



# Na Fianna Nuacht

## U-21B Footballers in Championship Final

Following last weekend's semi-final win against Fingal Ravens, our U-21B Footballers are looking for big Na Fianna support for tomorrow's Championship final at 5.30pm against Trinity Gaels in Alfie Byrne Road. Best of luck lads, all support welcome.

## Club Shops

Both shops open tomorrow, Saturday 28th January. Hurley shop open 9-12 while Club shop opens from 9-1pm.



## Members' Subscriptions

Members' subscriptions are due and payable since the AGM. Details of subscription rates and methods of payment are on the Club website

[http://www.clgnafianna.com/?page\\_id=1028](http://www.clgnafianna.com/?page_id=1028) . Subscriptions can be paid on Saturdays in the Club or at the office during normal opening hours (9.30am to 1pm Mon –Fri).



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## Dublin Spring Series Tickets

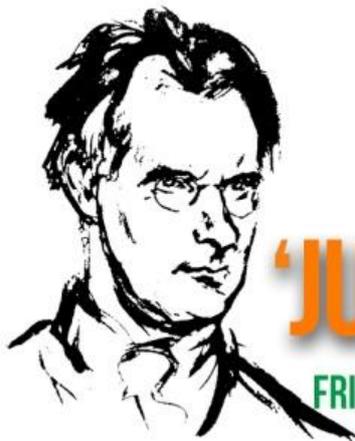
Dublin's National League campaign which begins in next two weeks includes a double header in Croke Park on Saturday night 11<sup>th</sup> February when the hurlers take on Tipperary at 5pm and the footballers play Tyrone at 7pm. Tickets for Dublin's Spring Series are available through the Club and members are reminded that all ticket purchases through the Club are recorded and will be taken into consideration when allocating tickets later in the season.

Details on website <http://www.clgnafianna.com/follow-the-dubs/>

## Leinster Post-Primary Hurling Championship

Best of luck to Dublin North Schools who face Dublin South in the final of the group team section of the Top Oil Leinster Post-Primary 'A' hurling championship this Sunday, 29th January at 3pm in Parnell Park. The Dublin North team includes Na Fianna's Seán Currie, Micheál Murphy, Darragh Bergin and Kevin Burke.

## Juno At Na Fianna



**DRAÍOCHT PLAYERS  
PRESENT SEAN O'CASEY'S  
'JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK'**  
FRIDAY FEB 17TH - SCOIL CHAÍTRÍONA - €10 - SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

Draíocht Players will make their annual visit to Na Fianna on Friday 17th February at 8pm to present the O'Casey classic Juno and the Paycock as an exclusive Club fundraiser. Tickets €10 each will go on sale in the club next week. Tell all the family, mams, grannies....the lot and don't just stop there. Tell other families and their mams, dads, grannies, grandads and cousins. Not to be missed

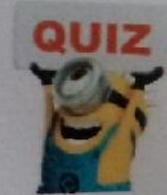


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## Na Fianna 2007 Boys Table Quiz



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**  
**8pm Main Hall Na Fianna**  
**€10 per person**



- Bring a table of four  
*Coming on your own! You can join others to make a team*
- Donate a raffle prize  
*All donations big or small accepted*

## Successful Year for Scoil Chaitríona Science Students

Last May in the Dublin regional SciFest competition held in DCU, three of the youngest students from first year Scoil Chaitríona, Glasnevin, Aisling Ní Dhonnabháin, Meadhbh Ní Cheallacháin and Aoife Nic an Tuille, all active Na Fianna players at U-14 and U-15, scooped the overall Abbott Best Project Runner Up prize in the competition. They competed against over 190 other students aged between 13 and 19 years. The 13 year old girls, who are all passionate players of both football and camogie and play for Na Fianna GAA club, titled their project 'Think Fast' Analysing the visual reaction times of GAA athletes versus non-GAA athletes. Their study investigated various training skills undertaken by GAA athletes. They surveyed the students in their school, tested GAA athletes, athletes who played other sports and non-athletes, with 4 different tests, they had devised themselves, two electronic and two manual. They then recorded all the results of the reaction times.

They continued working on their project over the summer, expanding their research, looking at genetics and nutrition and their effects on athletes. They also expanded their testing to include older age groups, so in total they covered 4 age groups 12-15 years, 16-18 years, 19-40 years and 40+ group. They tested a total of 231 people using 4 tests each, resulting in 924 sets of data. After carrying out a statistical analysis on the data results, the outcome was



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that, Yes, GAA athletes have in fact faster reaction times than both non-GAA athletes and non-athletes.

In September, the team then competed against the other 15 SciFest regional runner up winners and managed to secure themselves one of the last five places in the National SciFest Final in Marino Institute, Dublin, which took place in November. More than 8,000 students from 263 schools throughout the country participated in SciFest 2016. At the final each of the 56 finalists were presented with an Excellence in STEM Award to mark their achievement in reaching the National Final.

Meanwhile the girls entered their project into the BT Young Scientist and Technologist 2017 Competition. 4,591 students from 375 schools, in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland entered 2,091 projects into the competition. They were delighted that their project was accepted as one of the 550 final projects to be displayed at the 4 day exhibition held in the RDS at the beginning of January. There were more than 50,000 visitors to the exhibition this year, which gave them ample opportunity to display and discuss their project and its results with the public. The girls had a total of 6 rounds of judging, where they had to present and discuss their project with each judge. It was with great pleasure that they were able to let both the judges and the public know, that GAA athletes (the sport that they are all so passionate about), have in fact, faster visual reaction times than non GAA athletes. They also state that because GAA athletes have faster reaction times, that this very important life skill, would in a lot of cases, make you a safer and more reliable employee.

The three young students had an amazing experience during the 4 day event in the RDS and got to meet some of the best science minded students in the country. At the Award Ceremony on the Friday evening, they were absolutely thrilled to receive 2nd place in the Social and Behavioral category. They also picked up a special Display Award for their amazing interactive display stand. Congratulations to Aisling, Meadhbh and Aoife, or as they would say in Croke Park, 'Up The Dubs'!



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**.....and finally**

Na Fianna Nursery returns Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February so there's still one whole week left to practice and have the gear ready at the front door.

## **Fógra Tabachtach**

The objective of Na Fianna Nuacht is to communicate as much club activity as possible however it is important to note that all items for inclusion in either Club Notes or Na Fianna Nuacht are reported to [pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie) or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a membership of 2700 and approx 100 teams now competing it is difficult to ensure all club activity is reported upon – **Do not assume** that your team's activity is already known to Na Fianna Nuacht or that someone else has reported it. When errors or omissions occur it is the policy of Na Fianna Nuacht to correct these in subsequent issues when they are reported to [pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie)