



# Intel host Mini Scientist Competition

**The Intel site in Leixlip recently hosted the second phases of its annual Intel Mini Scientist Competition, where students took part in the Regional Final.**

For the past month, fourth, fifth and sixth class students from 14 schools in Kildare have been working hard to impress for the competition, which has two phases. The first phase involves students participating at local level exhibitions where Intel judges visit participating schools, choosing two winning projects in each. The second phase saw each of the winning projects come on site to take part in the Regional Final.

The children based their projects on one of the four strands contained within the National Primary Science Curriculum, which are: Living Things, Energy and Forces, Materials, and Environmental Awareness and Care.

The Regional Final saw the selected groups display their work to a panel of Intel judges, who had the task of choosing six winners from the creative variety. The judging panel was made up of volunteers from Ireland Fab Operations Staff. Employees also had the chance to view the work of the local children.

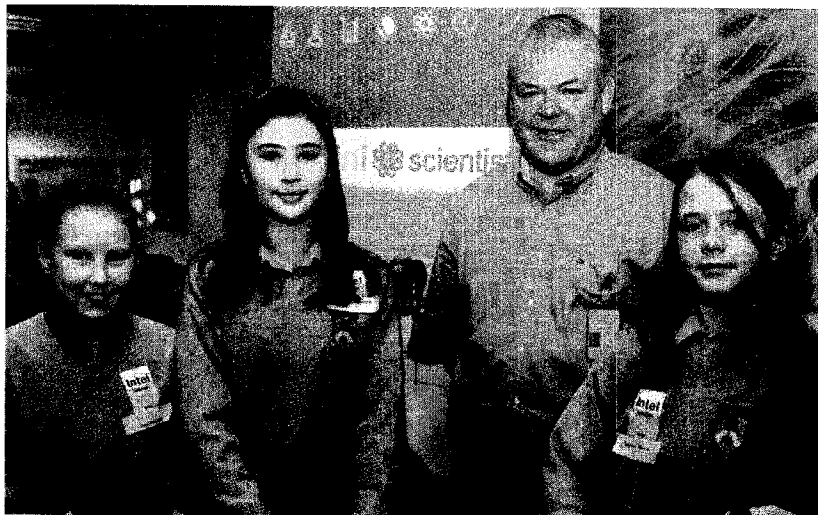
After much deliberation, the judges announced their six winners which are: Power

and Solar Energy - Scoil Mochua, Celbridge; Genes and DNA - Scoil Mhuire, Leixlip; The Power of Static - Scoil Eoin Phoil, Leixlip; Stop Pollution, Think of a Solution - Maynooth BNS; Energy - Scoil Uí Fhiaich, Maynooth; and Global Warming and Electricity - The Glebe, Leixlip.

The schools that participated in the exhibition were: The Glebe, Scoil Uí Rhiada, St Patricks Boys National School, Clane, Scoil Mhuire, Lucan, Scoil Uí Fhiaich, San Carlo, Maynooth BNS, Scoil na Mainistreach, Scoil Eoin Phoil, Scoil Mhuire, North Kildare Educate Together, Scoil Bhríde, Caragh National School, and Scoil Mochua.

Sarah Sexton, Intel's External Relations Specialist was delighted with the success of this year's competition. She told *Kildare Times*, "This year we opened the competition to more schools, involving more participants, which we believe is a great way to encourage enthusiasm and practical learning in science."

The winning projects will progress to the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2009 in the RDS at the start of January and present their work at the Primary Science section.



*Pictured is Joe Foley, Ireland Fab Operations Factory Manager, with students from Scoil Mochua at the Mini Scientist Competition in Intel, Leixlip recently.*



*Pictured are students from The Glebe with their teacher Ms Geaney at the Mini Scientist Competition in Intel, Leixlip recently.*