

Scoil Bhríde Loreto National School

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Launch of Loreto School Website

It was with great excitement and joy that we launched our Loreto website on the 19th of April 2013. Cathal O' Brien designed the website with the help of Mrs O' Sullivan, Margaret O' Sullivan and Mr Looney. They designed an array of helpful pages and links to give all visitors to the site an insight into the history and the work and activities of our school.

We also needed to prepare the school itself. We replaced our tri-colour and our Kerry flag outside the door as they were getting a bit tattered. A new sign was erected at the front of the school. Help was also given from parent volunteers who gardened and painted. We are very grateful for all the work done by the Board of Management, Parents' Association, parents and staff for helping to prepare the school. Throughout the year, we all worked hard and produced lovely artwork and projects. Thanks to the teachers, SNAs, Gráinne and Rosemarie, our secretary, Margaret and our caretaker, Seán for helping us to prepare the school and display our work. We were all set, all we needed was the weather.

We gathered at the school at half past seven. Mrs O' Sullivan welcomed everyone and thanked them for their help. She invited Loreto sisters, former parents, past pupils and former staff members to take a trip down memory lane in the archive section. The oldest past pupil, Mary Horgan, who will be eighty-five in September, was sadly unable to make it on the night, but she sent her good wishes and looks forward to browsing the website with her grand-niece Aisling Doyle.

The website was launched by Frank Lewis, chairperson of the Board of Management, who was the oldest past pupil present on the night. He was assisted by Sr. Pauline (Loreto), three generations of the Fleming family, past pupils David and Sinéad and Sinéad's daughter Caoimhe (4th Class) and four generations of Ellie Greene's family- Ellie, her mom Karina, Karina's mom Ann- Marie and Ann- Marie's mom Anna. The fifth generation, Anna's mother Barbara, is hale and hearty in Beaufort. Sinéad Fleming made a beautiful cake to celebrate the occasion with two children dressed in Loreto uniforms and the school's web address on top.

After that, Cathal introduced us to the website and explained how he wanted it to reflect the work and activities of the children. Next the juniors sang 'Circle of Friends' and the seniors sang 'Mo Ghile Mear' and 'Star of the County Down' and played traditional instruments with Mr. Looney. Then there was entertainment from Liam, Lisa, Saoirse, Oisín and Cillian O'Connor. This created such a wonderful atmosphere that all the juniors danced their hearts out.

Then the Parents' Association provided tea and refreshments for the adults and the pupils had a party outside.

The night was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed it and was smiling going home saying "What a great night" and "Isn't this a lovely school!" It was a historic occasion and we were delighted to be part of it.

Our website shows happy children playing and working in a beautiful environment. It reflects a school that is forward thinking, bright, energetic and modern. We look forward to browsing our website when we are long gone from the school.

By 5th and 6th Classes



Winners Girls Football Skills Competition

Senior Boys Football team



Our Debating Team

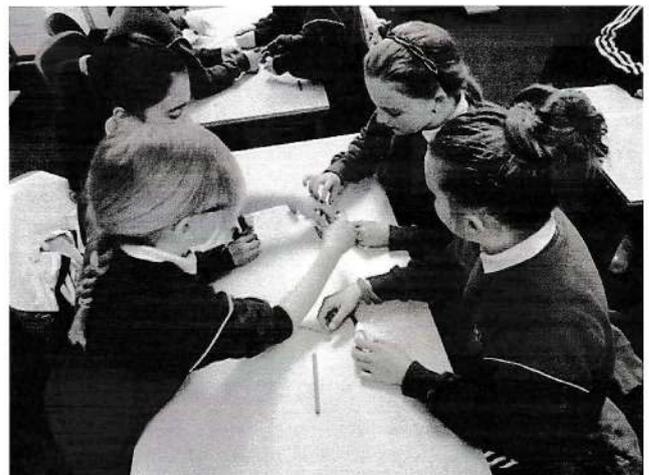
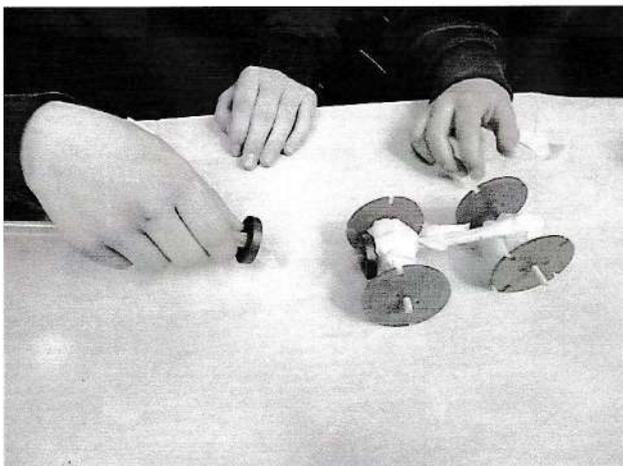


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Participants of the Credit Union Quiz



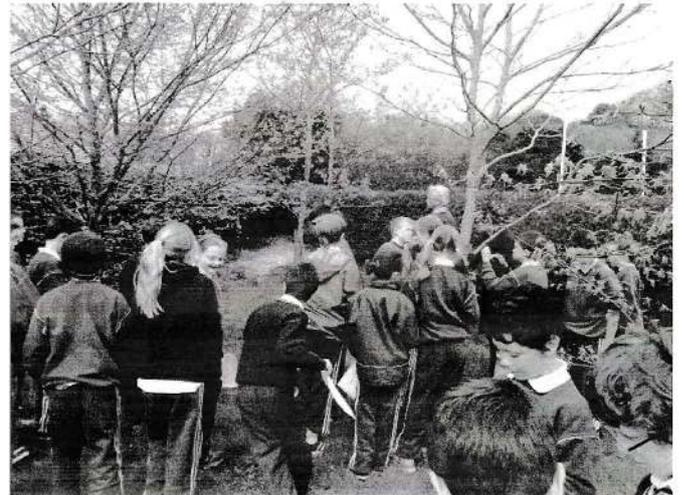
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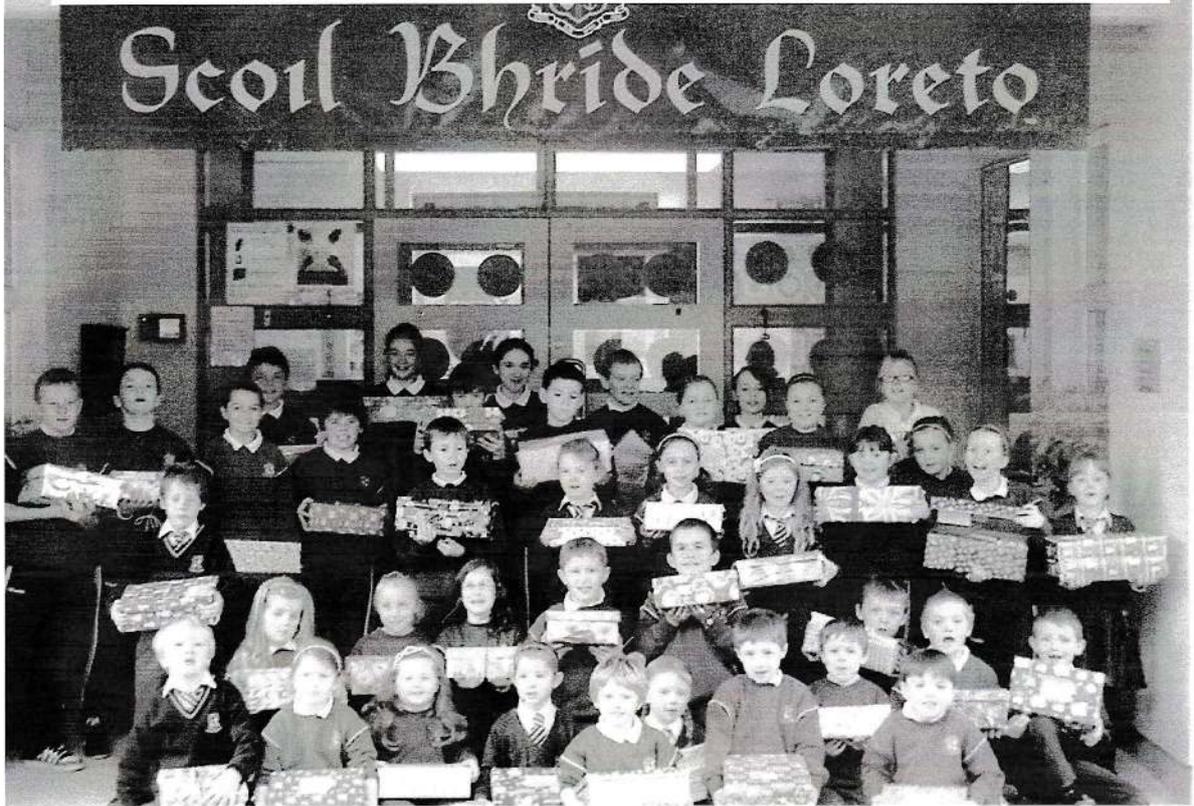
Betty Crosby of the children of Chernoybl donating a plaque of thanks to Scoil Bhríde



Bio-diversity



Christmas shoebox appeal



Easter Raffle Winners





Girls & Boys Mini Sevens



6th Class Table Quiz at St.Brendan's

College

On Wednesday the 12th of December 2012 sixth class went to St.Brendan's secondary school for a table quiz. When we arrived at St.Brendan's College we went into a room with lots of tables. We had teams of four and we sat down and enjoyed the quiz. After the Quiz there was a raffle with lots of prizes . When the raffle was over we went to the cafeteria for chips. We had a great time at the St.Brendan's College quiz.

By Emily-Rose McAllen 6th class

Girls East Kerry 7 a side Cumann na mBunscoil Football

The Girls participated in the East Kerry Cumann na mBunscoil seven a side Football competition on Thursday 7th March in Dr Crokes' pitch.

We gathered at 9.00am excited to take on the challenge ahead.

