

# GOREY COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2011

### Young Scientist winners



**Clodagh Dunne, Dermot Wildes and Mark Berney**, took the top prize in the intermediate group category of the *Social and Behavioural Sciences section*. Their project - *'The Effects of Waiting Environment and its contents on White Coat Hypertension'* was all about measuring the difference in blood pressure test results, when the tests were taken in different types of rooms

The students carried out studies at **Gorey Medical Centre**, with permission of Dr. Darragh O'Doherty, and also in mock clinics in the school. *'We found that environ-*

*ment had a massive impact,'* Clodagh said. *'We also found that males are more susceptible to white coat hypertension than females are!'* The fact that theirs was one of the last categories to be called, meant that they awaited apprehensively for their result, and *'we were over the moon to hear that we*

*were the winners in the Intermediate category.'* They

thanked their science teacher **Ms. O'Neill** for her support along with Mr Finn and the Board of Management, as well as their fellow students Colin Doran, Deanagh Chambers, Aisling McPartland,



### Texaco Art Winners 2011

- Oenone Stafford 5<sup>th</sup> year
- Charmane MacArthur 2<sup>nd</sup> yr
- Fionnuala O'Toole 2<sup>nd</sup> yr
- Keelagh Gregan TY
- Sara Balaban 2<sup>nd</sup> yr
- Amy Miller 1<sup>st</sup> yr
- Amy O Shaughnessy 2<sup>nd</sup> yr
- Jane Strydom 1<sup>st</sup> yr
- Lee Berns 1<sup>st</sup> yr
- Maeve O' Callaghan 2<sup>nd</sup> year

- an extraordinary achievement for the Art Department of GCS maintaining the success identity of GCS in this prestigious nationwide competition. View the paintings <http://goreycs.ie/>

### Build-A-Bank

Jack McEvoy and Robert Harrington. 6 TY students mentored by **Ms. Rosemary Lenihan**, and AIB bank official **Ms. Ashley Redmond** won **'Best Exhibition'** in the regional finals of the Build a Bank competition. The aim of the competition is to enhance household finances, by

encouraging students to save in their school and to enable them to help out with household finances. Their involvement also helped to improve their communication skills, interpersonal skills and self-confidence. The team included: Manager, **Joanne Byrne**; Assistant Man-

ager, **Molly McGuckin**; Auditor, **Clodagh Dunne**; Tellers,  **Aoife Browne** and **Rebecca Wilson**; and Sales and Marketing Executive, **Anna McLoughlin**.

They won a trophy, a camera, and €100 vouchers for their effective teamwork and diligence.

### Awards Dates

Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> yr	11.10-1.05
Tues	24 <sup>th</sup>	TY	7.30pm
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> yr	11.10- 1.05
		1 <sup>st</sup> yr	1.50- 3.45
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> yr	9.00-11.00
		2 <sup>nd</sup> yr	11.10-1.10
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> year Mass	8pm

## Japanese Trip for Aine

**Aine Ni Scannail** 5th year began studying Japanese last year, during Transition Year, and as a result selected the language as one of her senior cycle subject. Her teacher **Ms Susan Wilson** encouraged the fifth year class to enter the **Lafcadio Hearn Essay Writing Competition**, and Aine was delighted to learn she had won the English category of the competition. 'Even more unbelievable was the prize' she said, 'a seven day, all expenses paid trip to Japan!' The commemorative essay competition was sponsored by

Matsue City and judged by the Mayor of Matsue, **Mr. Masataka Matsuura** as well as the Japan International Cooperation Centre and the Yakumo Association in co-operation with the Embassy of Ireland in Japan and the Embassy of Japan in Ireland with Dublin City University and the Japan International Co-operate Centre. Matsue, along with Kyoto and Nara is one of Japan's International Cultural and Sightseeing Cities.



Aine Ni Scannail

**Fundraiser for Japan** They donned Japanese headbands and kimonos, performed Japanese songs, demonstrated Ninjitsu, the martial art of the ninjas and purchased origami and headbands, painted faces with Japanese writing and ate wasabi – all part of a lunchtime fundraiser event organised by students for Japanese Earthquake victims

## Equestrian news

**National Hoofprints Inter-school Showjumping League-** teams from all over Ireland competed Hosted by GCS ON Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March in Barnadown

GCS - 2 teams both succeeded in earning a place in the jump-off by finishing on a total score of 0 in the first 2 rounds

Team made up of: **Denise and Elaine Coade** (sisters), **Ciara Roche** and **Aoife Redmond**.... placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the final round up  
Congratulations to the participants  
Thanks to the organisers of the competition:- **Claire Kinsella** - Equestrian Club coordinator : **Tom Doyle**-Chairman of GCS Equestrian club and all the supportive parents and club members who collaborated in the preparation for the prestigious event and for ensuring that the event ran successfully



