



ABOVE: (l-r) Hope Cooke and Eve Sherlock enjoying the art exhibition in Scoil Coca Naofa.



ABOVE: (l-r) Catherine Oloiyoe and Madinah Oledole, students of Scoil Coca Naofa enjoying the art exhibition "Day Dreaming".



LEFT: (l-r) Gabby Balala and Eimear Nevin.

Fantastic exhibition of light and form at Scoil Chocca Naofa

by Kim Mullaney

A SCHOOL hallway at Scoil Chocca Naofa in Killecock was transformed into a place of dreams in a recent exhibition of light and form.

The installation, launched on Monday, 20th December, of origami lanterns and paper cut outs took flight in "Daydreaming" from the imaginations of the senior students attending the primary school in Killecock.

Younger pupils also participated with their own designs of dream pillows to be used during flights of fancy at home.

"Installation art is like art but you can walk into it," said Rebecca Connolly, a pupil in Fourth Class.

"The theme is 'Daydreaming' with lanterns in the Japanese art form of origami and butterflies of white and pink paper flying out of the lanterns."

"When you walk into the installation," added Megan O'Connell, also in Fourth Class, "it's like you are dreaming."

"The lights make the moving butterflies different."

Small lights, strung across the hallway's ceiling gave the impression of movement in the flickering light of lanterns and the sweeping wings of the cut out butterflies.

The softly coloured whites and pale pinks were contrasted with the more vivid butterflies in deep magenta.

Movement through the hallway also added to the illusion of butterflies in flight, and the flickering of candles within the lanterns.

The exhibition was created with the assistance of Community Artist, Sharon Lynch.

"Rather than just us having a painting, I wanted us to do something different," said Sharon Lynch.

"You can blow on some of the art to make them move and some of it looks very different when you are close up, or further away."

Ms Lynch added, her thanks to all the pupils, the teachers and in particular to Principal Breeda Fay for their support in preparing the exhibition.

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Day Dreaming at Scoil Coca Naofa (l-r) Niamh Ryan and Temitayo Akintayo. Pics: Niamh O'Reilly

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