



Coláiste Mhuire Newsletter



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This first year of the new Millennium has seen many changes and innovations in Irish education. The implementation of the recent Education Act will have far reaching implications for the running of our schools. The introduction of Social, Personal and Health Education (S.P.H.E), Relationships and Sexuality, Education (R.S.E.) and Civic, Social and Political Education (C.S.P.E) into the curriculum have created increased demands on staffing and timetabling. The value of these new subjects, however, has been recognized and appreciated by students, parents and school staff and their response has been extremely supportive.

Two initiatives are being piloted in Coláiste Mhuire this year. The S.S.R.I. (Stay in School Retention Initiative) is already under way and the S.D.P (School Development and Planning) will commence in the second term. The purpose of the S.S.R.I is to encourage students who are likely to drop out of school at an early stage to remain on to do their Leaving Certificate. The aim of the S.D.P is to assess the present school structures policies etc. and to plan for the future.

These developments and initiatives, together with the ongoing changes in the syllabi for Junior and leaving certificate subjects, has resulted in increased in-service and work load for many teachers whose commitment to change and progress deserve mention and recognition.

New Staff
 Four new teachers have joined the school staff this year. They are Ms. Therese Heffernan teacher of Business, Ms Triona Kennedy teacher of Irish and Geography, Ms Bríd Kirwan teacher of Maths, English and Music and Ms Antoinette Cregan who teaches Irish, English and Religion. We welcome them to the staff and wish them well for the future in Coláiste Mhuire.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Jane Roberts. Jane was a

past pupil of the school and had been working in Coláiste Mhuire as part of the Community Employment Scheme. Jane was a valuable and popular member of the school staff and she will be missed and mourned by the whole school community. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

McCarthy Cup

On Thursday 12th October Victorious Kilkenny Captain

Willie O'Connor and Michael Kavanagh visited the school with the McCarthy Cup to a rousing welcome in the School Gym. Certain Girls in particular were delighted with the visit!!!!

School Awards Night

Coláiste Mhuire held its Annual Awards Presentation Evening in the school on Friday 13th Oct. last. Mr. Michael Killeen, Transition Year Coordinator was M.C. for the evening, and invited guests included Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Chairperson of the Board of Management of the school; Deputy Liam Aylward, Chairperson of Kilkenny VEC., Mr. Séan Warren Chairperson of the Parents' Association, Mr. William Campion of Community Concern, noted Kilkenny Hurlers; Canice Brennan and Stephen Grehan, Ms. Kelly Long, inter county Camogie player and Mr. P. J. Carroll of Civil Defence, and Mr. Roger Curran CEO.

TRANSITION YEAR CERTIFICATES

Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh presented Transition Year Certificates to the successful students and also presented the award of Transition Year Student of the Year to Brendan Gleeson.

SPORTS AWARDS

The awards for Boys Under 16 and Under 14 Hurling were presented by Mr. Stephen Grehan and Mr. Canice Brennan. These teams were trained by Mr. J. Cahill and Mr. J. Ryan respectively.

The under 14 camogie awards were presented by Ms. Kelly Long. The camogie girls were trained by Mr. P. Broderick, Ms. C. Phelan and Ms M

Muldowney. The camogie team made a lovely surprise presentation to Mr. Broderick and Ms. Sheehan.

Sports star of the Year Award was presented by Mr. Liam Aylward to J. J. Delaney who captained the senior hurling team.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The award for best Junior Cert. and best Leaving Cert. student were pre-



sented by Mr. R. Curran to Caroline Delaney and Orla Mackey respectively.



Both achieved highly in their exams.

BEST ATTENDER

The award for best attendance was shared this year by Annemarie Doherty, Brian Kavanagh, Claire O'Brien and Eoin Delahunty. This award was presented by Mr. Donal McCloskey.

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

This year's award, sponsored by the Parents' Association, was in recognition of the contribution to the development of the school by the late Joe Delaney, who had worked tirelessly in promoting the school through his involvement in the Parents' Association. The "Joe Delaney Award" for the Student of the Year was presented by Mr. Séan Warren to Mary Margaret Marum, a Third year student at the school.