The first team we played were a combination of Meentogues and Shrone. After a thrilling game Loreto came out winners with a score line of Loreto 4-2 Meentogues/Shrone 2-0. Kate and Ciara scored two goals each.

Our second game was against Gneeveguilla. We proved to be much the stronger team winning 5-2 to 1-1 earning us a place in the quarter finals against Knockederry.

This was a much tighter game as the opposition was much stronger. However we snatched victory from defeat when Kate scored an amazing goal.

We were now into the semi-final against Kilcummin who were the eventual winners. We got a great start but after half time we got tired and Kilcummin pulled ahead and we lost by a narrow margin. Good luck to Kilcummin as they go on to the county finals. We had a great day and everyone got a game.

The panel included:

Kate Stack
Rachel McCarthy
Laurina Mulcahy
Emily Rose McAllen
Eimear Beazley
Ciara Randles
Zena Shine
Áine O'Connor
Treaasa O'Sullivan
Niamh Stack
Ailibhe Gammell
Allannah Sheahan
Ruth Courtney
Isobel McAllen

By Rachel McCarthy & Kate Stack 6th class

Our Trip to Knockreer House

The 22nd of October 2012 was a beautiful Autumn day. The trees were magnificent with their multi-coloured leaves. The sun was shining.

I woke up excited. I ran down stairs, ate my breakfast and packed my bag. We then went to the Demesne.

At the Demesne, we went to Knockreer House. Our teacher Mrs. O'Sullivan and Gráinne came with us. Shona and Chris were our Science teachers on the day. First they showed us stuffed animals and their features. They also showed us a Longworth Mammal trap. It had a trip wire that the animal would go over and then the door would shut behind them. It is used to trap mice and small creatures like that. The scientists had put in peanuts to lure them in and shredded paper as a bed for them.

The traps caught field mice and bank voles. Chris and Shona told us the difference between them. They said that a field mouse has a pointy nose, big eyes and huge ears. It also has a white tummy. The bank vole has a brown tummy and a small face.

The bank vole is diurnal and the field mouse is nocturnal. The field mouse is also livelier and is native whereas, the bank vole is not. The bank vole is said to be from Germany. It was discovered about 50 years ago.

Next we went to the river. We used sieves to find shrimps and small fish. We were drowned wet when we came back, but it was great fun. Luckily, our teachers told us to bring spare clothes. So we changed into them.

After that we went to the woods with pooters searching for insects. It was great. My group caught a lot of bugs as did many others. The problem was that many insects kept eating each other.

We went to the laboratory to look at the insects under the microscope. They looked creepy and every so often one would escape. Some others and we had to catch them again before we could examine them.

It was time to leave Knockreer House and head to Ross Castle. My favourite part of the trip was catching insects with the pooters. It was fun. We will all care more for our environment now and appreciate the beautiful place we live in.

By Daniel Lucey 6th class.

Ross Castle

On the 22nd of October 5th and 6th class went to Knockreer and Ross Castle with Mrs O'Sullivan and Gráinne MacGillicuddy.

We got a tour of Ross Castle. The first room we entered was the main guard room. Twenty soldiers lived there. There was a fire place where they would cook animals.

We went through a door up "TRIPPING STEPS".

These are uneven steps that are hard to climb, so anyone that was coming up the stairs to attack the castle would find it very difficult.

The chief of the castle slept in one room with all his family. The children would have slept on the floor

and the baby would sleep in a crib, beside a very short bed. People in those days slept sitting up because many had breathing problems.

Next we entered the dining room with a big table where the chief would sit with his family. Any guests would sit on a bench opposite them. We also got to see the toilet where four or five people could "go" at once. This was called the garderobe. We all had a great day. We all learned a lot and we had a laugh with our friends. It was a great experience and a day we will never forget.

By Aisling Doyle 6th class

Santa's Secret Village

On the 7th of December 2012 junior infants, senior infants, first, third, fourth and fifth class went to 'Santa's Village'. When we were lined up we walked down to the village. We went in and it was a winter wonder land. It was so magical – snow everywhere, colourful lights. We had only just begun and we were already very excited.

They split the classes up into different sections of the village. Junior and senior infants went throwing snowballs, first class went ice-skating while fourth and fifth class went on the bouncing castle. The bouncing castle was great fun and when we got to the top we had a feeling of accomplishment. Then all the classes swapped and next we were throwing snowballs. The main objective was to knock down all the cans. We eventually had a bite to eat.

When lunch was coming to an end junior and seniors were twirling on the swings. It looked really fun. First class were climbing and sliding on the bouncing castle. Then it was fourth and fifth classes turn to ice-skate. At first we were all a bit wobbly but after a while we were gliding around the ice rink happily laughing and talking.

After a while each class put on their gloves, scarves, hats and coats and got some nice hot popcorn. People were munching everywhere. We all said thank you and left the magical village. It

was a beautiful, fun and cheerful school tour before Christmas and we all enjoyed it very much.

By Margaret O'Brien 5th class

School Quiz

On Friday 1st March the Parents' Association organised a fundraising quiz for the school in the Killarney Oaks hotel. The fun quiz commenced at 7.30pm. There were 38 teams. The various teams were questioned on topics such as music, movies and sport. During the interval we had hot food and musical entertainment by 4th, 5th and 6th classes. The parents sold raffle tickets. There were great prizes up for grabs for example tickets for the Liam O'Connor show, dinner for two, lunch for two, passes for Bowling, Buddies and family swims to name a few. The quiz was a great success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to the Parents' Association, the Killarney Oaks Hotel, all who sponsored prizes and all who supported the quiz on the night.

By Kate O'Connor 6th Class

The Primary Schools Debating Competition

On the 29th of January 2013 Fergal Murphy, Oran O'Donoghue, Daniel Lucey, Tristan O'Donoghue, Peter O'Sullivan and Aisling Doyle travelled to the Malton Hotel to represent the school and take part in the Primary Schools Debating Competition. We prepared our speeches and had a mock debate in school with our classmates. We were all set for the real debate. We arrived at the Malton a little nervous. We went down the stairs and into a conference room, where the debate took place. The motion was "Ryanair is the best way to travel" We were opposing the motion. Currow National School were proposing the motion. First they took the stand with their captain Moss making an impressive speech. Fergal, our captain also made an impressive speech. Aisling and Oran followed hammering home our very strong points summed with enthusiasm. Lastly, Fergal summed up our

points to finish the debate. We shook hands with the opposition and watched the other debates.

Sadly, we received news that we did not win but Mrs O'Sullivan said we did a great job. We have learned the skills of listening, negotiation and compromise. There is always at least two sides to every story. By Fergal Murphy 6th Class

Engineering Day

On Tuesday 23rd of April Scott Ziglinski came and did engineering with the whole school. He went around from class to class and made things with us all. We were very grateful that Scott comes every year and teaches us engineering. The whole school enjoyed it. We studied magnetism and we made magnetic go-carts and learned to think in a scientific way. By Aisling Reidy 5th class

Rugby Training at School

Every Thursday we have rugby training with Denis Corridon. Denis takes 4th, 5th & 6th classes for rugby. We play lots of games that help us improve our rugby skills. My friends and I really enjoyed our rugby classes. By David Culloty. 6th class

The Gathering

On Friday 22nd of February, the school received a visit from members of 'The Gathering'. The visitors included musicians and dancers from Killarney School of Music and from abroad. Students from 4th, 5th and 6th class also performed with Mr. Looney and a seanchaí told a few stories. It was very entertaining. We all had great fun enjoying our traditional music, dance and stories.

By Oisín O'Connor

School Swimming Lessons

On the 10th of January 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class started swimming lesson at the Gleneagle Aquila Club. We had six lessons which took place on Thursdays for six weeks. There were three groups. Linda O'Connor, Dieter Goshc and Eoin Horan were

the coaches. We learned a lot of new techniques and we even had relays. At the last lesson the Gleneagle Aquila Club blew up a big water slide and we each had a go. At the end the coaches came to school and presented us with our certificates. The highest level was level 8. A photographer came and took our picture for the paper with our certificates. The coaches then came around to the classes and gave us jellies. We really enjoyed ourselves and can't wait to go next year.

By. Eimear Beazley. 5th class

Cumann na mBunscoil Football 11 a side

Game 1 Loreto vs Faha

It was a lovely Autumn morning. The sun was shining and there was no sign of rain. The first game was Loreto vs Faha. Straight away Loreto got the ball from the throw in and Oisín got a point. Then Faha pulled one back. Next Peter scored a goal. However Faha also scored a goal just on the stroke of half-time. In the second half Conor and Donal combined for a goal and Jack also scored a goal, but Faha were scoring well also. Peter scored another point but Faha were just too strong for us in the closing stages. The final score was 3-2 to 3-4 in favour of Faha. By Peter O'Sullivan 6th class

Game 2 Loreto vs. Loughquittane

In the second match we faced a Loughquittane side who needed points also as they had lost to Knockaderry. Jonathan, our visiting football trainer, was the referee. The game finally kicked off. Loreto were a stronger outfit. By the second half we had a good lead, which was deserved. The score was Loreto 5-2 to Loughquittane 2-1. After about a five minute break the second half got under way. You could hear the shouts of encouragement from Mrs. O' Sullivan and Mr. Looney on the side line. We had a lot of members on the team so we started taking people off. It was mostly fourth class that came on and they did very

well. The final whistle blew and the score was Loreto 7-6, Loughquittane 2-2. It was a great win and everyone got a game. By Conor Lucey 6th class

Game 3

Next we faced Knockaderry. They opened the game with the first point and then got a goal. Loreto responded with Tristan O'Donoghue and Peter O Sullivan each scoring a point. Before the end of the first half Conor Lucey had scored a goal for Loreto. Then the ref blew the whistle. We had a five minute break before the ref threw the ball in again. Loreto started off with Robert scoring a goal no more than one minute into the second half. Ryan also scored a point. Our opponents however responded with a goal and a point. However shortly afterwards Gary O Connor scored a point. Knockaderry then scored a goal and we thought that it was all over. Luckily we scored a goal with no time to spare. Since we were level the ref gave us a few extra minutes of injury time. We spent nearly five minutes trying to score but Knockaderry scored a last minute point just before the ref blew his whistle. We were disappointed to lose after a thrilling close fought game. However we were happy that we played well as a team and our teachers were very proud of us. Everyone got a game and we went back to school with our heads held high. By Fergal Murphy 6th class

