

# School Newsletter 8 – 2012/13



Do not be alarmed – not a member of staff finally cracking under the strain or indeed a student who just can't take anymore. No, it's Fr Michael's Scarecrow in the garden patch

from which such bounty flows. A new polytunnel has recently been added to the growing enterprise while the P.E. staff are keeping anxious watch over the sports fields in the event of any further expansion. We look forward to the Brussel Sprouts at Christmas.

Our annual Open Day for 6th class pupils and their parents was held on Saturday last when, thankfully, the rain held off. A large crowd attended to listen to some presentations on the school's ethos, facilities and programmes, to stroll through the campus and classrooms and to have a cup of tea accompanied with one of Sr Mary's freshly baked scones. Our thanks to the many parents and boys who came along, to our own staff who were present on the morning and to our current prefects and other students who turned in to help out with parking, demonstrations, directions and providing music at the main school entrance. Anyone seeking an application form for 1st year enrolment in 2013 should get in touch with the school office as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Michael O'Connor, who sat his Leaving Certificate in June, on being awarded a prestigious J P McManus scholarship to be presented on Saturday next in University of Limerick in a ceremony at which former US President, Bill Clinton, will be guest of honour. We hope Michael and his family have a great day and enjoy the occasion.

Further academic success was achieved by Michael Keating who has been awarded 1st in Ireland in Junior Certificate Ordinary level Technology. To come out at the top in a national examination is a hugely meritorious achievement and we are very proud of him. Mention must also be made of, and thanks given to, his teacher, Mr Seamus Walsh who clearly contributed so much to Michael reaching such a high standard. Well done.

This is Science Week and a number of initiatives are being

undertaken to mark the event. Among them is a joint Science/P.E. department project to carry out a series of fitness tests on all 1st years thereby giving them a greater awareness and understanding of the physiological functioning of the human body. Given the weight of some of the schoolbags being hauled in and out of school each day, the scores should reveal outstanding levels of fitness!

The U-14 football team kicked off their championship campaign with a good win over Knockbeg College in a home game on Monday. They now play St Peters in their follow up group game. Best of luck to them in that.

Again a reminder that the Parents' Council Craft and Music Fair takes place on Sunday, November 25th. It promises to be an even more extensive event than last year based on the number of exhibitors requesting spaces at the fair.