



Rice Bytes

June 2014

Welcome to Rice Bytes!

It has been another fruitful and sometimes hectic year in Rice College. Our students have once again excelled in many areas. On the sporting field in particular, our teams have much silverware to their credit. Our staff have mentored, encouraged and guided the students of Rice College to realise their full potential, academically, artistically, musically, and on the playing fields, providing a holistic education experience for our students.

Student Achievements Acknowledged

There was great cause for celebration in Rice College when a large number of our Junior Certificate exam students were invited to UL to a presentation ceremony to acknowledge their high results in Junior Certificate Business Studies.

Well done to all involved, and to your teachers, this was a great achievement!



Back Row L-R Grainne Kelly, Aoife Warren, Caireann Kennedy, Sophie Markham, Natasha O'Dwyer

Middle Row—Caoimhe O'Halloran, Ellen Jakob, Tom Sharkey, Nicole Daly, Michael Culligan

Front Row—Evan Clune, Niall Coote, UL School of Business Representative, Daire Walsh, Eimear Rutherford.

Sci Fest

Peter Rahill, Eadaoin Hennessy, Rachel O'Brien and Caireann Kennedy represented Rice College at Scifest this year in LIT.

Caireann Kennedy was awarded the "Discover Space Award" for her project on "The Moon's Orbit and it's Effects."



Senior Camogie

It has been an amazing year for our Senior Camogie team as they came together to provide us with exceptional displays of skill on the field. Their wonderful displays culminated in their winning of the Senior A shield when they beat Killaloe.



TY

This year's Transition Year Programme was again highly successful, under the watchful eye of Ms. Norma Cahill and her colleagues.

The two TY classes took part in many adventures and both parents and students confirmed that students had benefited hugely from participating in the year. Parents cited improved confidence, maturity, development of social skills and teamwork, and the opportunity to try new things as the main benefits their children experienced from TY.



Pictured are a group of TY students having completed a climb of Croagh Patrick in May 2014.

German scholarship award - Congratulations to Sadhbh!

As a result of receiving a high result in German in Junior Cert, Sadhbh O'Brien was invited to attend a language test in the Goethe Institute in Dublin. Following this interview she was offered a three week long scholarship to learn German language and culture during the summer in Fürstzell Germany, along with eleven other Irish students.

Pictured are Sadhbh O'Brien with her German teacher, Ms. Anne Mulvanney.



Best of luck to all our exam students. May you reap the rewards of all your hard work and we wish you all the very best for the future.

U 15 North Munster League Title!

It proved to be a very successful year for the U 15 soccer panel as they captured the North Munster League title. This panel of players completed the season undefeated, with victories in all their matches. The team was coached by Mr. Devitt and Mr. Prior.



Community Games

Students from Rice College did exceedingly well in this year's community games.

Keava Scanlon, Oisín Egan, Conor Coughlan, Jack Neville, Anthony Odobute, Cullen Mc Cabe and Paul Hogan.



First Year Ladies Football

Our First Year Ladies Football team had a very successful season. Coached by Mr. Michael Coughlan and Ms Danelle Fitzpatrick, they recently took part in a School Blitz held in St Flannan's where despite tough opposition, they won all their matches.



First Year Camogie

The future of camogie is safe in Rice College. Our first years showed determination and skill and attended with enthusiasm their training sessions. We look forward to many successes in the future!



u17 Rugby Blitz

A team from Rice College took part in the Laya Healthcare Munster Schools 10 a side blitz at Crescent College Comprehensive, Dooradoyle, Limerick.

With excellent dry weather conditions, 20 Schools participated in the blitz. There were over 400 players involved with games taking place over four pitches.

Rice College put in an outstanding performance throughout the day and as a result won the Munster Plate!!



Rice College Music Department

The Music Department in Rice College had a tremendous year, Ms. Hanrahan and Ms. Brooks have had an action-packed journey with their talented students. Entertainment has been provided for the residents of St. Joseph's Hospital, Kilmaley Day Care Centre, Cahercalla Hospital, Dulick Centre, Gort Road and at the Clare Hurler's Medal Presentation in the West County Hotel last December.

Our students have taken part in many competitions this year. The traditional music group "Trí Thine" have had a wonderful year so far. The talented group consisted of Heidi Liddy (fiddle and harp), Dónal Ó'Criodán (fiddle, viola, whistle and banjo), Paul Farren (fiddle), Karen McMahon (concertina), Fiona Coughlan (voice and guitar), Clare Talty (voice, percussion and dancing) and Natasha O'Dwyer (piano and concertina). They got through to the workshop stages of the Siansa Gael Linn competition and to the live rounds in Glór of Clare's Got Talent, in association with Clare FM. Their greatest achievement thus far has to be their qualifying for the All-Ireland Final of the All-Ireland Schools Talent Search 2014. The group, teamed up with dancers in the school to form the group "Riches of Rice" and competed in the Final on April 26th in the University of Limerick Concert Hall. The dancers in the group are Laura Chesser, Courtney Carmody, Stephen McGuinness, Seán Keane, Brian Culligan and Eoin Beirne.

