Scoil Bhríde—Loreto Newsletter

Welcome to our readers!

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Hello everyone! This is our 8th issue of our annual newsletter and we hope that you will enjoy reading all about the wonderful things we did thorough out 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.



The proceeds of our school magazine will go to a very good cause—*The Children of Chernobyl.* We are sure you have heard of the nuclear disaster which happened there in April, 1986. Some of the children from Chernobyl will visit Killarney in July and will be staying with host families. Funds raised from the sale of this magazine will go towards giving them an enjoyable stay in Killarney.

Chess League



During the winter there was an electrifying surprising Chess League. We

put up a gallant battle against all teams but unfortunately we lost. I believe it does not matter if you win or lose. Jack Madden and I were great and played a part in the team. Brendan Fuller, Killian Buckley, Anthony Hayes and Seán Coppinger were on the team. We enjoyed visiting other schools and hosting games in our school. It was our first time entering the Chess League and we benefited greatly from the experience.

By David Doherty-5th Class.

The Loreto Peru Project

It all began when the Loreto Order donated a large portion of what was traditionally known a "The Nuns' Field" to Scoil Bhride as playing fields. As a measure of gratitude for this very substantial gift to the present and future generations of families and children, a committee was set up to raise funds to help build a school in Jicamarca, in Peru.

On Thursday 18th of December 116 children from Scoil Bhride took part in a carol concert in Muckross Church. The musical director Marina Buckley helped the children with their songs and arrangements. Joan Daly and Mary Teresa Doyle took up the first collection for Peru at the door. The concert raised two thousand euro.

The next fund-raising event was a fun quiz held in The Killarney Oaks, for both adults and children. The quizmaster on the night was Fergal Courtney who did a great job. It was an enjoyable night for all. The quiz raised one thousand and eight hundred

On Monday the 3rd of May there was a fantastic race night held in the Dromhall Hotel. The horses listed in the race card had some very strange and funny names. The horse's name that stood out for us was "Kiss the Bride" This horse was owned by Miss O'Connell. Another funny name was 'Ducks' Delight'. This horse was owned by Niamh O'Donoghue. Vincent Casey did a marvellous job as commentator on the night. Present and former pupils ,parents and Boards of Management supported the event, and all had a wonderful night.

The Loreto-Peru fundraising Committee thank the sponsors and all who contributed to, and supported this worthwhile project. The total amount of money raised at present is just over $\in 11,350$. Your generosity will help to provide a school, which will be run by the Loreto Sisters, for underprivileged children, in Jicmaraca, Peru. The children of Killarney will have the pleasure of picking daisies and playing in the fields in Loreto for generations to come!

By Meadhbh & Sorcha Daly - 5th class

Credit Union Art.

One day our teacher got a letter informing her that there was an art competition for the Credit Union. It had a theme "Credit Unions the heart of our community". A lot of people drew a



picture of Ireland surrounded by a heart.

When we were finished we filled in entry forms and sent them off.

About three weeks later we got a letter to our homes telling us where we came. I came second. We all had to go to the Arus Phadraig to collect our prizes. We each received a calendar, certificate and those who came first second or third got money ranging from thirty to fifty euro. Those who came first in each section went on to the next round between Kerry and West Limerick. Meadhbh got a merit in this section. These are the people who got prizes:

1. Meadhbh Daly

2. Jennifer Courtney3. Rachel O Donoghue

3. Claudia Carroll u11

Merits: Sorcha Daly

Rebecca Galvin Katelyn Murphy

Cliona Browne Shaun Keane.

Dylan McDonnell.

Community Games Art.

Every year our school enters the Community Games art competition shortly after Christmas. This year we entered as usual. Every class took part. Each person had to draw something to do with sport. I drew gymnastics. Most boys drew soccer or football, most of the girls drew basketball, swimming or running. We had about two weeks to do them. Then teacher sent them off. A couple of weeks later a lady came and told us that Kelly-Anne Ryan and Rachel O Donoghue came first and second. Also Michael Foley from Senior Infants came second. They went up to Spa clubhouse to collect their medals. Kelly-Ann and Rachel advanced to Listowel. There they were competing against people from all over Kerry. Michael's age group did not advanced to Listowel. Well done to all who took part,

BY Jennifer Courtney—5th Cass.

The Debates of 5th & 6th 2004

Last October the children of 5th and 6th class debated the motion that "Young people

today have a hard life".

Anthony Hayes and his team tried gallantly but Jack and his team

prevailed to say that "young people have a good life". At Easter we debated the motion "School Uniforms should be abolished"

Unfortunately the judges could not decide a winner so they called it a tie. Debating is very good for discussing problems, having an organised argument in a civilised way, and learning to understand and tolerate other points of view.

By Anthony Hayes. - 6th Class

Our Lesson on Fire Safety

On the 15th October 2003, Sean Foley came to give a report on fire safety. He showed us a video on how to exit a burning building safely when there is a fire. It showed us how to prevent a fire, the main causes of a fire, what to do if our clothes catch fire and how to help somebody who has been electrocuted.

He then showed us how to use a fire extinguisher. There are different types of fire extinguishers Co2 and powder are used for electrical fires while foam and water are used for paper and waste fires.

The students would like to thank Mr. Foley for coming to teach us about Fire safety.

By Claudia Carroll. – 5th Class



Music in the Classroom

On the 7th of January, Loreto went to Music in the Classroom at the INEC in the Gleneagle. There were lots of National Schools in attendance. The music was played by the RTE Concert Orchestra. It was a huge orchestra and the sound was great.

The programme of music was very varied. It began with the "Carnival of the Animals" with people dancing as if they were different animals. This was followed by some super piano playing by a lady named Lisa. She was playing Tchaikovsky the famous Russian composer. A man suddenly appeared and stole the piano and he played equally good. It was very funny. She got the piano back when the conductor of the orchestra gave out to the thief!

This was followed by extracts from Grieg's piano concerto in A Minor. He was from Norway and it was very nice music again played by Lisa, but she managed to keep the piano this time!

Then came some fun tunes led by the conductor. We had song sheets and it began with Red Riding Hood. Then came the Teddy Bear's Picnic and we all joined in those famous lines, "if you go down to the woods today....." and the audience really got going. "Annie's Song" was sung and some people danced.

Then the orchestra played the South Rampart Street Parade. It was happy music and quite jazzy. Everybody clapped to the beat. Then came the "Sandpaper Ballet". They used two pieces of timber and some sandpaper to make some simple sounds. This was accompanied 6 ballet dancers.

The "Great Escape" was probably the best part. It was real movie music and it was great to see a full orchestra in action. You appreciate the sound when you hear it in movies in the background. All those violins together is very powerful.

They wrapped up the show with the "Dublin Singalong". Several famous Dublin city ballads including: "The Spanish Lady", "the River Sáile", and "Poor old Dicy Riley". The singing was great and we enjoyed the show. Special thanks to RTE for bringing their orchestra to Kerry so kids here can get a taste of the classics!

