



Hello there and Seasons Greetings to one and all! It is with great seasonal cheer that I welcome you all to this the Christmas edition of The 'Noggin News. As you may of guessed, it is my own personal favourite time of the year, so I hope you all are full of the Christmas spirit (well, not literally I hope!!) and that all your plans & arrangements for Christmas are falling in to place! At this stage, lists should have been written and posted up North (The North Pole, sillies! Not your shopping lists for cheaper prices IN the North), cakes & puddings cooling down & your long deliberation of what you should buy me for Christmas complete!! Only 16 shopping days to go.....chop chop!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have submitted pieces to date and encourage more to do so at either www.thenogginnews@yahoo.ie or via my post box. Finally I would like wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of happiness, good health and better grades!

Ann Gildea – Fitness Dept.

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SPACE!

A big Thank You to all those involved in the photo shoot for the college's new corporate image
...WATCH THIS SPACE...

SCFE Students progress to Degree Level Training in Early Childhood Education.

Two students from SCFE were delighted to be accepted directly into Year 2 of the *Bachelor in Early Childhood Education Honours Degree* in DIT, Mountjoy Square. Wendy Murdock & Laura Doran both completed FETAC Level 5 *Certificate in Childcare* before progressing to FETAC Level 6 *Childcare Management* in SCFE. Both achieved excellent results (Distinctions in all subjects), which enabled them to progress to DIT. "It's like a dream come true", Wendy reported on hearing she had successfully gained her place. "I had no idea I would be able to access this level of the course", Laura said when she learned of her success. Both students agreed that the course in SCFE had prepared them well for further study and they are now well settled into the degree programme. Course co-ordinator Eileen McDermott is proud of the success of these students and notes the career and job prospects for childcare students remain very positive.

Sallynoggin Students Swim for Dublin Simon Community

Last year Sallynoggin students swam half way to Holyhead and this year, with 44 swimmers, we will get even further (Its 67 miles from Dunlaoghaire to Holyhead in case you didn't know!). But the big question is can we increase the donations this year? Sallynoggin students have been doing this fundraiser for years and as things are even more difficult this year for people who are out of work and home we want to make a really big effort.

There will be a donation box on Bernie's counter from Monday December 7th. If every student and staff member gave just €2.00 it would be great.

All the students on the list (see posters) are swimming one mile each (at least).

Swimmers – those of you who want to do the swim in Blue Pool Monkstown, please meet there no later than 4.45pm on Monday 7th for the 5.00 pm swim. You may also do it in your own time, outside of college hours.

Sponsorship cards must be returned to Jo Donohoe (VTOS office off the canteen) by Friday 11th so we can send our contribution to Dublin Simon before Christmas. If necessary, you can give the money and cards to a tutor or to Bernie in the canteen. Please contact Jo if you need any more information, need more sponsorship cards or want to do the swim.

P.S. Jo apologises if any names are incorrect on the poster and would also appreciate if Louise, Louise B. Mark and Ben could complete their details on the poster! Thanks and best of luck to all in taking part. Those of us not brave enough, PLEASE dig deep and support this worthy cause.

Sports News

Men's Soccer

On a wind-swept November day at Greystones, Sallynoggin College took on Bray CFE in the final match of the Leinster Colleges & Universities Football League. SCFE needed to win this match in order to keep ahead of Dundalk IT.

The 'Noggin lads got off to a great start, scoring in the first 5 minutes, with Luke Massey finishing off after some good passing down the right. Bray came back into the game, scoring the equaliser after being on top for a spell. SCFE quickened the pace, with Gary Murphy scoring a fine header from Shane Thompson's corner. After some great work down the right, Alan Lynch scored another fine header from Nicky Byrne's cross.

The second half was well contested, with Bray refusing to give up. The final and best goal was started when Dan Gaughan won the ball and set off on a great run, playing a couple of one-twos before bursting into the box and unselfishly passing for Nicky Byrne to score.

With a final score of Sallynoggin College 4, Bray 1, SCFE finish top of the section, and will now go through to the semi-final of the section. Well done lads!

