



# Clonkeen Chronicle

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## Principal's Foreword.

Another year comes to a close and what a year it has been for the school. Our successes in hurling, football, public speaking and debating were noteworthy this year and all of the students and mentors involved deserve so much praise for accomplishing their goals. In addition, the many social justice and charity projects and activities clearly demonstrate that our school is a caring community, actively engaged in bringing about a better future for us all. Indeed, 2009/10 was marked by the industry and interest of the various groups and individuals who ensure that the school is considerably more than the sum of its parts.

The year started with news of third level scholarships for many of last year's sixth year students. The degree of success did not lessen throughout the year as our students had success in the Young Scientist & Technology Competition, and a Clonkeen team took first prize in the All-Ireland Applied Maths Competition. Indeed, one of our sixth year students, Colin Egan, is leading the Irish Mathematics team at the international Mathematics Olympiad in Kurdistan over the summer. Success also came our way in the all Ireland History Quiz, the French Quiz and the Independent Newspaper Quiz.

Pupils did us proud in the poetry alive competition, drama and debating, while Andrew Dowling represented Ireland at the European La Scala Competition. The European youth parliament will be addressed by one of our own, Darragh Nolan, who will be attending the next session this summer in Athens, Greece. Away from the academic side of education it was another year of great achievements in the sporting field. A current sixth year, Chris Campbell, made his debut as an international soccer referee. The athletics brought us great glory while in Gaelic and Soccer, the teams brought home gold in all events. Recent past pupil Chris Corrigan received his Gaisce Gold medal from president Mary McAleese.

The students have done themselves, their teachers and the school proud but most credit must go to the parents who set the foundations for the enthusiasm of the students.

I wish to thank and congratulate the school staff for their commitment, hard work, expertise and pastoral concern for the students in their care. Their team spirit and genuine warmth towards all who enter here makes this one of the most rewarding work environments imaginable and gives school life the richness of texture which has always been its trademark.

The Parent Council was again active on a number of different fronts. Their activities stretched from the Pantomime to the First Year Social with a

host of other praise-worthy projects and activities in between. I would like to thank them all, in particular, Ms. Ann Lehane for her exemplary leadership of the Parent Council.

In many if not all of these activities, the Parent Council have of course called on the ever-willing members of the Student Council to assist them. As a Principal, I have had the pleasure of being impressed, if not indeed over-awed, by the quality and characteristics of the young men on this Student Council. We are genuinely delighted to be associated with such fine young people.

I hope everyone who was present shares my view that this year's Graduation Mass was a wonderful coming together of our school community. It was truly an expression of the values which we hold dearly and a celebration of the success of our latest group of Sixth Year students on completing their course of studies. Best wishes to them and to our Junior Certificate boys in June and congratulations to everyone involved in organising the Mass.

Finally, I look forward to starting on the works that are planned for over the Summer months. School buildings and grounds, like homes and gardens, need to be continually tended to, maintained and developed to ensure that they retain

and develop their value and continue to serve their purpose. This is the challenge that lies before Mr. Barry and myself. God bless the work!  
Dom Twomey (Principal).

## An Gaisce Gold Recipient —Chris Corrigan.

It was a proud day for Chris Corrigan (graduated in 2006), his family, and indeed Clonkeen College, on the 12th April 2010, when Chris received the Gold Gaisce Award in Dublin Castle. The award, as always, was presented by President Mary McAleese. There is but one Gold Ceremony annually, marking it as a most prestigious award, with only 80 recipients of the Gold from all over the country this year. Chris committed 2 years to achieving the Award. President McAleese honoured the participants, praising their exceptional, unwavering commitment to it & emphasising the prestige of the award. She praised their dedication & how they represented everything positive of the youth of today, providing hope for a brighter future of Ireland. Chris, subsequently appeared on RTE's Capital Day, speaking of his experiences & activities relating to the Award. Well done Chris! This year well over 20 students from TY and 5th yr registered and set challenges for themselves with the aim of achieving either the Bronze or Silver Gaisce Awards for achievement. (- Ms. Gibson.)