By Brendan Fuller - 5th Class

Ser Market

Rugby 2004

Last February we traveled to the Community College to compete in a rugby blitz. We got togged out and ran onto the pitch ready to play our first game against Lissivigeen. This was a tremendous match.

We drew with the reigning champions 5-5,

which was very good considering that this was our first game. After that we had a short break and then we were got ready to play against our rivals St. Oliver's. We beat them 9-8. It was a tough match but we pulled through. In our third and final game in the group we played Faha. It was a fast paced game and at the end we were tired but satisfied that we had won out our group. Mrs o Sullivan gave us a rousing pep talk to prepare us for the semi-finals. We were getting excited. Our opponents were Rathmore. It was an amazing game and it came down to the wire. As it was a draw we played golden try. Unfortunately we were defeated. We felt that some decisions were unjust but we thoroughly enjoyed our day at the rugby blitz

By Killian Buckley—5th class

Life Education Bus

On Tuesday the 17th of February the South Kerry Life Education centre mobile classroom came to Scoil Bhride. This organisation is set up to provide health and drug awareness programmes to Primary Schools in South Kerry.

The educator was Seamus Whitty. He talked about the dangers of drugs and about our bodies. There was a female model called Tammy. He showed us the organs of her body. Seamus told us if we were ever in trouble or under pressure to be assertive. You have to speak clearly and be calm. You have to stand up straight with hands relaxed. Make eyecontact in a friendly way .Be polite and respectful but firm. Be confident. Give the facts, suggest another idea and walk away if your ideas are not being respected. Don't be afraid to repeat yourself.

The 5th and 6th from Loughquittane came with the sixth class from ILoreto to the bus.

We learned a lot about drugs and coping with peer pressure, and we enjoyed the experience.

by Melissa Foley and Kelly Ryan.—6th Class



Boys Football—11-a- side

LORETO V KILCUMMIN

I was captain of the Loreto team for the week of the 22nd September 03. We had a very exciting match against Kilcummin on the 23rd September and we won. It was the first match of the season. The score was 3 – 07 to 1 – 14. Daniel Healy scored the goal. There was a great team spirit. Killian Buckley injured his finger so he could not play.

Tom Lucey, Alan O' Connor and Brian Murphy were backs. Midfield were Shaun Keane and Daniel O' Connor. Forwards were Seán Coppinger, Killian Treacy, Daniel Healy and Dylan Mc Donnell. The Goalie was Anthony Cronin. Subs were Johathan Cleary, Anthony Hayes, Jack Madden, Graham Fleming and David Doherty. The conditions for play were brilliant. The Kilcummin team played their best but unfortunately they missed lots of chances. Both teams played a good clean game. Loreto are very confident about playing against Gneeveguilla next Tuesday because we have had a great start!

REPORT BY CAPTAIN DANIEL O' CONNOR—6th Class

LORETO V GNEEVEGUILLA

Hi, my name is Anthony Hayes and I am reporting on the above match with the help of my assistants Daniel O' Connor and Killian Buckley.

The match took place on the 30th September 2003. It was a tight match and conditions were wet, damp, cold and slippery. It was looking bad for the first half as Gneeveguilla scored two goals. A great point by Daniel Healy and a welcome goal by Anthony Cronin kept us in contention but Gneeveguilla had the edge in the first half. At half time Mrs. O' Sullivan gave us a serious team talk and we were hyped up for a great second half.

Tactical changes were made and we were soon back in the running. We knew we had to prove ourselves as the score was 1-01 to 2-02 so filled with determination Killian Tracey surged forward to score a magnificent goal. This gave us the confidence to keep up the pace that was necessary to win the game. In the last few minutes we rolled over our opponents. The final scores were Loreto 2 - 07, Gneeveguilla 2 - 04. We are looking forward to our next match. By: Anthony Hayes, Daniel O' Connor

and Killian Buckley.— 6th Class

The Final Game

Hi this is Tom and Jack reporting about our quarter final football game against Firies. It was a crisp, cold but dry day, not really a good day for a quarter final, but it had to do. The game started with a strong wind blowing against us but Killian Treacy still managed to get a few good points beside David McCarthy. However, Firies still were able to show what they were made of. The half-time whistle blew, and we ran over to our coach, the one and only Mrs. O'Sullivan who gave us a rousing pep talk and we ran back onto the field. The game started again and Daniel O'Connor and Tom Lucey had to do their best to stop Fires from scoring. Then our mighty subs jack Madden and Anthony Hayes came on and played a great game. In the end Firies beat us by 1 point. Jack and I would like to thank the one and only Mrs. O'Sullivan for a great school year.

By Tom Lucey and Jack Madden—6th class

Boys Mini Sevens

On the 25th of March the Loreto Boys had a Mini Sevens football tournament in Fitzgerald Stadium. In the morning at 20 past 9 we had to go straight to Fitzgerald Stadium. When we got there we had to get ready for our first game. Our first game was against Kilcummin N.S. We lost by 2 goals and a point, to 1 point. Then we watched a game before our second match. Our second game was against Tiernaboul N.S which we lost by a few points. Unfortunately we were out of the tournament. We had to change to our school clothes and then go back to school. I enjoyed the Mini Sevens tournament even though we didn't win it. Panel Killian Buckley, Tom Lucey, Jack Madden, David McCarthy, Alan O Connor, Killian Treacy, Daniel Healy, Anthony Hayes, Brendan Fuller, David Doherty, Anthony Cronin.

By ALAN O CONNOR—5th Class.

Girls Football

East-Kerry

Mini-Sevens On Friday 26th March 2004 Loreto N.S won the Cumann na mBunscoil mini-sevens girls football competition. They defeated St. Olivers N. S and Tiernaboul N.S to win out their group. They went on meet a very strong Gneeveguilla team in a very close, tough semi-final. The match went to extra time with Niamh O'Donoghue scoring the winning point. Jennifer Courtney and Katelyn Murphy played with great determination in the backs. Blaithín Cronin excelled at mid-field while Rebecca Galvin was very skillful in the forwards.

A very tense nail-biting final was played against Lissivigeen National School. The valiant Lissivigeen girls were defeated by only a point in the last minutes of the game. Score: Loreto 0-3 Lissivigeen 0 -2. Sorcha and Mdeadhbh Daly, Rachel O'Donoghue and Claudia Carroll were all very impressive for Loreto. Girl of the final would have to go to the Loreto goalie Clìona Brown who made some inspirational saves.

Team: Cliona Brown, Jennifer Courtney, Katelyn

Murphy, Blaithin Cronin, Niamh O' Donoghue, Rebecca Galvin, Sorcha Daly, Maedhbh Daly, Claudia Carroll, Rachel O' Donoghue.

County Final

On the 30th of April we went to Austin Stack Park we were representing East- Kerry in the mini-sevens County Final. This is the first time our school has ever progressed this far. The weather was freezing cold, after all the fabulous days we had had in April. We were all hyped up, and ready for action.

