

# Scoil Bhríde - Loreto N.S.

## Newsletter

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### Welcome to our readers

Hello everybody! Welcome to our second newsletter. It has been a brilliant school year.

We have gone to see a play in Síamsa Tíre, we have debated, played in basketball and football leagues for both boys and girls, climbed Mangerton, gone on school-tours and of course worked hard during the year.

We have had many highlights, like winning the computer and the Kerry team coming to the school.

Scoil Bhríde would like to wish the sixth class every good luck as they go into secondary school in September.

Go dté Sibh Slán

By Danielle Quinlan

#### The Proceeds

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

I am sure you have all heard of the nuclear disaster which happened in Chernobyl on April 26th, 1986.

Our proceeds will go towards giving the children of Chernobyl, a holiday in Killarney when they arrive to stay with their host families for the month of July.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

By Sarah O'Toole

## The Fancy Dress Parade

After months of planning and organising all the pieces finally came together.

As the fishermen, nets, divers and angry tourists got into place you could tell just by looking at the enormous crowd gathered around Lifestyle that this parade was going to

be a huge success even though, to the disappointment of many people the rain was coming down hard. The theme chosen by the parents council for our entry this year was "The Loch Leane Monster".

We wanted to show all the sections of society in

Kerry who must come together to get rid of the algae which is damaging our lakes, our environment and our tourist industry.

The twins Sorcha and Maeve were wearing cardboard canoes around their waists, some people were carrying banners,

some were dressed as fishermen and some were even wearing diving suits.

We had a huge net with dead discoloured fish, but the best part of it had to be a chinese dragon style monster beautifully sewn by Mrs O'Neill.

Many of us were

dressed as tourists from all over the world who were disappointed with the state of the lakes. We had Park Rangers and Inspectors testing samples of the water. The long march from Lifestyle to the carpark was hard especially for those holding the banners. The wind was so strong it seemed impossible to hold them up. With much difficulty, but a great determination to get there, the long string of people finally made it to the carpark. The stage was set and with the sound of people panting and the rain hitting the ground the judges finally announced the winners of a brand new school computer.

**"AND THE WINNER IS",** (everyone held their breath, even the wind seemed to calm down) **"SCOIL BHRÍDE."**

Suddenly there was a great cheer. We were all thrilled. All the children were given treats for their effort and the whole school were very proud of their win.

By Sara Taddei

### The Kerry team visits our school



It was exciting when Kerry won the All-Ireland Football Final.

A couple of weeks after the All-Ireland Final, Sean Hegarty (minor player) came with two other footballers Pa Laide and Peter O'Leary.

We sang "I have a favourite brother and they signed our notebooks.

It was a very exciting day. We took lots of photographs and cheered for our heroes.

By Emma Brady



# The Carol Singing

We decided to take part in the Carol Singing competition. We came together and practiced our carols, accompanied by our musicians from Mr. Moynihan's class and Sr. Mary Healy on the violin.

On the 16th of December which was a Tuesday, - 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes came at 4 o'clock to the Market square to sing carols for Hospice. Ulster Bank were giving £120 pounds prize to the best school.

As many people as could come, came as well as our teachers



and parents. It was a cold frosty evening but everyone sang as best they could. Many people brought their instruments along as well. We enjoyed ourselves and WE

**WON!!!**

On Thursday the 18th, we were invited to the Ulster Bank for a party. Everyone got fizzy drinks and taytos and the adults got coffee.

The photographer Valerie O'Sullivan, was there and she took our photograph for the newspapers. Then Mrs O'Sullivan was presented with the cheque. It was a lot of fun.

We put half the money towards a new printer and we donated the other half to that great cause, Hospice.

**By Niamh Gallagher**

## History project on Loreto Sisters

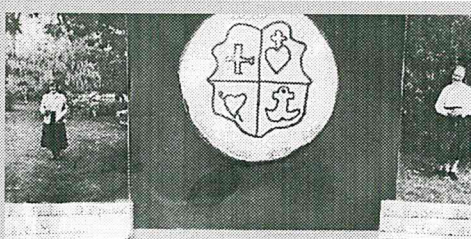
This year instead of doing our own individual history projects we had to do one big project that all the school contributed to. Our project was called: "The History of Loreto Sisters".

We did it for the "Christian Heritage Project" to celebrate Críost 2,000.

We had to interview parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbours who had attended Loreto. Sr. Angelica helped us to research the history of the sisters and many former nuns and past pupils gladly contributed photographs.

We are delighted with our project that will be on display in the diocese. Scoile Bhríde continues into the third millennium, proudly carrying the traditions, values and ethos of Mary Wards Loreto.

**By Ciara Lawlor**



Loreto Sisters Killarney



## School Quiz

This year the school took part in the Credit Union Quiz one beautiful Sunday at the end of January.

We entered two teams. On one team we had Rosemarie Fuller, Hailey Moriarty, Jamie O'Neill and Peg O'Mahony. On the second team we had Richard O'Connor, Elaine O'Donoghue, Emily Kelleher and Michael Lucey. Both teams did very well, coming joint seventh out of twenty four teams.

But most importantly everyone enjoyed themselves.

**By Brendan Collins**

## School presented with Keyboard

On the 7th of June, Ms. Wendie O'Neill had a piano concert. Fourteen people took part. Everyone played well.

Most of the students go to Loreto. She teaches keyboard and piano in Loreto. She very kindly donated a keyboard to Mrs O'Sullivan. Mrs O'Sullivan was overjoyed with it. We raised money for it with the concert.

All Ms. O'Neill's students would like to thank her very much for the hard work and effort she put into teaching them. Yours with gratitude.

**By Rosemarie Fuller**

## Smile You're on Kodak"

It was September the 24th and we were all very excited because the photographer was coming to the school to take our photographs.

Everybody brought in hair brushes and combs to re-style their hair before the photograph was taken. The photographer's name was Mr. Quaid and when he came he had all the modern equipment. He set up a studio

in the middle classroom.