As another school year draws to a close, The Board of Management extends best wishes to all our students sitting exams, We hope they all achieve the results they are aiming for.

We also hope this is not to stressful a time for Parents, and that they survive the exam season. Finally we wish to thank the Principal, Deputy Principal, all the teachers, and staff at Clonkeen College for all their commitment, and great efforts over this past school year. The current economic situation, and ongoing government cut backs are making it more and more difficult for schools to maintain the services our children need and deserve. The Board of Management is determined not only to maintain our facilities, but also to upgrade them as much as possible. We are going to invest in classroom improvements to enhance teaching and learning. It is also planned to improve the sporting facilities, and hence encourage greater student participation.

It's great to be able to take on new projects and we are only able to consider any financial expenditure on such projects, largely due to the great support we get from parents, via the voluntary subscription. Without this very necessary support we would be faced with the task of cutting various supports and services to our students.

Finally I am please to report that Clonkeen College is in good shape, we have a very professional, proactive Board of Management committed to on going improvement in all aspects of school life, for our students, teachers and staff. We are also blessed with the great contribution made by the parents council, and the students council. We are proud of our school and we are working together to make what is good, even better. Sincere thanks to everyone in our community

Have a great summer.

**Maurice Hedderman**

(chairman of the board of management).

## PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

The Parents' Council members have been very busy this term, with many different projects. On March 24th, a very successful 'Careers Evening' was held in the school. Several Parents' Council Members were involved in the organisation of this event, in collaboration with Mr O Hora, and the feedback was extremely positive all round.

Our new pamphlet of "Frequently Asked Questions" for the parents of incoming students was launched at the First Year Parents meeting in April. Kay Mooney and Breeta Allen put a huge amount of time and effort into this, and the feedback has been very positive.

In April, a group of talented students went to Silverline Studios in Newtownmountkennedy to record original songs, which they had been busy writing & composing since January. The Parents' Council was delighted to fund this recording day. The resulting CD was showcased in the school on 21st May, when CD Project leader Mr Clarke & the musicians staged an excellent concert in the school hall. The event raised around 1000 euro for the Third World Support Fund, so well done all!! In May, Parents' Council Members Yvonne O Regan and Assumpta Dunne ran a Healthy Eating Seminar for the first year students, in conjunction with the Students' Council. Yvonne and Assumpta did a great job as usual.

On the evening of May 21st, the annual 1st Year Social was held in the school hall, and the PC were active in the decorating of the hall, in the afternoon, and in supervision & security duties during the event, and by all accounts a great time was had by all! As reported in the previous Chronicle, we have ordered new stage curtains for the school hall from the Stage Lighting Centre. Our new curtains are now ready for fitting, and we hope to get this done after the State Exams towards the end of June. Finally, the Parents' Council have a new constitution, which will be put forward for ratification by the whole parent body at the AGM in October. Following this, a new Parents' Council will be elected. Thanks to the whole school community for a great year & we hope you have a lovely Summer.

**Ciara Phelan** (PRO Parents' Advisory Council).

### First year Social

Last Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, the first year social was held in the hall. The Student Council, together with the Parent's Council and St. Joseph of Cluny Prefects, were responsible for the organization and running of the event, together, after weeks of planning the date, arrived.

The sound system, decorations and DJ equipment were meticulously arranged and soon the school hall was near unrecognizable. A variety of streamers and balloons in a mélange of colours dominated the doorway and as the small hand approached six, the prefects were replaced, half relinquishing from toil the others just beginning their shift. The shop was constructed and an assortment of sweets and an assortment of sweets and soft drinks lay on the tabletop in wait of consumption.

Soon the Cluny Prefects materialized, and after a brief exchange of pleasantries the First Years, with feigned confidence, began to

show their faces. As the DJ warmed up, the prefects displayed more excitement and childishness than their younger counterparts. As more and more students arrived with their tickets and the latest fashions, the energy in the air became intoxicating, as well as the humidity.