Boys Football 11a-side Oct' 12

Panel:

William Shine
Darragh Kelly
Oran O'Donoghue
Fergal Murphy
Daniel Lucey
Conor Lucey
Gary O'Connor
Peter O'Sullivan
Tristan O'Donoghue

David Culloty
Dónal Lucey
Oisín O'Connor
Eoin Benson
Thomas Cronin
Hugh Cremin
Adam O'Shea
Brogan Flaherty
Robert O'Brien
Jack Cooper
Paudie O'Donoghue
Laurence O'Donoghue
Ryan O'Grady

Schools 5-aside Soccer - Boys

On Thursday the 18th of April the 6th class boys travelled on a bus with Two-Mile, Tiernaboul and Loughquittane schools to St.Brendans F.C. Tralee. Our team squad was Peter O'Sullivan, Conor Lucey, Oran O'Donoghue, Gary O'Connor, David Culloty, Daniel Lucey, Dónal Lucey and Tristan O'Donoghue. In our first game we played Tiernaboul and they were the better team and we were beaten narrowly. In the second game we played Ballyduff. We were the stronger side. Tristan got the first goal with an unstoppable volley with his left leg. Then Peter scored. At full time the score was 7-0 with goals coming from Conor, Gary and Peter. Next we faced Abbydorney. It was a tough match. We were the better side and we just won 4-3. We enjoyed the day very much and it was a great experience.

By Dónal Lucey & Oran O' Donoghue. 6th class

East Kerry Boys Football Skills

Competition

The East Kerry Skills Competition took place in Dr.Crokes pitch on the 23rd of April 2013. The organiser of the skills competition was Vince Cooper. Gary O'Connor, Peter O'Sullivan and David

Culloty were representing Loreto. The first skill we did was the Zig zag solo, then a pick – up off the ground and a hand – pass over the bar. After that we had to do a punch kick into the goal. Next we did the kick off the ground from 21 metres out over the bar. Next we had to pick the ball off the ground from 35 metres out, hop and solo. The toughest challenge yet awaited us. We had to catch the ball over our heads, then hook kick the ball over the bar. We finished as a team on 41 points, 8 points down from the winning school, Lissivigeen. The individual winner was also from Lissivigeen and he finished on 18 points and Gary also had 13 points. Overall we did very well and we had great fun together.

By, Gary O'Connor & Peter O'Sullivan. 6th class

F.A.I. Schools 5 a side Girls Soccer

Our Girls narrowly defeated in county final

Monday 15th of April 2013

Loreto Girls' soccer team defeated Spa Tralee, Clahane, and Raheen to reach the semi final. In a nail-biting semi final we finally overcame Knockanes in a game that went to extra time and then penalties. We were through to the County Final. Medals will be presented after the end of year graduation mass. In the Kerry County Final we played against a very strong Fossa team. We never gave up - finishing with a score line of 4-2. Well done to our girls on this great achievement. The panel included Kate Stack, Rachel McCarthy, Lorna Mulcahy, Ciara Randles, Ruth Courtney and Zena Shine.

By Kate Stack and Rachel McCarthy 6th class

Stop and Stare Theatre

On the 22nd of September we were very fortunate to host the Stop and Stare Theatre group at Loreto School. They organised a play with us which

promoted anti-bullying. They taught us how to project our voices and make our selves heard. One of the members of the Stop and Stare Theatre was a boy with Down's Syndrome called Brian. In the play, Brian was the victim of bullying by his class-mates. It was not nice to see someone being treated so badly. We were very impressed with his level of participation in the act. He made a great contribution to the play. He showed us that he has feelings just like the rest of us and should be treated the same as everyone else. He helped us understand how people are made to feel when they are not accepted and treated well by others. We really enjoyed being involved in acting out our parts in the play. We learned to accept people who are different and not to judge a book by its cover.

By Laurna Mulcahy 6th class

Hosanna Rock!

5th and 6th Class Christmas Play

This year, our nativity play was entitled *Hosanna Rock!*, a typical nativity play but with some Broadway-style twists.

The play starts with a jive from the class to the main theme: *Hosanna Rock*.

It then proceeds with *How Can This Be?*, where Mary (Rachel McCarthy) discovers that she has been chosen to be the mother of Christ.

The scene where Mary and Joseph (Oran O'Donoghue) are having trouble finding accommodation is portrayed through *Nobody Wants to Know*. The song is performed by mostly Mary, Joseph and the Innkeepers (Ruth Courtney, Ciara Randles and Tristan O'Donoghue).

The next scene describes the birth of Jesus. We threw in an extra song called *Joseph's Lullaby* by MercyMe. The song is a lullaby to the Baby Jesus by Joseph, telling him of his future ahead.

After this, there is a light-hearted scene in which the animals (Donal Lucey, Gary O'Connor and Oisín O'Connor) perform *Something Extra Special* telling us that they have noticed something special about this particular baby.

Next is a fun dance performed by the angels (Margaret O'Brien, Emily Shaw, Eimear Beazley, Aisling Reidy and Aisling Doyle) called *Glory to God*. This song tells the Shepherds (David Culloty, Laurna Mulcahy and Kate Stack) about the birth of Christ. When the Shepherds reach the stable, they perform *For Unto Us*.

During this next scene, the Three Wise Men (Peter O'Sullivan, Fergal Murphy and Daniel Lucey) are following the star which will lead them to the stable. They sing *We Have Travelled* for this scene. When they find the stable, the class join in for *The Greatest Treasure*.

The next song performed is titled *You are my Brother*. It is a scene that describes what Christianity stands for: that we are all equal and therefore must all be treated equally. It is performed by 'the Children of Other Lands' (Conor Lucey, Kate Stack, Emily-Rose McAllen, Kate O'Connor, Eve O'Donoghue and Laurna Mulcahy) Last, we perform *Hosanna Rock* once more and exit. The play was a lot of fun to prepare and we hope everyone enjoyed it. By Eve O'Donoghue 6th class`

Killarney Area School Sports

On Friday the 26th of April the Killarney area held their annual school sports. It was a cold day as usual! In the 1st class girls Ali O'Donoghue ran a great race finishing 3rd in the 100m final. In the 2nd class girls, Sue O'Donoghue ran brilliantly and came in 2nd in the 60m final and in the boys race Conor Gammell went flying down the track to earn himself a gold medal in the 100m. In the 3rd class boys Jack Greaney did very well to get a bronze medal in the 60m. In the 4th class boys, William Shine ran well to win a bronze medal in the 100m and in the girls, Treasa O'Sullivan ran really well and also won a bronze medal in the 200m. In the 5th class girls, Ruth Courtney ran well earning herself a gold medal in the 100m and not too far behind in the race was Eimear Beazley coming in 2nd. In the 6th class boys Tristan O'Donoghue ran very well and came 1st in the 600m while Peter

O'Sullivan ran great and came in close second in his 100m. In the 2nd class girls relay Caelyn O'Grady, Sue O'Donoghue, Sarah Reidy and Liadh Beazley ran brilliantly and came in 1st place. Their subs were Beatrice Klasauskatie and Ali O'Donoghue. The 2nd class boys relay also won. Their team consisted of Cillian Courtney, David O'Donoghue, Caelan Sheahan and Conor Gammell, the sub was T.J O'Sullivan. The 4th class girls relay ran well but just missed out on medals coming in 4th. Their team consisted of Treasa O'Sullivan, Saidhbh Murphy, Caoimhe Fleming and Ailbhe Gammell and their sub was Caoileann O'Donoghue. The 4th class boys relay ran very well to earn themselves a gold medal and the team consisted of Robert O'Shea, Charles O'Brien, Ryan O'Grady and William Shine. Their subs were Paudie O'Donoghue and Jack Greaney. The 5th and 6th class girls relay ran well coming in third; their team was Rachel McCarthy, Eimear Beazley, Ciara Randles and Ruth Courtney. Their subs were Emily Shaw and Margaret O'Brien. The 5th and 6th class boys relay also did well coming in 3rd. Their team consisted of Conor Lucey, Tristan O'Donoghue, Daniel Lucey and Peter O'Sullivan. Their sub was Gary O'Connor. Everyone did very well and we wish all the children who are competing in the County Finals on the 25th of May the very best of luck.

By Ruth Courtney 5th class

Visit to ST. Francis Special School and

Gap Trip On the 24th of May 6th class Scoil Bhríde Loreto went on our annual visit to St. Francis Special school and gap trip.

It was a sunny day. We had to be at school at ten past nine our usual time. The bus left at quarter past nine. There were eighteen of us on the bus including our teacher Mrs. O'Sullivan and Fiona Brady. Our plan was to go to St. Mary of the Angels school to visit the children there, then get a bus to Kate Kearney's Cottage and walk nine miles

through the gap as far as Lord Brandon's Cottage. Then we would get a boat to Innisfallen Island for a prayer service and go back to Ross Castle where we would be collected.

When we arrived at Saint Mary of the Angels school we went inside where the principal of the school met us. Fergal and Eve gave a short speech and presented the school with some of our Confirmation money from the children of Loreto. We went to the playground where we met the children. They had crisps, drinks and bars for us. We had baked buns and scones for them, so we added these to the table.

We made friends and reached out to these children. We had a game of basketball and we played on the roundabout. Before we left we sang songs and played tunes on the tin whistle.

When we arrived at Kate Kearney's Cottage we started walking. After about a mile of walking we stopped for a small picnic. Then we went on again. On the walk we saw sheep and we shouted for our echoes to come back on Echo Hill. We had two more picnics throughout the next eight miles. When we reached Lord Brandon's Cottage we sat down in the sunshine and waited for the boats to arrive. There were two boats, so we split into two groups. On the boat water splashed all over us and it was great fun. Once we reached Innisfallen Island we made a circle around a cross in the oratory and had a prayer service. After that we got five minutes to explore the island.

