

## Sports Update

### GAA

DVS boys in the Senior League Final v Carrigallen VS later this month and in the quarter final of the Connacht Senior D championship to be played in Feb. Under 16s are in the Connacht League quarter final. Under 15 winners of Sligo / Leitrim blitz in Carrick on Shannon.

### Volleyball

Senior volleyball girls were defeated in the All-Ireland semi-final to Roscommon. The Cadette Girls team are through to the All Ireland quarter finals. The Boys Senior B team progressed to an all-Ireland quarter final but was defeated by Castleblaney. The Boys Senior A team was defeated by St Raphaels, the team that subsequently won the All Ireland. The Cadette A team are through to the all Ireland Final on Jan 21st after their victory over Elphin.

### Some Recent Awards

Dr. Gerry Turley, NUIG Business Department presented Shona Nugent with a Certificate of Excellence for her achievement in Junior Certificate Business Studies. Well done, Shona & Ms Beirne!

Paddy Kelly collected his award for the Best Overall Ordinary Level for Junior Certificate in Metalwork, in Ireland, awarded by the Engineering Technology Teachers' Association. Well done Paddy and Mr McNamara

Past student and renowned musician—Fergal Guihen recently won a prestigious award at UL based on his CAO points he obtained at DVS in his Leaving Cert.

### Building work

Despite the unfavourable weather conditions work on the new two storey extension is progressing well. This is due for completion in June.

**First Year Enrolment : Friday, February 5th.**

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## DVS Newsletter

## Christmas 2015



The highlight of the school year so far, for many of us, has been our Christmas production of the popular musical—Annie. This proved to be a huge success with all three shows sold out in advance. Well done to all involved and thanks to the parents and community for their support.

### Donation

The cast of “Annie” presented a cheque for €400 to the local branch of St Vincent de Paul recently—proceeds from the sales of the Musical’s Programme.

### Hospice Coffee Morning

DVS students and staff raised over €600 for the North west Hospice and Childhood Cancer Foundation during a coffee morning held on Sept 17th.

### First Years climb Sliabh An Iarrainn

Our new First Years and their Class Tutors marked the end of a fine spell of weather in September with a climb up Sliabh An Iarrainn—as far as the *Rocking Stone*. By all accounts, an enjoyable, if exhausting day was had by all.



### **Visit to Leinster House**

On October 22nd last, Senator Paschal Mooney hosted a visit for our Third Years to the Dáil. Before this visit Senator Mooney gave a talk in the school about the workings of the parliamentary system in Ireland. This was a most informative experience for our students.

### **Leaving Cert History Field Trip**

The birth place of Sean MacDiarmada featured on our Leaving Cert History students' trip to Kiltyclogher in October. The trip also included a visit to the cottage where the patriot was reared and a visit to the Kiltyclogher Heritage Centre.

### **Talk on Good Posture and Spinal Health**

On October 23rd, personnel from the Bradley Clinic gave a talk to our Leaving Cert students on good posture and maintenance of spinal health.

### **French Theatre**

On Oct 15th, a theatrical group of native French speakers performed for our french language students. The play was titled "Le Rendez-vous" and plenty of audience participation was involved !

### **Gaeilge 24**

Comhghairdeas le na daltaí a ghlac páirt sa dúshlán Gaeilge 24 ar an 12ú Samhain. Labhair na daltaí seo sa Gaeilge ar feadh 24 uair an chloig.

### **Scifest**

Third Year students, Niamh McNamara, Anna Corcoran, Shauna Gilmartin & Aine Kelly, with their teacher, Ms McBarron were presented with their Excellence in STEM Awards at the Scifest Discover finals held in Merino, Dublin on Nov 6th. Their project was Decibels @ DVS.

### **DVS Artists**

Leaving Certificate Art students visited the National Gallery and the Book of Kells in Dublin on Nov 11th. It was a fascinating day out and much preparation for the exams was undertaken. The tour guides in the National Gallery were excellent !

### **Girls Active**

All first year girls participated in Girls Active every Monday with Michelle Fanning. They finished just before Christmas and now look forward to the Girls Active Sports Day.

### **Internet Safety Day**

Our Pastoral Care and Student Support Team organised an Internet Safety Day for all second level students and their parents at DVS on November 23rd last. This highly informative presentation was given by Pat McKenna of Childwatch Ireland. Mr McKenna is highly experienced in the area and had recently carried out the research for a TV documentary on this important issue.

### **Amazing Brains**

The team from the "Amazing Brains" company gave a workshop on November 25th to all our exam students on study techniques and exam preparation. This team has an excellent reputation in providing study skills programmes and we believe that all of our students found it beneficial.

### **CODERDOJO:**

As part of the Drumshanbo Enterprise Town weekend, Alan Murphy of Bank of Ireland, Seán Bailey of DVS and Elena Mass of Carrick on Shannon's Dojo group, ran a two hour CoderDojo session at DVS. CoderDojo is a volunteer led community of free programming for young people. Its main aim is to develop interest in computers, specifically programming, using fun, easy to use, software such as Scratch. Students shared their latest projects and ideas and we discussed free programming software available and the different competitions open to students.

### **CSPE**

On December 10th, wildlife expert, Mr Dale Threadwell spoke to all our First Year students on the importance of looking after the environment. Stewardship is one of the core concepts of the CSPE course. The three First Year classes all showed great interest and many even recognised Dale from his appearances on RTE.

### **Gaisce Award**

Fifth year students are doing GAISCE at present with Ms. Tiernan. We have a record high of 30 students involved this year! Students are involved in many different activities including, learning how to play musical instruments, helping to train underage teams, helping their local tidy towns committees, rug making, sailing, cooking, swimming and learning how to play chess. Well done to all and keep up the good work! These students will receive a President's medal on successful completion of all the elements.