He divided his photography into two categories - single photos and family portraits. This proved to be a great success. As the children queued to be photographed, the photographer sprung into action. He taught the children how to pose properly. He adjusted his equipment and said "Smile, you're on Kodak".

A few days later the pho-

tographs were developed. We all got to see ourselves. My mother bought all of our photographs. There was one big picture and four small pictures in a set.

We gave one small picture to each of our grandmothers as a gift and we kept the rest.

Everyone was happy with what they got. It was a great day for everyone and I loved it.

**By Aisling Cronin**



# Visitors to our school

Visitors to our school this year included Dr. Bill Murphy, Bishop of Kerry, Pat O'Shea, School Football trainer, Garda Paudie Murphy, Killarney Garda Station.

Bishop Murphy visited our school in January. He spoke to all the classes. He would like every

parish to have a group of lay people to organise the choir and more people especially young people involved in the mass.

Pat O'Shea trained 4th, 5th and 6th classes in football. He visited our school every Monday morning from 9.30 to 10.30.

He taught us all the skills - soloing, passing, long kicks and defending. we also

had games of dodge ball and games of football.

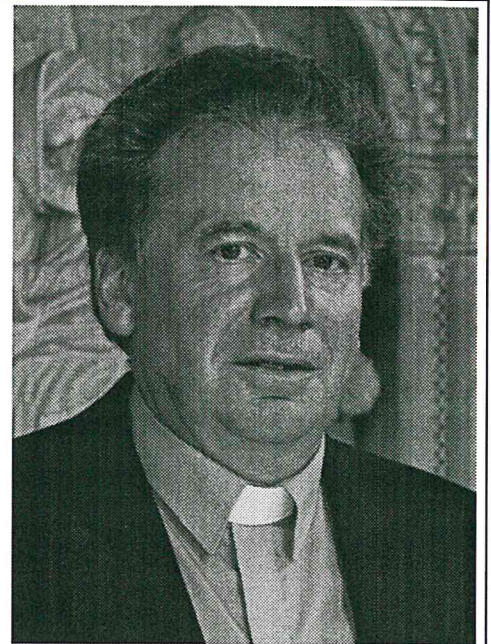
Garda Paudie Murphy of Killarney Garda Station came to 5th and 6th several Fridays.

He taught us about drugs manners, road safety, farm safety, garda equipment, vandalism and never to talk to strangers. He had very good videos on all the topics.

He gave us time to question him on all the topics. Paudie Murphy is very good at explaining and we hope he will come again next year.

We would like to thank all our visitors to the school for helping us in growing up for our adult life. We hope they will come again.

**By Amy Murphy**



## Park Ranger visits our school

Another visitor to our school was Peter O'Toole, Park Ranger, who visited our school on Friday, 15th of May.

Mr O'Toole brought in a Sika deer head. He showed us the difference between a red deer head and sika deer head.

The sika head is much smaller than the red deer head. He did a slide show on deer. Sika deer were imported from Japan. The deer prefer to live in the woodlands. Far more of their favourite food grows there. The last remaining herd of native red deer in Ireland are in Killarney.

Autumn is the rutting season which means the mating season. The stags fight and break their antlers sometimes. Deer shed their antlers in late spring and re-growth starts in early summer.

The points of the antlers are called "Tynes". Baby calves are born and tagged in June. The slide show was very interesting.

**By Anne Lucey and Aimee O'Mahoney**

## Extraordinary Visitors

Every year Sr. Pauline and Fr. Francis Nolan visit our school to talk about our religion programme.

Sr. Pauline came to our room and asked what we thought about Mass. Everyone asked if the reading and the Gospel stories could be made easier to understand. We all agreed there should be a children's mass once a month.

Sr. Pauline told lots of information about Jesus. Some of the class asked why do some grown ups talk during Mass? Then we sang hymns from our religion programme.

Fr. O'Brien comes to our school very often. Fr. O'Brien talks to us about his work and he talks to us about priests and nuns. We asked him why don't nuns and priests get married?

Then Fr. O'Brien left.

**By Shane Galvin and Brendan McGough**



**Getting ready for the Fancy Dress Parade**

## The May Procession

On May 21st we had our school procession.

All the children in the school took part. The infants picked wild flowers and then put them into beautiful baskets. It was a wonderful celebration in our school and also it is a very old custom.

Lots of people brought in flowers.

We sang songs and said prayers. We were standing in front of our Lady's statue. We all put our flowers beside Holy Mary's statue.

Then we sang May is the month of Mary while the infants walked in procession strewing the flowers.

**By Aisling and Antoinette O'Sullivan**



### Hallowe'en

There was once a boy named Peter. His parents had died and he lived all alone. He didn't mind until one night.....he came home and the phone rang. He picked up the phone. The voice said "Peter I'm coming to get you. Outside your gate..." He didn't take any notice that time. It rang again. "Peter I'm coming to get you at the front door." So he ran upstairs...."Peter I'm coming to get you in the sitting-room. Peter I'm coming to get you on the first step. I'm coming to get you on the last step." Then he ran into his room and locked himself in. "Peter I'm coming to get you outside your door." So he hid under his bed....."Peter I'm coming to get you....."

by T.J. Cronin

### Austria

Austria is a lovely country to visit. It might interest you that the "Sound of Music" was filmed there. In the film there are lovely songs like "Doh a deer". "How do you solve a problem like Maria?" and "I am sixteen going on seventeen."

Austria is a very well known place for skiing. I went skiing in a place called Mayrhofen. The mountains were very high with lots of snow.

Mozart the famous composer was born in Salzburg in Austria. He was born in 1756 and died in 1791. One of the best puppet theatres in the world is also in Salzburg.

by Jessie Buckley



'Why are you late for school David?' a teacher asked one of his pupils one day.

'I overslept Sir because I was dreaming of football.'

'Why does dreaming of football make you stay in bed?'