When we left the island it was a lot less windy and so the lake was calmer. We reached Ross Castle and met our parents. It was the end of our last trip together as sixth class. We learned to appreciate our health and the beautiful environment we live in. I had great fun and I'm sure everyone else did too. By Tristan O'Donoghue 6th class

Our Fire Safety Team

John O Grady, a member of Killarney fire brigade, came to visit the second and third class pupils on the 29th of May. He explained the importance of fire safety in our homes and the best action to take in the event of a fire.

The children were introduced to interesting characters such as 'Stub, Steamy and Sizzle, Scratch and Flint, Johnny Hoax, Blazey, Planman, Captain Siren and Hydro'. The interactive talk allowed the children to discuss and question the fireman about real life scenarios. The children were asked to create an action plan at home with their family which could be followed in the case of an emergency. They were shown video clips which highlighted the damage a fire can cause and how quick it can spread. He demonstrated the use of a fire blanket and explained the importance of checking our fire alarms once a week and changing the batteries once a year.

Each child received a fire safety pack with lots of useful information and activities. The children also had their picture taken with the fire safety van. John turned on the siren and the blue lights. It was an enjoyable and educational experience for all.

By 2nd & 3rd classes

4th Class Blitz

On Thursday the 30th of May Spa held a 4th class football blitz. We were split into teams with other children from different schools. We played about 8 games. We had our lunch break around 11:30. We finished our lunches at 12:30. After that we played 3 more games. When we finished all our games we got a goodie bag with a drink, a freddo bar and a pack of taytos and a certificate. We all had a great day. By Robert O'Shea Niamh stack & Treasa

O'Sullivan 4th class

Computers

On Mondays we did computer classes with Elaine O'Donoghue. We learned a lot of new things about computers. We learned how to type, use clipart, use tables, change font styles and use boarders. We would like to thank Elaine for the classes.

By Caoimhe Fleming, Chloe Coughlan & Saidbh Murphy 4th class

Kerry Life Education

This year the Kerry life education bus came to our school. First we played a game where we had to put cards on the wall, we all had different opinions. We also acted out to see how hard it is to refuse a cigarette. We also played a new quiz game. We had to answer questions about cigarettes and drugs. Then we had a very cool disco with lots of multicolour lights, we danced to lots of songs. We all learned a lot from the life education bus and look forward to next year. By Filip Korzec, Adam Walsh, Thomas Cronin & Donal O' Connell 5th class

Scratch programming

Fifth and sixth classes have been participating in scratch programming which is an I.T pilot program. Paul Collins taught us four sessions over four weeks. During these sessions we learned how to make games or episodes with different characters and backgrounds. We have learned how to do many things over the past four weeks. For example, we made mazes, pong, advanced computer skills in gaming etc. We make these by using scripts, costumes and sounds. After our four sessions, we were given the opportunity to design a project of our own in pairs. We could then enter our project into the competition, competing against pairs in other schools. If we wanted to enter we would be going to the I.T Tralee where we would put our programs on display. We would like to thank Paul Collins for all his hard work and effort in helping us to learn about computer skills and gaming.

By Zena Shine & Áine O'Connor 5th class

Christmas in Killarney

Last December we participated in the Christmas parade. We all wore Santa hats we started at Scott's street and ended at High street. At the end of the parade we looked up at the platform and saw Santa. We sang happy Christmas songs. As we counted down from ten the Christmas lights in Killarney turned on

By Chloe Coughlan & Caoimhe Fleming 4th class

East Kerry 9 - a-side (girls)

On the 31st of May 2013, we headed up to Kilcummin with Mrs. O'Sullivan in hope of becoming east Kerry champions. When we arrived 2 teams awaited us also hoping to become east Kerry champions. The teams were Anabla and Gneevguilla, 2 very strong teams. In our first game we played Anabla beating them by a marvellous 8-5 to 1 goal. After our first game we went inside to have a quick snack while Anabla played Gneevguilla. We then played Gneevguilla also winning on a score line of 7-3 to no score. Our panel was Ciara Randles, Ruth Courtney, Áine O'Connor, Kate Stack, Rachel McArthur, Lorna Mulcahy, Zena Shine, Treasa O'Sullivan, Niamh Stack, Ailbhe Gammel, Caoilinn O'Donoghue, Saidbh Murphy, Eimear Beazley, Isobel McAllen, Alanna Sheahan, Aisling Reidy, Emily Shaw, Margaret O'Brien and Emily Rose McAllen but unfortunately Chloe Coughlan and Caoimhe Fleming couldn't be with us on the day. Now we will go on to the semi-final and then hopefully to the final. By Áine O'Connor 5th class

Maths Week 2012

Maths week took place in November. Mr. Looney and Mrs. Clifford organised lots of fun activities for us. We were given different tasks to carry out in groups of five. First we estimated the length of the hallway before we measured it with the trundle wheel. We split up in our groups and measured different things such as the height, length and

perimeter. Then we went outside and drew pictures on the ground with chalk using as many 2D shapes as possible. After that we went inside and cut out pieces of paper and taped them together to make 3D shapes. Finally we got cubes and made a robot, a chair and a table. We had lots of fun. We are all looking forward to Maths Week 2013

By Tristan Lynch & Brogan Flaherty 4th class

Basketball Blitz

In the end of June 4th, 5th and 6th participated in the school basketball Blitz. Our teacher Mr. Looney organized the tournament. The teams were mixed between 4th, 5th and 6th class. Mr. Looney made sure everyone was happy with the teams. The games took place during and after lunch. Medals were presented to all the children who participated. By Owen Benson, Darragh Kelly, Paudie O'Donoghue & Lawrence O'Donoghue 4th class

Senior school tour to Cork

On the 7th of June 2013 we set off for Cork at 9:00 am. First we went to the Lifetime Lab and learned all about the importance of keeping our water clean and the stages of cleaning the water which are screening, filtration and adding chlorine and fluoride. We learned about the chimney stack which is 35 metres tall and about Lancashire boilers. They used to send a child into the boilers and if they got stuck they would have to send another child in to get him out. After that we were given a sheet of questions to fill out. Then we went to the playground.

Next we went to Cork City Gaol for a tour. In the 19th century people older than nine could be arrested and they would be whipped every day just to teach them a lesson. You could also be arrested for stealing something as simple as a bag of cloth. Most of the work they did in the gaol was completely pointless – it was just to keep them

busy. They slept on pieces of wood with a blanket and no pillow and were given three meals a day. At that time, going to the gaol was actually a good thing because you had a place to sleep and food to eat even though it wasn't very appetising. The people in charge used quills for writing and lined their own journals. We learned that they would tie a rope to the necks of the prisoners and drop them off the roof to execute them. We then watched a movie about the gaol.

Next we went to McDonalds to have lunch. To celebrate the girls winning the county final the teachers bought us all ice-cream. After we all finished our ice-cream we went bowling. We divided into groups of five or six. Then we went home. We all had a great day. **By Emily Shaw 5th class**

East Kerry Girls Football Skills Champions

On the 21st of May we took part in the primary school East Kerry Football Skills Competition. Our team included Kate Stack, Rachel McCarthy and Ciara Randles. The competition was held in Dr.Crokes G.A.A. Grounds. It started at 10:00 am. Kate and Ciara scored highest individuals with 15 points each. We went on to represent East Kerry in the County Final on the 6th of June.

In the county final we scored 47 points as a team. This was a great achievement as the standard was very high. We did our best and never gave up. We had a great day out.

By Kate Stack and Rachel McCarthy & Ciara Randles 6th class

The Gárda Blitz

On Wednesday the 5th of June, 6th class went to Fitzgerald Stadium to compete in the Gárda seven a side football blitz. The players on this squad were Fergal Murphy, Peter O'Sullivan, Conor Lucey, Kate Stack, Gary O'Connor, Óisín O'Connor, Dónal Lucey, Rachel McCarthy, Daniel Lucey, Oran O'Donoghue and David Culloty. Tristan O'Donoghue was

supposed to play but was told by his doctor he was unable to play. He was still there to support us. In our first game we played Tiernabouli. It was a hard fought match but it ended in a draw. Next was Glenbeigh. They were a bit too strong for us and beat us by a few points. Then we played Loughquittane. We won comfortably. The final match was against Lissivigeen. They were strong and this was very close but in the end we pulled away and won the game. We didn't get through but we had fun and the last game meant a lot to us because we showed that Loreto National School is a force to be reckoned with. **By Dónal Lucey 6th class.**

9 a-side girl's football semi-final

On Tuesday 4th of June 2013 the Loreto girls travelled to Beaufort for the girls Cumann na mBunscoil semi-final against Glenbeigh. At half time we were down by 4 points. Our principal gave us an inspirational talk. Then Mr.Looney told us what we could improve on. After that we went to our positions and battled all the way to the end. Glenbeigh were a tough side but we managed to pull it off. The final score was 7 – 7 to 4 – 8.

By Treasa O' Sullivan and Niamh Stack 5th class

Cumann na mBunscoil Girls 9 a-side Football Final.

On the 6th June 2013 the Loreto N.S. girls travelled to Austin Stack Park, Tralee for the Cumann na mBunscoil girls football final against Scartaglen N.S. We went into the dressing room and proudly put on our Loreto jerseys. We ran onto the pitch for our team photo. After our warm up and stretches we were interviewed. As we walked to the sideline Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mr. Looney told us the starting team. We ran to our positions and the ball was thrown in. It was a tough first half and at the end of it the score was level at 1 – 2 each.

Early in the second half we scored a goal and a point to take the lead. It was a very hard fought game but Scartaglen only managed to score two points in the second half. When the final whistle blew all our team came running off the pitch and Mary Joe Curran presented the captain, Kate Stack with the Cumann na mBunscoil Plaque. Kate made her speech in Irish and Mary Joe presented our team with the medals while Kate introduced us to her. We went into the dressing rooms and took off our jerseys. After we went to McDonalds to celebrate our great victory.

