

Express Yourself 2006

In September 2006, for the fourth year running, a team of pupils travelled to Sheffield to compete in the national finals of the 'Express Yourself Science Communicators' Award.

The team, Claire Cusick, Lydia Hemphill, Kathryn Munnis, Peter Barkley, Stephen Chapman and J.J. McAlonan, had won the Northern Ireland heat, in June 2006, with their project 'CSI: Ballycastle Squad'.



A gruesome murder occurred in a research laboratory in Ballycastle, where a local scientist had just discovered the formula to turn lead into gold. Unfortunately, the janitor of the building murdered the scientist and stole the formula. The team investigated the murder scene and using scientific evidence, put a dangerous criminal behind bars! The team looked at the Science behind fingerprinting analysis, blood samples and DNA and presented their findings as a news bulletin, explaining how the Science would have been presented to a jury in court.

Although this time the team were not crowned overall national winners, they were highly commended for their project – both for their knowledge and their enthusiasm for Science.