Our first game was at 11 a.m. against Knocknagoshel. They put up a great fight but they were a bit tough. Unfortunately they beat us. We were very disappointed but our hopes weren't dampened. Our next game was against Aghatubrid N.S. at 11.40a.m.. They were very skilful players. I scored a goal and Blaithin and Niamh scored also. We were defeated in this game but admittedly Aghatubrid were the stronger side. We still had to play another game against Ardfert. They hadn't won any games yet either and we were playing 11 aside. We won the game with ease. We played confidently when the pressure was off. All in all we had a great day. I enjoyed the fun even though we lost.

By Rebecca Galvin.—5th Class

11-a-side **East-Kerry**

Every year our school enters the Cumann Na mBunscoil football league. This year for the second year in a row our girls won the East Kerry title. The final was supposed to be on Wednesday the 5th but was postponed to Friday the 7th of May due to bad weather conditions. We played Faha N.S and Anabla N.S. We had to be at the Crokes pitch at 12:45am. We were drawn first against Anabla and then straight afterwards Faha. We were victorious in both and we were presented with the East Kerry plaque.

Our team is as follows:

Goals: Cliona Browne Backs: Katelyn Murphy Claudia Carroll, Jennifer Courtney Emma Treacy, Mid-Field: Melissa Foley, Blathin

Cronin. Forwards: Niamh O Donoghue Rachel O Donoghue, Rebecca Galvin, Meadhbh Daly Subs: Kelly-Ann Ryan Jessica O Sullivan,

Sorcha Daly. By: Jennifer Courtney -5th Class

Kerry Quarter-Final

On Tuesday the 18th of May, the fifth and sixth class girls were in the Kerry girls football quarter final after qualifying as winners of East Kerry. The match was held in the Beaufort G.A.A. club. Loreto were playing against Glenbeigh N.S. We left school at 1.30pm. We arrived at Beaufort at around 1.50pm. The match started at 2.00pm. Loreto were doing very well and the game was very level. Both Loreto and Glenbeigh were battling hard. At half-time we weren't down by much. In

the second half everyone was trying their best but unfortunately Glenbeigh were the better team and won the game. In goal we had Cliona Brown, fullbacks were Sorcha Daly and Katelyn Murphy, halfbacks Emma Treacy and Jennifer Courtney, midfields Blaithin Cronin and Melissa Foley, half forwards Niamh O Donoghue and Rachel O Donoghue, full forwards were Meadhbh Daly and Rebecca Galvin. Our subs were Kelly-Ann Ryan, Jessica O' Sullivan and Claudia Carroll. We would like to thank all the parents who drove us to the games and we would especially like to thank Mrs. O'Sullivan who trained us and brought us to games.

By Blaithin Cronin.—5th Class

You're a Star

St. Brigid's Secondary School needed to raise funds to improve facilities for the students. The Parents Council decided to hold a "You're a Star Contest to raise some money. The competition was open to both primary and secondary students.

A teacher from the school went around to all the schools in the area. He explained that there would be one night for primary students and one night for secondary students. He handed out application forms; the entry fee was 10 euros per group and 5 euros per individual. There were two entries from 5th class.

Rachel, Blaithín, Jennifer, Níamh and I decided to enter for fun. We couldn't choose what song to sing but after a lot of arguing we thought of a song. One of us suggested singing "Superstar" by Jamilia. We paid the fee and there was no going back.



Rachel offered to hold the rehearsals in her house. Rachel's sister Valerie kindly helped us with our dance routine. We practised at least three nights a week. Also Mrs. Buckley helped us with our singing.

The competition was held in Darby O'Gills Hotel on Friday February 6th. The Presentation Parents Councils put a lot of effort into getting things organised on the night. You could vote for your favourite acts. It was 1 euro per vote. The act that got the most votes at the end of the night won the contest. 1st prize was 250 euros and 100 euros for their school. 2ND prize was 100 euros.

When the big night arrived we had one final rehearsal in Rachel's house and went

straight to the hotel. We queued up in the hall and discovered we were the fourth act on. "Botty" was the MC for the night. There was a huge crowd and all our families come to support us.

We were very excited and nervous at the same time. When it come to our turn we did brilliant and made no mistakes.

After our performance we were able to sit down and enjoy the rest of the show. Some acts were storytelling and instrumentals. Rebecca, Sorcha, Meadhbh and Claudia sang "Misfit" by Amy Studt and gave an excellent performance.

When the results were announced we were overjoyed to come second and win the 100 euros. Lissivigeen came first. St Brigid's were delighted with the amount raised for their school. Claudia was lucky to win a hamper in the raffle. We also got our picture taken for the newspaper.

By Katelyn Murphy—5th class

Our Confirmation

On the 19th of March at three o' clock 2004 6th class received the sacrament of confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral.

There were a lot of people in the church and it looked beautiful. Bishop Bill Murphy celebrated our mass. It was lovely. Seven people from 6th class in Loreto N.S sang the responsorial psalm" sing a song to the lord's holy name". Kelly, Melissa, Emma, Jack, Tom, Killian and I all enjoyed singing it. Anthony spoke about the Saint whose name he had chosen for Confirmation. Daniel brought up a gift. The Bishop then went around and asked the confirmation pupils questions. He gave us a great talk about growing up and making choices. We were then confirmed. At Five o 'clock the mass was over.

All the 6th class felt it was a beautiful mass.

By Jessica O' Sullivan-6th Class

Killarney 250 Paint Your Favourite Poem Art Competition.

Many children in Scoil Bhride entered this art competition. It was a different type of art competition. You had to draw a picture to portray a poem. I drew a picture of a poem that was in my English book called 'The Examiner'. I drew a girl in an exam depicting all the thoughts that were going through her head. There was a different level for each class. It took a while for us all to finish our pictures but we finally got them sent away.

On Tuesday the 25th of May, an envelope was sent to the school for me [Rachel O Donoghue] with a prize for coming first out of all fifth classes in Killar-

ney. I won a fifty euro voucher for the book shop. I am delighted with my prize.

By Rachel O Donoghue—5th Class

Our trip to St. Mary's of the angels and the gap of Dunloe

It was the 20th of May 2004. We adventured the gap of Dunloe and met new friends.

First we visited the children from St. Mary of the Angels. There was a big picnic ready for us when we arrived. After our picnic we all got a partner and looked after them and headed for the Gap. At about 1 o' clock we stopped at the Cailin Bawn Cottage and had our lunch with our special friends. We shared our sweets and chatted.

We said our goodbyes and headed for the long journey ahead.

After about three hours of walking and taking breaks, we finally came to Lord Brandon's Cottage, Where we had a drink, a rest and a chat. After that we went on a boat trip for about an hour. The boat man, Jim Doyle showed us the beautiful sights of Killarney. He told us many stories of the lakes. At one stage the water in the



lake was very shallow, so we had to get out to let the boat go under the Old Weir Bridge.