By Niamh Stack and Treasa O'Sullivan 5th class

Sports day

School sports day is a fun day which we have in June every year. We raise money for charities by paying €2 each. There's a senior sports day and a junior sports day. We're all put into separate teams, each team getting a colour. Also a teacher supervises a sport each. We do all different kinds of sports like ... penalties, basketball, relays, sack races, hoop races, egg and spoon races etc. It's a fun day for everyone. After all the sports everybody is allowed an ice-cream. The weather decides when we do sports day because you know how changeable the weather is. By Alanna Sheahan, Isobel McAllen, Zena Shine & áine O'Connor 5th class

Credit Union Quiz

The credit union quiz took place on Sunday the 3rd of February 2013 in the in the Killarney Oaks Hotel. All of the schools sat together in groups of four. The older children sat on one side and the younger children on the other side. There was fizzy drinks and chocolate bars on the tables for each team. The first six questions were announced and we all started to concentrate. We were in the younger groups so we had ten rounds of questions. The older children had twelve rounds of questions. We all had a great day out. Each person received a certificate at the end of the quiz.

By Saidbh Murphy and Ailbhe Gammell 5th class

Mr. Looney's class Christmas play

In December Mr. Looney's class put on a Christmas play. It was called Stable Manners. Everyone in the class had a part in the play. We all enjoyed getting ready for the concert. Everyone put in a big effort in learning their songs and lines. We had some very interesting costumes. We also played some Christmas songs on the tin whistle with Mr. Looney. When our concert finished our parents gave us a big cheer.

By Caoilinn O'Donoghue 4th class

Mini Sevens

The Loreto boys represented their school at the Dr. Crokes pitch in the mini sevens. Their first game was against the Monastery. It started off with a great goal from the Loreto team. The Monastery broke through Loreto's defence and got a few good scores. By now the Mon were dominating and scored two goals in very quick succession. The referee blew the whistle for half time. The half time score was 2-2 to 1-0 to the Mon. The second half was more of the same as the first. The final score was 5-7 to 1-2. Our next match was against Knockaderry. We got off to a flying start after scoring some points and 2 or 3 goals. They scored a goal and after that our keeper made an excellent save. We came back into the game again and were creating space, good passing and great accuracy. At half time we were up by a few points. We had a great improvement from our first game and were playing much better. We got off to a great start with a few points early in the second half. The referee blew the whistle and we had beaten Knockaderry. We went back to school with our heads up held high.

By Jack Cooper, William Shine and Ryan O'Grady 5th class



School Tour 4th, 5th & 6th classes 2013



'Men Following Orders' by Eve O'Donoghue 6th class. Won the Short story Competition by the Killarney Book shop.





**Bio Diversity Art
Competition**

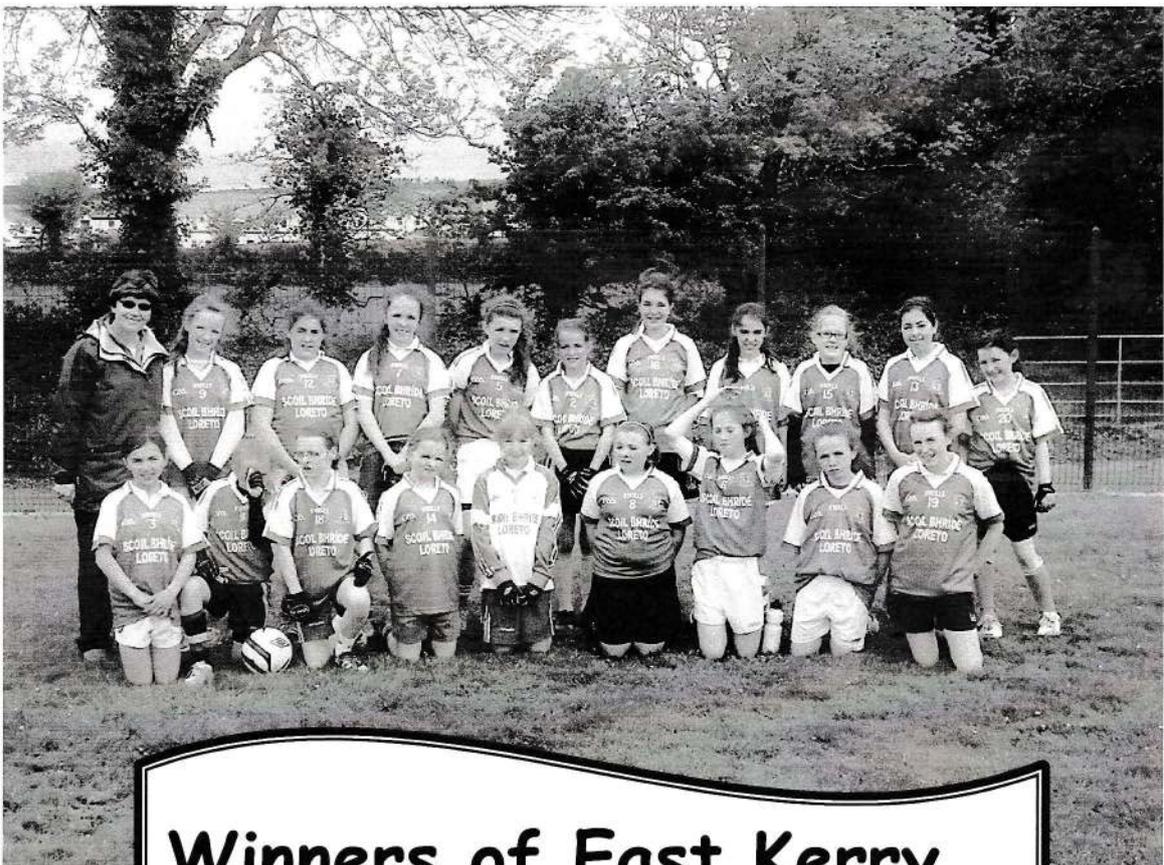


**Garda
Blitz**





Confirmation Class 2013



Winners of East Kerry

'We are the greatest!' By: 2nd Class

*Thank you for the thoughtful way
you shared my First Communion Day.
As I received the bread and wine,
I knew your prayers were joined with mine.
Your love and generosity
will always mean so much to me,
because you played a special part
as Jesus came into my heart.*

On Saturday the 11th of May 2013 I made my First Holy Communion in Muckross Church. I wore a black suit and had a gold dicky bow. I also had a gold handkerchief in the pocket of my jacket. After mass we all went to a party in the school. I got pictures taken by a photographer. I made lots of money!!

By: David O' Donoghue

My First Holy Communion was on the 11th of May. I wore a black suit and a blue tie. I read the first reading and brought up a candle during the ceremony. I also got to taste the Holy Bread. After mass I went to the Killarney Park Hotel for dinner. Then I had a party at home. I went on my bouncy castle with my brother, his friend and my cousins. In the evening we watched a movie and had pizza. I got lots of cards and it was the best day ever!

By: Conor Gammell

I could not wait until my First Holy Communion. It was on Saturday the 11th of May. I was really excited when I was going up to receive the Holy Bread for the first time. After mass I went to Molly Darcy's to have a soda. Then I went home and a couple of hours later I had a great party. A lot of people came and I had an awesome time!

By: Caelan Sheahan

I wore a beautiful dress on my First Holy Communion day. It was on in Muckross Church on the 11th of May. My job at the church was to sing the Responsorial Psalm with Katie, Scott, David and Caelan. We sang 'My Shepherd is the Lord'. I also did a reading. Afterwards I had a party at home. It was really fun. It was the best day of my life.

By: Sue O' Donoghue

I went to the church at 10.30. I was very excited. My jobs were to say a prayer of the faithful and to bring up a pot of flowers during the Dressing of the Altar. There were lots of people there. After the mass we went home and took some photographs. Then we went on the bouncy castle. It was great fun.

By: Sarah Reidy

Before mass I was very excited to taste the Holy Bread. I was doing the commentary during the Offertory Procession. After mass everybody went to the school for a cup of tea. Then I went home and had pizza and played soccer. When it was dark we went inside and had a party. I had the BEST DAY EVER!

By: Sam Benson

I made my First Holy Communion on the 11th of May in Muckross Church. My hair was curly and had white roses in it. I did the second reading and brought up the wine during the Offertory Procession. My godmother and auntie were there too. After mass we went home and had a party. I got a necklace with a cross on it. It was a great day.

By: Beatrice Klasauskaite

On the 11th of May I was very excited because it was the day of my First Holy Communion in Muckross Church. During the ceremony I read the poem 'Let the children come'. After mass I went to the school and played with all my friends. Then I went to the Ballyseedy Castle with my family for dinner. In the evening we went to the Aquadome in Tralee. It was really fun.

By: Liadh Beazley

My First Holy Communion was on the 11th of May. It was on in Muckross Church. My job was to bring up a pot of flowers at the Dressing of the Altar. After mass everyone went to the school. I played on the bouncy castle at home. I had a great day and got lots of money.

By: Darragh Murphy

I went to the church on the morning of my First Holy Communion. I brought up the Holy Chalice during the Offertory Procession. After mass I went back to the school with my family and friends. I was very happy because I got to go on a jaunting car and go to a pet farm. I had a white dress and took lots of pictures in the middle of blue bell flowers.

By: Katie Murphy

It was my First Holy Communion on the 11th of May. I was very excited. I wore a suit. I said a prayer of the faithful and brought up the bread at Offertory time. Afterwards I had a party at home. I had a bouncy castle and a barbeque. I got lots of money and had a great day.

By: Cillian Courtney

I was very excited on my Communion day. We went to Muckross Church at 10.30 and I wore a white dress. During mass I did the commentary as some of my classmates brought up the gifts. After mass we all went to the school. Then I went to The Royal Hotel for a meal with my family. Afterwards I went home and had a party. It was the best day ever.

By: Caelyn O'Grady

I made my First Holy Communion on the 11th of May in Muckross Church. I said the 5th prayer of the faithful and brought up the grapes to the altar. Then we went to the school for lots of sweets, cakes and chocolate. I had a great day and afterwards I went to the Brehon Hotel for dinner with my family.

