

Moate show real athleticism.

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On Thursday January 27th Moate Community School travelled to St.Mary's school Galway to compete in the qualifications of the Connacht championships. The day started off to be quite mild and the weather did not look to improve. All athletes were enthusiastic, however, not letting such minor issues as the weather get in the way.

The first race of the day for Moate was for young Kevin Cuff in the minor U14 race. Kevin placed 22nd in the race and this was a major achievement as he was the youngest on the squad on the day. Next was the junior girl's U15 and representing Moate was Katie O'Halloran. After a slow start Katie managed to push through and came 30th overall. This was a great comeback for Katie.

The third race was the junior U15 1,500 boys and representing Moate was Cathal Daly, Jordan Heavin, Kevin Booth and Evan Concanon. The Boys all came within the top 60 and young Cathal finished in 10th place, meaning he qualifies for the Connacht championship. This was an excellent result for Moate.

In the U17 2,000 meters race representing Moate was Joe Kinahan, Louie Duffy, Ronan Farrell, Patrick Heffernan, Philip Ganly, Conor Sheirdan and Jack McCormack. The boys ran a great race and really outdone their expectations.

Moate finished on two highs with both our senior runners qualified for the Connacht championship. Susan Scott finished in an amazing 11th place. Susan was 13th through the first lap but pushed herself to qualify.

In the 3,000 meters Thomas Fagan came in an amazing 1st place. Thomas was coming 2nd through the last lap but with great stamina and speed, managed to get to 1st to win in the most difficult race of the day. Moate left for home with high expectations for the Connacht Championships. Well done to all involved and beat of luck those athletes proceeding to the next stages.