

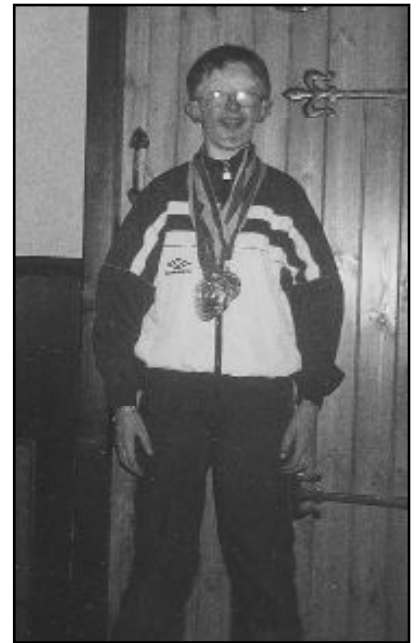
Brendan Kealy

My name is Brendan Kealy. I am 14 years old and I am delighted to be selected as one of Roscrea's Children of the Year.

I am in First Year in Coláiste Phobal, Ros Cré, but last year when I was nominated by John Brophy to represent Roscrea in the Empire State Games, I was in Scoil Eoin.

I spent two weeks in New York and I took part in the games winning 6 gold medals in 60m, 200m and 400m running events, the shot putt, discus and the slalom events. After the games we had a holiday. I visited the Twin Towers, Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. We had picnics with the FBI and NYPD. They were great. It was a holiday of a lifetime, but I was glad to come home because I missed my two brothers, Declan, 10 years old and Niall aged six.

I am hoping to join Roscrea Athletics Club this summer. I also enjoy football, metalwork and woodwork at school. I was a little nervous of Coláiste Phobal, because it is a huge school but I am really enjoying it and have made a lot of friends. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their friendship, support and good feeling towards me in the last year. Thank you!



Brendan is pictured above with his six gold medals

