

# Scoil Bhríde—Loreto National School Newsletter

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## Loreto Order hands over the Land to St. Brendan's Trust

This school year was a very special year in Scoil Bhríde. It marked the hand over of the Land by the Loreto Order to St. Brendan's Trust as a playing field. We are very grateful to the Loreto Sisters for this wonderful gift as it would be impossible to purchase this land.

To mark the occasion we celebrated a mass of thanksgiving in Muckcross church on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, the day of the Christmas Holidays. All parents, grandparents past pupils and members of the community were invited to take part in the

celebration. It was a lovely ceremony with many of our students participating. The theme of the mass was "let those who drink the water never forget those who dug the well". Sr. Teresa MacPaul, Sr. Angela Powell, Sr. Noelle Corscadden, (Loreto sisters) and Mr. Hugh Morris travelled from Dublin for the occasion. Sr. Pauline Boyle, who lives locally and is the only remaining Loreto Sister was also in attendance.

Celebrations continued in the Dromhall Hotel. A powerpoint presentation on the work of the Loreto Mission in Peru was shown by Sr. Noelle who is in charge of Loreto Missions.

Bishop Bill Murphy accepted the official handover on behalf of the St. Brendan's Trust. As a token of our appreciation for this wonderful gift, a cheque for €11,645.86 was presented to Sr. Noelle Corscadden on the day. The money raised was as a result of the hard work of the Loreto Peru Committee set up in 2004. Throughout 2004 many fundraising events were organised including, a Christmas Carol Service, a table quiz and a race night incorporating the school's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mrs Helyn O'Neill, chairperson of the Loreto Peru Committee presented the cheque. The proceeds of the cheque will be used in the setting up of a Loreto school in Jicamarca Peru. A thank you card made by all the children was presented to Sr. Teresa by Ciara Carroll and Lorcan McMonagle. On behalf of the Parents Association Pdraig Treacy presented a leather



bound copy of "Wild Deer of Killarney" to Sr. Teresa. On behalf of Killarney Town Council Bernadette Randles presented Killarney pins to all our Loreto friends. We hope they all enjoyed their visit to Killarney.

To conclude a very happy morning, all the pupils sang Christmas Carols. The nuns chatted with the staff of Scoil Bhríde and all others present.

Mrs Hickey, the longest serving Loreto teacher in our school and Mrs. Moynihan who has been associated with Loreto since she was four years old reminisced with them before the departure of the Loreto Nuns and Mr. Hugh Morris to Dublin.

Kicking ball, skipping, playing hide and seek running through the beautiful glistening lightly dewed grass, watching the daisies push through the soil with the spectacular rugged mountains to our back is a constant reminder of this remarkable gift. To maintain a link with the Loreto Order and the school in Jicamarca we have decided to donate to them the proceeds of the Annual Easter Raffle.

Ní dhéanaimid dearmad choíche ar an lá sin ná ar an mbrontannas iontach a fuairamar ó na mná rialta.

### Welcome to our readers!

Hello everyone! This is our ninth issue of our annual newsletter and we hope that you will enjoy reading all about the wonderful things we did throughout the year and of course, all the hard work that we did during the year. As you will see, it was a very busy year for all of us. Scoil Bhríde would like to wish the sixth class every good luck as they go into secondary school. Go dté sibh slán



**Right:** Hard Working Peru Fundraising Committee

**Below:** Helen O'Neill presents Sr. Noelle with the cheque.

**Centre:** Ciara Carroll and Lorcan McMonagle present Sr. Teresa with a thank you card

**Right::** Padraig Treacy presents Sr. Teresa with bound copy Of "Wild Deer of Killarney"

**Below centre:**

Bernie Randles presents pins to Sr. Noelle, Sr. Teresa, Sr. Pauline, Bishop Bill and Sr. Angela

**End:** Pupils of Scoil Bhríde sing Christmas Carols



## The Proceeds of our Newsletter

The proceeds of our school magazine will go to a very good cause—the children of Chernobyl.

I am sure you have all heard of the nuclear disaster which happened in Chernobyl on April 25th, 1986. Our proceeds will go towards giving the children of Chernobyl, a holiday in Killarney when they arrive to stay with their host families for the month of July.

*Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.*





## Loreto to Loreto My Life in Between !

I was born in America on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 1992 in Newburyport, Massachusetts. After about three months we moved to Killarney. We lived in Lissivigeen for two years. After that we moved into town. We stayed there for five years until I finished 'Senior Infants' in Loreto.

We then had to move to Israel due to my Dad's work. We lived in Jerusalem for four years. My many memories include: swimming in the Dead Sea in August (the hottest month of the year), sunrise over the Mt. of

Olives, snorkelling in the Red Sea coral and many trips to the Old City, not to mention seeing the pyramid and experiencing a bomb going off right next to my school.

At the end of the fourth year, that was 2003 we were forced to go on evacuation, meaning we had to leave the country immediately, because of the Iraq war. We went to Washington D.C. where my Dad's work is based. We stayed there for eleven weeks not knowing when we would be allowed back. Our dog was in a kennels for about 100 days. On Easter week the American government said we could go back.

That July we moved down to Africa, to a country called Botswana, directly north of South Africa. We went on many safaris and we saw countless animals including elephants, lions, crocodiles and many antelopes. During my time there I visited both Zimbabwe and South Africa. In both countries I went to an international school.

We stayed there for a year and then we decided to move back to Ireland. That was in May 2004. I started school here in the last two weeks of term of 5<sup>th</sup> class and rejoined the classmates I had left in 1999. There were many changes in the school and my friends had grown – a lot. I was very happy to be welcomed back into my old school.

**By Michael Gallagher 6<sup>th</sup> class**

## Our School Tour

On the 16th of December 2004 the pupils of Loreto N. S. went up to Cork to "The Pied Piper". It was on in the Opera House. We had to be in school at half past eight

and were leaving at eight forty five sharp. Now as the whole school was going up each of the fourth, fifth, and sixth class pupils had to mind a senior and junior infant each. We had to sit near them on the bus, sit beside them at the performance and bring

them to the toilet. I had to mind Ciara Carroll. I enjoyed my job thoroughly and made a special friend. We took three buses with three or four adults on each bus. The play started at eleven o'clock. It was a pantomime. The costumes were fabulous. The performance was over at around two o'clock including a fifteen minute interval.

We came home at around three thirty. We had great day I would like to thank Mrs. Moynihan who organised our trip.

**By Jennifer Courtney.**



*Proud gymnastic winners display their medals after a recent competition*

## Set Dancing

At the beginning of the year we were very privileged to have Mrs. Mary Moriarty come in after school at four p.m. on Mondays to teach us set dancing with us. We have learned so much from the classes. At the end of the term we had a day where all the parents could come and see what we had learned. We have had a lovely time and hope to see her next year. It is lovely to keep our Irish culture alive.

**By Cliona Brown**



## KNOCKREER

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2004, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes went to Knockreer for national Science Week. The nature day started when we went looking for traps. The traps were for small herbivores like mice and bank voles. Peanuts and straw were used in the traps. When we collected all the traps we emptied their contents into a bag. When my trap was emptied a dead shrew came out. Una, the course leader said that it could

have died from a heart attack or from starvation. Rachel found a large mouse.

Then after lunch we went down to the river with sieves where I found a fish an inch long. Brendan Fuller found a fish egg that was hatching and Rachel found a stonefly nymph.

Later we went looking for insects with our 'pooters'. A 'pooter' is a jar with two straws, one has a grill, which you suck through, and the other is held over the insect. We shook the trees looking for insects but we only caught two woodlice.

Shortly after that we had a scavenger hunt. A scavenger hunt is where teams of two are given a list of clues of things to find in the environment.

Then we went on a little walk to identify yew trees and we talked about how to age a tree. We studied the leaves and barks of other trees. We then went on to Ross Castle to learn about that.

**By Cliona Brown**

## Ross Castle

After finishing our nature day in Knockreer we walked across the National Park to Ross Castle. We had a guided tour, which was very interesting. Our guide's name was Claudia. She told us that Ross Castle was built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. It was built by O'Donoghue of Ross. It stands on a peninsula, which extends into Lough Leane. It was built by the Earl of Desmond Rory O'Donoghue. Ross Castle is a Tower house. It was used as a defence building. It was the last castle to fall in the Cromwellian Rebellion in 1652. About 15 people slept in the Guards' room. The windows had a narrow slit because if they were big they would be attacked easily and it was easier to stick your gun out through a narrow window. The stairs were built in a clockwise direction because a lot of soldiers were right handed. This gave an advantage to the defenders. They could swing their swords coming down the stairs.