Despite all the movement, the early communication between males and females was minimal and from the stage the congregation resembled somewhat shoals of fish that have sensed danger, squeezing together in tight packs to prevent being picked off by predators. After 10 o'clock the last songs were played and the First Years were shepherded to their anxiously waiting parents. Eventually the hall was restored to its original state and the dance was declared a success. A few sweeties, a bottle of orange and I was off to bed. I felt as if I should don my grey uniform, it would have suited us all perfectly

Michael Curtin

### Chris Cambell soccer referee

Chris has been a referee in the South Dublin Schoolboy League for two years now. Having played football for 9 years he decided that refereeing was the next step. It is a great way to stay involved in the game, stay fit and meet many incredible people. Chris started by taking a beginners course with the FAI while in 5th year. It was a brief two day course and by the end of 5th year he had started refereeing.

Experience counts for everything in the job and though the first few months were shaky, it has grown on him. Anyone with a thick skin and an interest in the game should consider refereeing.

Currently Chris is on the FAI's School of Excellence, this is a two year course for referees around the country looking to advance in the sport and move up through the ranks. Thanks to the school of excellence Chris was recently appointed to assist in an under 15 against Wales. His biggest appointment to date came in April 2009 when Chris assisted in an Ireland vs Poland friendly in Tallaght stadium. He is also looking forward to the cup finals in a few weeks time.

The best way to find out about beginners courses is to inquire directly from the FAI or watch the papers as every now and then there are ads in the paper. There is a minimum fitness requirement and a mandatory theory test every year, but this should not put anyone off.

### The Arts

A synopsis of what is happening to date in the art world at Clonkeen. As you may well know by now our visual journey began a number of years ago with the commissioning of a sculpture and a boxed stained glass to adorn the foyer.

When the first year students returned after Halloween the S-Block was totally transformed with student's art work. The Transition Year classrooms had also undergone a facelift with the addition of colourful murals adorning the walls.

The two stairwells have now a permanent collection of freshly painted canvases. These works are of such a high standard and add to the positive atmosphere within the school community. Unlike the A.I.B. we intend holding on to our art collection! The third years are delighted with their large murals also. My thanks go to the N.A.P.D for giving me the monies toward the art materials.

Thanks once again to all those pupils who gave of their time and talent to make this project a success. Finally go look at Eoghan Keegan's painting to fully realise that the paintbrush is without doubt mightier than the pen. Naturally I am biased here. **K.O'Donoghue**

### Transition Year Notes

This year's transition year students recently received their certificates and end of year awards. A large number of students were in the running for the student of the year award in each group. Runners-up were Brian Allen, Ben Naughton, Rory Sullivan, Denis Vavasour, Sean Galligan, Cormac Spain, Cian Taylor, Stephen Moroney, Niall O'Dowd and Conor Swords. Three students were chosen as Students of the Year – Jack O'Donoghue, Naoise Greene and Niall Harney. Awards were given out for computers and media studies and certificates for attendance and punctuality, self-defence, sailing and canoeing. Medals for the School Sports were also distributed.

ECDL and GAA training certificates will be awarded to students in the autumn. Sixteen students completed their tasks for the Bronze Gaisce Award and have received their medals. Four more students will have completed this by the autumn. A past pupil, Chris Corrigan, recently received his Gold Gaisce Award from President McAleese at a ceremony in Dublin Castle. Chris was featured in a recent edition of Capital D on RTE 1. This is still available to view on RTE Player online.

### J Byrne

#### Tennis

The Clonkeen College Tennis club has been up and running since last September. We have the services of Garreth O Carroll who has been coaching many students from both Second and Third Year.

It was great to watch the development of those students over the past year. Their techniques kept improving all the time and the Junior team only missed out (by the whisker of a point) from qualifying for the semi-finals of their Leinster section.

The Senior team were unfortunately eliminated from their qualifying group at an early stage. If you are interested in joining the club next September keep your eyes peeled for notices and listen out for any announcements, as Garreth is keen to continue the great work he started this year and develop the club even more.

**J Clarke, J Keogh**

## Darragh Nolan

Recently I had the honour of witnessing one of our fifth year students, Darragh Nolan, in action as he alongside Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Barry Andrews launched *Life Skills matter – not just points*: A survey of implementation of Social, Personal and Health Education and Relationship and Sexuality Education in secondary schools.

