

Froebel Students awarded *First Steps* Reading Certificates

Fourteen students from Froebel College completed a seven-week module in *First Steps* Reading in February 2010. This is the first group of students in the College who have been afforded the opportunity to obtain a *First Steps* Certificate. The students attended lectures and engaged in teaching reading in schools using the *First Steps* methods over the course of the seven week period.

Currently all DEIS schools in Ireland are offered support and training in *First Steps* through the Primary Professional Development Service (PPDS). In introducing this module for the students, the College endeavoured to prepare a cohort of students who will be well-positioned to use the ***First Steps* Reading Resources** upon entering the profession.

The student's feedback on the module content was extremely positive and they look forward to implementing more of their strategies on their upcoming Teaching Practice Placement.

Pictured below are the students who were awarded the certificates with Niamh Daly, English Methodology Lecturer and *First Steps* Tutor in Reading and Writing.



Back row: Tommy Morgan, Claire Mc Glade, Aoife Maughan, Lorraine Scully, Caroline Doohan, Colin Hogan
Middle row: Deirdre Gleeson, Rachel Cahill, Anna Greaves, Sarah Quinlan
Front row: Emma O Connor, Aisling Delaney, Lucy Mannion, Christina Neary