In the guardroom there is a musket Loophole for the guards' guns to fit out and kill the opposition. There is a murder hole on the second floor just above the main entrance. It

was a little hole that they used to throw down hot oil, tar or hot water to kill the opposition trying to come in.

In the parlour they had very good delicate furniture. The lights were made of rushes covered in animal fat. Some of them were made out of bees wax but not very often because they cost too much.

The toilet was just a ledge with a pit at the bottom where all the waste went. It was very rarely cleaned out because the ammonia gases disinfected the clothes. This is why the toilet was known as the Garde robe (French for – protecting clothes).

In the bedroom the baby slept in a cradle or a cubby-hole to keep him/her safe from rats. The chieftain's bed was made of wood. In the Great Hall there is a big window which wasn't there before for defence reasons. They had a fireplace in that room.

The Brownes burned the roof of the castle because they didn't want to pay taxes. It was a ruin for many years. John Mc Shain wanted to keep it as a historic feature so he brought out a consortium of business people. In 1970 it was taken over by the state. Extensive structural repair and restoration have taken place. It is now managed by Dúchas and is open to the public.

**By Rebecca Galvin**



## Ms. O'Connell's Wedding

Last year Ms. O' Connell was delighted to announce to us that she would be getting married on 18<sup>th</sup> December. There was a wave of excitement throughout the whole school, and everyone was very happy for her.

On the day before her wedding all of the pupils gathered outside the school. Sorchá Daly and Rebecca Galvin presented her with a card signed by every student in the school, David Doherty gave her a bouquet of flowers, Jean Courtney gave her a gift on behalf of the Parent's Association, Fiona Carroll Presented her with a gift on behalf of the junior infants class, and Mary-Teresa Doyle made a presentation on behalf of the Board of Management.

We all hope Ms. O' Connell enjoys married life and we wish her the all best in the future.

**By Sorchá Daly.**



## The Life Education Bus



From the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, Seamus Whitty came to Loreto with the Life Education Bus. Our parents were all invited to visit the bus beforehand to see what he was going to show us. He spoke to us about a healthy approach to living. For sixth class he gave us a talk on drugs and a video as well as body knowledge activities. He taught us about our bodies and how to use them. For fifth class he gave them a talk on peer pressure and a talk and video on the effects drugs can have. For both our classes it was an hour and 45 minutes long.

The bus was equipped with a model body torso showing our organs and how they work. He also had computer-aided video equipment. The classes engaged in role-play with Mr. Whitty and gained insight into healthy life practices.

Everyone from junior Infants to sixth class enjoyed the Life Education Bus. All the classes learned a lot.

**By Michael Gallagher 6<sup>th</sup> class**

## New Building

As you all probably know during the summer holidays our school will begin work on our extension. It has been a long time coming but it is finally here. While the school is being built we will move to prefabs beside the basketball court. We will have a new entrance to keep us safe. It will be very exciting moving out our desks and tables to our temporary home for twelve months. Look at the plans and you will see that it will all be worth-while.

My class may not get much value out of the new buildings but they will be there for our younger brothers and sisters.

**By Ross Fleming**

## Our Friends in Kenya

6th class in Loreto have adopted Ernest Mururu who live in Kenya He is in class KG7 in Upendo Primary School. He is 13 years old and writes to us occasionally.

The 6th class donate part of their confirmation money each year to Ernest to pay for school fees, food and clothes. This money is giving a poor child a future. We are more than happy to help him and his family because we know it is going to a good cause. His latest report tells us his behaviour is good but he could work a little harder.



## Carol singing St Colmbanus' Home.

On the day after we got the Christmas holidays we went to St Colmbanus' Home and Killarney Community Hospital to entertain the patients. We met with some Irish dancers and musicians from Clonkeen and Glenflesk. The patients who were sick over the holidays were there too. We came to cheer them up by singing Christmas carols and we brought the percussion instruments to give our songs a great Christmas effect.

First we went to the chapel to sing through the loud speakers. They had a sound system so the sick people who were immobile could listen and join in. The dancers went into every ward dancing for the patients. Then we went to the sitting room in St. Colmbanus' Home across the way. We went to meet the patients. We sang Christmas carols and some people did



Irish dancing. We got them into the Christmas spirit and met them and had a chat. There was a glow on their faces.

Unfortunately, one lady, Peggy was blind, and could not see the amazing performances of the students that were there on the day but she could hear everything and she shook hands with every child and asked us where we were from. Then we handed out celebrations chocolates to them and had some ourselves. Afterwards we went to a special patient called Christy who could not leave his bed. We sang songs for him and chatted about his home town, Kenmare. Mrs O' Sullivan gave us refreshments afterwards in the car park. It was a cool day. We were very happy to give a little time and effort in the Christmas season. I think we got as much out of the day as the elderly people did.

**By Jonathan Clery & Meadhb McSweeney.**

## Visit From the Gardai

During the spring term two Gardai from Killarney Garda station gave us a talk. We discussed alcohol and drugs. We learned that pranking is taken very seriously by the Gardai. They told us that if you fizz up a can of coke and throw it at a person it can seriously injure them. They told us how bad drugs are and they told us all about different drugs. They told us that if you drink and drive you can get up to four penalty points, lose your licence and can get a fine. You can get a fine for dangerous driving and may be sent to jail. We enjoyed and learned a lot from the Gardai who came. We would like to thank Gardai Chris Manton and Stephen Hourigan

**Daniel Healy and Brian Murphy**  
[5<sup>th</sup> class]

## The Credit Union Quiz

On the 6th February 2005, the Credit Union Quiz was held in the Gleneagle Ballroom. There were four teams representing the school:  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class

**Team 1: Jennifer Courtney, Claudia Carroll, Meadhb Daly and Katelyn Murphy.**

**Team 2: SORCHA DALY, Rebecca Galvin, David Doherty and Brendan Fuller.**

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class

**Team 1: Ellen O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Fuller, Cian O'Lionard and Laurence Byrne.**

**Team 2: Christopher Buckley, Tomas O'Sullivan, Elaine Courtney, Michael Lagan.**

The quiz had ten rounds of six questions in the junior section and twelve rounds of six questions for the senior section. Each school was given a gift of 150 euro.

We had great results at the end of the evening when team 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the junior section and team 1 for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the senior section with a score of 65/72, just four points behind winners Kilcummin.

Congratulations to all the teams for their hard work and commitment and to our teachers Mrs. Hickey and Mrs. O'Sullivan for preparing us.

**by Claudia Carroll 6<sup>th</sup> class**



## Senior Girls Basketball

We had been training all year and been waiting for the town league. When it came we were delighted and excited. Our coach Breeda went to the draw and these were the teams in our group: Anabla N.S., Firies N.S., St.Olivers N.S., Holy Cross N.S. and Knockaderry N.S..

Our brilliant team was made up of Jennifer Courtney, Katelyn Murphy, Niamh O'Donoghue, Blaithin Cronin, Rebecca Galvin, Niamh Cronin, Meadhbh McSweeney, Cliona Brown and Elaine Courtney.

Our first game was against Anabla N.S.. We were a bit rusty but we

pulled through and won 19-26. We kept training hard and in the next game we were up against Firies N.S. We won well and the score was 20-12. We played St.Olivers N.S and everyone played their hearts out. The following are the matches and scores of the rest of the games, Mercy 29-5 to Loreto and our last group game was against Knockaderry, the score was 27-11 in favour of Loreto.

We were through to the semi-finals against Firies N.S. It was more challenging because the score was 26-14. We were thrilled to get into the finals as it was the last year for most of the teams.



On the 20<sup>th</sup> of April the big day came. We were in the finals against Anabla N.S. The hall was full with supporters. Our supporters had flags and pom poms and were cheering us on. The game started and it was a draw at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter started and we got a few baskets and we were ahead. At half-time we had a break and then we played ten minutes straight and we played out of our skins. The whistle blew and it was all over, Loreto had won the cup for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in a row. Everybody was delighted for us and jumped off their seats. We would like to thank Breeda for all her years of hard work and effort and thanks to all the Mon boys for supporting us.

**By Katelyn Murphy, Niamh O' Donoghue and**

## Senior Boys basketball

In September we started training for the town league basketball with coach John Keane. The senior boys' first game was just before Christmas against Coolick N.S. They were a much stronger team than us and won on a score line of 22-16. Our second game was against St.Oliver's N.S and we won this 22-6. Our final group game was against Athnabla N.S. It was a hard game and we drew 19-19.

This brought us through to the quarter finals against good friends of ours the Mon. This was a very hard game for both teams and went into

extra time but the final outcome was victory for the Mon. Even though we didn't win we enjoyed playing.