By: Niamh O'Donoghue

All of my classmates and I received our First Holy Communion on the 11th of May. I welcomed everybody to the church and sang the Responsorial Psalm. It was a great day. I had a big party with a marquee and a tepee tent. I had a barbeque too. It was a day I will never forget.

By: Scott O'Meara

On Saturday May 11th it was my First Holy Communion in Muckross Church. I brought up the bread during the Offertory Procession. After mass we went to my party at my house. All my aunties, uncles and cousins were there. We had lots of fun.

By: Rian Kelly

**'We are the greatest, yes we are,
'cos Jesus told us so... YEAH!!'**

By: Mrs Foley's 2nd class

Our Favourite Hobbies

By: Mrs. Foley's 3rd Class

My hobbies include playing rugby, football, and golf, going fishing and playing the X-Box. I also like basketball and playing with my remote control stuff. My favourite hobbies are rugby and football. I like these because I'm with my friends and I think they are fun.

By: Peter Walsh

My hobbies are rugby, football, soccer and pitch and putt. I like rugby because you tackle people and score tries. I like football because it involves team work and playing with friends. I enjoy playing soccer because you can score goals and I like taking penalties. Pitch and putt is fun because I like trying to get a hole in one.

By: Daniel Carroll

I like swimming, cycling, running, basketball and climbing. I like these hobbies because they are great fun and I can play them with my friends. Swimming is fun because I can dive into the water and practise the different swimming strokes. I like cycling because I can go really fast on my mountain bike.

Basketball is a hobby that allows me to jump and take shots. I enjoy climbing because I can climb really high. If I had to pick I think swimming would be my favourite hobby.

By: Charles O' Brien

My hobbies are playing computer games, basketball, reading, running and swimming. Running is my favourite hobby because I feel fast and free. I enjoy playing computer games because I am really good at them and I can play on my own or against my friends. In my spare time I also like reading. My favourite types of book are adventure books. The last book I read was 'Saxby Smart'.

By: Jack Greaney

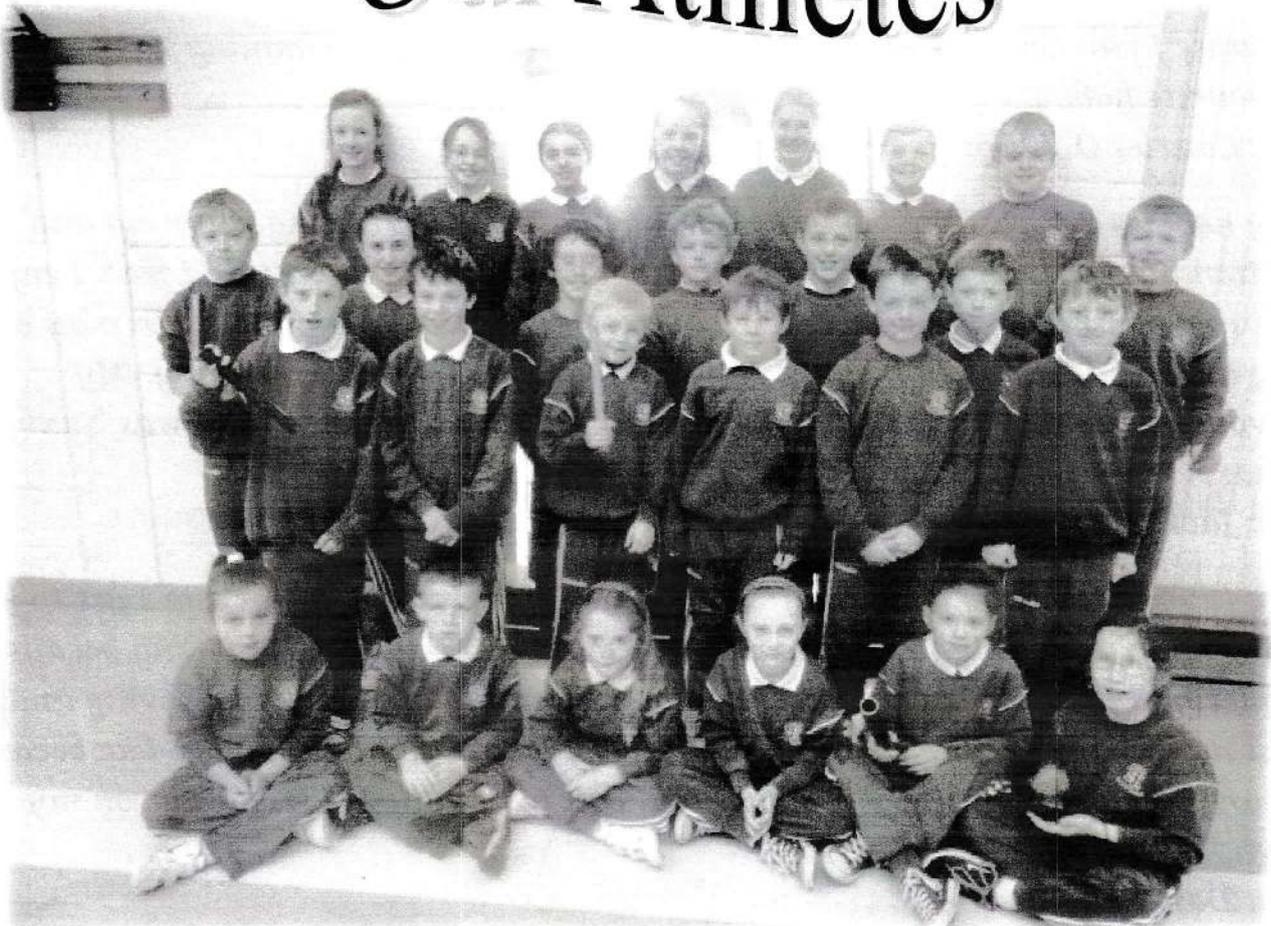
My favourite hobby is playing soccer. I like it because it is fun and I get to play with my friends. My favourite team is Liverpool. I also like climbing because sometimes it can be a challenge. I enjoy swimming because I like diving and just having fun in the water. Playing the X-Box is another hobby I like because I can play loads of different games and can play with my friends or on my own.

By: Dan Kelliher

Mercy Mounthawk students visited our school Friday 22nd March to perform an **Educational Puppet Show.**



Our Athletes



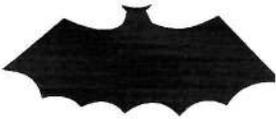


Junior & Senior
Infants
Ms.O'Connell



Halloween Fancy Dress

Senior
Infants & 1st
class Ms.
O'Reilly

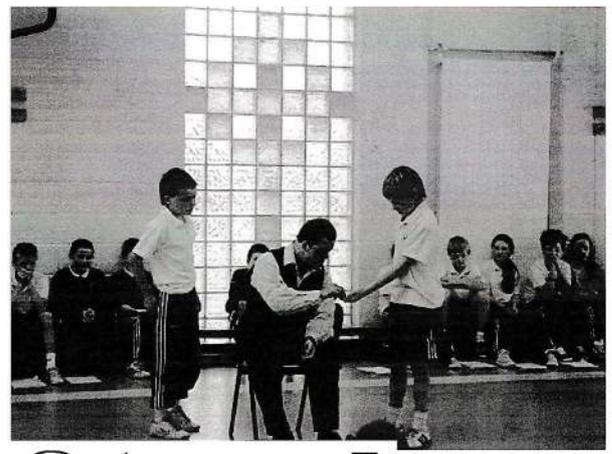


2nd & 3rd
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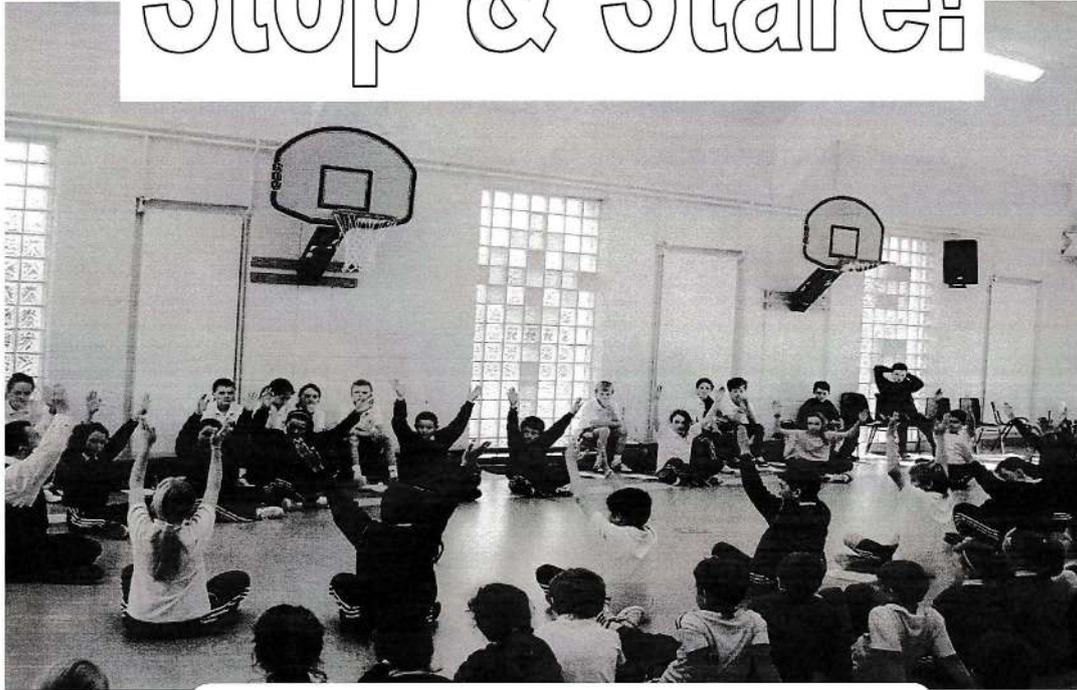