'It was 0-0 at half past seven, so they had to play extra time.'

- Philip



# Cuairt Cheeko

Tháinig Cheeko an fear ghrinn go Scoil Bhríde Mí Meitheamh eo caite.

Bhí hata ard dearg ar bharr a hinn. Bhí bríste fada air agus bhí triocaí buí agus glas air. Bhí bróga áda gorma buí air. Bhí stocaí bán-learga air. Tháinig na ranganna go éir amach sa chlós. Shuigh na páistí imeall.

Dinis Cheeko scéal dúinn faoin sorcas.

Bheartaigh mé agus mo chlann dul go dtí an sorcas an óiche sin. Bhí Mamaí agus Daidí in éineacht liom. Thug mo Mhamaí airgead dom. Chuaigh mé go dtí oifig-na dticéad agus cheannaigh mé trí thicéad. Ansin shúil Mamaí, Daidí agus mise isteach.

Nuair a tháinig a seacht a chlog

thosaigh an banna ceoil ag seinm. Tháinig máistir an t-sorcais amach. Bhí lasc aige. Tháinig eilifint mór ramhar amach. Ansin tháinig mon-caí amach. Bhí sé ag rothaíocht ar rothar beag. Tháinig Cheeko amach. Rinne sé tóin thar cheann. Bhí gach duine sna trithí gáire. Thaitin an sorcas go mór liom.

Le Treasa Ní Mhuineacháin

## Games review

by Alan McGough

Resident Evil 2 computers: Playstation and PC. The world of survival horror has returned. The brilliant sequel puts you back in Raccoon City, now taken over by zombies. Your mission is to find out what's going on, save the survivors and get out alive. Only the great film Titanic mad as much as this in the USA and Japan.

Coming soon to PC 10/10

Top 5 games

1. Resident Evil 2, computer: Playstation
2. Super Mario 64, computer: N64
3. Gran Turismo computer: Playstation
4. Golden Eye, computer: N64
5. Final Fantasy 7, computer: Playstation.

## Book Preview of James Cameron's "Titanic"

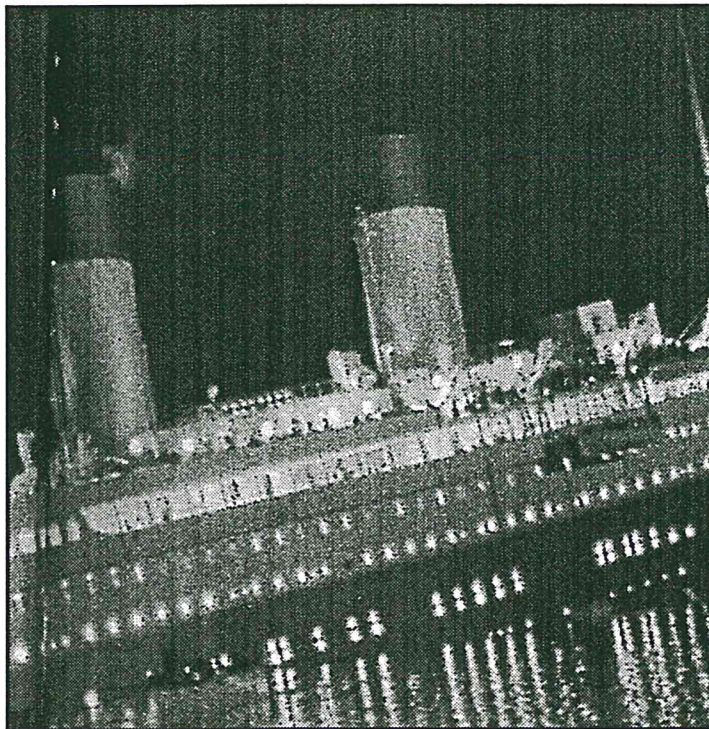
James Cameron's "Titanic" chronicles the cinematic re-creation of the most legendary ocean disaster of all time as seen through the eye of a master storyteller.

Set against the ship's fateful maiden voyage, Cameron has put the story of Titanic into an epic which he weaves as a rich human tapestry romance, heroism, tragedy and greed of life through a rich young woman with a poor young man.

In the pages of this book, James Cameron has brought all the screen play together and has interviewed some of the actors and actresses of the film.

I enjoyed reading the book and loved it, but it is not worth £18.99 in your local book shop, so I give it 9/10.

By Trevor Bucke



## Hobbies in our school

Maeve Gallagher and I, Bernice Cahill conducted a survey of sports and hobbies.

We found that in our school that swimming and reading were liked best.

In second place was cycling and in third was football. Fifteen pupils liked knitting best. There are many different types of hobbies that the pupils in our school enjoy.

## School Debate Chairperson, Adjudicators....

Fifth and sixth class had an intense debate before Christmas.

The motion before the house was "That young people today have a hard life". Fifth class opposed the motion and sixth class proposed the motion. Mrs O'Sullivan was the Chairperson and Mrs Casey was the adjudicator. Sixth class won by a small margin but all were excellent.

We really enjoyed the experience of thinking on our feet, organising our arguments and learning that there is more than one side to a story.

We look forward to a light hearted challenge with fourth class next year.

By Richard Maes

## The new computer

The whole school took part in the fancy dress parade.

Everybody put a lot of effort into winning the parade. On that Sunday evening everybody was overjoyed. The prize was a computer for the school. Then in January the computer came to the school.

The next day two men from the Kerryman came to take photographs of presenting the computer. Representatives of Killarney Traders also came. All the children had a big party. Everybody had a great day.

By Glenn Enright

## Titanic - The Movie

"Titanic" the movie was a big hit all around the world. The movie got eleven oscars. It was a five star movie. It was a very sad movie and what makes it sadder is that it really did happen.

Leonardo DiCaprio and his co-star Kate Winslet acted in the 1997 movie "Titanic".