I would like to thank John Keane for coaching us and everyone who supported us. I would also like to congratulate the senior girls and Jnr. Boys on winning their league.

Our team consisted of Tom Lucey, David McCarthy, Killian Treacy, Sean Coppinger, Conor Keane, Brian Murphy, Michael Gallagher, Anthony Cronin, Graham Fleming, Lawrence Byrnes, Daniel Healy and Jonathan Cleary.

**By Tom Lucey**





## Sam Maguire visits Scoil Bhríde

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of September Eoin Brosnan and Kieren Cremin of Dr Crokes came with The Sam Maguire Cup to our school. We were all delighted when we saw them walk through the school gates. We were very lucky to nearly be the first school in Kerry to have it. We gathered on the school basketball court where we all got to lift the cup and the teachers took photographs of us. Eoin Brosnan made a speech to keep practising football with our clubs, school and at home. He hopes to see some of us in Croke Park in the near future. Everyone enjoyed their visit and hopes to see them again next year.

**By:-David McCarthy**

## Football skills competition



We had a competition in school to decide who would represent the school in the east Kerry football skills competition. We had to show our skill over nine areas e.g. taking a free kick from the ground and scoring a point. Alan O' Connor, Brendan Fuller and I represented the school. The competition was held in Dr. Croke's pitch on 19<sup>th</sup> of October from 4pm – 6pm. About twelve schools took part. We did our school proud even if we did not win the competition.

### East Kerry Trials

On 26<sup>th</sup> April Tom Lucey and David Mc Carthy represented the school in the East Kerry Trials. **By Killian Treacy**

## Senior Boys Football — 11-a-side

### Round 1

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#### Loreto v Faha

It was a perfect day, weather wise. The pitch in Faha was great, but it was not to be our day. The Loreto team was as follows - Goalie Michael Gallagher, Alan O'Connor and Sean Coppinger in full back. Brendan Fuller and Brian Murphy in halfback position, David McCarthy and Killian Treacy in Mid-field, Tom Lucey and Daniel Healy, Anthony Cronin and Graham Fleming were in the forwards positions. Our subs were Jonathan Clery, Patrick Coppinger, Laurence Byrns, Conor Keane, Christopher Buckley, Gearoid Coughlan, Cian O Lionaird and Ben Quinlin. Two of our men were small, so at the throw up Faha got the ball. At halftime Conor Keane came

on to do the business and score a goal. Tom Lucey scored a point; Sean Coppinger helped to make three goals. We tried our hardest but the Faha men were taller stronger and more physical than the Loreto men were. We are training hard and getting **better every day.**

### Round 2

6/10/04

#### Loreto v Knockaderry

In round 2 we met Knockaderry N.S. We hosted the game in Loreto. It was a lovely sunny autumn day. Loreto were by far the stronger team and it was quickly obvious that we would win easily. All our subs played really well in a very enjoyable game. Loreto had a convincing victory. We treated our guest to crisps and a drink before they departed. **By Sean Coppinger**



## Senior Boys 7-a-side Football

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April the senior boys played in a football seven aside blitz at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney. The weather was good at first but then it got a little wet later. However, it was very exciting to play at Fitzgerald Stadium.

There were twenty-five schools involved. Our group consisted of Firies, Clonkeen/Knockanes and of course yours truly, Loreto. Our first game was against Clonkeen/Knockanes. Conor Keane scored 1 goal and 2

points, Daniel Healy scored 1 goal and 1 point, David McCarthy scored a goal and 2 points and we won the game 4-8 to 2-0. At 12:00 we played against Firies N.S., Anthony Cronin scored 2 goals and Conor Keane scored 2 goals and a point. Daniel Healy scored 1 goal and a point and Alan O'Connor scored a point. We won the game by five goals and three points to no score. In the quarter finals we were against Anabla. Daniel got a point and Anthony scored 2 points but unfortunately we lost 4-2 to 1-4.



At the end of the day we were very happy that we had done so well considering that there were twenty-five schools involved. And we were delighted to win out our group and go forward to the quarter finals. The panel of twelve consisted of Laurence Burns, David McCarthy, Daniel Healy, Brian Murphy, Alan O'Connor, Anthony Cronin, Conor Keane

**By Michael Gallagher, Sean Coppinger,**

## The Anti-Bullying Play

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2005 (The day before the Easter holidays) Mrs. Whitty directed a play about bullying. Actors and actresses included Brendan Fuller (Barry Hunter), Rachel O'Donoghue (Celeste) and Sean Coppinger (Mr. Fairway) with David Doherty (Mark) and David McCarthy (Penny) playing the victims of the bullying.

The play is set in Nitshill Road School. There is a problem in Mr Fairway class, a tyrant by the name of Barry Hunter. The play starts with Barry Bullying Penny and Mark (as usual) and then the heavenly new girl, Celeste,



(Rachel) arrives. Some pupils think she's an angle, some don't. Barry Hunter thinks she is a new target for his bullying, but she encourages everyone to help her give him a change of heart.

It was an enjoyable play and everyone learned something about bullying. Mrs. Whitty did a great job.

**By: Brendan O'Shea.**

## Prayer Service for the Pope

On Thursday April 7th 2005 we had a prayer service in school. Katelyn, Niamh, Paddy, Margaret, Mrs Buckley and Mrs Whitty prepared the prefab. We had a nice poster of Pope John Paul 2. There were night-lights dotted around the room and vases of colourful flowers.

Mrs Buckley played the keyboard and each class chose a special hymn to sing.

The children from fifth and sixth class said the prayers of the faithful and Niamh Cronin led the Rosary.

Mrs Moynihan got an oak tree and showed us the seed and we are going to plant it in memory of the Pope.

**By Katelyn Murphy & Niamh O' Donoghue 6th class.**



## Girls Seven Aside

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of April' 05, the East Kerry Girls Seven Aside competition was held in Fitzgerald Stadium. We were shivering with the cold as we waited for the other teams to arrive. They were all nervous and excited.

Our first game was against Fossa. It started at 9:45 am Meadhbh Daly was captain, encouraging her team as she was called up for the toss. At the end of first half we were winning by a point. Before the second half began Rebecca Galvin and Niamh O Donoghue switched positions, putting Rebecca in mid field and Niamh in forward. It was an inspired move.

One minute into the second half, Niamh scored a tremendous goal. Minutes later Rebecca scored another fabulous goal. At the end it was 5 goals and 1 point to nil. It was a thrilling game. The whole team had an excellent performance.

Our second game was against Rathmore Convent. Sorchá Daly was captain. It was an excellent game except for the first half when there was an embarrassing amount of wides for Loreto. "We were half asleep" said Mrs. O Sullivan. By half time we were 3 points to nothing. The second half brought a stunning 3 goals and a point by Niamh and a lovely goal by Katelyn Murphy. When the game was finished it was 4 goals and 4 points to nothing, to us. We had certainly woken up! Jennifer Courtney was stalwart in the backs letting no-one in, Niamh Cronin and Lorraine Lucey also fighting hard for every ball.

At 12 o'clock it was time for our third game against Raheen/Tureencahill. We had won the first two games but this was the one that was going to decide if we got through to the semi final or not. Katelyn was captain for this one. We took advantage of the wind, scoring two goals at first. By the end of the first half we had scored an excellent 4 goals, with one tremendous goal scored by Sorchá. At the end of the game it was 6 goals to 1 point, to us. Meadhbh Mc Sweeney and Claudia Carroll were to the fore in this game giving nothing away.

Before the semi final, Mrs. O Sullivan gave an inspiring speech to build us up for the next game. The motivating talk paid off, as we were victorious and the score was 2 goals and 2 points to 1 point. We played the Mercy, and the Holy Cross girls did not manage to score a goal on our goalie Cliona Brown, who was excellent throughout. The final against Firies N.S was a great game played in a very sporting manner by both teams. The Loreto girls led for most of the match, but a great team effort saw the Firies girls draw level just before the final whistle, forcing the contest into extra time. In extra time the Firies girls kicked over two great points, which then led to a nail-biting finish as the Loreto girls went all out to get a winning goal. The Firies defence held out to win by two points.

Mrs. O Sullivan said that the girls played exceptionally well, and she was very proud of every single one of them, on and off the field.

There were seventeen girls' teams in the competition. It was a fantastic achievement to reach the final and the girls were unlucky in the end. They represented the school really well and we were all very proud of them.

