

Report on Newbridge College Interschools held at Coilog, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of September.

#### VICTORY FOR BORRIS VOCATIONAL AT TRI EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOLS SHOWJUMPING COMPETITION.

Newbridge College held their annual leg of the TRI Equestrian sponsored Interschools Showjumping Competition in Coilog on Sunday. After such a wet day on Saturday all the organisers and riders were delighted with the beautiful sunshine they were greeted with Sunday morning with spectators and riders alike sporting short sleeve shirts, strolling around with their dogs watching the jumping action in the three main arenas.

The Novice Team competition started off the day with 11 teams entered and the Judge giving kind words of encouragement to all the nervous riders. Newbridge College teams took the first 3 places after a very fast jump off with Colaiste Bhríde Carnew in 4<sup>th</sup>. Laura Kavanagh, Roisin Jordan, Molly Cowley and Ruth Connelly took first place for Newbridge College. First place in the novice individuals was won by Ruth Sargant of St Mary's Naas, with 2<sup>nd</sup> going to Newbridge College's Lucy Ross on her pony Little Field Clover with her cousin Max Ross taking 3<sup>rd</sup> on his pony Ballydavid Souza.

The main event was the TRI Equestrian Open Team Competition with 20 teams entered. Only 3 teams made it to the jump off with both jump off riders for Borris Vocational; James and Catherine Kavanagh keeping all the poles up in a combined time of 101.06 sec. giving them victory on the day. St Kieran's unfortunately had 8 faults but had the fastest time of 99.42 sec with their two riders Jack Brennan and Paddy Parle. Maynooth Secondary with only 4 faults in a time of 101.18 seconds with their riders Theo Van Camberg and Ashley Dunne took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Newbridge College the fastest 4 faulter in the 1<sup>st</sup> round took fourth place with Amy Carroll, Emily O'Brien, Anna Kelly and Caragh Sweeney. Best turned out went to St Mary's Naas. TRI Equestrian sponsored all the prizes in the Open arena with vouchers given to all riders 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the team and individual events.

St Kieran's Hughie Mc Owan took the winning cup in the Individual Open Competition in a time of 27.79 sec with Isobel Radford-Dodd taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in a time of 29.31. The HSI 1.10cms qualifier class brought some very strong riders to the arena with 23 top competitors. This competition was again won by St Kieran's with pupil's Ciaran Byrne taking 1<sup>st</sup> and Seamie Hughes-Kennedy taking 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Primary School completion expanded on last year with 17 teams. 7 teams made it to the jump off which was run on optimum time and was eventually won by a mixed team from Kilkenny Primary Schools calling themselves the Diamond Diva's, Emily Moloney, Iseult Flemming, Abbie Oakey and Ana Ryan with St Andrew's Junior School taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and St John of God's NS, Kilkenny taking 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Primary Individual was run over a longer track in the Lime Arena and was against the clock with St Canice's Abby Oakey riding her pony Cracklow Tommy taking the winning prizes in a time of 27.48 sec's and Drumphra's Patrick Doyle on his pony Roadside Billy taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in a time of 27.60 sec.

The Next interschool's competition "The White Cup" will be held at Warrington EC on 2<sup>th</sup> of October and hosted by Kilkenny College.