



Follow the Fleet Schools Essay Competition 2010 Competition Winners Announced

The Minister for Transport, Mr. Noel Dempsey TD, today (20th May 2010) announced the winning schools in the 2010 National Schools Follow the Fleet Competition. www.followthefleet.ie . The announcement coincides with European Maritime Day.

Speaking at the presentation of the awards, Minister Dempsey said “I would like to congratulate the four successful entrants on their fantastic achievement in winning this year’s competition. The students have clearly demonstrated a genuine understanding of the history and significance of the role of shipping for the Irish economy while also displaying a vivid imagination in writing such excellent short stories.”

As part of this year’s prize all the winning stories were brought to life via animation by award winning design company Caboom with the narration provided by renowned actor, Aidan Dooley of ‘Tom Crean –Antarctic Explorer’ fame “I would urge people to take a look at the winning animations, which are a credit to all those involved” added Minister Dempsey.

The Winners of the Follow the Fleet Schools Essay Competition 2010

Follow the Fleet Essay Overall School Winner 2010

“A Viking Story” by Seán Fitzpatrick, Aged 12,
St. Josephs’ Boys National School, Terenure, Dublin

Technology & The Master Mariner Category - Winner 2010

“A Voyage through time” by Andrew Enright, Aged 11
St. Josephs’ Boys National School, Terenure, Dublin

Trading & Ireland Category - Winner 2010

“The Life of a Container” by: Caoimhe Dignam, Aged 11
St. Clare’s Primary School – Harold’s Cross

Maritime History Category - Winner 2010

‘Tom the Pole, an essay on the life of Tom Crean by James Sweeney, Aged 12
St. Eunan’s National School, Raphoe, Co. Donegal.

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To see the winning animations