Then we had a special mass on Inisfallen Island .This is where the monks used to pray hundreds of years ago. It is a mass we will never forget.

After our long day we finally arrived at Ross Castle. From this day learned how much we should appreciate our health, families and friends.

BY EMMA TREACY—6th class

Summer Fest Banner



All schools were invited to participate in producing a shop window banner for Summer Fest. Ms. O'Connell rose to the challenge, and ably assisted by Mrs. Maureen Beecher and 5th and 6th class, all putting in overtime—this wonderful banner was created.

A big "Thank You"

To Board of Management, the Parents Council, and to all parents who have helped out in any throughout the year your help has is greatly appreciated.

STICKS AND STONES ANTI-BULLYING

On March 26th Laura from Sticks and Stones came to visit our school. Sticks and stones is a drama company which acts out scenes of bullying, showing the tactics of the bully and the pain of the victim. We discussed various types of bullying - physical, verbal, emotional and social. Children talked openly about their own experience of bullying, the responsibility of adults when bullying is going on, and ways of dealing with bullying. The main places where bullying could took place in our school were the toilets, playground, playing fields and the basketball court.

We were divided into groups and asked to perform the different scenes of bullying that could take place in our school. The most usual form of bullying that we have experienced in our school is where a child is left out of a group. This was dramatised many times during our workshop.

Mrs Whitty is organising a play about bulling called "The Angel Of Nitshill Road", and the children from 5th and 6th class are taking part. We love rehearsing the play because we understand it and can relate to the characters. It is great fun.

The play is about the bully Barry Hunter who makes life miserable for plump Penny, clumsy Mark and shy Marigold. Then one day a mysterious sensitive visitor arrives at the school and everything changes for the best.

By Niamh, Daniel and Blaithin

Town League Basketball

3rd TIME LUCKY for the Senior girls

In the first term of this school year we played basketball against Ballycasheen. The result was a victory for Loreto girls. Our next game was against Knockaderry they though they would beat us but Luck and skill prevailed and we won the match. We had a very good game against Kilcummin and we won by nine points. We were drawn to play the Mercy in the quarter final. This was our toughest match so far, and in the first half we were losing, but then in the second half we pulled up our socks and beat our opponents. Our supporters encouraged us to play our best, and we obliged. We reached the semi-final against Fossa. Although tired and weary we had a football blitz that day. Our luck did not run out and we continued our victorious season with another

The final match of the season was played against Knockaderry.

The standard of play was very high and we played our hearts out and had a great score. We were jumping around with joy and excitement. Mrs Breeda O Donoghue was very proud of us, we would like to thank her for coaching and encouraging us at basketball.

Captain: Melissa Foley Our team: Niamh O Donoghue Katelyn Murphy Kelly-Ann Ryan **Elaine Courtney**

Blaithin Cronin

Jennifer Courtney Rebecca Galvin Cliona Browne Rachel O Donoghue

By Niamh O'Donoghue



Senior girls Basketball Team with coach Breda

Senior Boys Basketball

Killian Treacy David McCarthy and Tom Lucey here **reporting** about this year's senior boys basketball. We started training on Mondays shortly before winter with our coach John Keane. Our 1st game was against St. Oliver's N.S. They were much taller and stronger than the modest Loreto team but we were determined to win so we played our hardest and won by three points. Our 2nd game was against Faha. We also won this game .Our 3rd game was against Anabla. N.S. however we lost this game so this put us in the plate. This didn't dampen our spirits. We still wanted to win something so we proceeded to the final .In the final we played Knockaderry N.S. They were a really strong team and they beat us.

Our team consisted of our captain Tom Lucey, Killian Treacy David McCarthy Conor Keane, Shaun Keane, Sean Coppinger, Jack Madden, Killian Buckley, Brian Murphy, Anthony Cronin and Graham Fleming, We'd like to thank John for training us all year. Thank you.

Junior Basketball

The junior basketball team started training on Monday evenings at five. At the first training we did drills, lay ups and shots. Sometimes we played against the girls. John our trainer was funny sometimes. Training is really fun. John named the first five players for our friendly match. They were Brian Murphy (capt.) Conor Keane, Laurence Byrnes, Graham Fleming, Anthony Cronin. We played Faha. We went back to training and after a few sessions we started the Town League.

In the first match we played Gael Scoil. In the second match we played Anabla. When we played Gail Scoil we lost 18—20. When we played Anabla we won the score was 25—5. In the third match we played Fossa and we won 11—5. In the fourth match we beat Knockaderry 25—10. Then at last we got to the final against Gael Scoil our rivals. The final ended Gaeil Scoil 26 and Loreto 22. After the match we shook hands. After the game both teams agreed that we had great fun throughout the comprtition. Overall Gael Scoil won out the competition.

> By Gearoid Coughlan, Laurence Byrnes, Conor Keane, (3rd Class)

Muckie the Muckross Monster?

Three writers from Fia-Rua visited our school on May the 13th 2004. John W Sexton, Eileen Sheehan and Linda Horgan told us different stories about Muckie the Muckross Lake Monster.

Last summer, scientists discovered that there was something huge in one of the Killarney Lakes. It was the length of a two storey house.

The lake is so deep that if anyone went down he or she would drown. We saw pictures which scientists had taken by ultra sound camera. The red blob in the middle is a living thing. I am afraid that the only way of solving the mystery of Muckie will be when this big strange creature decides to

show himself by coming up to the surface of the lake.

John W Sexton told us a fascinating story of a Loughquittane Monster who lived in the lake hundreds of years ago. The story goes as follows and you can believe it or not.

I believe that the Monster was in the sea when the Ice Age happened and the earth became a different shape. The Monster stayed in the depths of the deep water but one day he decided he was hungry and he needed to get some food. He rose up from the lake made a great commotion and like a turtle used his fins to waddle out of the lake, across the road and into a farmer's house. In the kitchen there was a wooden table and on a plate on the table was a chicken. In the corner there was a cradle and in the cradle there was a baby asleep. The Monster looked at the chicken and then turned his big body around to look at the sleeping baby. Which one will be the tastiest- the chicken or the baby? I fancy the baby and just as he was bending

his long neck into the cot the farmer came into the kitchen! Can you imagine his astonishment at what he saw. He picked up a shovel and whacked the Monster on the neck. Now the intruder had a thick gold chain with heavy pendants and when the fight took place to rescue the baby the gold chain fell to the ground. As the farmer was picking up the jewellery the Monster waddled back to the lake. Shortly afterwards Loughquittane froze over and the Monster was never seen again.

The baby was safe, the chicken was still on the table and the farmer went into town and sold the gold chain and became a very rich man.

I do not believe Muckie the Muckross Lake Monster will come up but just in case he does I'll be ready. Make sure to lock your doors and keep your babies safe from hungry Monsters!