By: Ciara Lyne and Sarah Garnett

## The St. Patrick's Day Parade

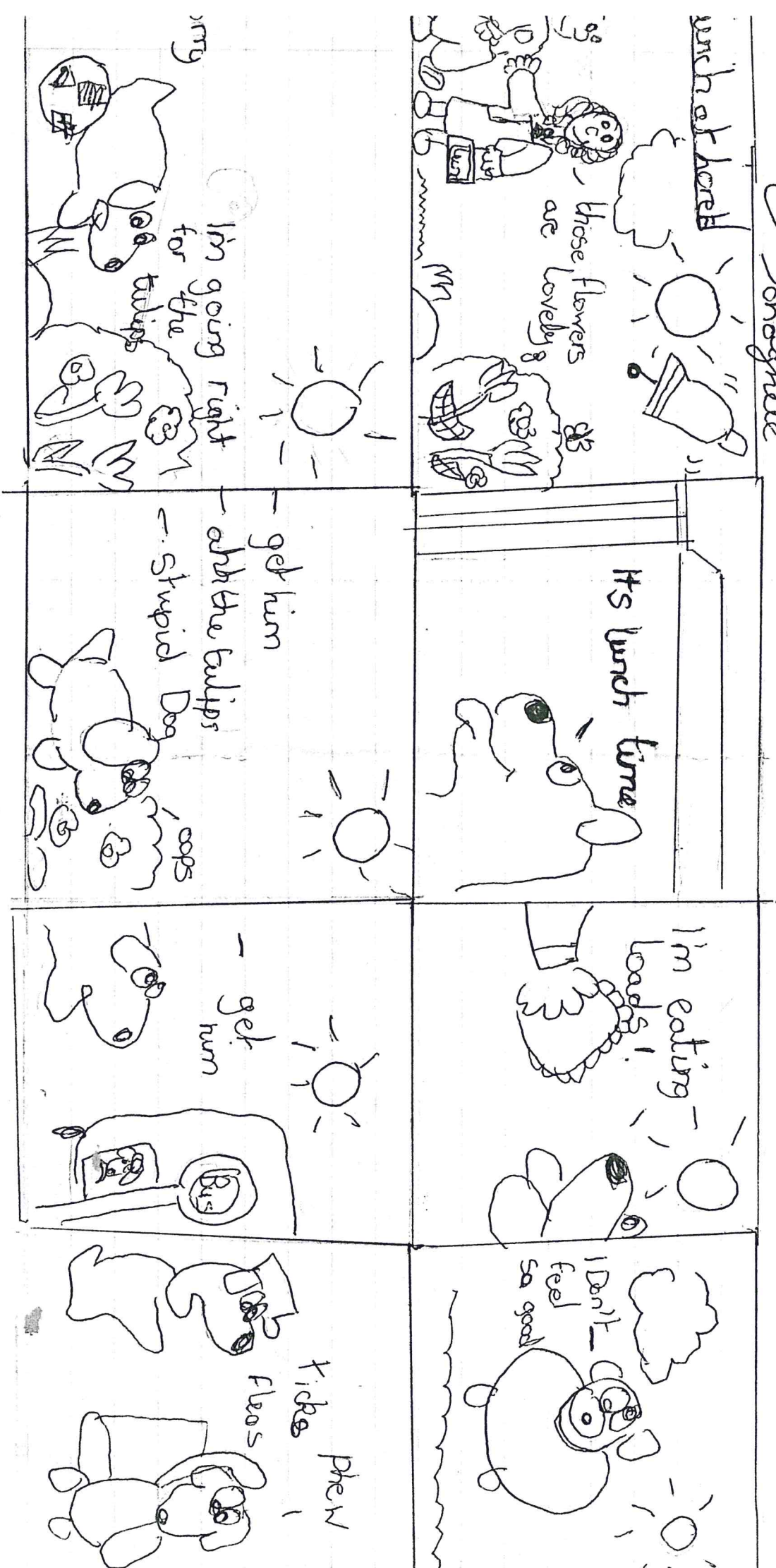
In the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year Elaine O'Donoghue played her flute with the Gleneagle band.

Some of the sixth class girls went as the Spice Girls and they won An Duais Speisialta and Mrs O'Leary's dancing class won the best roaring twenty's group prize.

By Sarah O'Toole



# Fido's Mrs Flowers and By Zane Donoghue





## RUGRATS

One day Phil and Lil went to Tommy's house. Chucky was already there. They went on an adventure. They had to hide behind Spike the dog to get past Tommy's Mom before going outside.

When they got to the middle of the garden they started their adventure. Chucky said that it wasn't a good idea but Tommy disagreed. Tommy led the way. he went around the garden once. Tommy wanted to go around the garden again but Phil and Lil said that he was getting lost.

Eventually Tommy stopped. He believed Phil and Lil. He looked around and kept on going. They got back inside. Tommy said "Let's start an adventure!" Chucky said "Oh oh," but they started off again.