Our Trip to Knockreer Junior & Senior Infants & 1st class

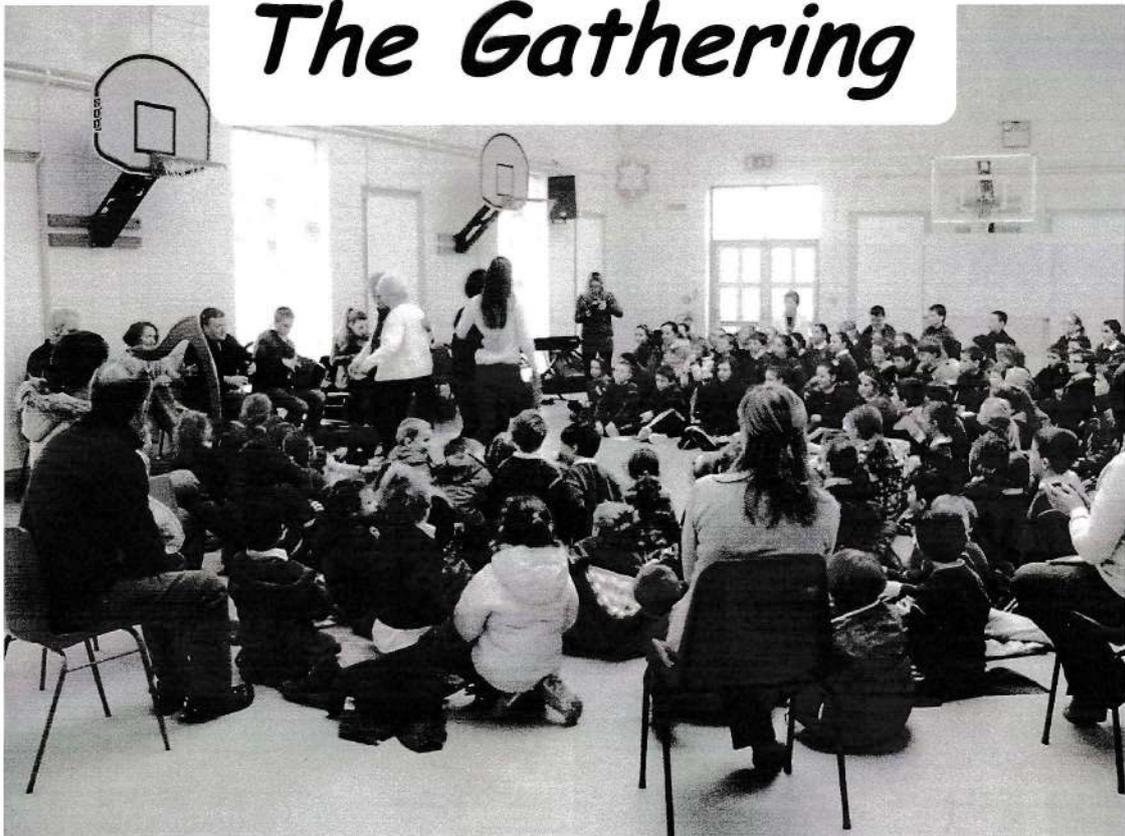




Stop & Stare!



The Gathering





Launch of School Website & Open night



Acrostics by Senior Infants and 1st class.

An acrostic is a poem in which the first letters of each line together spell a word or words.

Sensible	Likable	Cool	Brave	Delightful	Brave
Only 7	Elegant	Imaginative	Everyone	Active	Responsible
Responsible	Agreeable	Adorable	Thoughtful	Imaginative	Young
Calm	Happy	Really good at art	Happy	Really good at soccer	Nice
Happy	Leah,	Active	Beth	Energetic	Bryn
Artistic		Clara		Daire	

Sorcha

Delightful	Nice	Talented	Artistic	Musical	Jolly
Artistic	Imaginative	Only 7	Magnificent	Everyone's friend	Artistic
Nice	Cool	Many friends	Young	Gentle	Never mean
Imaginative	Only 6	TOM	Amo	Adorable	Energetic
Energetic	Lucky			Nice	Megan Jane
Lucky	Energetic	Nicole			

Daniel

Cuddly	Adorable	Jolly	Musical	Cool	Sporty
Lucky	Lovely	Everyone's friend	Everyone's friend	Original	Talented
Only 8	Imaginative	Special	Adorable	Nice	Everyone's friend
Delightful	Ali	Sporty	Beautiful	Only 7	Perfect
Artistic		Imaginative	Happy	Really good at soccer	Happy
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Helpful		Artistic			Nice

Clodagh
Poolan

Jessica
Fuller

Stephen

Brave	Perfect	Everyone's friend	Cool	Clever
Reflective	Artistic	Lucky	Only 8	Lovely
Imaginative	Unusual	Likeable	Really good at running	Only 8
Agreeable	Lively	Energetic	Musical	Delightful
Nice Brian	Paul	Nice Ellen	Active	Artistic
			Clever Cormac	Gentle
				Happy Clodagh Lucy

Delightful	Cool	Friendly	Everyone's friend	Talented
Active	Imaginative	Really likes basketball	Likeable	Imaginative
Nice	Lucky	Artistic	Imaginative	Musical
Imaginative	Lovely	Nice	Zealous	Only 8
Everyone's friend	In first class	Clever	Artistic	Thoughtful
Likeable	Nice	In a new school	Book worm	Historical
Daniel	Cliffian	Sporty	Energetic	Young
		Cheerful	Talented	T.J
		Only 8	Historical	

Francisco Elizabeth

Hope you enjoyed
our poems.

Communion class 11th May 2013



Our School Garden



Swimming Certificates

received from *The Aquila Club*, to 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th classes



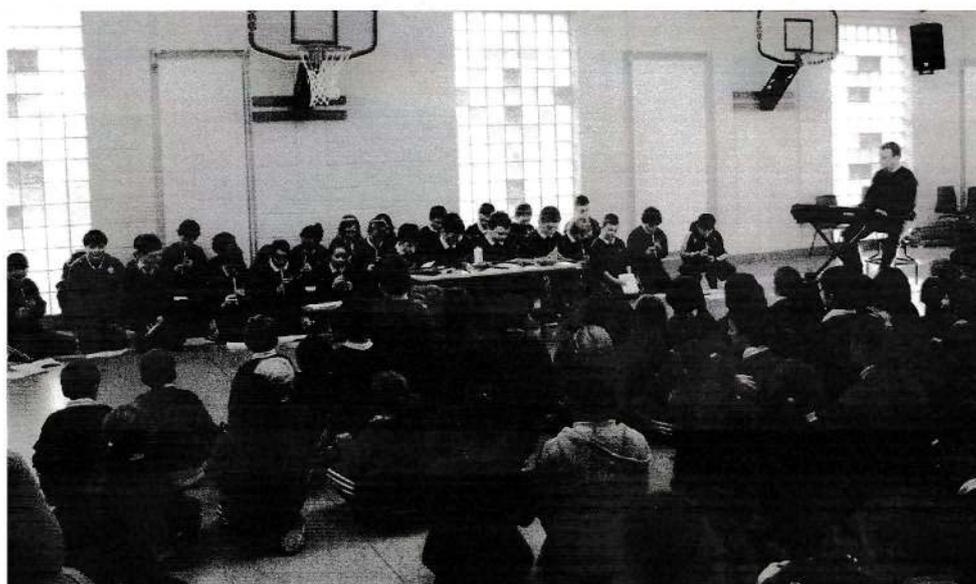
4th, 5th & 6th classes visit Knockreeer



Dancing with
Mrs Mary O'Leary



St. Brigids Day Prayer Service with Mr Looney



WELCOME TO THE HA! HA! HA! PAGE

(jokes by Junior Infants)

Q Why did the elephant cross the road?

Ans: He wanted to get to the other side.

by Michael Carey- Brickley

Q Why did the witch go to the sea side?

Ans: She wanted to be a sand -witch!!

by Ellen O Grady

Q Why did the cows go to the cinema?

Ans: To watch a MOOvie!!

by Fernando Mimi Covaci

Q What happened when the carrot died?

Ans: A big Turnip came to his funeral.

by Molly Reidy

Q Why did the chewing gum cross the road?

Ans: It was stuck on to the chicken's foot!!!!

by Rachel O Sullivan Darcy

Q What do you call a dinosaur that wears glasses?

Ans: DoyouthinkheSAURus

By Fionn McCarthy

Q Why was 6 afraid of 7?

Ans: because 7, 8, 9!!

by Jenny Lucey

Q Why did the tiger cross the road?

Ans: because he wanted to eat the man staring at him!!!

by Adam Ostrykiewicz

Q What do you call a blind dinosaur?

Ans: A BLIND-A- SAURUS

by Eoghan McSweeney

Q What do cars watch on tv?

Ans: CARtoons

by Nicholas Clarke

Q Why did the elf go to school?

Ans: He wanted to learn the elf-a-bet!!!!

by Cillian Murnhy

WELCOME TO THE HA! HA! HA! PAGE

(jokes by Junior Infants)

Q Why did the grasshopper
go to the doctor?

Ans: He was feeling jumpie!!!!
by Muiris O Donoghue.

Q What do you call a
rain cloud?

Ans: THUNDER PANTS!
by Rachel Fuller

Q Why did Ms O Connell wear
sun-glasses?

Ans: because her students
were too bright!!!
by Luke Doolan

Q Why did the sheep
cross the road?