**By Rachel O Donoghue and Kellie Ryan.**

## Focal Buíochas

*Sincere thanks to our teachers, our secretary Margaret, our caretaker Sean, the Board of Management, Parents Council and all who have helped in any way with the running of our school over the past year.*

*In particular we would like to thank Marie Cronin for her great help in producing this newsletter.*



## Water Safety

Ciara Carroll's mom, Fiona came to the School on Wednesday 11th May to tell us about water safety. She is a trained lifesaver. She spoke to all the classes.

We would like to thank her for taking the time to come and give us information on how to stay safe in the water

**Niamh Cronin 5th class**





# The tsunami

This is how it all began. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of December 2004, there was a terrible catastrophe. The earthquake behind the tsunami which swamped parts of Asia was caused by sudden, violent slippage of a 1,200 km long fault line running under the Indian ocean. The fault between the Indian and Burma plates moved just 15 metres causing the most powerful quake in 40 years. Buildings, schools, hospitals and hotels collapsed to the ground. It will take a long time and a lot of money to rebuild the towns and villages. The devastation was unthinkable. Animals ran up to the mountains when they felt

near danger. People started following the animals to safety. The worst places affected are Sri Lanka, parts of Thailand and Indonesia which are very popular tourist spots. At one point 5 million people lacked basic survival needs. Parents, children, friends and relatives turned out to identify pictures of their loved ones so that they could rest in peace.

People were very generous in Ireland and all the charitable organisations were overwhelmed with the contributions.

In our school we decided to give money from our own pocket money to help the victims. We raised €1000 which we presented to Fr. Finbarr Buckley who was going directly to a school in

Tamil Nadu in Indonesia. Half the teachers and pupils were lost in the disaster.

Doctors, nurses, builders, relatives and friends, flew out to the affected areas and helped the poor unfortunate victims in whatever way they could. People had to go around and look for their loved ones in body bags. It is absolutely heartbreaking for them. Many people may get diseases from dead bodies and the contaminated water.

We hope and pray that this terrible thing will never happen again. Please God there will be a good warning system so that plenty of notice could be given when and if a tsunami is approaching.

By Niamh Cronin &  
Meadbh Mcsweeney  
5<sup>th</sup> class.



## Scor na bPaisti

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2005 Brian, Graham and Daniel competed in the Scor na bPaisti quiz. Scor na bPaisti was held in the Aras Phadraig. Ben Quinlan competed in the solo singing. We were all well prepared thanks to Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mrs. Buckley.

On the day everyday seemed in top form. Ben was the eight person to sing and he gave a wonderful rendition of "Dingle

Bay". He sang it most beautifully. At 6:30p.m. it was our turn to go on stage for the quiz. There were eleven teams competing in the quiz. Mrs. O'Sullivan had prepared us very well and we were determined to use our knowledge. We got ten out of the thirteen in the quiz and were in joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Baraduff National School. We then went into a tie breaker and got two out of three. Unfortunately Baraduff National School got all three questions correct. We were bitterly disappointed afterwards but we look forward to next year when we will all be eligible to take part again.

By Daniel Healy and Graham Fleming  
5<sup>th</sup> class

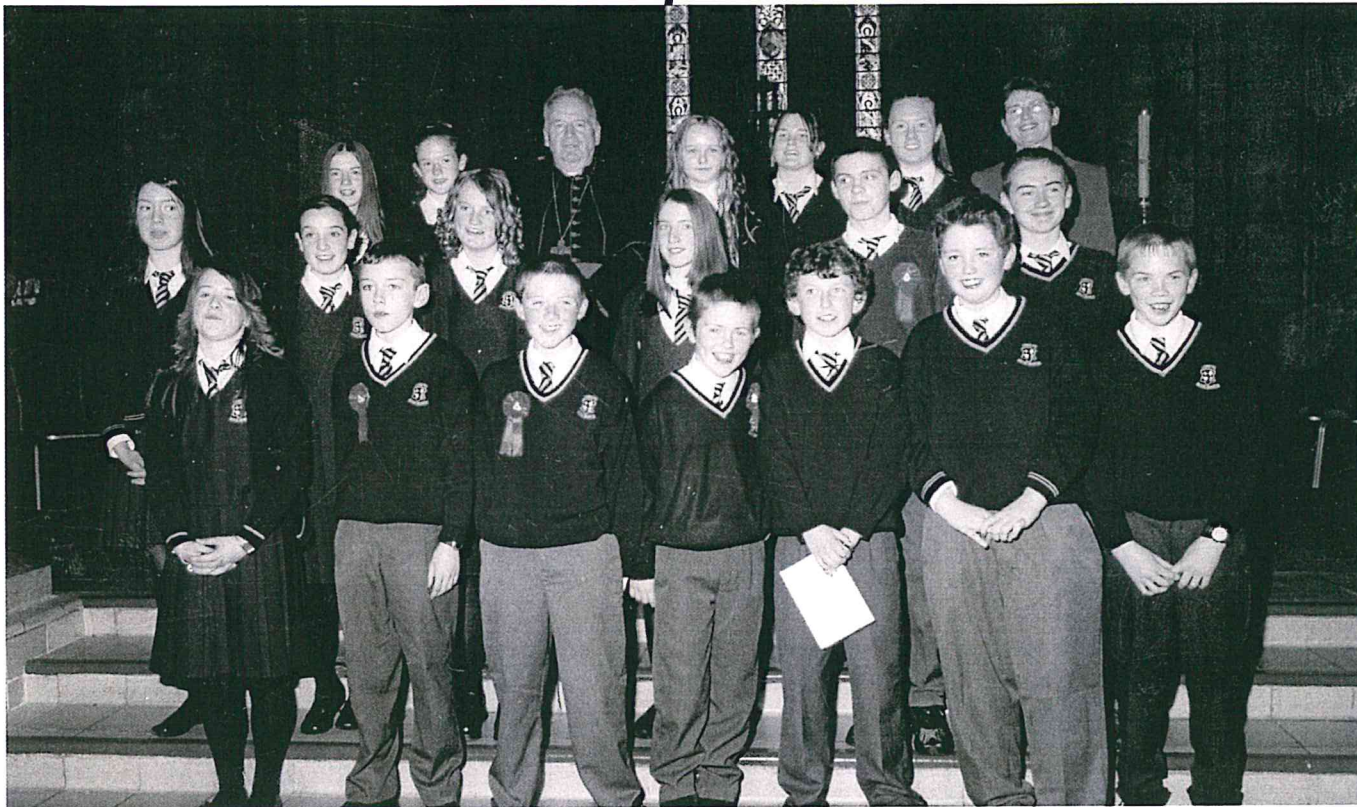
## Go n-Éirí Libh

We wish every luck to 6<sup>th</sup> class as they move on to secondary school. They will have many happy memories of their years in Loreto.

Go dté sibh slán



## 2005 Confirmation Class



### The German Concert

On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes went to a German concert because we are learning the language. The concert took place in the Mercy primary school. Two German musicians, Michael Zachcial and Ralf Siebenand, dressed in funny clothes, were the performers. They played the guitar, saxophone and keyboard. They sang songs in German about chips, pancakes with sugar and cinnamon, sitting beside a river, a pillow fight, colours, Noah's Ark and finally a familiar song 'My hat it has three corners'. We sang along, clicked our fingers and clapped our hands to the beat of each song so it was very enjoyable. I liked the way they spoke to each other in German and translated what they said into English.

By Patrick Coppinger [ 5<sup>th</sup> class ]



### “ Zaches und Zinnober ”

Am 13<sup>th</sup> April sind wir, die 5. Und 6. Klasse, Zu einen deutschen Konzert in die Holy Cross schule gefahren. Die musiker “ Zaches und Zinnober ”. Singen witzige lieder uber tiere, piraten und kissenschlachten. Die kinder und lehrer im publikum singen und klatschen mit, und alle hatten viel spass.

By Frau Stoef and Jennifer Courtney





## EASTER EGG HUNT 2005

On Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, which was the day of the holidays we had an Easter egg hunt. Mrs. Buckley and Mrs. Whitty organised the Easter egg hunt.

We were divided into teams of two. Each team was given a sheet with ten clues. The Easter eggs were hidden all over the school grounds. It was very challenging and fun. It was all about using our heads. We also had to be a bit sneaky and not give away where the eggs were. Here are the clues we had to figure out.