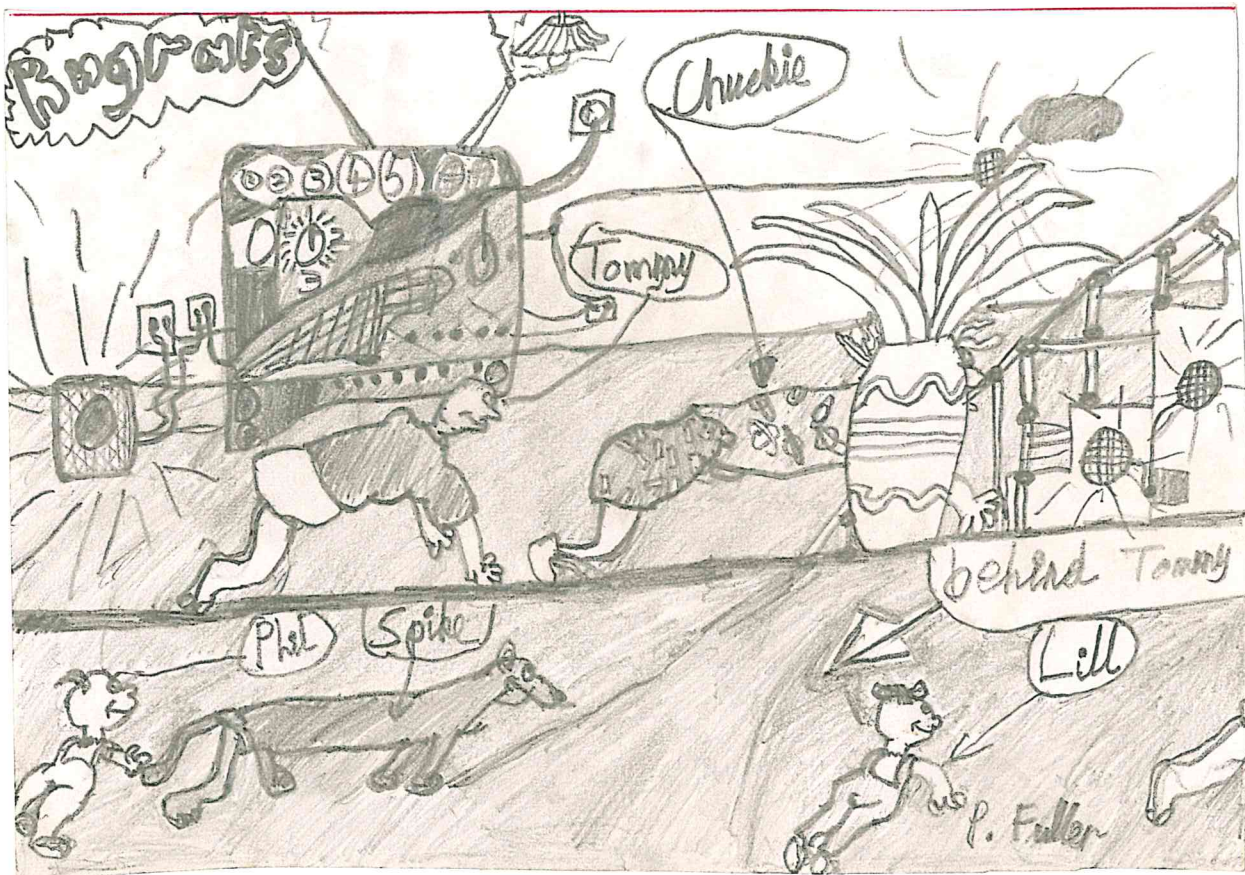
Their adventure began inside. They went upstairs and found a way into the attic. Tommy went out on to the roof. Chucky started to get dizzy and he fell down the chimney. The rest of them went down after them.

When they hit the bottom, Spike started to lick the soot off Tommy. When they were all clean they went outside. Tommy's Mom went into the car to go to work. They sneaked in. When the car stopped they got out and went into her office. They went up the elevator to the top floor. They found a rope which they used to pull themselves up to the flat roof. They could see for a few miles!

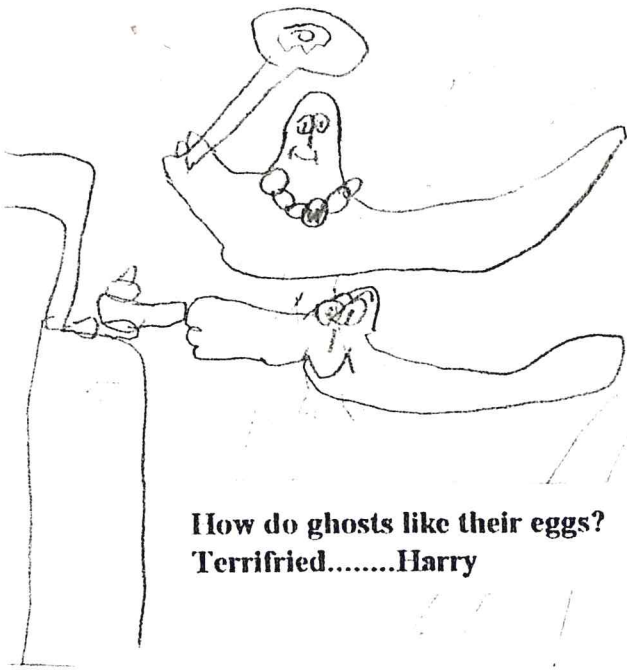
Tommy then tied the rope to the chimney. They all slid down the rope. When they got to the bottom Chucky was tired of all the travelling. But Phil and Lil said "Come on Chucky" so Chucky eventually came.

Tommy saw his Mom getting ready to go home. They sneaked back into the car. When they all got home again Chucky's dad came to collect him. Phil and Lil's Mom came to collect them too. And Chucky went to bed.

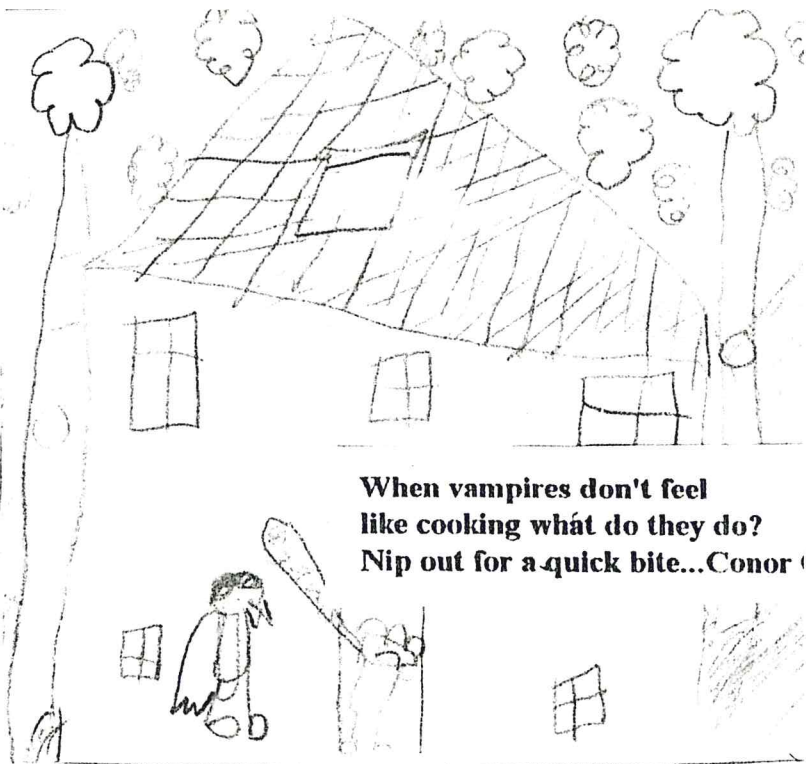
*by Conor Houlahan and Darragh Carroll.*