COMMUNITY CONCERN

The Transition Year Students 99/00 raised money which they presented to Mr. William Campion towards Community Concern. A cheque for £200 was presented by Sandra Grant, and Brendan Gleeson.

Mr. Michael Killeen concluded the evening by thanking everyone who had been involved in the planning, preparation, and presentation of the awards evening and inviting all present to join him for some light refreshments in the school cafeteria.

The second LCVP Class completed their exams this year. This is an added extra requiring students to do an exam and produce a portfolio. The results were highly successful with 80% of the

class getting a Distinction Grade. This is the equivalent of a C1 on an honours paper and stands for 70 points with the Institutes of Technology and 50 points with the Universities. The Distinction was vitally important to many students as it allowed them to follow their first choice course. On this basis LCVP has been included on the curriculum for all 5th and 6th Year Students this year.

For the first time in the schools history, Engineering has



been introduced on the Senior Cycle, with 20 students opting to take it for Leaving Certificate. Engineering is a follow on from metalwork which runs to Junior Cycle, and its introduction will give students a much broader range of courses to select from in third level. It will also benefit students who will be opting for an apprenticeship on leaving school. Engineering is also available to girls who now more than ever are being encouraged to pursue a career in this area with jobs widely available in our fast moving technological world.

Engineering



Transition Year News

Transition Year - a year with a difference. The Transition Year Programme is designed to allow the students mature and develop without the boundaries and pressures of state exams.

Our programme offers a wide variety of useful and interesting subjects, complete with a solid basis of core subjects such as English, Irish, Maths, French, Business, Science etc.

This years group has got off to a flying start, they have already taken up their work experience placements and are gaining valuable experience in various fields from electrical work to hairdressing, from nursing to farming.

The students have already had a number of visiting speakers and out of school learning experiences.

First Aid



being provided by the Civil Defence, at the end of which the students will receive First Aid Certificates.

The students have started a first aid course which is



The students have been busy planning their special event for this year which will be along the line of a play, show or panto - although the plans are very much hush hush at the moment. I am sure that it will be organised and run off extremely well. The talent seems better than ever this year.

Ms. Kelly Long has been providing aerobics classes once a week for transition years and they are really enjoying it.

Aerobics



Ploughing

Members of Transition Year travelled to Ballacolla in Laois to the All Ireland Ploughing Championship by luxury coach and were accompanied by Mr. Ryan and Ms. Conroy. The day turned out to be a very wet one weatherwise and conditions underfoot were not good, so "wellies" were the order of the day. Ms. Conroy looked the part in her coloured wellies with matching scarf! The multicoloured broly also added a nice touch. Rumour has it that she scooped a prize in the fashion show!

Home Work

Coláiste Mhuire operates a number of supervised Home-Work/ Study options for students between 4.15pm and 6.15pm. each evening. There are two centres, at Coláiste Mhuire and one in Freshford. Light refreshments are provided at a nominal price.

Young Entrepreneurs

Many 1st Year Students are currently involved in the Young Entrepreneurs Scheme. Students in groups of one to five have their businesses up and running producing products such as keyrings, cards and name plaques. The enterprises would be delighted to accept orders both inside and outside school

Eight of these students attended a YES Business Seminar in The Newpark Hotel on 8th November 2000, where they mixed with the "experts" in the areas of marketing, sales and finance. We wish them luck in the competition.

New Procedures

Parents are asked to telephone the school on the morning of the day a student will be absent. If possible this should be done before 10am and the usual note produced on the following day. **The office number is 056 31135.** Your co-operation is gratefully appreciated in this matter.

Past Pupil Profiles

Continuing our popular profile section we have chosen three more past pupils to profile.

AILISH HOLOHAN

BALLYSPELLAN

Áilis completed her Leaving Certificate in 1987. From there she went on to study Nursing in the Mater Hospital, Dublin where she qualified as a nurse in 1991. She then went to study for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Administration at the University of Limerick, where she graduated with honours in 1995. She returned to nursing and took up a permanent position in St. James's Hospital in 1997 where she now works in the Theatre Department. Áilis has recently been awarded a post-graduate diploma in Specialist nursing from Trinity College Dublin 1999.

