



Rice Bytes

June 2016

Staff Retirements

The staff and students of Rice College are very saddened to see three wonderful, dedicated and hard-working senior teachers retire. Between them they 110 years service given to Rice College. Not only did Mr. Coffey, Mr. Clohessy and Ms. Mulvanney provide a wonderful and stimulating educational environment for their students in the classroom, it was the work that they did in pastoral care, in school maintenance, and in the general running of the school, that they went above and beyond the call of duty.

We thank them for being such wonderful colleagues and that the following decades will be happy, healthy and adventure-filled for them.



Mr. Bill Clohessy



Ms. Anne Mulvanney



Mr. Frank Coffey

Litreacha

Litreacha is a Transition Year mini company comprised of Ella Chambers, Niamh Quinlan, Alanna O'Connor, Chloé McNamara and Clodagh O'Meara from TY3. The girls make personalised frames using handcut scrabble pieces. The letters in the frames can be used to make family crosswords, song lyrics, inspirational quotes or childrens names.

The girls have been working incredibly hard throughout the school year. They have displayed their product at the New Market on Fergus Art & Craft fair, the annual Rice College Christmas market and also at Treacy's West County Hotel as part of the Student Enterprise Awards 2016. They placed 3rd in the senior category.

They have sold over one hundred personalised frames to people all over Clare, Limerick, Galway, Northern Ireland and even Belarus! The girls have finished up making frames after a year full of hard work. They have really enjoyed the experience.



Student of the Year



Natasha O'Dwyer was honoured the title Rice College Student of the Year.

It is a major accolade for a student to have this title bestowed upon them as it represents a person who has worked hard academically and has given very generously of their talents and enhanced the student life in Rice College.

Congratulations Natasha, you are a well-deserved winner of Student of the Year 2016.

Sports Success

Rice Cup Shield Champions.

Rice College beat Callan CBS, Thurles CBS and Nenagh CBS on their way to the title.

This is the first time Rice College have won this competition.

Congratulations to mentors - Mr. Ronan, Mr. Brooks and Ms. Fitzpatrick.



Westcourt Cup Beaten Finalists

Rice College narrowly lost out to Abbey CBS on a score line of 3-6 to 2-12.

Rice College beat Roscrea, Tramore, Carrick-On-Suir and Youghal CBS on their way to the final.

Congratulations to mentors Mr. Ronan and Mr. Brooks.

1916 Celebrations

Sean Murphy, Cliona Curran and Natasha O'Dwyer who represented Rice College at Croke Park to mark the 1916 celebrations. The students were presented with the Irish flag and a copy of the proclamation.

History teacher Mr. Brooks accompanied the students on the day.



We wish all the student of Rice College who sat State Examinations this Summer the very best on their educational journey.

Be confident in yourselves, and remember, all your hard work will pay off! Maith Sibh!



A busy music department in Rice College.

Pictures show students who performed in Dulick as part of their St Patrick's Day celebrations, students who participated in Seinn in Ennis Cathedral, TY students who performed in The Gospel Rising weekend in The Temple Gate Hotel and in Glor, students who entertained on the open night for incoming 1st Years, musicians who contributed to the 1916 commemoration flag raising ceremony, the two 5th year music classes who travelled to Dublin to see the musical Chicago in the Bord Gais Energy Theatre in May, soloists and choir singing at the Graduation Mass, and finally, some of our 5th year music students who spotted Martin Hayes on the streets of Ennis, introduced themselves, spoke to him and got their photo taken with this great Clare fiddle player.

Gaelbhrtach

This year in Rice College, for the first time ever, there was a major drive to encourage our student population to speak our native language. The promotion of Irish in school was undertaken by all the Irish teachers and proved hugely successful. A ciorcail cainte took place in Ms. Ronan’s room every Wednesday at lunchtime. Students from all years gathered and the hot chocolates supplied by Miss McGuane and Miss Martin ensured that students returned weekly. It was a wonderful initiative.



Gaelgoir na Bhliana

Eadaoin Hennessy was awarded “Gaelgoir na Bhliana” this year for her tremendous input in the promotion of the Irish language in Rice College this academic year.

There were many contenders as so many enthusiastic students showed huge dedication in the promotion of the Irish language but Eadaoin’s effort and passionate commitment to spreading the love of our native tongue earned her the title.



Tae Kwon Do Champion

Congratulations to Luke Moriarty, Junior Cert, who represented Ireland at the European Tae Kwon Do championships. He won Gold in the Team Competition and Silver in the Individual Sparring.



Grapevine

The Transition Years worked diligently this year in preparing and producing our annual school publication “Grapevine”. A tremendous amount of hard work and effort is required to produce this publication, especially when it comes to meet deadlines and getting it to print - the pressure is palpable.



Congratulations to the three TY classes of 2016 and their teacher and mentors Ms Power, Mr Prior, Ms McGuane and Ms Martin and all those who worked as a team to bring it to fruition. Thanks also to Ms Hehir who helped design this excellent and innovative cover.

Literary Success

Congratulations to Shauna McMahon (6th year) who won second place in the “Clare Champion” Creative Writing Competition, a fantastic achievement!

TY Swims a Marathon



TY is a year which affords students the opportunity to develop on a personal and social level. Ciara Cassidy has been a shining example of a student with vision, and through hard work she inspired her fellow students and realised her dream. Ciara’s brother Darragh is a student of St. Anne’s School in Ennis, Darragh has special needs. Ciara made a video of herself and Darragh having fun in the car, on the beach, just hanging out together like siblings do. This video was to highlight Ciara’s plan to raise money for Darragh’s school. This video went viral and touched the hearts of many. Together with her teachers and class, Ciara organised a fundraising swimathon, and following this Ciara handed over her cheque for €10,350 to St. Anne’s School where the money will be put to good use in providing furnishings for the sensory room in the school.