The survey was carried out by Dail na nOg, whereby Darragh is now the chair person. Darragh was voted into Dail nOg from Comhairle naOg, after he proved himself to be an excellent spokesperson and representative for the young people of Ireland today. Darragh looked at home sitting

beside the Minister Barry Andrews and wasn't phased at all by the Ireland's media constantly clicking cameras, microphones and dictaphones in his face as he spoke.

As I entered the room where the launch was held in the offices of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Darragh was being interviewed by RTE for the main news. After seeing Darragh at work I have no doubt he is a person I will be hearing of in the future, I really believe Darragh will be leading our country in some form or other in years to come!

He also represented Clonkeen at the National Selection Conference of the European Youth Parliament

and was selected to represent Ireland at the upcoming conference in Athens next April.

On behalf on everyone at Clonkeen, I would like to congratulate Darragh on all his achievements and successes throughout his years in Comhairle na nOg which are coming to an end now as he embarks on the all important leaving certificate next year. Darragh will still be involved in Dail na nOg but is passing the baton on to the next Clonkeen student who wants to get involved in Comhaire nOg.

Well done Darragh on everything and I wish you all the success you deserve in the future.

Mrs McEvoy

## U-14 and 1<sup>st</sup> Year Gaelic Football

On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May we were honoured to have two Dublin stars – **Oisín Gough** and **Ciarán Whelan** – come in to us for medal presentations. **Oisín** was part of our **2002 U-14 Dublin Football Champions**: our next success was the **Tom Quinlan Shield in May 2009**. So it was fitting our Dublin hurling hero was back to present the winners' medals along with **Mr. Sheehy's** former midfield partner.

The current crop of **First Years** defended the trophy gallantly, but lost out to a strong **St. Kevin's CBS** team in an excellent match. Hopefully most of that team will form the backbone of next year's U-14 Panel.

The **First Year All-Star Team** was made up of the 15 top trainers including **Jack Donnelly, James Shiggins, Killian Lanigan, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jacob Marrar and Cian Moriarty-Maguire**. Also getting certificates for their involvement were Kyle O'Keeffe, Seán Keating, Gary Moran, Adam Richardson, Conor Ryan, Des Markey, Conn Doran and Dane Burke.

**9 First Years** made it on to the **U-14 All-Star Panel**. Here is the team: **Luke Allen [S1], Finn Ellard [S1], Eoin Brennan [R.1], Jordan Fidgeon [R.3], David Ryan [S1], Justin Baniqued (Capt.) [R.1], Cian Hughes [R.2], Neil Costello [R.3], Conor O'Sullivan [R.2], Eoin Gannon [S2], Daniel Flynn-Fallon [R.2], Justin Byrne [S2], Conor Brennan [S1], Cian Spain Farrell [R.1], Anthony Clarke [R.3]**

**FIR IONAD: Eoin McCrossan [S2], Robert Phillips [S1], Brian Murphy [S1], Shreyash Pattanayak [R.3], Ryan Fisher [R.2]**

Those who made it on to the **2<sup>nd</sup> Year All-Star Team** were **Jeff Richardson, Danny O'Hara, Christopher Roche** and **Ben MacEntee**.

Our **GAA 125 League** run before Christmas was a success. The teams were named after the boys' GAA heroes: **Vinny Holden, Alan & Bernard Brogan, D.J. Carey, Henry Shefflin, Dermot Earley, Ciarán Whelan, Jason Sherlock** and our own **Enda sheehy, David Treacy** and **Oisín Gough**. The awards went to:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** (after 3 draws) – **Carey-Shefflins**: Conor Hayes, Neil Costello, Conor Brennan, Jeff Richardson, Cian Spain Farrell and Seán Keating; **Earley-Whelans** – Shreyash Pattanayak, Jordan Fidgeon, Justin Baniqued, Daniel Flynn-Fallon, Scot Leigh-Cummins, Daryl Bradley-Draper, David Ryan, Brian Murphy and Eoin McCrossan. **Runners-up, Sheehy-Sherlocks**: Luke Allen, Niall O'Shaughnessy, Danny O'Hara, Stephen Carroll, Conor O'Sullivan and Colman Keane.