Riches of Rice were invited to perform live TV3's Ireland AM programme on Friday 2nd May. A wonderful experience for all involved, as pictured with some TV3 celebrities. Riches of Rice also performed very successfully as part of Fleadh Nua 2014.

Another group of 2nd Year singers also entered Clare's Got Talent and enjoyed tremendous success getting through to the final which took place in Glór in April. Another amazing experience for these young performers!

The music students of Rice College provided religious music at mass in the Cathedral for Advent and on St. Patrick's Day.

Our school Concert took place in Glór on February 6th, and after a tremendous amount of hard work on behalf of the students and teachers, it was a wonderful night showcasing many of the talents of our student body. Over 250 students took to the stage in Glór on the night.

Another wonderful opportunity presented itself in the form of Seinn this year. We were invited by the Diocese to be part of a 450 strong student choir to culminate in a concert in UL on April 4th. Nineteen of our TY classes took up the challenge and Éadaoin Hennessy and David Byrnes had solo parts in the concert. It was a spectacular day long experience in UL, finishing off with an amazing performance on the night.

U-15 County Champions 2014



Back Row - Cian McInerney, Conor Sheehy, Colin Haugh, Conor Kearns, Oisín Cahill, Cillian Roughan, Cathal Ruane, Eoin Fitzgerald, Cathal O'Halloran, Conor Tierney, Sean Burke, Liam McMahon, Eoin McMahon, Niall O'Brien, Pat Devitt (Manager)

Front Row - John Culligan (Manager), Cian Haugh, Conor Devitt, Alan Culligan, Colm McGrath, Eamonn Foudy, Matthew Davenport, Ian Kerin, Niall Casey, Rory Brennan, Paul Martin, Eoghan Perill.

Rice College Win U-15 County Title

Rice College 5-16 St. Flannans 0-11

This year U-15 Post Primary Schools County Final between St. Flannans and Rice College, Ennis was played in glorious sunshine in resplendent Cusack Park. In an eagerly anticipated final, featuring many of the current top players in the county at this level, both colleges took to the field with high hopes of capturing the title.

Rice College started brightly with a great point from Conor Tierney, followed by a superb goal from Cathal Ruane and two pointed frees from the captain, Alan Culligan. However, true to their great fighting spirit, St. Flannans began to settle and rattled off some outstanding long-range points from Gearoid Cahill (2) and Tom O'Rourke (2). Rice College replied with a well taken goal by Cillian Roghan. St. Flannans Owen O'Hara (2), Ronan Donnelly and Breffni Hornor and Rice Colleges' Alan Culligan, Matthew Davenport and Cathal Ruane exchanged points for both sides which left the half-time score at Rice College 2-6, St. Flannans 0-8.

Playing with a slight breeze, Rice College stormed into the second half with a pointed free from Alan Culligan followed by an expertly finished goal by Conor Tierney. Further points from Cillian Roughan and Ian Kerin put Rice College in a commanding position. To their credit St. Flannans never gave up the fight in the second half and they continued to pick up points but they were answered with further points from Eoin Fitzgerald, Cathal Ruane and Conor Tierney. Two late goals from Cathal Ruane and Sean Burke left the final score at 5-16 to 0-11.

In a day then the Rice College forwards began to fire on all cylinders, Goalkeeper Eamonn Foudy kept a clean sheet, while the defensive unit of Cathal O'Halloran, Eoin McMahon, Liam McMahon, Niall O'Brien, Cian McInerney and Conor Devitt worked tirelessly to keep a rein on the St. Flannans forwards.

Though luck deserted them on the day, St. Flannans had strong performances from Ross Hayes, Niall Galvin, Tom O'Rourke, Ronan Donnelly, Owen O'Hara and Gearoid Cahill.

Rice College – 1. Eamonn Foudy (Inagh-Kilnamona), 2. Cathal O'Halloran (Clooney-Quin), 3. Eoin McMahon (Ruan), 4. Liam McMahon (Eire-Og), 5. Conor Devitt (Kilmaley), 6. Cian McInerney, 7. Niall O'Brien (Doora-Barefield), 8. Eoin Fitzgerald (Inagh-Kilnamona), 9. Conor Kearns (Doora-Barefield), 10. Conor Tierney (Doora-Barefield), 11. Alan Culligan (Clooney-Quin), 12. Cillian Roughan (Inagh-Kilnamona), 13. Matthew Davenport (Inagh-Kilnamona), 14. Cathal Ruane (Doora-Barefield), 15. Ian Kerin (Inagh-Kilnamona)

Substitutes – 16. Eoghan Perill (Doora-Barefield), 17. Rory Brennan (Eire-Og), 18. Colm McGrath (Eire-Og), 19. Conor Sheehy (Clooney-Quin), 20. Cian Haugh (Banner), 21. Sean Burke (Clooney-Quin), 22. Niall Casey (Ballyea), 23. Paul Martin (Eire-Og), 24. Colin Haugh (Ruan) and 25. Oisín Cahill (Kilmaley)