



Scoil Eoin's App Developer - the youngest in Europe!

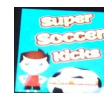


On 7th February 2014, 5th Class pupil, Haris Khan became the youngest iOS app developer in Europe and one of the youngest in the world, when his first app *Super Soccer Kicks*, went on sale in the Apple App store worldwide. Initially he played games, however he quickly became interested in other aspects of computers. After designing and creating

his own website at the age of 8, he proceeded to learn the computer languages of Html and Objective C. Haris' Mom in particular, encouraged and supported his interest and he credits her for teaching him the basics of programming and graphic design work. He has also improved his skills by working his way through online tutorials.

In January of this year, he continued to experiment and decided to combine his passion for sport with his love of computer games, resulting in the creation of his app *Super Soccer Kicks*. In his description, the young app developer explained that "it's a soccer game, where you have to use your skills to keep the ball in play and score ten goals". It is a huge achievement to have *Super Soccer Kicks* available in the Apple App Store since, if the company finds the smallest fault with the game, they simply reject it. One of the Khan family's principle reasons for moving to Ireland was to secure excellent schools for their children's education. Haris is currently a pupil in Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig. The school has a long established reputation of being at the forefront of IT in primary schooling.

Príomhoide, Bean Uí Nuanáin, praised Haris, saying that "as well as being a very keen computer enthusiast, he is also an excellent all round student and we wish to congratulate Haris and his parents on his fantastic achievement. In Scoil Eoin we are so proud of all our pupils, and achievements like Haris' add to the proud association of Scoil Eoin with the accomplishments of other successful sports and business people who have passed through our school in their youth. Táimid an-mhóralach as ár mbuachaill. Comhghairdeas Haris agus Maith Thú!"



Scoil Eoin's Quiz Masters!



Scoil Eoin celebrated a clean sweep of this year's Ballincollig Inter Schools Area Finals of the 2014 Credit Union Quiz. Following a series of inter-class quizzes, forty boys from third, fourth, fifth and sixth classes in Scoil Eoin represented the school on February 1st in Ballincollig Community School. They were excellently prepared by Mrs. Mc Grath, competed in twelve rounds of questions and successfully beat off the stiff competition provided by the other schools on the day to take first place, in both the Under 11 and Under 13 finals. Scoil Eoin's victories last year were unprecedented, therefore coming out on top for the second year running is a magnificent feat. Gobnait Uí Nuanáin, príomhoide, praised the boys for their "fantastic achievement once again. Chomhlíon agus chruthaigh siad mana na scoile **Déanann Dicheall Gaisce**".



Thank you to all of the staff and pupils of Scoil Eoin for helping to make this publication possible... Miss Reihill (Editor)

Cyber Bullying

Cyber Bullying is currently at the forefront of media discussion. During an Oireachtas debate this week on the important issue of internet safety, especially the growing problems of cyber bullying, one T.D. emphasised that “parents must be better informed and educated about their responsibilities in this area”.

As part of Scoil Eoin’s commitment to anti-bullying, an informative talk was held last Monday night. The meeting included a presentation from IT security experts Trend Micro based on Model Farm Road. Those who attended the evening were most appreciative of the event, and it gave them an understanding of how to safeguard their children from the many dangers evolving in the ever changing world of technology.

Overall, it provided some very valuable and revealing insights into the use of the internet and social media, and demonstrated very clearly the absolute need for positive parental support and vigilance about their child’s engagement with these new technologies. The need for rules regarding electronic devices and the importance of communication regarding online activity were highlighted.

Recommended websites:

<http://www.saferinternetday.ie/>

<http://www.google.com/safetycenter/>

<http://www.webwise.ie/>

<http://www.walkinmyshoes.ie/> (Go to Support & Info, then select Cyberbullying Guide)



Charity Work in Scoil Eoin



Scoil Eoin boys raised €625 for St. Vincent de Paul before Christmas. Conor and Isaac presented the cheque on behalf of our school. Well done boys!

A Night at the Dogs

The **Parents and Friends Association of Scoil Eoin** are the financial back bone of our school. Upgrading the computer room, purchasing the books for the book rental scheme to offset the cost for parents and investment in sports equipment are a variety of uses of some of the funds raised.

The **P.F.A.** are holding a fundraising night at Curaheen Dog Track on April 4th. Tickets will be available on the first week of March from reception. It is a fun filled night, suitable for the whole family. There will be a raffle with fantastic prizes, including rugby tickets to **Munster v Ulster in Thomond Park**. This is the final fundraiser of the year, your opportunity to contribute to providing equipment and improving the facilities in Scoil Eoin. **Please support your school!**



Bag Packing

Last weekend 6th Class boys bag packed in Dunnes Stores, raising €640 for school funds. Thank you to the boys who kindly gave up their time and were very polite and helpful both nights.



Cork City Football Club



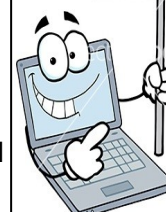
Scoil Eoin pupils recently enjoyed a visit from the captain of Cork City, Johnny Dunleavy and assistant manager and former Scoil Eoin, pupil John Cotter. They encouraged and motivated the boys to eat healthily and pursue their sporting dreams during an enjoyable question and answer session.

Entrance Tests

Sixth classes have been working diligently in preparation for their entrance tests. Many of the boys confidently completed the Coláiste Choilm test and the rest of the boys will complete the B.C.S., Christian’s and Spiorad Naomh tests soon. Maith sibh!



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