**By Paddy O' Donoghue and Jamie O' Sullivan [ 5<sup>th</sup> class]**

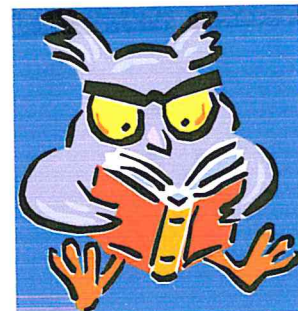
1. Near trees still unclothed, two grey metal soldiers watch over Easter eggs.
2. At post number 10 from the farthest end where a large patch of green is divided in two there are eggs waiting for you.
3. A broken black spout on an old pre-fab lets water out which could make yummy eggs extremely soggy !
4. There is a door hard to open and inside this door there is a long red pipe hiding eggs.
5. 'Sharks' could jump out from this great invention and gobble up your eggs if you get the spelling or the sum wrong.
6. Numbers marked on a wall are very important if the fire siren should call. Underneath one of these there are eggs.
7. On bright dry Fridays hoops, cones, bats and balls will appear from here. If you're lucky an Easter surprise may also appear.
8. A loud gong says 'it's time to play. Perhaps the Easter bunny will also pass this way.
9. If you feel that something is unfair or unkind, in this teacher's room you may speak your mind. You might also get a lollipop or an egg.
10. On a cold and frosty morning hungry birds might come calling.

## Programme for Transition to Secondary School

On the suggestion of the Parents Association Mrs O'Sullivan contacted the Kerry Diocesan Youth Service about a programme for transition to secondary school. Three afternoon sessions are planned with Bev. Brackenbury, KDYS Youth Worker for 9th, 14th and 21st June.

The programme aims to explore moving from primary to secondary school, making new friends, new subjects, timetables and peer pressure.

The programme will include lots of fun way of learning through games, discussions and brainstorming.





# THE ELECTION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

On Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2005 the great news was announced at 4:58 pm. All the Cardinals had assembled to elect the 265<sup>th</sup> Pope. We watched T.V. in great anticipation for the name of the Cardinal who was to follow St Peter as head of the Catholic Church to be announced. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger from Germany aged 78 years was declared the Supreme Pontif. He was

a great friend of Pope John Paul II, and worked closely with him in the Vatican.

The process of the election of a Pope is very interesting and exciting. 115 Cardinals assembled in the Vatican. The Conclave votes four times a day - twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon. If the Pope is not elected by a two thirds majority which is 77 plus 1 vote then the ballots are mixed with a chemical and burned to make

black smoke. If a Pope is chosen the ballots are mixed with a different chemical and burned to make white smoke. Bells ring out and the words Habemus Papa resound in St. Peter's Square. The crowds awaiting in the Square outside the Basilica shout and clap with delight.

The new Pope chose Benedict XVI as his name. We pray that The Holy Spirit will guide direct him in his work as leader of the Catholic Church.

By Aife Scannel and Lorraine Lucey

## SENIOR GIRLS REACH KERRY FINALS IN 11-A SIDE FOOTBALL.

On the 10th May the girls of fifth and sixth class went to play in the East Kerry 11-aside football league in Killcummin. In our first match we played Annabla who scored first to put them in the lead. We held our breath when Annabla were given a free and scored another point. At half time we woke up with an excellent goal by Niamh O'Donoghue putting us in the lead. But alas a third point by Annabla made it even. A second free to Annabla then put them one point ahead. The tension was mounting when lucky for us Rebecca Galvin scored a brilliant point ending the game in a draw.

Our second game against Kilcummin ended in tragedy - for Kilcummin!

We started off the game with another excellent goal by Niamh O'Donoghue. We continued our luck with an interesting goal right through the keepers hands by Blathin Cronin. We had a demanding lead in the second half and Kilcummin put up no defence. It ended two goals to nil for Loreto.

The third match was against Faha. Blathin Cronin immediately raised our excitement with the first point of the match. Minutes later came a blinding point by Sorchá Daly that put us in the lead at the end of the first half. Straight away into the second half came a fabulous point by Rebecca Galvin - followed by another point by Blathin Cronin. The Faha defence was good but not good enough for Rachel O'Donoghue who scored yet another brilliant point. The game ended with a goal once again by Niamh O'Donoghue. We had won the game 2-4 to 0-0.

Game 4 was against Furies.

The first score was a spectacular point by Rachel O'Donoghue followed quickly by a goal from Blathin Cronin. But then Furies scored an unfortunate goal which ended the first half. The second half got off to a great start with a goal by Blathin Cronin. Rebecca Galvin then got a fast point which ended the game, getting us into the final.

We played the final against Annabla. It started with two goals to Annabla. But we came back with a goal from Blathin Cronin and then a second goal by Niamh O'Donoghue. We started the second half with a goal from Blathin Cronin who immediately scored yet another point. We won the game and are going on to the Kerry finals in Tralee.

by Claudia Carroll

Date of the final has yet to be finalised -

**Best of Luck Girls -  
we know you do your  
school proud**



## Rugby Blitz

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of February fifth and sixth class boys and girls set off for a rugby blitz at the Community College, Killarney. It was a fine crisp morning and the sun was shining high in the sky. We had two teams, a green team and a red team.

The first team to play was team B against Lissivigeen. Patrick Coppinger scored the first try only seconds into the first half. Rebecca Galvin was not far behind with another fantastic try. Lissivigeen caught up with two tries and it was neck and neck. Fortunately towards the end Cliona Brown and Rachel O' Donoghue scored two tries which carried us on to the next game with high hopes.

Next it was time for the Green Team to prove themselves against Kilcummin. Tom Lucey scored the first two tries, which gave Loreto hope. Kilcummin came back with three more tries despite great efforts from Daniel Healy and Sean Coppinger. Blaithin Cronin was there to pick up the pieces and scored four tries. The final score was seven to six thanks to a last minute try by Brendan Fuller.

The Red Team were back on the pitch and ready for action. The opposition, St.Olivers took off to a flying start with a 3-0 result in the first half due to a disallowed try by Meadhbh Daly. In the second half Graham Fleming made a beautiful pass to Patrick who scored his second try of the day. Rebecca also scored her second try but unfortunately that wasn't enough to beat St.Olivers four tries.

It was once again time for the Green Team to try their luck against Lissivigeen. To our surprise and delight the result was once again seven to six in our favour. Anthony Cronin scored a superb try. Katelyn Murphy and Niamh O'Donoghue also played a blinder.

The Red Team were excited for their final match. This was against the Monastery. Jonathan Cleary and Niamh Cronin set up the first try with a fantastic finish by Ross Fleming. Rachel O' Donoghue also scored a beautiful try in the second half with the help of team mates Claudia Carroll, Jamie O' Sullivan and David Doherty. Despite fierce efforts by Aife Scannel, Maeve McSweeney and Lorraine Lucey, the Monastery scored an extra try in the final minute. Fortunately the final score was 4-4.

The green team once again were out on the rugby pitch ready for the Monastery. The game was like no other. With Sorchá Daly and Anthony Cronin on the defence line they were well prepared. Tom Lucey once again scored a brilliant try. Blaithin Cronin, with help from Killian Treacy again scored a try. Jennifer Courtney weaved through the opposition and also scored a beautiful try. However the Monastery polished them off with four tries that ended the game. The final score was 4-3 to the Monastery.

The Green Team were all ready to play their final game against St.Olivers. The tension was rising, as both teams were neck in neck all the way. Tom Lucey scored the first two tries and Blaithin Cronin wasn't far behind with another two. Killian Treacy scored another beauty with the help of team-mates Sorchá Daly, Brian Murphy and a beautiful block by David McCarthy. Michael Gallagher and Alan O'Connor set up another try for the ready and willing Jennifer Courtney. The final score was 6-4 proving Loreto victorious and qualifying to the Munster finals in Cork. A great day was had by all.

**By Ross Fleming & Graham Fleming—5th class**



Green Rugby team



## Rugby in Musgrave Park

On the 15/03/05 we had a tag rugby tournament in Cork. We had to be at the Church of the Resurrection at 8.20 a.m. We left the Church at 8.45a.m. We were looking forward to a great day.

We were joined by the Monastery N.S, Fossa N. S. and Kilcummin N.S in the bus. All schools arrived at Musgrave Park at 10 a.m. and registered in the media room. We were very happy to be playing where many of our rugby heroes play.

At 10.30 a.m. sharp every school dressed to represent a country. We lined up with our school marched around the pitch twice. We dressed up as Scotland. We brought a Lough Ness monster. We carried the flag of Scotland, which Mrs. Casey made for us. We dressed up in the Scottish colours. We wore kilts and played the Scottish Anthem "Flower of Scotland". At 11.00 a.m the Coca-Cola tag rugby extravaganza began. We had three games. Our first match was against Scoil Na nOg. We won six to three. Tom scored a magnificent try in the match.



Red Team

In our second game we played Ennis N.S. We played well but they were a little better than we were. We lost that game 7 to 4. We were unlucky.

Our last game was against Gaelscoil Thiobrad Arann. We won 4 to 2. It was a brilliant game and a fun match. We played well.

