

‘Heritage in Schools‘ Exhibition of Projects

Laois Education Centre Thursday 19th January 2012



Laois Education Centre was the venue on Thursday 19th January for a celebration of local history and heritage in the counties of Laois, Offaly and North Tipperary. The occasion was the presentation of prizes and certificates to the primary and second-level schools that took part in a competition organised jointly by Laois Heritage Society and Laois Education Centre and supported by Offaly Historical and Archaeological Society. The competition which was open to all schools in Laois, Offaly and North Tipperary had two categories at primary and second-level for essay and written projects as well as art and design. 28 teachers and 294 pupils from 15 schools exhibited 33 projects on the evening.

Participating schools:

**Portlaoise College, Portlaoise
Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise
Colaiste Naomh Cormac, Kilcormac
St Mary's CBS, Portlaoise
Killina Secondary School, Rahan, Tullamore
Castlecuffe NS, Clonaslee
St Cronan's NS, Roscrea
Paddock NS, Mountrath
Scoil Mhuire PS, Portlaoise
St Pius NS, Ballacolla
Gaelscoil Thromaire, Mountrath
Scoil Phádraig Naofa, Mountmellick
Ballyroan BNS, Ballyroan
Coolderry Central School, Brosna, Birr
Derrylamogue NS**

The prizes were awarded on the evening by Teddy Fennelly Laois Heritage Society and Jim Enright Laois Education Centre. The M.C. for the occasion was Paddy Bates from Laois Education Centre. Among the judges were Michael Parsons and Mary Lalor of Laois Heritage Amanda Pedlow and Stephen McNeill of Offaly Historical Society, Fran Bates, Rachel Farrell, Kathleen O'Connor, Laois Education Centre Management Committee.

The M.C. Paddy Bates congratulated all the students and teachers taking part in the competition and looked forward to the competition being held again. He particularly thanked Teddy Fennelly the Chairman of Laois Heritage Society and Yvonne Nolan Laois Education Centre and thanked all who took part in and organised what is a celebration of the rich heritage of the midlands of Ireland.

Amanda Pedlow, Offaly Heritage Officer speaking on behalf of the judging panel complimented all who had taken part and stated the hard work and commitment from the participating students and teachers was very evident in the very high standards achieved in all the projects.

Judging by the interest in the project and the very high standards achieved it is safe to say that 'Heritage' is 'alive and well' the counties of Laois, Offaly and North Tipperary.

The prize winners were as follows:

	School Name & Project		School Name & Project
Category	Art & Design	Category	Essay/Written Project
Post Primary 1st Prize	Scoil Chríost Rí (The Convent)	Post Primary Joint 1st Prize	Fionnuala Nevin, Colaiste Naomh Cormac, (The Killings of Coolacreese) and Olivia Minnock, Killina Secondary School (The Lough Boora Mesolithic Site)
Post Primary 2nd Prize	Killina Secondary School (Charleville Castle)	Post Primary 2nd Prize	
Post Primary 3rd Prize	Portlaoise College (Heritage Crosses in Batik)	Post Primary 3rd Prize	
Primary 1st Prize	Paddock NS, (Bishop Daniel	Primary 1st Prize	5th & 6th Class, Derrylamogue NS

	Daly)		(The History of School in Derrylamogue)
Primary 2nd Prize	Castlecuffe NS (Playing Cards With Clonaslee Placenames)	Primary 2nd Prize	Jackie Mahon, Coolderry Central School (Gloster House)
Primary 3rd Prize	St Cronan's NS (Historical Remains of Roscrea's Monastic Sites)	Primary 3rd Prize	St Cronan's NS (Monaincha "The 31 st Wonder of the World")