**Student Council cheque Raised 1800** from a non uniform day.....  
Money was donated to

- Hope Cancer Support Service Enniscorthy
- Gambia TY project
- Gorey Youth Needs
- Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin

## F1 in Schools

**Team Aerofast:** Conor Casserly, Aaron Collier, John Deegan , James Flood and Kamil Kawaka; and **Team Millenium Steelers:** Sean Byrne, Darragh Brennan, Eoghan Conroy, Richard Deering and Conor Kinsella and David Wallace;are took part in a competition to design and manufacture CO2 powered racing cars. The project is run in Ireland by the Irish Computer Society helps to focus the minds of students on the practical application of science, technology and engineering. The TY team were coordinated by **Mr John O Brien** with support from the Formula 1 Make Centre at Carlow IT,

## Leaders on our level

Jack Giffney Donnacha Carroll Kim Mc Neill Adam Flanagan Rachel Beattie Laura Kirwan Aoife Kavanagh Ciara Roche Daniel Eikrem Maeve Farrell Eoin Smith Cliona Rooney - 12 student delegates who represented Gorey Community School at the "**Leaders on our Level Conference**" on **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 at Croke Park, Dublin.**

The key objectives of the **conference** are:

1. To expose students at an early stage to the concepts of good leadership in business and the community
2. To introduce students to positive role models across a variety of disciplines
3. To help bridge the social divide
4. Provide a fun based learning experience.

A diverse line-up of speakers such as entrepreneurs, business leaders and sporting personalities spoke: **Bobby Kerr** of Dragon's Den fame who is the CEO of Insomnia Coffee **Fr. Peter McVerry**, who has been working with Dublin's young homeless for more than 30 years **Wilhelm Verwoerd**, Glenree Centre for Reconciliation. **Lorraine Ho** who set up Bootcamp Ireland, organises military style outdoor exercise classes whatever the weather. **Paul Rellis**, Manager Director of Microsoft Ireland **Enda McNulty**, Armagh footballer, Managing Director of Motiv8- A7 winner.

Each speaker brought a unique perspective on what it takes to succeed and to make the most of our interests and abilities. **Mr O Sullivan** organised the trip

## *Bene Merenti 2011*

Every year the Gorey Community School Music Department showcases the wealth of musical performance and dramatic talent of the student population in the *Bene Merenti* event.

This year an unprecedented 164 acts auditioned to be part of the two-night extravaganza.

Comperes **John Forrest** and **Lisa Nangle** introduced a very broad category of acts, ranging from knockout rock to sensational classical pieces, from musical medleys to time honoured Irish jigs and reels, from rousing choirs to harmonious vocal ensembles from stirring solo performance to inspiring monologue.

The exceptionally high standard of the acts electrified the audience as they rooted for the performers and cheerfully approved each piece with unbridled joy and wild applause.

Each year at the Bene Merenti performers are lauded for their contribution to music and the performing arts, not solely for their performance in the event, but for the dedicated contribution to the arts throughout their time in secondary school.

The winners of the overall *Bene Merenti 2011* award were Conor Moore and Kevin O'Regan.

The first runners up for the overall Bene Merenti were Laura Carroll and Kellie-Anne Masterson while Henry Collie and Evan Ryan were the second runners up. The Spirit of the Bene Merenti Award went to Rosie Byrne for her organisational ability and her collaboration with others in a spirit of generosity. Principal Michael Finn, who had warm words of praise for everyone involved, also handed out awards to students in categories including: music theatre; rock music; Irish music; dance awards and vocal awards. Producer Sara Clancy said 'the event was uber-successful' and thanked everyone involved.



### Michael Dwyer , 3rd year, wins Trip to Brussels

Michael won the South East Regional final of the competition organised by Europe Direct, an initiative by the European Commission in Ireland, and went on to achieve third place at the National Finals in Farmleigh, Dublin. This was a notable achievement for a third year student, as he was competing against **all age groups**.

Chairman of the judges, Mayor Joe Ryan said

*'Although it was a close call, Michael's research, his preparation, the clarity of his arguments and the passion of his presentation placed him first within a very competitive group of speakers.'*

He won a two day trip to Brussels and an iPad. He was accompanied to Brussels earlier this month by Nessa Childers MEP, and third year students from NUI Maynooth, and teachers of refugees/asylum seekers from Carlow/Kilkenny and Laois VEC. During his stay, he was taken on a tour of the European Parliament, where the procedures involved in the European political system and the functioning of the parliament were explained by Ms. Childers. He was also taken on a sightseeing tour of the city during his memorable trip.



### FRENCH EXCHANGE

14 French students 12-14 yrs old accompanied by 2 teachers Emmanuelle and Paul from the College Saint Paul Bourdon-Blanc in Orleans came to GCS for a week.

They visited Dublin, Wexford Heritage park, Dunbrody Ship and Kilkenny Castle and attended classes in Gorey Community School on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning. Activities were organised for the visitors, by The French Department in with the help of a number of TY students

## WORLD SCHOLAR ATHLETE GAMES

Ireland's Scholar Athlete Games (I.S.A.G) is a group of volunteers throughout Ireland who organise and fund-raise to get participants to the Scholar Athlete Games.