The awards were given out at the end of the day. The Monastery N.S. won the fair play award. Fossa N.S. came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Best Costume competition. We went to McDonalds to round off a very enjoyable day.

**By Anthony Cronin and Brian Murphy 5<sup>th</sup> class**



Senior Boys Football panel

## Debates

Chairperson, Adjudicators, Ladies and Gentlemen ... The first debate we had this year was at Hal-lowe'en. The motion was "That young people to-day have a hard life". The captain of the proposing team was Graham Fleming; the captain of the opposing team was Brendan Fuller. After a valiant battle, the motion was rejected.

The motion for the second debate was "That homework should be abolished". The girls proposed the motion led by their captain, Rebecca

Galvin. The boys unanimously opposed the motion led by their captain David Doherty. Everyone in the class-room participated. Both teams argued very well in a lively, entertaining debate.

The adjudicators were Mrs. Whitty and Mrs. Robinson. The chairperson was Mrs. O'Sullivan. Some people were surprised that the boys were so convincing in their arguments "That homework should not be abolished. In the end the boys were victorious and the motion was carried.

**By David McCarthy and Michael Gallagher**



## Gaelscoil V Loreto

The twenty third of November two thousand and four was a lovely day. We invited the Gaelscoil for a challenge match. At one thirty the Gaelscoil arrived and at two o'clock we started our match.

Rebecca Galvin scored the first goal . We won at the end of a very close match. We had a lovely day and are looking to our next match.

The boys also had a challenge match against the Gaelscoil. It was a very exciting game but in the end Loreto were victorious . After both matches were played we had a party with orange and crisps for our visitors to round off the day .

**By Cliona Brown 6<sup>th</sup> class**



*Girls 7-a-side football*

## Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Basketball

Our basketball training started in September at the Parish Hall. Training was on every Monday evening from five until six. Breeda O'Donoghue was our coach and she was very good. We were delighted when we started to play our games. In the first game we played Knockaderry and we beat them. Later on that night we played Annablaha, and we beat them too. We found out that we were in the ssemi-final against the

Gealscoil. We beat them as well. The final score was 8 – 2. The people who scored were Zoe O'Sullivan, Alison, Elaine and Lidh. We played Firies in the final and we lost. The score was 10 – 18. We were very happy to get to the final. We enjoyed our training and games very much.

Timmy O'Donoghue presented our trophies. Our team was – Captain- Zoe O'Sullivan, Elaine Courtney, April Foley, Alison Shaw, Shóna O'Sullivan Catherine Coppinger, Brianna McDonnell, Ellen O'Sullivan, Eimear O'Sullivan, Áine O'Sullivan Liadh Tobin and Andrea McCarthy.

On behalf of the team we would like to thank Breeda O'Donoghue for all her hard work. Well done to the boys who also did very well.

**By: Zoe O'Sullivan and Elaine Courtney.**

## Birthday Boy Sean!





## EASTER EGG HUNT ANSWERS TO CLUES

1. Where the new trees were planted in 2002.
2. Half way down the field near the playing field.
3. Behind the old pre-fab.
4. In Mrs Buckley's room in a red boom whacker.
5. Beside the computer In Mrs Buckley's room. 'Sharks' meant Wordshark or Numbershark.
6. At the front wall near the school entrance.
7. In the pre fab.
8. At the back door beside the bell on the filing cabinet.
9. In Mrs Whitty's room.
10. In the bird house behind school.



Sean Keane winner of  
Easter Raffle

## School Sports Day 2004

Our school sports took place in June 2004. It was a non-competitive sports day. Everybody participated. It was a hot sunny day. Among the activities were ball throw, penalty shoot out, high jump, hoopla, javelin throw and the clothes line.

The teams were: the black team, red team, purple team, white team, green team, blue team and the yellow team. Parents and relations came to cheer us on. Our P.E. teacher Mrs Fitzgerald organised the day. She got all the equipment for the day ready. The teachers helped on the day and all enjoyed a great day.

**By: Christopher Buckley and  
Michael Lagan.**

## Hurling Blitz

On June 26<sup>th</sup> 2004 our school went to the second hurling blitz ever. It was held at the Crokes Pitch. The first team were in the Cúchulainn Cup and the second team were in the Setanta Cup. The Setanta team played the Gaelscoil on a score line of 9 - 1 to 3 - 0 in favour of the Gaelscoil. However, it was good news in the Cúchulainn Cup game as Loreto beat Ballycasheen on a score line of 8 - 2 to 0 - 0.

In the next Setanta Cup game Loreto played Ballycasheen on a scoreline 6 - 0 to 2 - 0 in favour of Ballycasheen. Ballycasheen had now won the Setanta Cup. In the Cúchulainn Cup it was good news for Loreto as they won the Cúchulainn Cup against Gaelscoil, a score line of 2 - 0 to 1 - 0. We got changed and received our medals and shield from the President of the G.A. A. Seán Kelly. Séan Kelly gave a touching speech and said if he had to pick the national game it would be hurling. He also advised everyone to watch the hurling final which was on that weekend.

The Cúchulainn team were: Graham Fleming, Brian Murphy, Cian Ó Lionáird, Laurence Byrnes, Anthony Cronin, Patrick Coppinger, Conor Keane Daniel Healy and Jonathan Clery. The Setanta team were: Christopher Buckley, Shóna O' Sullivan, April Foley, Brianna McDonnell, Níamh Cronin, Lorraine Lucey, Tomás O' Sullivan Jamie O'Sullivan Ross Fleming and Ben Quinlan.

**By: Ross Fleming and Ben Quinlan.**



## Mother Angelica Remembered

On September 28<sup>th</sup> 2004 we had the beginning of the school year mass in Muckcross Church. At that mass we remembered Mother Angelica who died in July during the summer holidays. Mother Angelica spent over thirty years of her life in Killarney and was one of the nuns with Sister Mary Roche who was involved in the building of our school, Scoil Bhríde.

She was also an artist. At the beginning of the mass Cian and Shóna brought up one of her paintings – Torc Waterfall. She was my dad's teacher. She taught my uncles and aunties also when they were in fifth and sixth class.

My mom played the organ with Mother Angelica for Christmas shows and First Holy Communions.

**By: Ben Quinlan and Tomás O' Sullivan.**



*Sister Angelica pictured at work by the famous lakes of Killarney*

## Seachtaine na Gaeilge.

Bhí seachtain na gaeilge ann ón 13ú - 20ú de mhí Márta. An cúspóir a bhí againn ná "Déan iarracht". Bhí tráth ná gceist againn. Bhuaigh tábla 7. Bhí spórt again. Bhí Ben ag seinm ar an accordion agus a feadóg. Bhí na cailíní ó rang a trí agus rang a ceathair ag rince. Tháinig daoine ón "Gathering". Bhí siad ag seinm jigs, reels, hornpipes ar an accordion agus veidhlín. Bhí daoine ó rang a trí, rang ceathair agus rang a sé ag rince. Rinne siad polka set.

The people from the "Gathering" came to our school. They played instruments. They played the accordion and guitar. A group of dancers came from Boston. They danced a part of the polka set. Girls and boys from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes danced a set. Everyone clapped and cheered for the dancers and musicians. Everyone enjoyed the traditional music day. It is wonderful to see the tradition of Irish music go on.

**Cáimhe Ní Dhúill agus Gearóid Ó Cochláin.**

## The Animal Road show

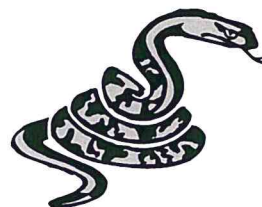
The first animal Marie brought out was a lizard named Lizzie. She was from Ethiopia. She was a cold-blooded animal. Lizards get their energy from the sun or hot rocks. Lizards come out by day. She shares her home with snakes that would eat her but she stays very still so they can't find her. Her tail is rigid which maybe means that she is a nervous creature.

Next out was a snake. She was after eating baby rats the night before. Her name was Honey. She is from America. She is a constrictor. Marie buys rats for her food from the pet shop. Her camouflage is extra special because she has a special pattern down her back. If she bit you it would appear just like a paper cut.

The next animal brought out was a chinchilla and his name was Chillie. Chinchillas are found in South America. He is a herbivore. He eats dry grass, hay and hard roots. His coat is very soft. He has big ears for listening for danger. He is a mammal. He uses his whiskers to feel around.

Marie also had a baby tortoise from England he was less than one year old. They can live up to 120 years old.

**By: Alison Shaw and Sarah Treacy.**





## Community Games Art Competition

This year our school took part in the Community Games Art Competition. Once again Mrs. O'Halloran was organising the competition. In our school a lot of children drew tennis pictures and more drew rugby, art, basketball, high jump and swimming pictures.