However she feels her greatest achievement has been through the sport of Rowing, which she took up at college. She has won three national titles Novice Single Sculls 1997, Women's Senior Eights 1998, 1999. She has also represented Ireland at International level. She was a member of a crew that was placed 9th at the world Championships in 1998 and next year hopes to compete again for Ireland at the World Championships in Zagreb.

PAT MAHER

URLINGFORD

Pat completed his Leaving Certificate in 1984. From there he went on to do a Foundation course in Art and Design at Limerick College of Art (now LIT). In 1985 - 1987 He worked with a travelling Puppet Theatre based in Thurles and went to Primary Schools throughout Ireland performing puppet shows. From 1987 - 1990 he studied for a Diploma in Fine Art, specialising in Sculpture at Limerick College of Art. 1990-1991 Pat worked as a Sculptor in Kilkenny. From 1991 - 1993 he lived and worked



as an Artist in Paris. 1993-1995 he lived and worked as an Artist and film maker in Berlin. In 1995 he returned to Ireland to live and attended a Film Production Course at Dun Laoghaire RTC. He finished that course in 1997 and since then Pat has worked as a Scriptwriter. He is currently on the writing team of the RTE Soap "Fair City". Pat is married and has one child.

PAUL DOWLING

NEWTOWN, FRESHFORD.

Paul completed his Leaving Cert in 1993. He went on to an apprenticeship with Irish Rail for four years. There he completed his junior and senior Trade Exams and City and Guilds Engineering Systems maintenance exams. He also did electrical and welding night classes. After completing his apprenticeship he moved back to Kilkenny and is presently employed by Arcon Mines Ltd as a Maintenance Fitter.



The AGM of The Parents' Association Coláiste

Mhuire was held on 8th November in the School. Chairman, Mr. Séan Warren opened the meeting and reviewed the years events. Mr. Martin Fahey, who is liaising between the Parents' Association and the school, spoke on the importance of parental involvement in the school and on working together in an educating partnership. Sr. Ursula spoke briefly on the possibility of forming a parents' prayer group. The guest speaker was Eileen Acheson Author of the book "Self Care for Parents"

This was followed by the election of the new officers of the association. Séan Warren was re-elected as Chairman, Catherine Garrett as Vice-Chairperson, Elizabeth Looby as Secretary, Christine Murphy as Treasurer, Annette Purcell as PRO, assisted by Margaret Norton. The following parents were elected onto the committee: Mary Hughes, Margaret Tobin, Peg Barry, Ger and Peg Thornton, Margaret Norton, Anne Ryan, Joan Hayde, Phyllis Carroll, and Margaret Cummins.

Leaving Cert '00 Where are they

The Leaving Cert Class of



2000 are spread far and wide, with most students getting their first or second choices.

John Bergin - P.E. Newman College Birmingham

Charlotte Brennan - Business Studies Degree CTI, Carlow College,

Joan Carroll - Business Studies PLC

Alan Cleere - Business Studies Degree Carlow IT

Mary Fitzpatrick - Food Technology Degree UCC

Thomas Fortune - Business Studies Carlow.

Thomas Holohan - Commercial Computing WIT

Michael Joyce - Engineering Teaching UL

Sinéad Kavanagh - Business Studies TRBDI

Edmond Kenny - Civil Engineering Degree Carlow IT

Joanne Lalor - Business Studies Degree DIT

Cliff Looby - Art/Craft/Design Ormond College

Orla Mackey - Single Honours English Trinity College

Lorraine McCarthy - Business Studies PLC

David Moriarty - Business Studies Degree Carlow IT

Michael O'Brien - Accountancy Degree Athlone IT

Brian O'Gorman - Australia

Brena Phelan - Business Studies Degree Cork IT

Dermot Power - Construction Management Degree WIT

Pamela Rothwell - Social Studies Degree Carlow College

Donna Spellacy - Business Studies Diploma Carlow IT

Trisha Tallis - Business Studies Degree GMT

J. J. Delaney - Business Studies Degree WIT

Ger Henderson - Farming

Patrick Burke - Apprenticeship

Nicholas O'Sullivan - Apprenticeship

Leanne Butler - Business Studies PLC CTI

Niall Anderson - Employed

Willie Cahill - Employed

Owen Condon - Employed

Philip Cormack - Construction Studies Carlow IT

Jonathan Doheny - Employed

Kathleen Fogarty - Business Studies PLC

Colette Kavanagh - Employed

Jason Looby - Employed

Kathleen Peters - Employed

Joanne Ryan - Business Studies PLC

We wish them every success in their future careers and assure them that they will always be welcome to drop in for a chat and a cup of tea in Johnstown.