**Winners, Treacy-Goughs**: Cian Hughes, Christopher Roche, Eoin Brennan, Anthony Clarke, Finn Ellard, Eoin Gannon and Justin Byrne. Finally, every year we award **Top Trainer Prizes**. This year we felt **9 players** deserved the award due to their outstanding commitment and training. They were **Justin Baniqued, Eoin Brennan** and **Danny O'Hara [R.1], Jordan Fidgeon [R.3], Luke Allen, Conor Brennan** and **David Ryan [S1]** and **Justin Byrne** and **Eoin Gannon [S2]**.

Well done lads! It all starts again on September 6<sup>th</sup> for those born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1996. See you then!  
**Pauline Murray** and **Jim Lynch**

**The 2010 CD Project and Concert** It was a great year for music in Clonkeen College this year. From early November 09 the students involved in the CD Project worked very hard on their songs. They wrote, rehearsed and made 'demos', so that by the time it came around to go into the studio the songs were really well developed. And what a great day we all had at Silverline Studios in Newtownmountkennedy back in March. The spirit and level of cooperation from all the students was wonderful to see. They all helped it each other out and gave one another loads of encouragement. It really was a very special day for everyone.

The concert in aid of the Third World Fund went really well also. I was delighted to see how at ease the bands were on stage. It can be such a nerve-wracking thing to perform in front of your school mates but these dudes made it all look so easy. They were so professional and in the process managed to raise

€900. Thanks also must go to Eoin Campbell, Marcus Dalton and Adam Lynch who gave up their time to help us out with the sound on the day. Well done everybody! **J Clarke** (music co-ordinator)

## Third world support group

Since Christmas the group has been heavily engaged in many projects. Perhaps the most exciting one was our involvement with Celtic Turf, a company that installs all weather football pitches. Very generously they donated a €200,000 pitch to Baraka College in Kenya. Twenty schools will have access to this pitch and its arrival was greeted enthusiastically by all.

At Thome Primary School in Gilgil our target this year is to install proper sewage facilities there and towards that end we are making good progress. A second year social in February raised €959.24. also in February € 4,380.83 was finally collected from our Christmas fast. In March we raised €858.11 from a non uniform day. During April we raised 657.06 from the student teacher football match and 1,696.22 from a church gate collection in Foxrock. In May the group raised 695.69 from a bag pack in Tesco's Dunlaoghaire as well as 3,656.00 from a raffle. €1000.00 was also raised from a concert organized by Mr Clarke and €400 from a play written and produced and directed by Saul Fidgeon in 5<sup>th</sup> year. Finally our heartfelt thanks to Ms Sandra McGovern for her donation of €810.00

The group would like to extend its appreciation to the whole school community for its generosity throughout the year. We live in difficult economic times but we have not forgotten the poorest of the poor. This surely is a testament to the values which underpin our wonderful school.

**Clem McGauley** (Third World Support Group.)

## Chess

With the Chess league over, the time has come once again to find Clonkeen's Chess Champion for 2010. Last year it was Eoin Brennan who is currently in room 2 and defending his trophy. There have been over 50 participants in the competition this year which is an increase from last year which shows that the popularity of Chess in the School is growing. There have been a number of fifth years competing this year also which is great to see. So far Conor Brennan in first year (Eoin Brennan's Brother) and Shane Irwin (R6) have been in great form knocking out experienced Chess players such as Ryan O Daly (R4) and Andrew Dowling in fifth year, however the tournament is still continuing with a number of rounds still to be played to decide who this year's Chess champion will be.....