A. Forsyth, SCFE.



Above: Shane Thompson looks on as Luke Byrne goes down the wing during the recent Sallynoggin College victory over Bray Institute in the Leinster Colleges and Universities Football League

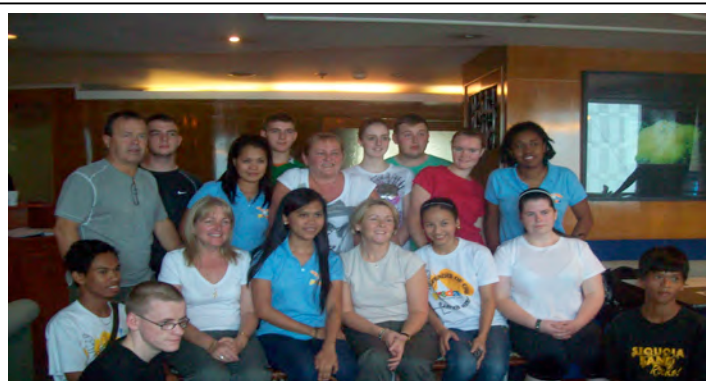
Pictured back row, second from right, is Claire Deegan, student of Youthwork in Sallynoggin College. Claire recently participated in a volunteer project in the Philippines. She is pictured with fellow volunteers and local children.

Fashion News



Recently the Fashion Industry Practice students took part in an on-the-spot emergency styling exercise! They were given a challenging project to each create a Fashion Photo-Shoot using only A-2 sheets of white paper. After the initial shock, they embraced the challenge and produced many spectacular and exciting images, as can be seen above.

Also, keep a watchout around the college during the week before Christmas and throughout the month of January. Fashion Industry Practice students will be mounting displays in a variety of locations. These displays will feature each group's interpretation of the theme 'The Big Picture'. Expect to be entertained by displays examining ideas as diverse as 'The Seven Deadly Sins', Post-Christmas Recycling and Icons of the 20th Century.



Applied Social Studies Visit to Clonskeagh Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre

Along with our tutor, Jo Donohoe, myself and my fellow students visited the Islamic Cultural Centre in Clonskeagh. On arrival there, the first thing I noticed was the architecture of the Centre. I had only ever seen a mosque on television or in books and had also only seen the negative side to the Muslim religion as it has been portrayed on the news in recent years. We were brought around by our tour guide for the day – Achmed. He gave us a great insight into the Islamic religion and its beliefs and the very dedicated prayer services which must be practiced five times a day. The Mosque itself was a very big building which can cater for 500 people at any one time, with the women praying from a balcony above and the men in the main prayer area. There is a school in the centre also which teaches the Irish curriculum as well as a Muslim curriculum and not all the teachers are Muslim.

While we were having lunch in the restaurant, a man came over the loudspeaker and he seemed to be chanting in Arabic. This, I was informed, was the call to prayer. Everything closed down for at least 15 minutes including the shop and the reception so that everyone could go to the mosque to pray. It is obligatory for all Muslims to pray.

All in all I found this to be a very informative excursion and I now feel a little more informed about the Islamic faith. Everyone is welcome to visit the Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre if only to avail of the wonderful and reasonably priced food which is on offer in the restaurant.

By: Brian O'Farrell

Travel & Tourism

Students from Travel and Tourism have had a busy start to their year so far. In September they took part in a team-building day at Lilliput Adventure Centre. This involved many activities such as orienteering, zip-line, kayaking and bog-hopping - trying to cross a very wet bog full of holes and ditches! Everyone made it back in one piece, though a few people did have to be pulled out of the bog on the way and one or two shoes never made it home!! It was all good fun and though everyone was tired and dirty by the end, we had enjoyed getting to know each other and a day of beautiful sunshine by Lough Ennel.

Then, in November, these students enjoyed a visit to the Stena Nordica Ferry in Dublin Port. Stena staff brought the students on a very informative tour of the ferry, including a visit to the Bridge to meet the Captain. A very worthwhile and educational trip was had by all.

Student Council

Christmas Social - Thurs 17th December in The Purty Kitchen, Dunlaoghaire. The theme is Festive Dress. Tickets are now on sale priced at €10 and can be purchased from Student Council class reps. Limited tickets shall be available at the door so all students should buy theirs ASAP!