Parents Association AGM

Guidance and Counselling

Mr Martin Fahey has been appointed to the position of Home/School Community Liaison. He will be actively involved with parents to promote the educational opportunities of students and to support parents in assisting in the development of their sons/daughters.

The aims of the scheme are:

- ◆ Providing initiatives that promote parental involvement in their sons/daughters education.
- ◆ The provision of a parents room and facilities for parents in the school.
- ◆ Working with other staff members to enhance their understanding of individual pupil needs.
- ◆ Developing initiatives that bring together the skills and experience of parents and teachers to enhance the education and development of students.

Mr Fahey will be arranging to see as many parents as possible over the next few months either at home or in school and from these meetings it is hoped that a core group of parents can be formed to assist in the running of the scheme. Another aspect of the scheme is the co-ordination of the involvement of outside agencies that have a role in the life of a student as he/she passes through school; for example Department of Education, Psychologists, Social Workers, Community Nurse etc. and also to provide a link between Primary Schools and Coláiste Mhuire to ease the transfer between Primary and Secondary education.

Mr Fahey can be contacted @
(056) 31164 during school
hours but between 9a.m. &
10.30a.m. is best.

New Parents Open Night

On 16th October, a large gathering of first year parents was in attendance in the school library, for a special induction evening organised by the home/school liaison teacher - Martin Fahey. He explained the function of his new role and stressed the vital importance of creating open communication links between parents and the school. He encouraged them to become actively engaged in all aspects of school life for their son/daughter, and to create the atmosphere for homework activities.

Mr. John Cahill, vice-principal, explained the new S.S.R.I. Programme and the benefits which their children would receive through the implementation of this new initiative. Class tutor, Mr. Eamon Phelan spoke about general discipline and about the real purpose of the student diary. He invited parents to undertake a weekly examination of the school diary to ensure that homework was recorded and completed. He also referred to the school regulations printed on the inside cover of this book.

Year head, Mr. Donal McCloskey explained his new role, as part of the pastoral care framework, in monitoring attendance, academic progress of each child, and encouraging the year group to take an active part in extra-curricular activities. Another function of any year head is to arrange meetings with parents and class tutors as the need presents itself. Mr. Austin Costello gave an overview of the book rental scheme and stressed the responsibility of each pupil in the up-keep of their text books both at home and in lockers at school. He then invited parents to ask questions on any aspect of the evening proceedings.

When the meeting concluded refreshments were served in the canteen by transition year students, Siobhain Tobin, Ashling Tallis, Denise Ryan and Una Doyle.

SSRI Programme - Irish Culture

On Wednesday 25th October, Thurles man Michael Loughnane conducted a dance workshop in the school gymnasium. He was no stranger to the art of instructing/organising the large group (39 Boys and Girls) who participated. He gave instruction on preparation, dance posture, basic steps - with and without a partner - before orchestrating a "Siege of Ennis" routine with the entire troupe! Michael has been involved in teaching dance and even has time to prepare the Thurles Brass Band during practice sessions for public events.

There was an overwhelming response in that over 70 pupils wanted to participate on Friday 10th in a second workshop. It was a bit of a juggling act, trying to accommodate two groups of 35 during lunch hour. Unfortunately, is so popular that Friday afternoon is the only time available. At least he will be ably assisted by Ms. Cregan.

Be There Be Aware

Last March our environmental group representatives Mary Margaret Marum, Patricia Orr, Selina Power and Denise Ryan won the county final of the Young Entrepreneur competition in Kilkenny. They represented the school in the Regional Final held in Enniscorthy in May.



Many thanks to the girls and their families who put in so much work and effort for the day. A big thanks to the community for their support.

