity, kindness, responsibility and participation.



Incoming 1st Year Scholarship Award Winners



Gaeltacht Scholarship Winners

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AT PORTLAOISE COLLEGE



Gambia Trip – 21 Students & Staff visited the Gambia in February 2018, during the trip students painted classrooms, made repairs to a nursery and donated medical supplies to a local hospital.



1st & 2nd Year Well-Being Celebration Day – May 2018



GLOBE Learning Competition Winners

Portlaoise College Science Students are to represent Ireland in GLOBE Learning Expedition in Killarney after winning first place in Air Quality Campaign competition. They are part of a very elite group which involves scientists and schools in 112 countries worldwide.



LVCP Trip to local business Enva



1st Year Debating winners



2nd Year Trip to Rome

OTHER NEWS AT PORTLAOISE COLLEGE



Mr. McEvoy Retirement

Our students will miss Mr. McEvoy enormously, they were always his central concern, and his entire professional life was dedicated to helping students and guiding them on their way. Staff and students wish PJ a very happy and fulfilled retirement.



Our New Prefects for 2018/19. We wish them well.

Portlaoise College

Presents

LIP SYNC Fundraiser

Saturday 6th October

8:00 pm

Midlands Park Hotel