**Mr Mc Laughlin**

## Athletics

The Rice games took place on Wednesday 21st of April and it was one of the most successful to date for Clonkeen. We had the following athletes won medals for Clonkeen **Winners;** David Neary u14 1100, Adam Mooney u17 shot, u14 Relay Jacob Marrar, Kyle O'Keeffe, Eoin Haverty, Piotr Nowak, Oisín Corrigan, U15 Relay Stephen Byrne, Chris Roche, Justin Baniqued, Daniel Flynn, Ken Fleming, Jeffrey Byrne u15 javelin **Runners Up;** Leon Spencer u14 Long Jump, Daniel Flynn u15 High Jump, Colin Brock u18 long jump, Oisín Corrigan u14 shot **Third place;** Stephen Carroll u14 shot, Colman Keane u15 long jump, Leon Spencer u14 high jump, Eoin Haverty u14 80m, Kimji Cayabyab u17 shot, Chris Roche u15 high jump, Eoin Haverty u14 long jump, Paul McCabe u17 high jump, Brian Fitzachery u15 Javelin, Senior Relay James Lee, Adam Hudson, Colin Brock, Daragh Mooney

Following on from the very successful Rice games we were very confident going into the east Leinsters and the following students won medals

**Winners;** Adam Mooney u16 Shot, **Runners Up;** U15 Relay Justin Baniqued, Daniel Flynn, Chris Roche, Aaron Murphy, Daniel Flynn u15 High Jump, **Third Place;** Steven Byrne u15 800M, Jacob Marrar u14 80 metres, Adam Mooney u16 long jump, Kyle Leonard u14 high jump, Andrew Lenny u17 1500, Kimji Cayabyab u17 shot, U17 relay Brian Lavelle, Stephen Maher, Adam Mooney, Dominick O'Driscoll.

Steven Byrne, Andrew Lenny, Kyle Leonard, Daniel Flynn, Chris Roche, Kimji Cayabyab and the u15 relay team of Chris Roche Justin Baniqued, Daniel Flynn, Aaron Murphy and Ken Fleming all qualified for the Leinster Finals but on the day the standard was of outstanding quality and we were unlucky not to pick up any medals. Thanks to all the lads for the outstanding effort they put into this with training at lunch time and after school. Thanks also must go to Bro Kelly for having all the relay teams in great shape. Also thanks to Mr. Byrne for helping out.

Mr Sheehy

## U18 Gaelic Football

The year gone by has been one of the most successful in recent years in Clonkeen. We won the Dublin Championship in some style and we were very unlucky not to win the Leinster final losing out by just 2 points in what has to be described as a classic match. Already we are looking ahead to next year and in preparation for that we had a challenge match against Kilmacud Crokes 2 weeks ago. This group of lads worked very hard throughout the year training twice over the midterm break and we got the result through that hard work. I'm really looking forward to next year as most of this group of players are underage again next year and we will have a very strong team again. We are losing one of Clonkeen's best players in Conor O'Brien and I'm sure we will see him in the famous blue jersey in Croke Park in the years to come. Thanks also to Conor Quinn, Philip Nolan and James Toner who always gave of their best while playing in the Clonkeen jersey.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. O'Reilly for all his help throughout the year and I would like to wish him well in his future career. Thanks also to Mr Brennan and Miss Kavanagh for helping at various stages throughout the year.

Mr Sheehy

## Clonkeen College U- 14 Hurling Dublin Champions

Another great day was had for Clonkeen College in O' Toole park on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May '10, where the under 14 hurlers produced another excellent performance to bring home another cup for the Clonkeen trophy cabinet. A strong Clonkeen side put a very determined Mac Daraghs to the sword. The Clonkeen side were in a very determined mood for the whole championship and dispatched a number of teams with relative ease, including Mac Daraghs and St. Colmcilles in the group stage and Castleknock Community College who were strongly fancied.

We must thank the whole panel for their hard work throughout the year. All 21 were players on the panel and were used throughout the championship and proved to be valuable members due to injuries in some cases, most notably against St. Colmcilles, probably our toughest game where we only had one substitute for the game due to injuries.

The final itself was probably our best performance of the year. There was a determination in the Clonkeen players, which was great to see, and we knew as a management team that it would take an excellent team to beat us. Clonkeen hurled superbly from start to finish and were leading by 1-8

to no score at half time. In truth this could have been a lot more as a mixture of poor shooting and some heroic defending for Mac Daraghs defence kept the score down. We were dominating in every position and our defence and midfield must take a lot of credit in keeping Mac Daraghs scoreless.

The second half was another excellent performance from Clonkeen as even though Mac Daraghs scored 1-6, Clonkeen were able to step up their performance when needed and finished the day with an excellent score line of 3-15.