When Mrs. O'Halloran came to announce the winners there was great excitement in our school. There were lots of winners from this school and the results were as follows:

### Spa/Muckcross winners:

- Under 8 Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Julia Buckley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Culloty.  
Under 8 Boys: 4<sup>th</sup> Billy Courtney  
Under 10 Girls: 3<sup>rd</sup> Catherine Coppinger  
4<sup>th</sup> Siobhán Fleming  
Under 12 Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Shóna O' Sullivan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Fuller  
Under 14 Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel O'Donoghue  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kelly Ryan  
4<sup>th</sup> Meadhb Daly  
Under 14 Boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Ross Fleming

### Killarney South Winners:

- Under 8 Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Randles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Andrea McCarthy  
Under 8 Boys: 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam O'Shea  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jevin Flaherty  
Under 10 Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Shaw  
2<sup>nd</sup> April Foley  
3<sup>rd</sup> Eimear O'Sullivan  
Under 10 Boys: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cian Griffin  
3<sup>rd</sup> Laurence Byrnes

Some winners that qualified went on to Listowel. In Listowel there were huge crowds. The experience was wonderful but a bit frightening.

Some people took part in the **Folens Christmas Art Competition**. The winners were Kara O'Connor from 2<sup>nd</sup> class and Dónal O'Sullivan from Senior Infants.

**By: Elizabeth Fuller and Shóna**

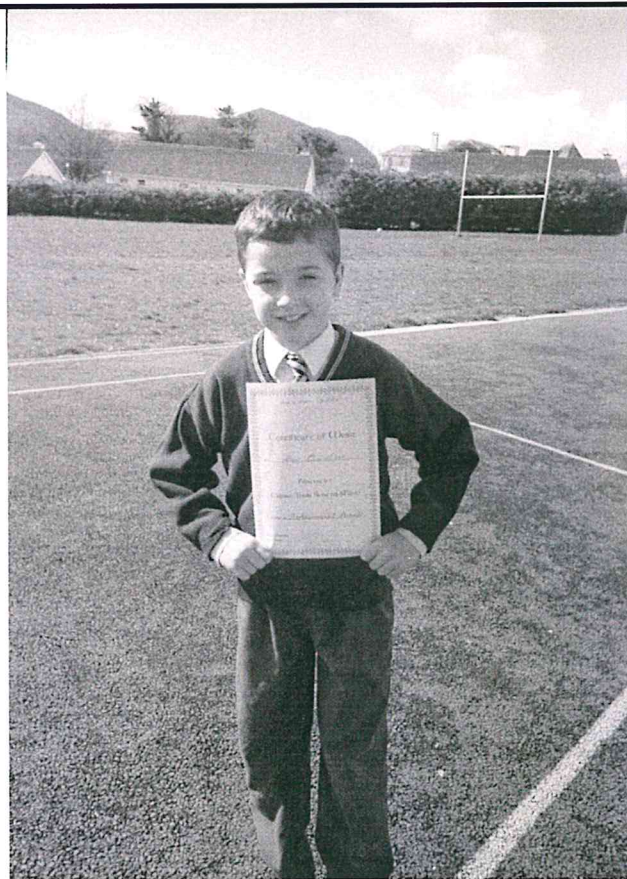
## Junior Basketball Champions

In September the Loreto Basketball teams started training every Monday from 5—6 o'clock. Our trainer is John Keane. He is a funny and active man. Throughout the season he showed us how to shoot, dribble and do lay ups. We enjoyed our training. We beat the Monastery and we beat St. Olivers. We beat Faha in the semi-final. We met the Gael Scoil in the final. It was an exciting match. We won. Everyone got a game.

The captain was Conor Keane and the team members were Laurence Byrnes, Christopher Buckely, Colin O'Donoghue, Conor Murphy, Gearoid 'Coughlan, Michael Ryan, Ryan O'Connor, Jason Farrell, Killian Fleming, Jack Foley, Jevon Flaherty and Patrick Courtney.

On behalf of the team we would like to thank our trainers John and Breeda O'Donoghue and the committee of the Parish Hall.

**By Michael Ryan, Colin O'Donoghue and Conor Keane (3rd & 4th Class)**



Ben Quinlan who participated in the Scór Solo Singing



## “Our Sisters Need to Confess”

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of April second-class girls received their First Confession in Muckcross Church.

There were ten girls making their confession. When we sat down Fr. Kevin said a few words and then second class sang “The lost sheep”. After they acted out the lost sheep story they sang “My Shepard is the Lord”. We then looked at our booklets which had a cross and candle on the front.

Before confession the class sang “Connected” and then they made their First Confession.

At the end they sang another hymn and then Fr. Kevin gave a gift of a magnetic picture of Pope John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> to every girl. Everyone in second class gave their parents a card.

At the end of the evening everyone was talking to Mrs. Foley. Everyone went home and had a celebration after.

**By: Oliver Collins and Ryan O'Connor.**



*Credit Union Schools Quiz  
Loreto 5th & 6th class team came second  
Team included: Katelyn, Meadh, Claudia, Jennifer.*



*Some Junior Infants who participated in the An Taisce's National Spring Clean—1st—3rd April '05*

## Miss Nolans Visit

On Tuesday morning the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2004 Miss Nolan visited our school. She called to chat with all the pupils in every class. At first, when we heard she was coming we felt a little nervous, and as the time was drawing nearer we enjoyed tidying our classroom and preparing for her visit. We welcomed Miss Nolan in the pre-fab with our senior school choir. She visited our classroom on the morning of Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. She was really nice and was very interested in our work. She enjoyed our ‘Doggie booklets’ which we had made in September. She tried to trick us in maths with some brain teasers but we were too clever and she was very impressed with us. We performed a ‘drama beag’ called ‘Oíche Shamhna’ for her and we recited some English poetry.\*\*\*Even Mrs Hickey was pleased with us that day!!!

**By April Foley & Catherine Coppinger**

## Gap Trip

Our Confirmation Class intends going to the Gap of Dunloe with our friends from St. Mary of the Angels. We prepared by watching the touching film ‘Inside I’m Dancing’. We learned that disabled people deserve to be treated with respect and admiration. We learned to be grateful for our own health. We take for granted the things that we can do easily like brushing our teeth. We felt ashamed that sometimes we complain about small things.

When we arrive at St Mary of the Angels we will receive a warm welcome. We will bring the children a little gift from our confirmation money.

Thanks to “Inside I’m Dancing” we hope to be able to understand and reach out to them. We will play soccer at first to get to know each other. We will then travel to Kate Kearney’s Cottage and walk together to the Cailín Bán Cottage. We will chat, have a picnic and take some photographs. Then we will say goodbye and depart from our friends to walk through the Gap. We will see lots of breath-taking scenery.

We hope to stop now and again for a break and to admire the magnificent scenery. We will meet the boats at Lord Brandon’s Cottage. The boatmen will describe the scenery and tell us stories. Fr. Kevin will celebrate a ‘going forth’ mass on Inisfallen Island. We have many beautiful prayers and hymns ready. We will be tired but happy when we arrive back to Ross Castle. I believe everyone will reach out and appreciate the children from St. Mary’s of the Angels School. That will be most important part of the day.

**By: Brendan Fuller and David Doherty.**



## Girls Football Skills

On the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 Vince Cooper came to our school to pick the "Girls Football Skills" team. Girls from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> came out to try out. We had trials since only three of us could represent the school. Bláithín Cronin, Niamh O'Donoghue and Jennifer Courtney were chosen. Our big day came at last on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. It was held up in the Crokes football pitch.

We were both nervous and excited. We arrived up in the pitch at 3:45 pm. Vince Cooper went through each skill with all the schools to make sure everyone knew what to do. He then put us into group of three. We had eight skills to complete. The skills we did were: penalty kick, pick up, high catch, solo run, fist past over the bar, hook kick, punt kick through the goal and accurate kicking with weak leg. We all did very well. We finished up at 5:40 p.m. We did not win but we came second. We were very proud of our performance.

**By Jennifer Courtney 6<sup>th</sup> Class**

## Junior Boys Basketball Champions



## COUNTY SEMI-FINAL

On Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May the Loreto Senior Girls were in the Kerry Girls Football Semi-final. We were playing Ahatubrid N.S. The game was held at Glenbeigh pitch. The game began at 1p.m. Both teams were very evenly matched. At half time Ahatubrid were up two points, but Loreto weren't giving up. It was a very close game, which ended in a draw.

