



## Maoin Cheoil na Gaillimhe

### Newsletter

June 2016



### **School Closing for Summer Holidays**

As of this week, the school is going to close for a short summer break. We will re-open again on Monday July 11th. In the meantime, there are some individual lessons will continue as normal and the email service in the school will also be available. The office will not be manned and

neither will the phones until we re-open. During this period we will still be checking our mail. So anyone who has yet to do so can mail in pre-registration forms if they so wish. Once we receive exam results you will be informed immediately.

### **Colourstrings in the Black Box Theatre**

Our end of year did finish on a high. We have had three amazing concerts in the Black Box Theatre over two days this week. About 1100 children were in attendance and they sang their hearts out, stomped their feet and



showed us the full extent of their enormous potential. In addition to the two main Colourstrings concerts, there was also a staff performance of 'The Carnival of the Animals' which was a wonderful event. The children have been studying our education package for about 6 weeks in advance of the performance, and then it all culminated in a live performance with a Q&A for the children.

## Pre-Registration

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This year we are again very grateful to those that have taken the time to fill out their pre-registration forms for next year. Please note that there is a booking fee that accompanies this and simply sending the school an email will not hold a time slot. There is a good discount to be had as a thank you from us for making early payment. Please be aware that if we do not have pre-registration information from students this will not result in you losing your place with us for next year; however, you will run the risk of losing your time and day with a teacher and in extreme cases some staff members do fill up and it will be first come first served for anything not fully confirmed.



## Colourstrings Summer School

Back once again, and even better than before, is our summer camp for the little ones. This all kicks off on the 18<sup>th</sup> July. You can email the office if you are interested in a place and all emails will be responded to in a day or two

Have a hugely fun week learning music with this internationally famous system incorporating song and play for the best learning outcome.

Suitable for 4-7 year olds. Children will be in small age-appropriate groups. No prior Colourstrings experience required.

Places are limited, so book today!



Cost: €88  
Early bird discounted cost: €82 – book by 6th June 2016!  
To book: [admin@meng.ie](mailto:admin@meng.ie)  
Location: St. Mary's College, St. Mary's Road, Galway

## Teacher Training Courses During the Summer

As part of our ongoing commitment to the professional development of teaching skills in Galway, we are running two training courses this summer. The first course focuses on piano Colourstrings methodology and will take place in the school here from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July. This highly sought after course is a real coup for us because international trainer Aija Rikka Rannamaki (pictured) is coming to work with us for the week. Please email the office for more details.



The second course is the Kindergarten training course for primary schools and we have two international trainers, Karen MacKenzie and Naheed Cruickshank, coming to take this course. These annual courses are designed to ensure that we can continue to develop and grow our school outreach program. Places are still available, so if anyone is interested in applying you can follow these links:

[Colourstrings Foundation Course](#)  
[Colourstrings Intermediate Course](#)

## MCnG Bursary Awards

Before announcing the winners, we want to acknowledge and congratulate all those who took part in this year's MCnG Prize. The standard was incredibly high, and Roy Homes, who judged the assessment, was very impressed with the standard of the performers. It seems that this format is really bringing out the very best in our students. With two beautifully commissioned art pieces for the junior and senior winners along with a raft of financial bursaries it is already time to start planning for next year!

The winner of our Junior prize was James Keaney (pictured below) on piano and the winner of our Senior prize was Gordon O'Connor (pictured right) on flute. Both played with a real musical feel to their pieces and a solid technique that came across and really impressed both our judges. Congratulations

to both.



## Finally

We just wanted to thank you for your continued support throughout the year, and we hope you have a wonderful summer.