Much credit must go to the trained Willie Braine, who gave up his free time to train the team along with Br. Kelly and Mr. Bennett. We would like to thank all the support we have received throughout the year from students and staff alike and hopefully there will be many more days like this in the future for Clonkeen college.

The panel was as follows:

Conor Hayes, Karl Schutte, Conor O'Sullivan, Cian Hughes, Colman Keane, Jack Behan (Capt), David Ryan, Kyle Braine, Lee Harrington, Liam Bermingham, Andrew Murphy, Sean Keating, Matthew Higgins, Sean Treacy, Justin Byrne, Kenneth Fleming- Byrne, Cian Moriarty-Maguire, Gary Moran, Anthony Clarke, Ian Coone, Killian Lanigan.

## U13 Soccer

Clonkeen's U13 Soccer team recovered from a disappointing loss to St. Benildus in the first round of the Cup to make it to the semi-final of the League. The team qualified for the knock-out stages of the League by coming through a group which included Oatlands College and St Lawrence's. The win against Oatlands was a major turning point where the team battled hard and played the best football of the game. James Shiggins, the U13 captain, grabbed two goals in the game.

After easing through the first game in the knock-out stage Clonkeen came up against a very strong Drimmagh Castle team. Eventually the team came through after extra-time and two thumping goals from Ian Coone to win the game 3-2. The semi-final was away to St. Fintan's High School in Sutton. Played in difficult, windy conditions by the sea, Clonkeen found themselves 2-0 down at half time after playing into the wind. But the team responded excellently and pulled the score back to 2-2, following an excellent finish by Brian Murphy, lobbing the keeper, and a powerful header from Robert Philips from a corner. Clonkeen had the better of much of the second half and it looked set to go to extra time until a St. Fintan's free-kick landed on their centre-forward's head, with nearly the last action of the game. At 3-2 and with only seconds remaining the game was virtually over. It was a cruel end for the U13s but they displayed a lot of character to recover from the early Cup defeat and grow as a team.

Thanks to all the players in the squad who trained and played so well over the year, and also to Mr McBride who put in so much time training and organizing the team.

John Toomey

## Golf

We were thrilled to have 56 golfers participating in our competitions this season with representation from all of the years. The standard has really improved and the enthusiasm from the players was fantastic. We played our competitions in Dargle View Bray, Old Conna and Delgany Golf Clubs and thankfully, the weather was on our side! We had four competitions in all – 1<sup>st</sup> year Stableford Competition, the Billy Noonan Trophy (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> years), the Neil O'Toole Trophy (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> years) and the Clonkeen Championship. The Trophy comps were played over many rounds and the players had the opportunity to play stableford, strokeplay and matchplay. It was all to play for and some of the matches were very close with one semi-final matchplay going to a play-off.

**Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Year Comp:** 1<sup>st</sup> Simon O'Rourke; 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Carroll; 3<sup>rd</sup> Adam Richardson **Billy Noonan Trophy: Cat 1** Winner Adam Shorthall; Runner up Evan Burke **Cat 2** Winner Richard Kelly; Runner up Stephen Dumbleton **Neil O'Toole Trophy: Cat 1** Winner Emmet Deeney; Runner up Karl Schutte **Cat 2** Winner Sean Gibney; Runner up Shane Sexton **Championship:** Winner Adam Shorthall; Best Gross Jamie Keenan **Cat 1** 1<sup>st</sup> Evan Burke; 2<sup>nd</sup> Luke Hedderman; 3<sup>rd</sup> Carl Wallace **Cat 2** 1<sup>st</sup> Sean Gibney; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark O'Grady; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Roddy; 4<sup>th</sup> Stephen Dumbleton; 5<sup>th</sup> Richard Kelly Best front 9 Alex Keeney; Best back 9 James Lee we also present a special merit award which has nothing to do with scores – it's recognition of attitude, enthusiasm, behaviour etc. There are lots of students in this category and this year's winner is Adam Richardson (1<sup>st</sup> year). Well done to Adam and all our players.

Paula McCarthy