The replay was held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Laune Rangers pitch, Killorglin at 12.30p.m. We warmed up and got ready to play. A few minutes later the referee blew his whistle and the game began. We were determined to do our best and everyone was playing excellently. We were ahead but the game was very close. At half time Loreto were up by one point and were ready to go back on the pitch. The second half began and everyone was jumping out of their skins. The rain was flogging down but we battled on. The tension was nail biting. In the end we won by two points.

Mrs. O'Sullivan was very proud of us and we face the final on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Go n-eirí linn.

**By: Bláithín Cronin**



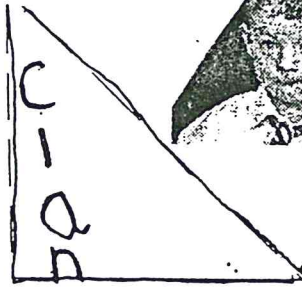
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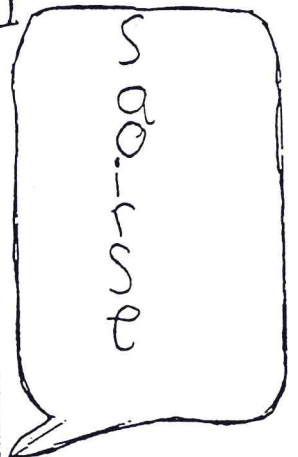
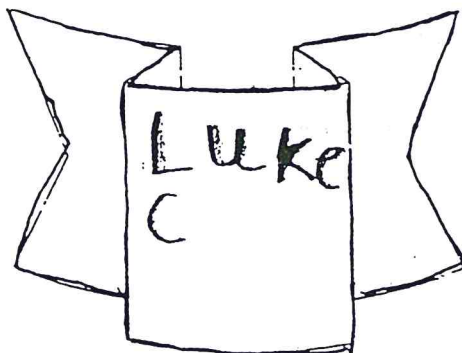
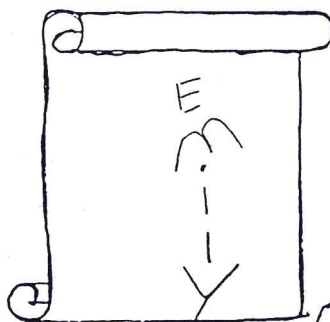
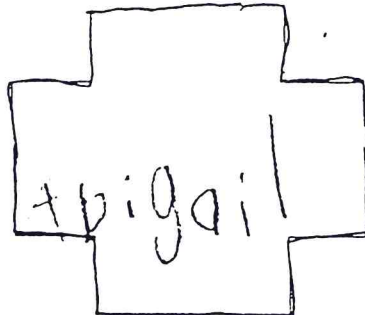
# Junior Infants 2005



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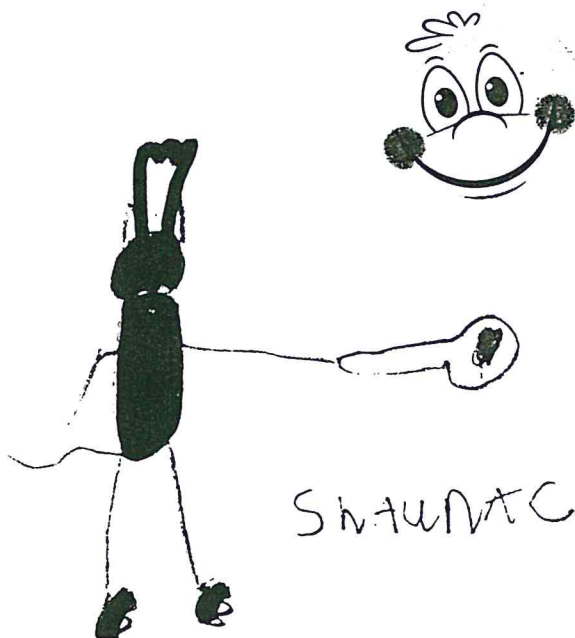




# SENIOR INFANTS



## & FIRST CLASS

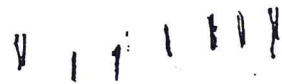


SHAWNACOURTNEY

Q. What kind of food do Chinese cats like to eat?  
A. Egg fried mice.



Q. Where do tadpoles turn into frogs?  
A. In the Croakroom.



LAWSON SULLIVAN





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Q. What do you call a cow eating grass?  
A. A lawn mooer.



Aldina  
Murphy



Brendan Coppinger

John Beecher

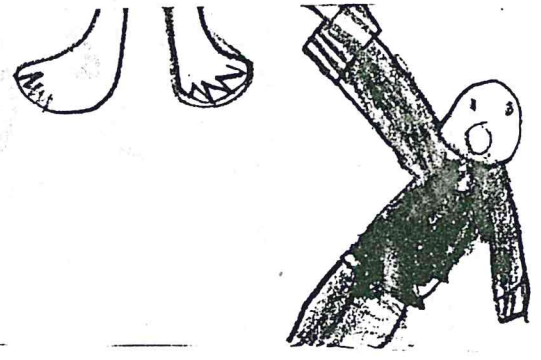


2. What would it be if a church went on fire?  
t. Holy smoke.

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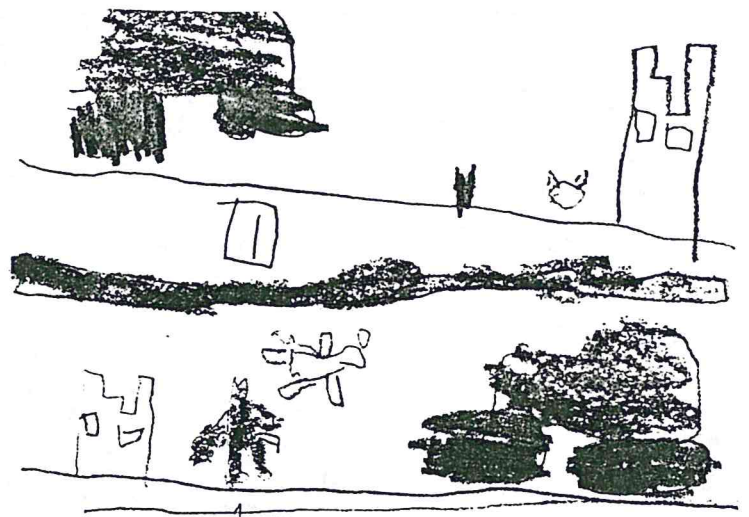


Q. What do you call a polar bear wearing earmuffs?  
A. Anything because he can't hear you.



Q. What do you get if Batman and Robin  
~~get~~ get squashed by a steamroller? ~~get~~

A. Flatman and Ribbon.



TOM SEANEY

Aine O'Sullivan



Q. Where do rabbits go when they get married?  
A. On their bunnymoon.



# Jokes & Bratz Funky Facts from 1<sup>st</sup> Class

Q: Why did the dinosaur cross the road ?  
A: Because chickens weren't invented !  
by Rachel Randles

Q: What did the spanish farmer say to his chickens ?  
A: Olay ! olay, olay, olay !!!  
by Killian Fleming

Q: How do you catch a squirrel ?  
A: Run up a tree and act like a nut !  
by Jack Foley

B.F.F. : Yasmin's nickname is Pretty Princess !  
Aoife O' Donoghue

Q: Why are cooks cruel ?  
A: Because they beat eggs, whip cream and batter fish !  
by Julia Buckley

Q: What did the south wind say to  
the north wind ?  
A: Let's play draughts !  
by Creagh Courtney

Q: Why couldn't the car play football ?  
A: Because he had only one boot !  
by Jevon Flaherty

B.F.F. : Chloe's favourite food is waffles !  
Rachel Randles

B.F.F. : Dana's favourite colour is purple !  
Kathryn Cronin

Q: What is the best hand to write with ?  
A: Neither! It's best to write with a pen !  
by Lydia Coughlan

Q: What's green on the inside and  
yellow on the outside ?  
A: A cucumber dressed as a banana !  
by Tara Casey

Q: Why did the skeleton go to the butcher ?  
A: To get some ribs !  
by Michael Foley

B.F.F. : Yasmin's favourite colours are autumn shades !  
Julia Buckley

Q: What's pink and wobbly and flies ?  
A: A jellycopter !  
by Sean O' Brien

Q: Who was the world's 1<sup>st</sup> underwater spy ?  
A: James Pond !  
by Adam O' Shea

B.F.F. : Chloe's favourite colour is turquoise!  
Lydia Coughlan

Q: Why did the spaceman go to the optician?  
A: Because he had stars in his eyes !  
by Patrick Courtney

Q: Why did the pig go shopping ?  
A: To get some sausages !  
by Kathryn Cronin