Christmas Day in the College – Thurs 17th Dec. This day is one of the highlights of the college year and there is no doubt that this year's shall be as successful as the years gone by! ALL students and staff are asked to support this event which shall consist of a performance from the Dance students in the gym, a carol service on the steps of the college gym (Dance students) followed by a Christmas Table Quiz in the canteen. Brain food shall be supplied on the day to bring out the Einsteins among us!! There will also be lots of great prizes to be won in our raffle so make sure you get your tickets on time!!!

Helen McArdle Retires

By: Frances Kelly

Helen McArdle, a teacher with Dunlaoghaire VEC for the last 30 years, decided to take early retirement this summer. Helen began her teaching in what was then the fledgling PLC sector in Blackrock Senior College, then know as Blackrock Technical College. She initially taught on the secretarial course but, following her move to SCFE, she co-ordinate the childcare course. This was a time of huge change here in SCFE as we were changing from a school offering Leaving Certificate to a College of Further Education. Helen was part of the team involved in this change. Her skills were put in to practice in the many new courses being offered within the college. She taught Communications and IT skills across the board and was also involved in the setting up of the Floristry Course. For the past 5 years, Helen organised the student's graduation in Killiney Castle. This always worked like clockwork, thanks to her great organisational skills and was a most enjoyable event for all involved. It is with great sincerity that I can say she will be greatly missed by all members of staff, especially her fabulous baking which we were treated to on many occasions! On behalf of all students and staff I would like to wish Helen every health & happiness in her retirement and we look forward to her baking for us from time to time!!

The Burren Trip 2009

Bright and early on Monday the 30th of November, a group of sleepy students from Art and Design accompanied by teachers Ed and Jack made their way across the country to Co. Clare. After a long bus journey we finally arrived in Clare to our first stop, The Cliffs of Mohar, which made for great photos and spectacular views. After we visited the cliffs we made our way to Atlantic View Self Catering Cottages in Doolin, The cottages were quite modern and cosy. We ate dinner in McGinn's pub on both nights, just a ten minute walk from where we were staying. On the Second day we were woken early and made our way to The Ailwee Caves near Ballyvaughan, where we got a guided tour through the caves, which were fascinating. On our way back to the cottages we drove through the Burren itself taking in the harsh karst landscape, a portal dolmen and beaches over looking the Atlantic ocean. We rounded off our trip singing the night away on sing star and guitars. It was a great trip and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Above: Some of the students who travelled



Above: A Dolmen found in the Burren

Adolf – The Students Opinions

On the 6th November Applied Social Studies together with students on the Youth Work course attended a performance of a play called 'Adolf' which was the cause of much controversy on the airwaves. When we arrived at the Tivoli we learned that a number of people had walked out on the first night including the writer and director Peter Sheridan. Our appetites were whetted. Sallynoggin students found the play to be controversial and disturbing as well. Here are just a few snippets from their reviews:

'It is my belief that this play was too controversial for impressionable minds.' Karl

'I am still not sure how I felt about the play. I am not sure how I am meant to feel either. I am angry about the things he was saying. ...I learned that Hitler hated a lot of groups and learned what a coward he really was but I would not recommend the play.' Alison

'Pip Hutton delivered a meticulous look at the thoughts of Hitler but when attempting to equate it with to-day, reduces the performance to a vulgar, insensitive limited rant – nothing I haven't heard before – but not my cup of tea.' David

'The message was clear – Hitler may be dead but his ideas are alive and kicking in many places' Mick.

S.C.F.E Annual College Open Day.

Just a quick reminder that our annual college Open Day is coming up on Thursday 28th January 2010 from 10am to 2pm. The Open Day will include tours of the college facilities, information talks on all courses, displays, and demonstrations of students work and exhibitions. It has been a huge success in the past so please pass the word around to all your friends and family as all are welcome on the day.

And finally....Did you know.....

1. Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.
2. The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.
3. The only 2 animals that can see behind themselves without turning their heads are rabbits and parrots.
4. If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural cause..

....Now you know!