The World Scholar Athlete Games and The World Youth Peace Summit is to be held in Hartford, Connecticut, New Hampshire, USA. from June 25th to July 8th 2011

The Games will host scholar-athletes and scholar-artists

- Approximately 2,000 artists and athletes will attend
- Aged 15-19 years
- Sports: baseball, basketball, chess, crew, golf, field hockey, lacrosse, rugby, sailing, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, tennis, track & field, volleyball, wrestling
- Arts: visual art, choir, culinary arts, dance, photography, symphony, theatre, writing/poetry
- Past Scholar-Athlete Games Speakers:
- The World Scholar-Athlete Games has attracted some of the most renowned speakers in the world, including President Bill Clinton, General Colin Powell, Senator Bill Bradley, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Senator George Mitchell, and Vint Cerf, one of the founders of the Internet.

Past Performers at the World Scholar-Athlete Games: The Beach Boys, The Temptations, Aretha Franklin - who sang at the 1993 closing ceremonies with the World Scholar-Athlete Games choir - and many, many others.

Gorey Community School will be represented in the prestigious event by

Daniel Whitty, Pa Hughes, Jim Comerford, Dylan-Parry Owen, Cillian o Byrne, Sharon Green, Aislinn Fitzpatrick, Rachel Kidd and Claire Dunne.



### Track and Field Events

South Leinster on Weds 13th April

Kilkenny

*Congratulations*

**Orla Furney** - 3rd 300m hurdles, 2nd in 200m

**Nadine Kelly** - 2nd Year *Winner 800 m* - both qualify for Leinster. **John Redmond** and **Matthew Kehoe** 1st year, ran in the Minor 1,100. **Neil Ward**

**Alex Boland** and **Josh O' Neill** ran in the Junior 100m

Other participants, **Neil Ward** 5th - **Josh O'Connell** 3rd, **Shannon Byrne** 5th and **Ciara Roche** TY

## SUCCESS IN U-13 & U-15 FUTSAL SOCCER

**GCS** won the U-15 **Futsal** Tournament in Dublin Oak Academy on Weds 11<sup>th</sup> May. Playing the best football of all the schools in the competition, GCS finished top of their group and played Abbey Community College in the semi-final winning 4-2 in a very tense and hard fought game.

The team: **Kevin Molloy, Cormac Moore, Kevin Kennedy (capt), Ross Reardon, Jamie Heffernan, Jack O' Brien, Adam Coates, Lee Carabini, Stephen Maloney, Mark Doran, Patrick Carton**

They played the host team, Dublin Oak Academy in the final when they put on a display of skilful attack and won with a score of 5-0.

The hero was **Jamie Heffernan** who scored the five goals!!

Kevin Kennedy (capt) accepted the Cup from **Mr Eddie Gormley**, former manager of Bray Wanderers F.C.

The U-13 panel, who won the Shield, beating Ballymun CS, quite comprehensively in the final,..as follows:

**Adam Dunbar, Paul Murphy(capt), Ryan Cullen, Eoin McGuikin, Daniel Brennan, Conor Levingstone, James Lynch, Michael Quigley, Killain Cush, Eric Quinn, Dylan Kearon**

They played excellent football and were unfortunate in missing out on getting the Cup in their age category.

Both teams were commended highly by the organisers for the competent display of their skills, their teamwork and the display of responsible sportsmanship.

**Mr John Burke**, coach commented on their outstanding success and how the achievement of both teams enhanced the reputation of sport in GCS.

## Senior Football Success

GCS forged a comfortable win over Wexford C.B.S. in the Corn Uí Chaomháin Senior 'B' championship final in Power Park, Wexford, recently.

**Patrick Hughes** (Kilanerin)

**Eoin Conroy** (Naomh Éanna),

**Eddie Hughes** (Kilanerin, capt.), **Pádraig Byrne** (Castletown)

**Pierce Maxwell** (Castletown)

**Jack Hobbs** (Réalt na Mara)

**Conor Devitt** (Kilanerin, 0-1)

**Pádraig Whitty** (Craanford, 0-1), **Stephen Hughes** (Kilanerin)

**Eoin Kinsella** (unattached, 0-2), **Tommy Dunne** (St. Patrick's),

**Seán Carty** (Castletown)

**Shane Langan-Murphy** (Naomh Éanna, 0-6, 3 frees)

**Niall O'Brien** (St. Patrick's, 0-4)

**Joe O'Connor** (Naomh Éanna, 1-0).

*Subs.* - **Michael Hamilton** (St. Patrick's, 1-0)

**Seán Sheridan** (Naomh Éanna).

Thanks to **Mr Rory McCarthy** and **Mr Conor Wickham** for their work with the team throughout the year.

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