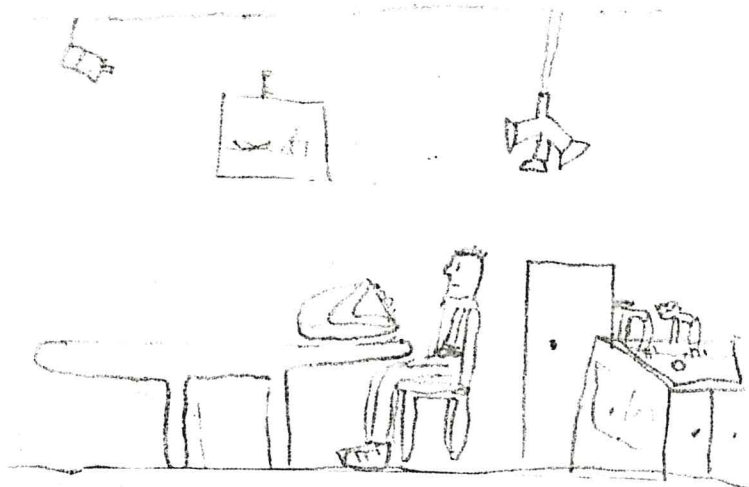




How do ghosts like their eggs?  
Terrified.....Harry

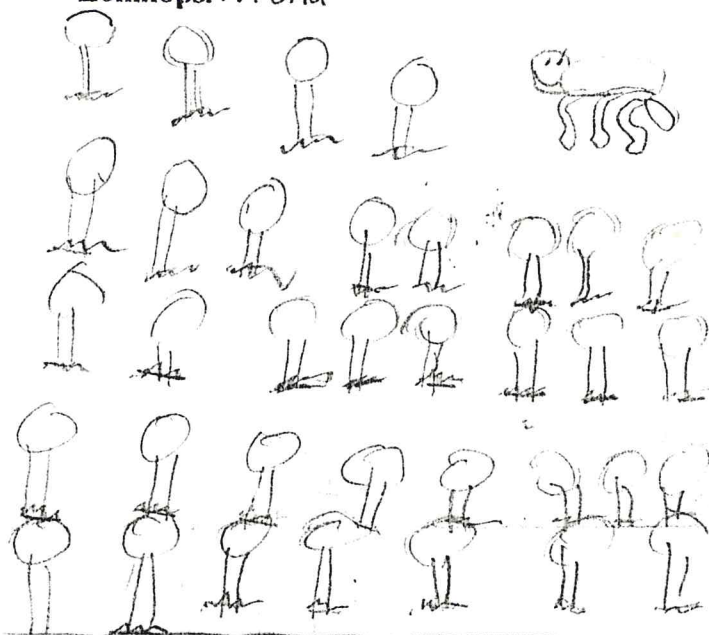


When vampires don't feel  
like cooking what do they do?  
Nip out for a quick bite...Conor

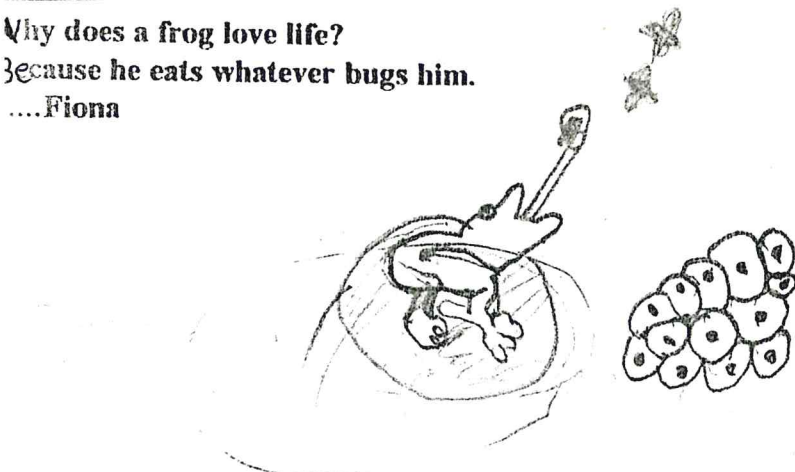


Waiter , waiter ! Why have you served  
my dinner in a nosebag?  
Iv'e heard that you eat like a horse.  
Donal ... Michael