By Sean Coppinger Typist Daniel O'Connor.

Storytelling

On the 13th of May Sorcha Daly and Rebecca Galvin took part in the Children's Seanchai storytelling competition which was a tribute to Eamon Kelly, who was a famous storyteller in Kerry. Their were 12 other participants and they were all very talented . The competition took place in the K.D.Y.S. in Killarney.

Rebecca's story was "The First Confession". There was another boy doing it as well but he did a different part of the story .The was about a boy called Jackie (the main character) who was making his first confession. He was a very awkward person .In the Confession box he was kneeling up on the place where you put your elbows and he fell off and out the door. The priest and his horrible sister Nora

gave out to him .It was very funny. Rebecca performed her story really well but didn't get through to Listowel .She was disappointed but there is always next year . Sorcha told a story about "The Resurrection of

Kate Finnucane". The story was about a man who he went to a wake and the corpse woke up from the dead. It was very funny indeed. Sorcha got through to the county final in Listowel on the 5th of June.

Overall the day was very enjoyable and each participant was awarded with a certificate .We hope to do as well next year. We are delighted to report that Sorcha came second in the county final in Listowel.

We would especially like to thank Ms O' Connell and Mrs. Whitty for helping us along the way.

By Rebecca Galvin and Sorcha Daly.

A Special Visitor

Mr. Linnane from Ballydonoghue in Listowel came to our school on Wednesday 19th May. He came to chat to us about our Religion. He is a retired school teacher. First, he asked us about Adam and Eve and the forbidden tree. Then we sang for him. He asked us about Jesus dying on the cross, the different people who Jesus met during his life and the wedding feast of Cana.

The he told us a story from the Bible with relaxing music playing in the background. He told us to close our eyes before he told the story and said to listen and join in. He said this was another way of praying called meditation. We really enjoyed this part of the visit very much. As it was his first visit to our school, we had our photo taken with him.

By Meadbh McSweeney & Lorraine Lucey—4th class

Primary Schools Athletics—County Finals

On Wednesday 12th May many pupils from Loreto took part in the Local area school finals in Spa.

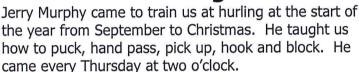
Then on Saturday 29th May a number of athletics went on to represented Loreto in the School Sports county Finals in Castleisland.

Our relay team of Sean
Coppinger, Daniel Healy, Brian Murphy and Anthony Cronin battled valiantly and got into the final.
April Foley, Aife Scannell, Laren
O'Connor and Jason Farrell did our school proud. Elaine Courtney got
1st place in the 80m and Daniel
Healy came second in the 200m.
Well done everybody.



Senior Girls football team

Hurling





The county board provided helmets, hurleys and sliotars, as you have to wear a helmet if you are under 18. We played on the basketball court and if it was dry we would play on the grass. We would put on our helmets get our hurleys and Jerry would do a few skills with us with the sliotars. He split us into two teams. We all enjoyed playing hurling under the guidance of Jerry. It was a good experience. Jerry is a very experienced hurler and trainer.

Jerry is now retired from training. We are now anxiously waiting for our new trainer to come. Hope he comes tomorrow. Hurling is one of the fastest ball games in the world.

By: Tomas O'Sullivan, Christopher Buckley and Cian O'Lionaird (3rd Class)



Bats of the World

Lyn Boylan from Knockreer House came to our school. She told us about bats. She told us that bats are not blind but when they are born they are blind for a while. There are nine species of bats in Ireland. Kerry ahs the highest population of Lesser Horse Shoe bats Lesser Horse Shoe bats like a rough surface to hand from while they are sleeping. They hang by their feet. The best place for bats to live is in railway tunnels. There are some in Caherciven. The best time to see small bats is at sun set and the bigger ones come out later.

Bats eat insects. They are nocturnal creatures. They are not competing for food with birds. The bats

habitats are under ridges, in caves, in attics, cracks and crevices. Some bats live in trees which they use as corridors and for cover so enemies can't seen them. Bridges are a good place for bats to live because they are a lot of insects to eat there. Caves are good because the temperature barely changes.

She showed us some pictures of bats, the big-eared bat and the South African bat. She showed us a dead bat. It was small and fluffy and had two big teeth. She said that more bats are dying because trees are being cut down. Some bats are now a protected species.

It was a new experience for all of us.

By Anthony Cronin & Jamie 'Sullivan (4th class)

The Easter Bunny

Two weeks before the Easter raffle, Mrs. Hickey showed us the big prize for the Easter raffle. The big prize was a lovely, fluffy Easter bunny. It was one of the nicest teddies I ever saw. The teddy was so cute. Teacher told us that one ticket cost 10c. Other people from 3rd and 4th class brought in other wonderful prizes but my favourite was the Easter Bunny. The very next day everyone began to bring in lots of money. Most of the children were very excited. Very soon, all the tickets were sold. Two weeks later all the children were outside playing, when the bell rang. All the children from Scoil Bhride Loreto lined up in a big line. Everyone was very excited.

The big raffle was about to start. Everybody was talking so Mrs O'Sullivan rang the bell to stop them talking, everybody stopped talking and looked. The youngest child Aldina picked out the ticket and gave it to Mrs. Hickey and called out the name, it was Ben. Ben won the Easter Bunny. Ben was very happy that he wont he Easter Bunny. The teachers took lots of pictures of Ben and the Easter Bunny. Then we went into the Classroom.

As we counted all the money we collected it was €415 for a hospital in Monze Mission Hospital in Lusaka in Zambia (near Victoria Falls) Africa. A girl called Rachel Finnegan came to collect the money. She is going to work in the hospital for the summer and will help to set up an intensive care unit. Another girl Catriona Hickey will go with her to work free of charge for the summer.

By Brianna McDonnell, Shona O'Sullivan, April Foley, (3rd Class)

G.A.A. Skills Competition



Daniel Oconnor, Sean Coppinger and Sean Keane who represented Loreto to the G.A.A Skills Competition

Weather Station at Muckross

We went to Muckross on the 27th May and we saw a weather station. In the weather station was the Stephenson screen which is 120 cm tall which is the same type used all over Ireland and all are the same standard. On the hottest day so far this year it was 20 degrees.

Mr Murphy does fourteen readings a day.

Muckross has been recording since 1943. We read the temperature for the 26th May. It was 15 degrees.



We discovered that there were three soil thermometers in the weather station. One went 50cm into the earth, the second 100cm and the third 120cm. We discovered the further down into the earth the colder it got.

We saw the rain gauge which measures the rain fall every day. The gauge was empty on the 27th of May because there was no rain on the 26th. The gauge was a cylinder shape. We also saw the evaporation tank. It tells us how much water is soaked up by wind and sun every day.

By Jonathon Cleary, Patrick Coppinger, Paddy O'Donoghue (4th Class)

Our friends in Kenya

6th class in Loreto have adopted Ernest Mururu who lives in Kenya. He attends Upendo Primary School. He is 11 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.