As part of the project the group were invited to the council chamber in Kilkenny to promote our schools involvement with the County Council in the distribution of compost bins. The girls and the club distributed over 100 bins to locals interested in composting.

This year the group plans to do some research to find out if the clients are happy with the bins and to see what improvements could be made to promote composting in the future. The transition year group are currently involved in surveys and collecting biology statistics on what constitutes good composting practice. They have entered the Ballygowan Environment Project and the Esat Young Scientist Competition.

None of this work would have been possible if not for the help of Séan Hanrahan RIP. who encouraged and supported the recycling of newspaper and distribution of the bins. His help was greatly appreciated by all.



Under 16 Hurling

Coláiste Mhuire have a proud record in the Leinster Schools under 16 hurling competition winning recently in 1997 and 1999. This year our school has again reached the Final to be played in November.

This competition is great, as it starts in September when pitches are in good order making it easier for a high level of skill and enjoyment.

In the first game Philip O'Loughlin was in great form scoring 1-4 against Borris Vocational School. Further goals by Daniel Looby and Colin Grant ensured victory for the Kilkenny boys. Our second game against a large school—Presentation De La Salle Bagnalstown was a tough encounter played in atrocious weather conditions. Here Johnstown emerged winners by a three point margin but the Carlow side were unlucky not to share the points as they had a goal disallowed in injury time.

In this game many of the Johnstown scores came from the very stylish James Dunne scoring 1-3. Phil O'Loughlin was also in great form scoring 1-1 from midfield. In this game it took very determined defending by goalie Martin Purcell, backs Kevin Dalton,



Stylish Dunne Strikes

Martin Henderson and Séamus Nolan to repel many De La Salle raids.

In our third game we had to travel to Ballyhale to play Scoil Aireagail. In this game goals by Noel McGree, Jimmy Dunne and Phil O'Loughlin should have given Johnstown a win. However in the last 10 minutes much confusion in our defence let Ballyhale in for two late goals to draw the game.

The Leinster Semi-Final was played in Thomastown on 24th October in conjunction with the A semi-final between Enniscorthy CBS and Castlecomer Community School. There was about one thousand students at both semi-finals. Enniscorthy defeated Comer by one point. In the second game Johnstown had a run away victory over Wexford CBS. Early goals by Dave Brennan 2-0 and Daniel Looby set up the Kilkenny boys for an easy victory. Sub Patrick O'Shea added two more goals in the 2nd half to give Coláiste Mhuire a commanding victory.

All through this campaign Séamus Nolan has been outstanding at no. 6 Kevin Dalton

and Martin Henderson gave excellent cover to goalie Martin Purcell. Pat Tobin and Phil O'Loughlin are a strong capable midfield pairing. James Dunne is one of the most talented forwards ever to play for Coláiste Mhuire. Colin Grant, Daniel Looby and Dave Brennan are also household names capable of destroying any opposition. Johnstown now meet Scoil Aireagail in the Leinster Final. Ballyhale finished on a high note in the previous round, so Johnstown need to be at their best if they hope to bring home the cup.

Team: Martin Purcell, Séamus Nolan, Kevin Dalton, Mark Kavanagh, Martin Henderson, Michael Tobin, Philip O'Loughlin, Pat Tobin, Frank Murphy, David Brennan, Colin Grant, James Dunne, Daniel Looby, Trevor Walsh, Subs: James Lennon, Noel McGree, Brian Kavanagh, Peter Paul Maher, John Paul Grehan, Paul Quinlan, Kevin Sheil.

Congratulations to The Emeralds

Congratulations to all in the Emeralds Club on their historic win of the Roinn A Minor Championship this year. Very few country parishes win this prestigious Cup and in many ways could be one of the best achievements of the club to date. Many of our college boys played a key role in this win. Colin Grant, Emmett Kavanagh, Pat Tobin and Thomas Neary were outstanding. In addition our past pupils Ger Power, Séan Minogue and the powerful Kieran Rafter produced outstanding skill and determination. Also on the panel were Paul Quinlan, Thomas Burke, Michael Tobin, Jamie Dolard and Brian Doyle. We hope now that many of the above stars will feature on our Senior College Team which starts its campaign in early November.



