

## Report on TRI Equestrian Interschools hosted by Newbridge College held at Coilog, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of September.

### VICTORY FOR ST GERARD'S AT TRI EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOLS 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. A combined team of Loreto Wexford, Bridgetown and St Mary's New Ross took first place with Taylor Peare, Emma Keogh Flora Doran and Kiera Bradley. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Scoil Mhuire Red with riders Claire Cassidy, Grace and Lisa Filan and Grace Evans and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to the Newbridge College team of Lauren Doyle, Ciara Harris, Sophie O'Neill and Andrew Carroll. First place in the novice individuals was won by Emma Keogh of St Mary's New Ross.

The main event was the TRI Equestrian Open Team Competition. 5 teams made it to the jump off with both riders for St Gerard's, Bray, Ronan Byrne and Natasha Bernon keeping all the poles up in a combined time of 85.33 sec. giving them victory on the day with their team mates Georgina Wilkinson and Jennifer Robinson. Good Counsel unfortunately had 4 faults and this put them in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Newbridge College taking 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Niamh Flinter from Newbridge College took the winning trophy in the Individual Open Competition in a time of 19.99 sec with Caragh Sweeney of Newbridge only seconds behind with 22.24 sec taking second place with Niamh Redmond of St Mary's New Ross taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 24.07 sec. The HSI 1.10cms qualifier class brought some very strong riders to the arena. This competition was won by Maynooth's Anna Sommers with her team mate Ellen Murphy taking 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Primary School competition had 3 teams make it to the jump off which was run on optimum time and was eventually won by a mixed team of Educate together Kildare and Educate Together Newbridge, Penny Kelly, Charlotte Kelly, Mai Monaghan and Sarah Kelly took the winning prize with Caragh National School taking 2<sup>nd</sup> with riders Eva O'Neill, Bonnie O'Neill, Lucy Hennessy and Katie Herbert. The Primary Individual was run over a longer track in the Lime Arena and was against the clock with David Keatley of Moone NS riding his pony Sparky taking 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The Next interschool's competition "The White Cup" will be held at Warrington EC on 1st of October and hosted by Kilkenny College.