Ernest latest school report tells us his behaviour is improving but he must try harder.

Go n-Éirí Libh



We wish every good luck to our 6th class as they move on to secondary

school. We hope they take with them many happy memories of their years in Loreto.

Go dté sibh slán

Exploring Nature

We went on a school tour with Mrs. Hickey. She took us to the nursery in Muckross Gardens first. Kathleen O'Sullivan showed us around the glasshouse and 2 tunnels.

In the glasshouse, Kathleen showed us how to sow seeds, plant leaf and stem cuttings and leaf cuttings. Then she showed us the mist bench. The mist comes on by sensor. When the earth around the sensor gets dry, the mist comes on automatically. This is where Kathleen has her cuttings.



In the tunnel, Kathleen showed us a lemon balm plant. The lemon balm plant is used to make lemon tea. We saw a rubber plant too and she showed us how to do a trick with it. Then she showed us the shading tunnel. This is where she grows plants that like to be in the shade.

Later went to Muckross Abbey. We saw the Yew tree in the middle of the cloisters and it is hundreds of



years old. We found it amazing that the branches of the Yew tree spread into all the upstairs rooms of the Abbey. The monks used a piece of bark to heal a person or an animal. There is a saying about the Yew tree that if you harm it, it will bleed, but this is only said because the sap of the tree is red.

We saw plants at the start of their lives and trees that have lived for hundreds of years.

By Elizabeth Fuller and Ellen O'Sullivan—
(3rd Class)

KNOCKREER

On Monday the 29th of March, 5th and 6th classeswent to Knockreer. 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. Lynn 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 about an inch long, Killian Buckley found a fish egg that was

hatching and Rachel found a stonefly nymph. Later we went looking for with our 'pooters'. A 'pooter' is a jar with two straws, one has a grill which you suck through, the other is held over the insect. We climbed 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. I really enjoyed the day.

By Brendan O'Shea - 5th Class

Storytelling

Mr. Sean O'Leary from Portmagee, Co. Kerry came to visit our school last October. He told our class a story abut young Tomás. It was a very funny story. It was long and was all about a magic ring. The magic ring brought Tomás luck. We laughed a lot at the story, it was really funny. It was also magical. Even though the story was long we really enjoyed it. We were the first class to every hear this story. He told different stories to different classes.

By Sarah Treacy & Caoimhe Doyle (3rd Class)



Sorcha and Rebecca get ready for the storytelling

The Gathering

The 5th Annual gathering festival was held last February, in association with the GlenEagle Hotel. It is an Irish music festival and is attended by people s from all over the world.

In Ireland years ago, if people were having a party it was known as a gathering and when the party was over it was referred to as the scattering this is how the gathering festival got its name.

This year for the first time the organisers brought some young musicians to Scoil Bhride, together with a Polka set from Boston. All pupils assembled in Mrs. Foley's Class room to enjoy the music and dance. Stephen O'Carroll played the accordion, Tadhg Buckley played the flute and tin whistle and Pat Healy played the guitar.

On the Thursday evening a special tribute was paid to Daniel's grandfather, Johnny O'Leary for his life long contribution to Sliabh Luachra music. This years Gathering festival was a great success with workshops and master classed for each instrument. Ben's sister Danielle attended the accordion workshop. There were also fantastic concerts and ceilis throughout the weekend with world famous artisits taking part. The Scattering took place on the Sunday evening.

By: Daniel Healy and Ben Quinlan



Miss O'Connell being presented with flowers by 6th class boys to mark her engagement.

Presentation to Sr. Pauline

Last November Bishop Bill Murphy celebrated Mass in the Church of the Resurrection to mark the retirement of Sr. Pauline Boyle as diocesan Advisor on the Religion Programme. The Children of the parish took part in the mass and sang in the choir. Teachers from different schools did the prayers of the faithful. St. Pauline's brother Michael did a reading and her sister Noeline sang the psalm. The choir was conducted by Pádraig McIntyre.



Sr. Pauline Boyle and Fr. Francis Nolan

After the Mass St. Pauline, her family, friends and many teachers from the diocese went for a meal to the GlenEagle Hotel.

After the meal Bishop Murphy presented Sr. Pauline with an original Copper Plaque. The art work was done by Mr. Tony O'Callaghan. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

By: Niamh Cronin and Aife Scannell.

Quiz Masters

Two weeks before we had the Killarney Credit Union Quiz, our teacher, Mrs. Hickey, asked us 50 questions to choose the members for the quiz team. The people who made the team from 3rd and 4th class were Brian, Daniel, Graham, Patrick and Ross as the sub. Unfortunately, Patrick was three weeks over age so Ross was on the team and Anthony was the Sub. We practiced a lot at home, at each other's houses and at school. We made a rota of going to each other's houses. We stayed in at break to practice for ten minutes for a few days. Our teacher gave us lots and lots of quiz sheets.

On Sunday, the day of the quiz, we were very nervous because there were a very large number of other school teams. We were called to table 9. When we got to the table, we waited for quite a while. We were getting more nervous by the minute. At the end of the 5th round, the highest score was 28. We were second. There wee a few hard questions at the end. At the end, we were very nervous because they were counting the scores and we were even more nervous because we did not know who would win between us and Kilcummin. At the end, we found out we lost by only one point. We would have won but at the end, we changed an answer that was the correct one. We enjoyed taking part. We had a picture at the end and we got a big trophy each.

By: Brian Murphy, Graham Fleming and Ross Fleming.—4th Class

Senior Ouiz:

The senior part of the Credit Union quiz was hotly contested by the following two teams: Anthony Hayes, Killian Buckley, Jack Madden and Brendan Fuller.

Jennifer Courtney, Tom Lucey, Alan O'Connor and Melissa Foley. Subs on the day were Brendan O'Shea and David Doherty. They fought a great battle enjoyed the day and came in 4th and 5th places respectively. Well done every-







Junior Infants











5th Class



6th Class





DO YOU RECOGNISE ANYONE?





Senior Boys Basketball team along with Coach John



Junior Boys Basketball team along with Coach John





Scoil Bhride welcomes the Italian Special Olympics Team

Funny! Funny! Have a Laugh with ft &2nd classes ('03/'04)

Q:Why does Mrs. Foley wear sunglasses???

A: Because her pupils are so bright!!!

Q:Why is milk the
fastest thing on earth?
A:because it is
'past-ur-eyes-ed'
before you see it!
Áine O' Sullivan

Girl: My dog is good at maths, ask him what is 2-2.
Boy: But it's nothing!
Girl: I know, he says nothing!
Lauren O' Connor

Q:What happens to a hamburger that misses a lot of school? A:He has a lot of ketchup time!

