



# Flights of Fancy



## Heritage Competition for Primary and Post-Primary Schools

The Col. Fitzmaurice Commemoration Committee, in partnership with Laois Education Centre and Laois Heritage Society and with the co-operation of Offaly Historical Society and the Irish Air Corp, would like to invite schools in our catchment area to help us record and celebrate our aviation heritage. Schools are invited to submit individual or class projects on '**Aviation in Ireland**'. The competition aims to celebrate our rich history of flight and, in particular, it is inspired by the famous flight in 1928 of Col. James Fitzmaurice, an Irish aviation pioneer who was raised and educated in Portlaoise. On this flight, Col. Fitzmaurice and two Germans crossed the Atlantic Ocean in the first successful trans-Atlantic flight from East to West.

Projects may represent the theme of aviation in any medium(s) and format(s) but pupils must be able to give a five minute presentation outlining what they have researched/learnt about their chosen area in the history of aviation.

Winning schools in Best Group Project & Best Individual Project will be invited to send a class group to visit Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell.

This generous invitation is courtesy of the Irish Air Corps.

### Judging Criteria

- Creativity
- Originality
- Heritage Awareness
- Research
- Interview/Presentation

### Categories & Prizes

Primary & Post-Primary  
Best Group Project €150  
Best individual project €50  
Highly Commended project €50

**Closing date for applications: Tuesday 22nd November 2022**  
**Projects will be presented by pupils in Laois Education Centre on Wednesday 30th November at 3.30 pm**  
**For further details and to register for the project please contact [yvonne@laoisedcentre.ie](mailto:yvonne@laoisedcentre.ie) or 057 8672402**