What kind of sweets do frogs like?  
Lollihops. ... Orla

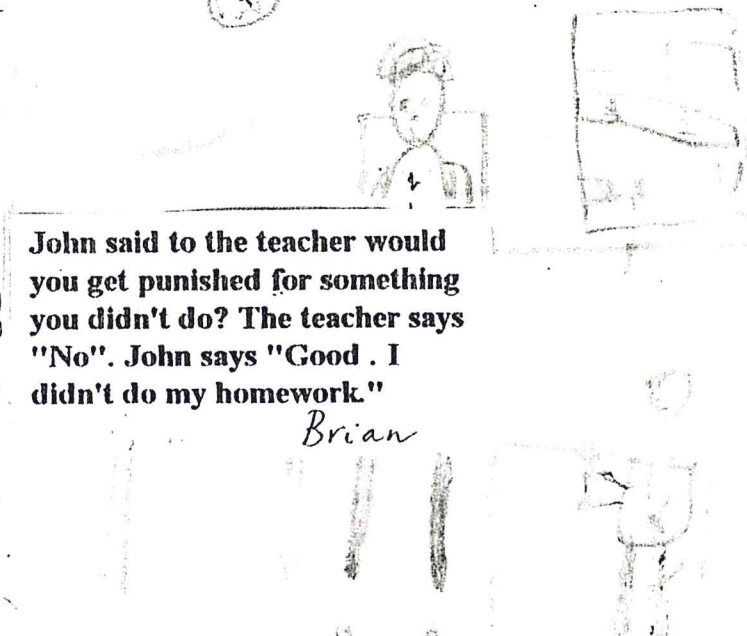


Why does a frog love life?  
Because he eats whatever bugs him.  
....Fiona



John said to the teacher would  
you get punished for something  
you didn't do? The teacher says  
"No". John says "Good . I  
didn't do my homework."

Brian





# The Match

## Loreto v Ballycasheen....played in the Loreto field



Loreto junior team, front row from left: Frank Cronin, Alan Maguire, Michael Daly, Conor Collins, Donal O'Donoghue and David Galvin. Back row from left: Keith Leniston, T.J.Cronin, Pat Fuller, Darragh Carroll, Aidan Brady, Jamie Clery, Peter O'Toole, David Treacy, Christopher Kelliher, Philip O'Connor, Conor Lawlor, John Paul O'Connor and Conor Houlihan.

Teacher got our jerseys ready for the match. Then we had our photo taken before the match began. Ballycasheen scored the first goal but then Aidan scored for us. Pat was fouled and hurt his leg.

Marcus went on for Pat. During the game Ballycasheen got a penalty but they missed because Aidan saved it. Then he passed it up the field and Loreto scored. Conor Lawlor's dad was

the referee. T.J. scored a brilliant goal but he then got injured in his leg. He went off but returned again late. John Paul also got injured. The ref blew his whistle. Loreto had won the match by one

point! All the Loreto supporters cheered. All the Loreto and Ballycasheen players got drinks and t-shirts after the match.

By: John Paul O'Connor and Keith Leniston

## Bryan Robson and my Life

When I was nearly 1 year old I went on a visit to Manchester. I lived in Kent in England. Kent was a nice place and we lived two minutes from the sea. In the 1990 World Cup in Italy, Bryan Robson was playing for

England and got injured and had to come home to have an operation in hospital.

When we went to Manchester we visited Old Trafford and when we got there we saw Bryan Robson on crutch-

es and he signed his autograph in my baby book.

My mum bought me a mug that I still have, it is white and red writing that says Manchester United on it.

I now live in Ireland for 3 years, 2 years in Ennis

and 1 year in Killarney. My Dad's favourite all time player is George Best and my all time player is Eric Cantona.

By: Conor Lawlor



# Sports

## Girls Basketball

This years girls basketball team was once again coached by Bríde O'Donoghue.

The members of the team were Valerie O'Donoghue, Aoife Fleming, Sarah O'Toole, Rosemarie Fuller, Danielle Quinlan, Elaine O'Donoghue, Lisa Cahill, Hayley Moriarty, Sarah Jane O'Neill, Ciara Lawlor, Emma Brady and Karen Lucey.

In the Town League we played teams such as St.

Annes, Ballycasheen, Tiernaboul, The Sizzlers and Coolick. We went to Farranfore and played against St. Annes first but unfortunately were beaten. However we had a victory in our final match against Ballymac. We would like to say a big thank you to Bríde who trained us, for her time and effort.

**We really appreciate it.**

**By Elaine O'Donoghue**

## Spa Muckross Primary School Sports

On May the 13th, Spa GAA club held school sports. Schools from all over Killarney were asked to participate in this.

There were lots of children there. Congratulations to Daniel O'Connor who won first prize for the infants 40m. For the first 60m, also congratulations to Sinéad Brown, Fiona Brady and Michael Daly who came 2nd in their heats respectively. TJ Cronin came second in his 80m heat. Risteard O'Lionáird came second in his 80m heat. Jamie Clery won the boys 100m final. He slipped under the line.

No one won the fourth 100m for Loreto although Marcus came close. There were no runners for the fifth 100m. Domnic came 2nd in the sixth race. A great evening of sport was enjoyed by all.

**By Jamie Clery, Peter O'Toole, Aidan Brady and Christopher Kelleher**

## Cuairt Foireann Chiarraí

Mí Deireadh Fomhair seo caite chuaigh mé féin agus m'athair go Cluiche Ceannais Peile na hEireann. Dhúisigh mé le heirí na gréine. Chuaigh mé féin agus m'athair go Páirc an Chrócaigh. Bhí foireann Chiarraí ag imirt i gcoinne foireann Mhaigh-Eo. Bhí slua mór ann. Cheannaigh Daidí na ticéad riomhre. Bhí radharc iontach againn ó Ardán Uí Ogáin. Sheas an slua nuair a thosaigh amhrán na bhFiann. Tháinig na foireanna amach agus thosaigh an chluiche.

Thug Muiris Mac Gearailt uí don liathroid agus fuair se cuilín. Thosaigh an slua ag béiceadh agus ag bualagh bos. Thug Ciarán Mac Donald eic mhór don liathróid agus fuair sé cailín ó pionós. Fuair Pa Laide and liathroid agus fuair sé cuilín.

Fuair Muiris Mac Gearailt naoi guilín. Thosaigh an slua g beiceadh mar bhí an bua ag Chiarraí. Bhí na bratanna ag séideadh san aer. Bhí gliondar croí ar mhuintear Chiarraí. Cúpla seachtain ina dhiadh sin tháinig Peadar O'Laioire, Pa Laide agus Seán O'hEigeartaigh go dtí an scoil. Bhí and corn acu. D'ullmhaigh gach páiste bratanna. Bhí dath buí agus glas orthu. Chan na páistí go léir an t-amhrán "Football Crazy". Tháinig an t-amhrán comh mór seo leo gur d'iarr Peadar cóip den amhrán ar théip.

