

Young scientists give toy factory a touch of class

by Catherine Ketch

CURRENT Young Scientist winners Liam McCarthy and John D O'Callaghan along with their classmates from Kinsale Community School recently visited the Prince August Toy Soldier Factory in Cill na Martra as part of a class outing.

The students' project "The development of a convenient test method for somatic cell count and its importance in milk production" won the overall prize in this year's Young Scientist competition.

Liam, who loves arts and crafts, was fascinated by the Prince August manufacturing process.

"It is brilliant the way they have designed the different figures," he said.

The lads will represent Ireland at the European competition in Paris in September with the same project and are thinking of developing it further and maybe even selling it on.



Liam McCarthy and John D O'Callaghan at the Prince August Toy Soldier Factory Shop in Cill na Martra.

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Prince August is one of the only places in the world where the public can see tin soldiers being cast the same way that they have been since

the 17th century. The factory is 6km from Macroom. Tel: 026 40222. See www.toysoldierfactory.ie for further details.