Award To Past Pupil

A special award was given to Stephen Grehan to mark his achievement in winning his first All-Ireland medal. All in his Alma Mater were delighted with his success.

Congratulations to Mr. Gleeson

Congratulations to Mr. Martin Gleeson in winning

his first All Ireland Intermediate Medal with Tipperary this year. Mr. Gleeson playing in defence played a leading role in shaping this All-Ireland success. Mr. Gleeson has All Ireland medals already with Scoil Ruain Killenaule, Tipperary Vocational Team and Tipperary Minor Team. Mr. Gleeson devotes a lot of his free time at school promoting Gaelic Games and hopefully our senior team will bring back gold this year.

During the awards night he was presented with a trophy by fellow county man Mr. Roger Curran, CEO in recognition of his achievements. In reply, Martin indicated that he hoped to be able to bring the McCarthy cup to the school for next year's awards night! We wish him well - with the school's Senior Hurling Team, that is!!!!

The award of sport star of the year was

Sports Star of the Year

given to J. J. Delaney. Described as an outstanding athlete who served on all school teams with distinction during his time at Coláiste Mhuire. His performance in the Leinster Final this year was truly brilliant and probably the best from any player on a school team. An unfortunate injury interrupted his progress (and that of the schools senior hurlers) but he bounced back in double quick time to regain his place on the county minor team for the second year running. Now playing a pivotal roll on the Fenian Senior Hurling Team, we wish him every success in the future.



Grinds

Grinds by a Regional College Lecturer are available to

individuals and small groups in Maths, English, Physics, Biology and French for Leaving and Junior Cert in the Library in Urlingford. At the moment they take place on Mondays from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

First win Of New Term

Holders Coláiste Mhuire Johnstown retained their under 16 Colleges Hurling Championship when they defeated a spirited Ballyhale team in Jenkinstown last Wednesday.

Coláiste Mhuire were first to score with Phil O'Loughlin 0-1 and James Dunne 0-1. However Ballyhale broke down field and John Dalton hit a pile driver inches wide of the Johnstown goal. Damien Ragget opened the scoring for Scoil Aireagail with a good point from 40 yards out. Over the next five minutes James Dunne - a young star from Galmoy landed three super points from play. He got good assistance from Philip O'Loughlin at this stage. As usual Ballyhale hit back, the stylish Michael Fennelly playing at midfield hit a super point and Damien Ragget added another likewise score. Great goal keeping by Martin Purcell certainly denied Ballyhale at least two goal chances.

The very skilful Frank Murphy (Lisdowney) added two great points for the northern side. The strong hearted Dave Brennan followed this up when he booted the ball to the net from a melee of players. Colin Grant and Andrew McCarthy traded points just before half-time.

Favoured by the wind in the second half Ballyhale made a very determined effort to reduce a seven point gap. Andrew McCarthy and John Dalton landed over two points and from here it seemed that the southern team might take over.

Martin Henderson went full back for Johnstown and immediately he seemed to settle his colleagues. A long delivery from Dave Brennan found Daniel Looby and the Fenians man found the net for a crucial goal. Pat Tobin was fouled on the 40 and Jim Dunne pointed for Johnstown. Captain Séamus Nolan landed over a 65 yard free; centreforward for Ballyhale John Dalton converted a free for Scoil Aireagail but again the very skilful James Dunne added another point for Coláiste Mhuire.

This was a good team performance for Coláiste Mhuire Johnstown. In addition to those mentioned above Trevor Walsh, Kevin Dalton, Colin Grant, Mark Kavanagh all excelled. Martin Henderson put in a very spirited second half but James Dunne is a player with a bright

Coláiste Mhuire 2-11
Scoil Aireagail 0-7

future.

Scoil Aireagail had many stars. Goalie Pat Jones brought of at least four magnificent saves. Andrew McCarthy, John Dalton, Michael Fennelly and Damien Ragget were all heroes. Overall the standard of play was excellent despite wet heavy underfoot conditions.

