



Rice Bytes

January 2016

Pope John Paul II Awards

The second annual presentation of the Pope John Paul II Awards was held at the Inn at Dromoland recently. 119 young people were presented with their awards by Fr. Des Hillery, administrator of the diocese, and former Clare hurler Fergal Lynch.

The awards aim to recognise the good work done by the young people both in their parishes and in the communities.

Rice College Transition Year students participated in numerous activities including working with students from St. Clare's school, fundraising, a pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick, faith friends, participating in parish liturgies and much, much more.



Transition Years

September 2015 saw the Transition Year programme expand further to three classes of TY students. This programme has steadily grown in popularity, this further expansion yet another indication of the success and the value seen by both students and parents alike.

It is an action packed year where students get the opportunity to develop their talents and try out new activities and experiences. As well as the core subjects, our students study car maintenance, first aid, surfing and many, many other exciting subjects and pursuits. Among the outings experienced by TYs so far this year were a three day stay at the Burren Outdoor Activity Centre, ice-skating in Limerick, they have also had visiting teachers providing set-dancing and guitar lessons.

TY Christmas Market was held on December 11th, and once again it was a huge success. A variety of products were on offer, some home made, and some recycled, and a variety of games and activities kept all customers happy. The students put in a huge effort and all agreed that much was learned at a very practical level. We are looking forward to next year already!

The attached photograph shows TY students at the BT Young Science and Technology at the RDS recently.



U16 ½ Munster B Colleges Hurling.

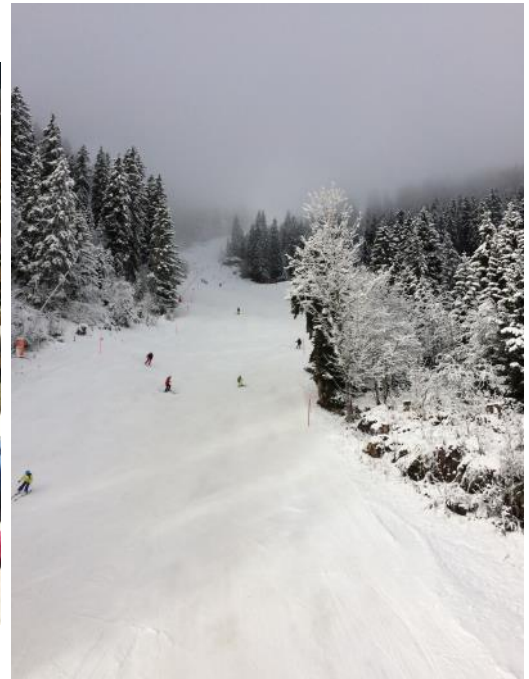
It just wasn't meant to be this year for our U16 ½ panel! Having begun the championship with comprehensive victories over Borriskane and Roscrea, Rice College found themselves facing the favourites, C.B.C. Cork, in the Munster Quarter final. In wet and wintry conditions, Rice College dominated opening proceedings but failed to capitalise, narrowly leading 0-8 to 0-6 at the break. CBC Cork started the second half strongly and raced into a 3 point advantage within 15 minutes of the re-start. To their credit, Rice College never gave up and with no time remaining the last point of the game came off the CBC crossbar only for Rice College to narrowly lose, 0-14 to 0-15. CBC Cork eventually won the Munster title!



Skiing Trip

On 28th December, school principal Louis Mulqueen, with 43 students and 3 other staff members departed the school gates for Leysin, Switzerland.

It was a wonderfully successful trip, with students enjoying many activities, including go-karting, tobogganing, race night, karaoke, table quiz night and ice skating.



Rice College Christmas Concert in Glor

On December 16th, 250 students of Rice College took to the stage in Glor, and played musical instruments, sang, danced, acted, and overall, entertained a full house.

It was a wonderful evening showcasing the tremendous talent of our students. It was an educational and exciting experience for those students who took part.

The parents Council ran a very successful raffle at the interval, and 19 local businesses supplied amazing spot prizes.

Great credit goes to all those involved in making it such a successful evening, teachers, students, parents and friends of Rice College.



The hosts for the evening were Eoin Martin and Caoileann Kelly



2nd Year music students backstage in Glor - Chloe Neylon, Niamh Culligan, Siobhan McMahon and Rachel O'Rourke



Transition Year Drama, Summer Lovin' from Grease

Gaelbratach



English:

This year Rice College are taking part in a new Irish initiative "Gaelbratach" which aims to foster respect for the Irish language throughout the school. The initiative enables the students to have the confidence to use the Irish they learn in order to communicate with each other. The promotion of Irish throughout the school has been developed by both the Irish teachers within the school and a committee which is made up of a range of students from all year groups. Throughout the academic year the school will be inspected on its ability to promote the Irish language and if we meet the standards of the initiative, then we will receive a "Gaelbratach" which is a purple flag. The staff and students are working very hard to develop a love for our country's language in the school by running an Irish conversation circle every Wednesday at lunch time "Ciorcal Cainte", poster competitions "comórtas póstaer", Irish workshops based on the Leaving Cert Irish Oral "Caith Amach é" and there are many more projects "tionscadail eile".

Irish:

Beidh sé aidhm ag Coláiste an Rísigh grá agus suim riachtanach sa Ghaeilge sa chothú, a chaomhnú agus a chur chun cinn i measc na scoláirí go leitheadach sa scoil. Spreagfar agus molfar na scoláirí úsáid a bhaint as a gcuid Gaeilge I ranganna áirithe agus ní hamhráin sin ach in imeachtaí eagraithe seachtainiula chomh maith, chun blas agus líofacht a chur ar a dteanga dhúchais.

Clare Schools Cross Country

Rice College were very successful in the recent Clare Cross Country competition.

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements -

Minor Girls Individual - 2nd place - Ellie Pike

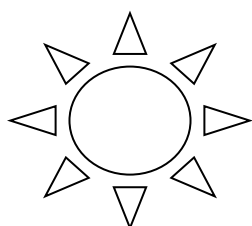
Minor Girls Team - 3rd place - Ellie Pike, Leah McMahon, Moya Sheehan

Intermediate Girls Individual - 1st place - Alex O'Neill

Junior Girls Team - 2nd place - Chloe Neylon, Lisa Whelan, Zara Fitzpatrick

Intermediate Multi Events - Cathal O'Brien - 4th place Irish Intermediate

Multi Events Finals - 3rd place - Tony Odubute. Tony went on to represent Ireland in Glasgow. He was placed 3rd in his Individual event, and helped Ireland to 2nd place success in the team event. Well done Tony!



Best of luck to all our 3rd and 6th year students preparing for their mock examinations in February.

Work hard and be happy in the knowledge that you have done your best!