



SCHOOL COMPETITION 2024 FINALIST



COLÁISTE MHUIRE BALLYGAR

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ABOUT OUR SCHOOL:

Coláiste Mhuire is a lay, co-educational, voluntary Catholic Secondary School under the trusteeship of the local community. Our current enrolment is nearly 250 students coming from 12 feeder schools. We boast an excellent Pastoral Care system and, in recent years, have concentrated our energies into developing our learning community's Special Educational Needs structures. The cornerstone of our Code of Behaviour and the philosophy underpinning all school policy and procedures is the promotion of positive relationships school-wide. We pride ourselves on the fact that our school offers students quality teaching and learning in a spirit of care and understanding.

WHY WE ENTERED THE COMPETITION?:

We entered this competition in TY because we come from farming backgrounds and have a great interest in farming and animals. We are three very enthusiastic and diligent students and we wanted to explore the art of rearing Angus calves. We knew about this competition from previous entrants from our school and jumped at the opportunity to get involved ourselves. As soon as we started TY, we began working on our entry. We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the competition so far and can't wait to continue.

THEME OF OUR PROJECT:

Increasing consumer perceptions of the value of Beef

We will focus our research on the following areas:

- Understanding what consumers are looking for when they buy beef.
- Explaining the environmental benefits associated with reducing food waste.
- Researching the future of food production.
- Exploring how we can farm with the consumer in mind.
- Minimising food waste with versatile meat products.

We will raise awareness and promote our theme by:

- Holding cookery demonstrations in our community to inform people about Certified Irish Angus Beef.
- Creating recipe cards to ensure that consumers don't waste food.
- Highlighting the sources of information and help available in the development of an environmentally friendly beef farm.