



MCS takes two prizes at SciFest at AIT

Moate Community School was well represented at SciFest at AIT on Fri 23rd April. SciFest is a one-day festival of Science where Second Level schools in the area are invited to participate. Eight teams of First Year students took part with the support of their mentors Ms. Irene O'Sullivan and Ms. Margaret Mandal. The projects were in the categories of Life Sciences and Physical Sciences.

Each project consisted of a Science Investigation and in some cases a number of surveys. Some of the students used digital sensors to measure, record and produce graphs of their scientific data. The enthusiastic students worked hard on their projects over the weeks prior to the competition. They all completed a poster and a booklet of their work.

On the day, the teams enjoyed answering questions from the judges. They were very forthcoming with their knowledge and their passion for their work achieved. MCS won First and Second prizes in the Individual Physical Sciences Category.

Thomas Pettit won first prize for his project on Dolphin Communication. He investigated the sounds made by dolphins, recreating them using balloons and whistles and measured the sounds using a Microphone Sensor connected to a Labquest Data Logger. David Collins won second prize in the same category for his project on Global Warming, investigating the effect of global warming on glaciers.

Well done to all involved who enjoyed a fun filled day of Scientific proportions!

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