Kara O' Connor

Teacher: Why are you so late?
Pupil: I was obeying the sign that says
SCHOOL AHEAD, GO
SLOW!
Emma Wade Thomas

Q:Why did the skeleton go to the restaurant? A:To get some ribs! Andrea Mc Carthy

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Boo! Boo who? No need to cry, it's only a joke! Hannah Collins

Q:What did the earwig say when he jumped out of the plane? A:Ear we go! Fimear O' Sullivan

Riddle me this, riddle me that-Guess my riddle Or perhaps not! Eves ablaze looking 4 legs crouching near 4 legs-what is it? A:Dog by dinner table...begging! Siobhán Fleming

Boy: My dog thinks he's a cameral Mom: What makes you think that?
Boy: He keeps on snapping at people!
Emily Treacy

Q;What do you get from nervous cows? A:Mikshakes! Oliver Collins

Teacher: Why are you picking your nose in class?
Pupil: Because my mom says I can't do it at home!
Michael Ryan

Q:When a knight in armour was killed in battle, what sign did they put on his grave? A: Rust in peace!

Conor Murphy

Knock! Knock!
Who's there?
Ben!
Ben who?
Ben a long time since
I 've seen you!
Ryan O Connor

Q: What fur do you get from a tiger? A: As fur away as possible! Catherine Coppinger

Teacher:Be sure you go straight home.
Pupil:I can't, I live around the corner!
Elaine Courtney

Q: Why did the pupil study on a plane?

A:To get a higher grade! Rebecca Walsh

Teacher: What's the difference between an African and an Indian elephant? Pupil: About three thousand miles!

Zoe O' Sullivan

Q:What would happen if you took the school bus home? A:The gardai would make you bring it back! Jason Farrell

Q:What did the zero say to the eight? A: Nice belt! Michael Lagan

Q:What do gnomes do afterschool? A:Gnomework! Alastair Burkitt

I see', said the blind man, 'a hole in the wall'. 'You're a liar!' said the dummy, 'you can't see at all!' Alison Shaw

Q:What is a spys favourite programme? A:Hidden camera! Aoife Healy

Knock!Knock!
Whos there?
Banana!
Banana who?
Knock!Knock!
Who's there?
Banana!
Banana who?
Knock! Knock!
Who's there?
Banana!
Banana who?
P.T.o.>>>

...Knock! Knock!
Who's there?
Orange!
Orange who?
Orange you glad I didn't say Banana!
Colin O' Donoghue

Highlights from our school diary Sept.'03-June'04 By 1st & 2nd classes

1st term:

- Beginning of the year school Mass...Harvest theme.
- Halloween decorations...bats cats...witches...scary stories...Halloween party!
- Christmas carol service...new songs...drummer boy costumes and donkey masks!
- Christmas party...lots of goodies and games!

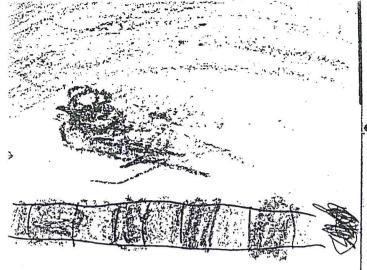
2nd term:

- ♦ Aoife Healy joins us in 2nd class.
- R.T.E. Music in the classroom...INEC,Gleneagle.
- Knitting mania!...needles, wool and patterns everywhere! Headbands, wristbands, handbags, Bratz accessories and clothes!
- Lighter schoolbags!...boxes for our books.
- Visitors from Knockreer House informing us on Bats.
- Our project on The Titanic Great fun gathering information and pictures!
- Our 3-D shape creation..our new friend called 'Dibuco Lynderic' joins our class!
- Chess, chess and more chess! New chess sets and decks of cards galore!

- 'The Gathering'... Local and American visitors entertain us in our classroom!
- Easter Raffle...prizes for everybody!
- ♦ Easter party...food, fun and games!

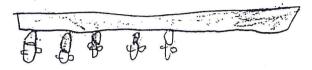
3rd term:

- Alastair Burkitt joins us in 2nd class
- Preparation for our ceremonies of 1st confession, Service of Light and 1st Holy Communion.
- * Faith Friends...meetings and fun!
- Our May Altar...candles and flowers.
- Our celebration of First Confession and Service of Light in Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross.
- 2nd class receive their First Holy Communion in Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross.
- May procession...beautiful flowers for Our Lady...story of 'Bernadette' and 'The children of Fatima'.
- Our school tour...great excitement...Fota Wildlife Park...train...commuter train...cameras...animals... birds...souvenirs...food!
- 'Daily Star' giveaway! Nike kit for our school... Nike jersey (red), togs (black) and socks (black) for all the team.
- Muckie...the Muckross monster...workshop visits our class...pictures, poetry, stories and models...Does he really exist???
- Computers for schools...Tesco tokens...we collected 4,700!
- School Sports Day...we're really looking forward to an action packed fun day on Wed. 16th June!
- Summer holidays...new booklists...summer party...end of year school mass...yet to be enjoyed!



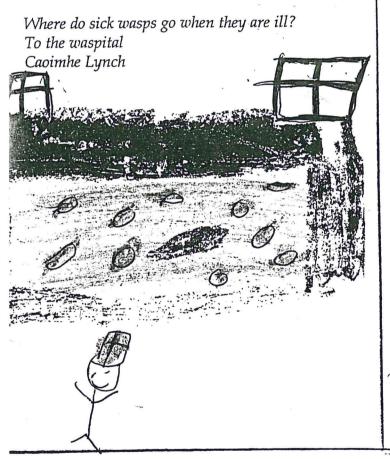
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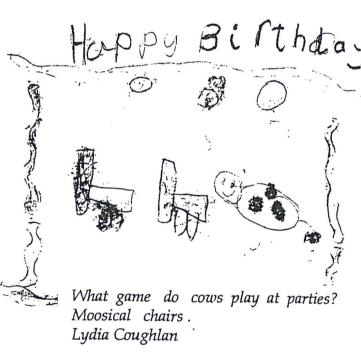
Aoife O'Donoghue



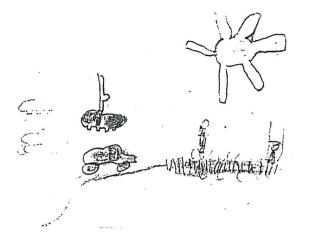
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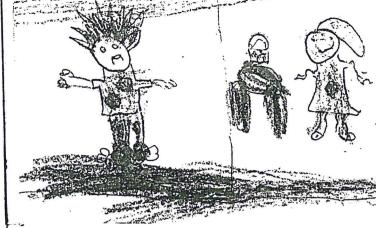
Adam O'Shea





Senior Infants





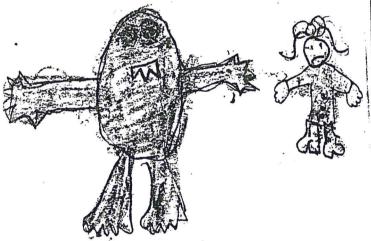
'hy couldn't the car play foofball Once there was a girl and her mom and dad went out. cause it only had one boot. ıthryn Cronin

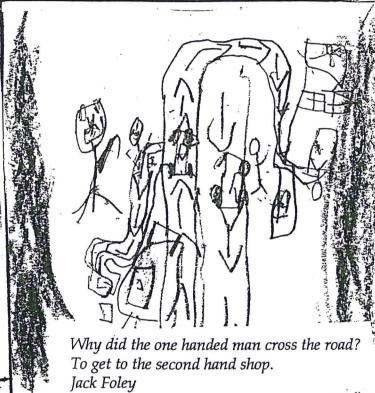
The phone rang and a man said, "I am the man with the blooded finger and I am at your gate." She didn't have time to sa or goodbye. She got scared. She put down the phone.