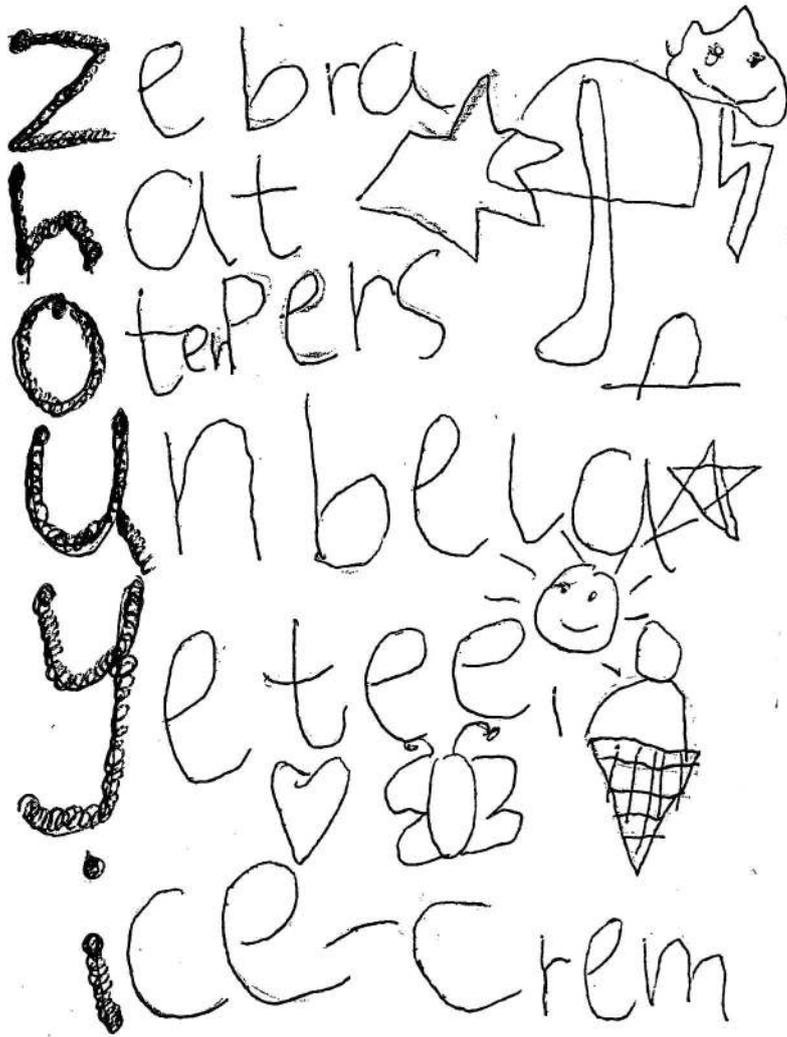
Ans: Because he wanted to go to the
BAA-rber for a hair-cut!!
by Shane Doolan

Q Why did the dog sit
next to the fire?

Ans: because he wanted to be
a HOTDOG!!!
By Bryan Walsh

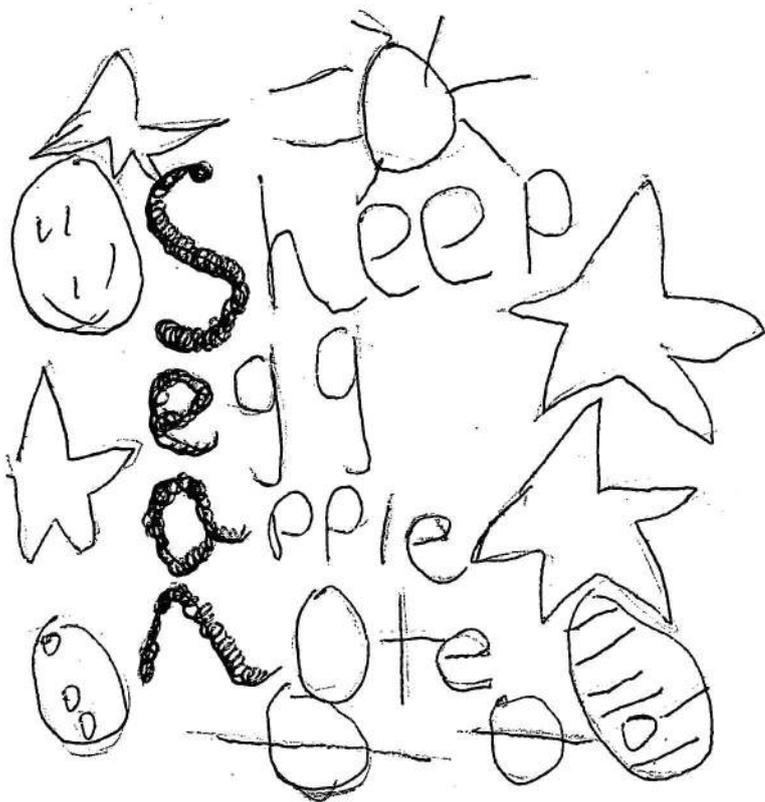
Senior Infants Acrostic Poems

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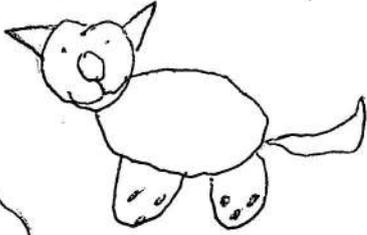
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Elephant
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Seniors Infants Acrostic Poems

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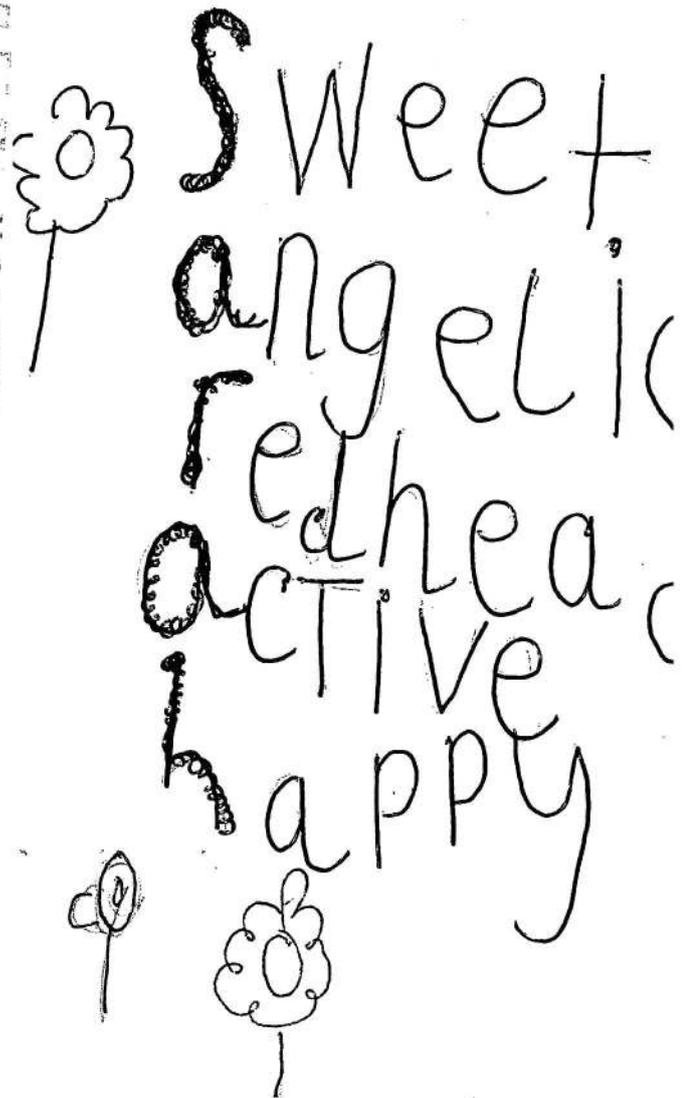
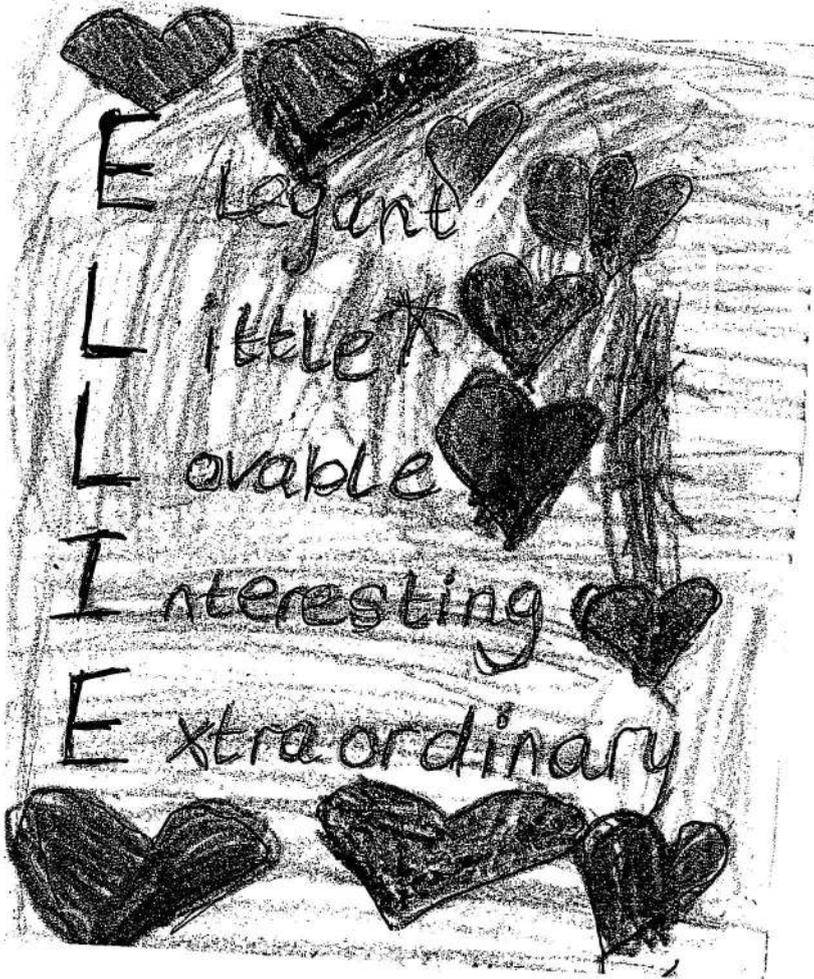
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angel
darling
heart
brave
happy



Senior Infants Acrostic Poems



Lion
Unicorn
Kangaroo
Elephant

Winners of Cumann na mBunscoil 2013



Proceeds of our Newsletter

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 occurred 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 all for supporting this worthy cause.

Focal Buíochas

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