Scores Coláiste Mhuire

James Dunne 0-6, Dave Brennan 1-0, Daniel Looby 1-0, Frank Murphy 0-2, Phil O'Loughlin 0-1, Colin Grant 0-1, Séamus Nolan 0-1

Scoil Aireagail

John Dalton 0-3, Andrew Mc McCarthy 0-2, Michael Fennelly 0-1, Damien Ragget 0-1

Team

M. Purcell, K. Dalton, T. Walsh, M. Kavanagh, S. Nolan, M. Henderson, P. Tobin, P. O'Loughlin, C. Grant, J. Dunne, F. Murphy, D. Looby, D. Brennan,

SUBS: P. O'Shea, T. Burke, N. McGree, P. Maher, P. Gray

REF: John Minogue

Senior Hurling

Coláiste Mhuire 3-5
St Rynaghs Banagher 2-8

Coláiste Mhuire Johnstown and St Rynaghs Banagher played a draw in the rip roaring Senior Hurling game played in Johnstown on Thursday. This was one of the best and most exciting game played at the senior level for some time. Johnstown were the first to score when Emmet Kavanagh was fouled and Robert Dowling pointed. Kevin Kelly replied with a like score for the Offaly side. Thomas Bennett followed this with a point. St Rynaghs piled on the pressure and favoured by the wind they gradually took command of the game.

Kelly, an Offaly minor star this year added two more points. Great defensive play by Anthony O'Hara, P.J. Delaney and Noel Dowling helped the Johnstown side when at times they appeared to be overpowered. Ronan Devery added another quality point for Banagher just before half time.

Andy Horan scored a good goal for St Rynaghs early in the second half. But the introduction of super sub Dave Brennan at half forward led immediately to a revival of the fenian spirit. He collected a puck out, soloed through

the defence, passed to Emmet Kavanagh and he sliced the ball to the net. Kevin Kelly added a point from a free for the Offaly side but the tall P.J. Delaney replied with a like score from a 65. Thomas Bennett another star added a point for the Offaly Side. At this Stage Johnstown hit their best spell. Dave Brennan put Robert Dowling through for a great goal. Michael Murphy collected a great ball, passed to Rob Dowling and he pointed. The same player pointed again after a long delivery from P.J. Delaney. Michael Murphy sent another nice ball to the Freshford star Dowling and he again netted to give Johnstown a three point lead. However Banagher were awarded a 21 yard free and Kevin Kelly sent a rasping ball to the net to level the game. In the dying moments Enda Corcoran and Robert Dowling traded points to leave the game level at full time.

Best Players

For Johnstown were Anthony O'Hara and Martin Henderson on the full back line. PJ Delaney commanded centre back and was ably assisted by Tony Hughes and Donnacha Gray. Noel Dowling tried exceptionally hard at Mid field while up front Robbie Dowling and super sub Daniel Brennan caught the eye.

Scorers Johnstown: Robbie Dowling 2-4, Emmet Kavanagh 1-0, P.J. Delaney 0-1, Banagher: Kevin Kelly 1-4, Andy Horan 1-0, Thomas Bennett 0-2, Enda Corcoran 0-1, Ronan Devery 0-1.

Team: J. Meagher, S. Nolan, A. O'Hara, M. Henderson, T. Hughes, P.J. Delaney, D. Gray, N. Dowling, J. Phelan, M. Murphy, T. Neary, J. Dunne, R. Greene, E. Kavanagh, R. Dowling
Subs: D. Brennan, D Tallis

Junior Camogie

Coláiste

Mhuire were impressive winners over Loreto Mull-

ingar in the first round of Leinster Camogie Championship. Johnstown's full forward line of Mairéad Phelan, Triona Meagher and Lisa Dowling were in devastating form scoring 6-2 between them. Tara Warren also scored a great goal. Other outstanding performances for Johnstown were Clodagh Cleere, Julie Mackey, Eileen Hughes, Selina Power and Shona Power. For Mullingar Dina Loughlin was outstanding.

Team: Saralee Murphy, Michelle Garrett, Clodagh Cleere, Elaine Grace, Jackie Walsh, Julie Mackey, Mary Margaret Marum, Tara Warren, Eileen Hughes, Shona Power, Orla Hughes, Selina Power, Lisa Dowling, Triona Meagher, Mairéad Phelan, Subs: Annemarie Doheny, Caroline Delaney, Siobhain O'Hara. Gorey here we come!!!