

Gaisce Awards 2011



On October 25th last the Gaisce (President's Award) ceremony took place at the Mullingar Park Hotel. Twenty three students from Moate Community School received their bronze awards. The staff and students of MCS are very proud of their commitment and hard work in the four components of the award as follows:

1. Community service
2. Physical
3. Skill
4. Adventure

Students were active volunteers in their communities to fulfill the community service part of the award. The group also participated in Young Social Innovators. The group developed many skills while doing this project as follows:

- Report-writing
- Public speaking and raising awareness for mental health issues among young people.
- Designing leaflets and posters to promote the project and props for the Speak Out.
- Creating power point presentations of their project entitled "Don't Hide, Confide" which created awareness for mental health issues and suicide among young people in our society.
- Liaised with the HSE Suicide Prevention Service and school management.
- Organised an information evening for parents and the community in conjunction with the HSE Suicide Prevention Service.
- Organised several fundraising activities (bake sale, dodge ball- students V teachers).
- Designing, communicating with Glendun Sales and selling wrist bands; the proceeds of the bands will be donated to Pieta House when their CEO Joan Freeman will visit Moate Community School on November 28th, 2011.



The third area of the award is physical; students played sport, took part in traditional and contemporary dance and worked out in the gym to improve their fitness and health, both mental and physical. In September the group completed the adventure component of the award at Lilliput Adventure Centre in Mullingar. They stayed for 2 days and 1 night and hiked for 25 km over the 2 days. This was thoroughly enjoyable and as a result most of these students have expressed an interest in continuing on and working towards the Gaisce silver award.

The recipients of the award are as follows:

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| Derbhaile Bradley | Lorcan Kelly | Amy Redmond |
| Sara Claffey | Alan Kelly | Gavyn Shortall |
| Una Costello | Anne Mc Cormack | Sarah Slevin |
| Elaine Dunning | Lorna McLoughlin | Aine Smyth |
| Jade Fielding | Dianne O' Brien | Nigel Tobella |
| Niamh Glynn | Emily O' Connor | Stephen Woods |
| Mary Griffin | Aisling O' Neill | Sorcha Egan |
| Robert Holloway | James Pettit | |

Josephine Meehan was the hard working President Award Leader in MCS and all the students involved greatly appreciate her hard work and dedication to their achievements to date.