The phone rang again and a man said, " I am the man with the blooded finger and I am at your door." She put down the z The doorbell rang. She opened it.. A man said, "I am the man with the blooded finger. I am right here near you. Can I have

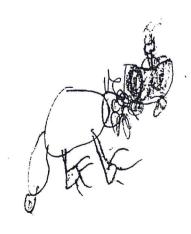
Julia Buckley

What did the monster eat after having his teeth out? The dentist. Tara Casey







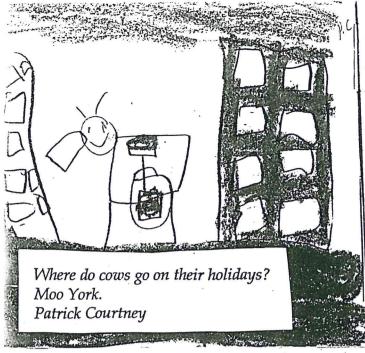




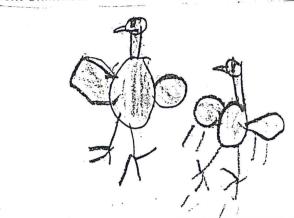
Vhy do birds fly south for the winter? t's too far to walk.

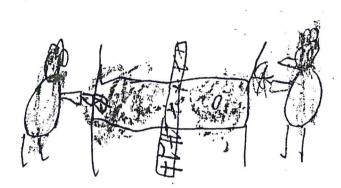


What did the lion say when he saw two boys on skateboa Meals on wheels! Creagh Courtney

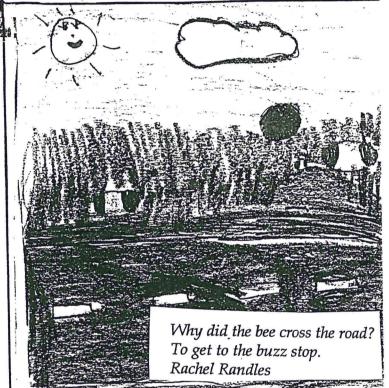


Why are you jumping up and down?
I've just taken my medicine and I forgot to shake the bottle
Oisin Shannon

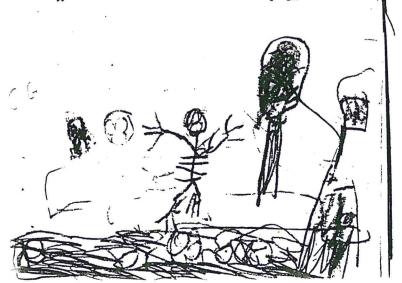




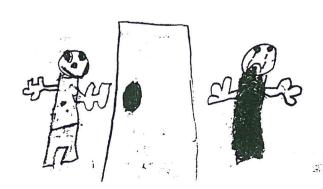
What happens if you play table tennis with a bad egg? First it goes ping and then it goes pong. David Naughten



Vhy did the skeleton cross the road? lecause he wanted to get some spare ribs from the restaurant. Lian Griffin

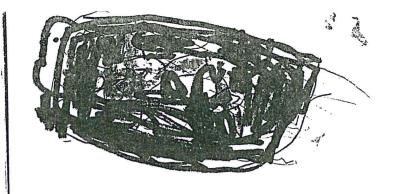


Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Boo you.
Boo who.
Niamh O'Sullivan



What do you call a little bee? A Baybee. Jane Culloty





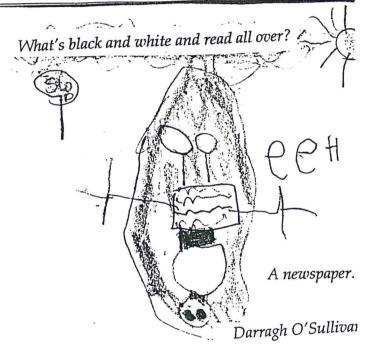
Two fish are in a tank and one says to the other, ____ "So how do you drive this thing? Jack O'Connor

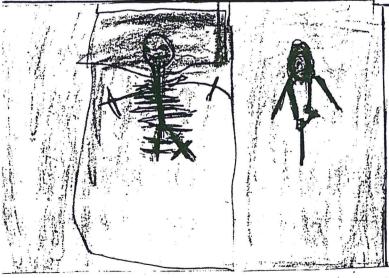


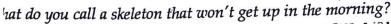


What goes up and never comes down? Your age. Michael Foley

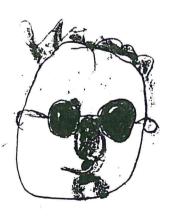












What is brown and hairy and wears sunglasses? A coconut on holidays. Jevon Flaherty

THE SENTENCE MAKER CORNER Junior infants 2004

Can you match the sentences to their pictures?

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I am sunny.

I am Peter.
I like The Darkness.

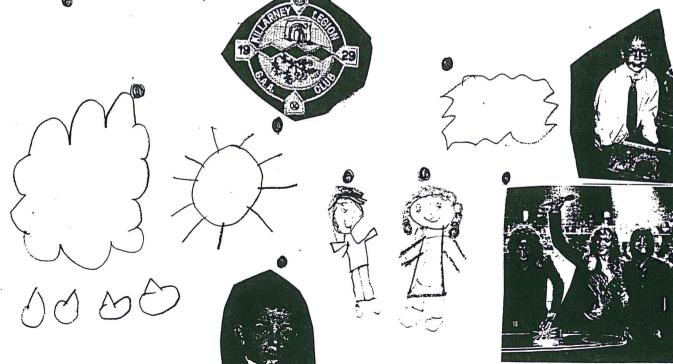
I am Patrick. It is rainy.

I am Brendan. I am 6.

I am David.
I like to play tricks on Mammy. •

I am Eva.
Look at Daragh!

I like to play tricks on Daddy



THE SENTENCE MAKER CORNER

Junior infants 2004

Can you match the sentences to their pictures?

am Laura. like Harold. I am Lucy. Up Kerry! This is Tom.

I am Donal. Up Crokes! I am Aldina.
Pat has a cat.

I am Meabh.

I am Meabh.
Hello Spring!

I am Elizabeth.
I like to play tricks
on teacher.

I am Ada. Hello Lucy!

An John.