Bhí lá iontach againn go léir.

**Le Éadaoin Ní Mhuineacháin**

## History Essay Prizewinner



On the 27th March, I went to Tralee to collect a prize for an essay I did on Daniel O'Connell.

My parents and my sister Alice came with me. We arrived at the County Library at around 3pm. Outside the building we saw a lot of guards and realised they were waiting for the Minister for Justice, John O'Donoghue who was presenting the prizes.

We went into a room full of other children who were also to receive prizes. My name was called out and I went up to the Minister to receive my prize. A photographer took our picture and then I went back to sit with my lovely plaque with my name on it. I enjoyed the day and I was very happy with my prize.

**By Patrick O'Donoghue**

## The Fashion Show

The Killarney Manor was buzzing with excitement as the fashion show started. Cyril Boggins began the evening with a few songs. After Cyril had finished Mrs O'Leary's dancing school and Padraig Moynihan's music class were playing and dancing magically. Everyone was brilliant.

The playschool modelled clothes from Tots to Teens. They looked cute and they were very brave. The older models or as Mr Junior Finnegan (the MC) called them "The Supermodels", modelled

clothes from The Eyecatcher Boutique, Pretty Woman and Culloty's Menswear. The confirmation class were modelling clothes from Tots to Teens and then danced to "Stop" by The Spice Girls while they modelled clothes from Walsh Brothers.

5th class danced in the back-ground.

A special thanks to all who participated in and helped to organise the Fashion Show.

**By Emily Kelleher and Jamie O'Neill**



# Boys Mini-Sevens

On the 24th of March the Loreto boys played mini sevens football against Rathmore, Tiernaboul and Scartaglin.

The highlights of the day were when Marcus Treacy and Brendan Collins broke through the Tiernaboul defence with their skillful play and blasted the ball behind the line on two occasions.

By Domnic Collins

**Pictured right: 7-a-side-panel: Back row from left: Patrick O'Donoghue, Barry Finnegan, Jason Newby, Marcus Treacy, Alan McGough. Front row from left: Glenn Enright, Shane Galvin, Richard O'Connor, Richard Maes and Brendan Collins.**



## A Word of Thanks

We would like to thank all who helped with football coaching this year and also all who helped to drive us to matches.

## Girls 7-a-side

On Friday 3rd of April, the girls mini sevens team set out for the new Croke pitch. It was a miserable day.

When we arrived we waited to see who we were to play. It turned out it was the Gael Scoil. We go ready and went up to the pitch to

warm up. The match started and Aoife was thrilled to score the first point for the match. The Gael Scoil scored a few good points. Aoife managed to score another point just before the end of the first half.

At half time Mrs O'Sullivan gave us words of encouragement.

In the second half Gael Scoil scored some very skillful points and goals.

Then Danielle scored a wonderful goal. The final score was 1-2 to 2-5. All the team played superbly and it was a very fair match.

By Aoife Fleming

## Leipreachán Rugby

On the 25th of May we took part in the Inter schools touch rugby league in the Community College. We entered two teams from 5th and 6th classes. We enjoyed our sporting games thoroughly.

By Jason Newby



## The Soccer League

The soccer league was on the 7th of May. It was a 6-a-side league. We had two subs. The team was: Richard O'Connor, Jason Newby, Barry Finnegan, Domnic Collins, Brendan Collins, Patrick O'Donoghue, Michael Lucey and Richard Maes.

We played two games. We had a good day and I would like to thank everyone who trained us and brought us to and from the pitch.

By Michael Lucey



## Monica Brown visits Killarney

Monica Brown is an Australian singer. She came to Killarney in October 1997.

She played her guitar with her friend Uffa in the Church of the Resurrection. She played many joyful songs. Monica had a friend called Uffa, she was dressed as a clown to make the event more exciting and funny.

Uffa could not juggle but still she was a happy and cheerful clown.

Our school went to see her. Lots of children from other schools came by bus to see and hear her. Uffa also drew a picture of God and a ? under it.

It meant that God is a mystery. Monica told us that we were all equal and that God looks after each one of us. Our school had a great day.

By Amy Crowe and  
Kate Murphy

## Climbing Mangerton mountain



On the 20th of May, 5th and 6th climbed Mangerton mountain. We all had a great day! We would like to thank Mrs O'Sullivan, Betty Garnett, Kathleen Brady and Peter O'Toole for bringing us.

## The Phosphate Awareness Week Art Competition 1998

Another Friday evening in school but this Friday evening we were doing the Phosphate Awareness Week Art Competition.

The competition was for primary schools. It was run by the Lough Leane Working Group and it was sponsored by Killarney of the Welcomes. The competition was held to high light the problem of the algae in the lakes of Killarney.

You could draw a poster, write a poem or a slogan. There were a large number of entries from our school. The weeks passed by and one Monday morning Mrs O'Sullivan got a letter in the post, telling her that Maeve Gallagher in 4th class and Peg O'Mahony in 5th class had won a prize in it. We were delighted, because we hadn't expected it.

We went to a prize giving ceremony at Bricín, High Street, Killarney on Friday the 8th of April at



5.30pm.

Our parents and Mrs O'Sullivan also attended. Gerry O'Grady from Killarney of the Welcomes presented us with a plaque in the shape of a scroll, a

book and ten pounds.

The cameras were flashing and there was plenty to eat. All the entries were on display in the Killarney Library from April 1st, to April 3rd.

The picture of the prizewinners was in the Kingdom the following week.

By Peg O'Mahony

## Trip to Siamsa tire

This year 5th and 6th class went to see a play called, "Silly Bits of Sky", in Siamsa Tire on the 24th of February.

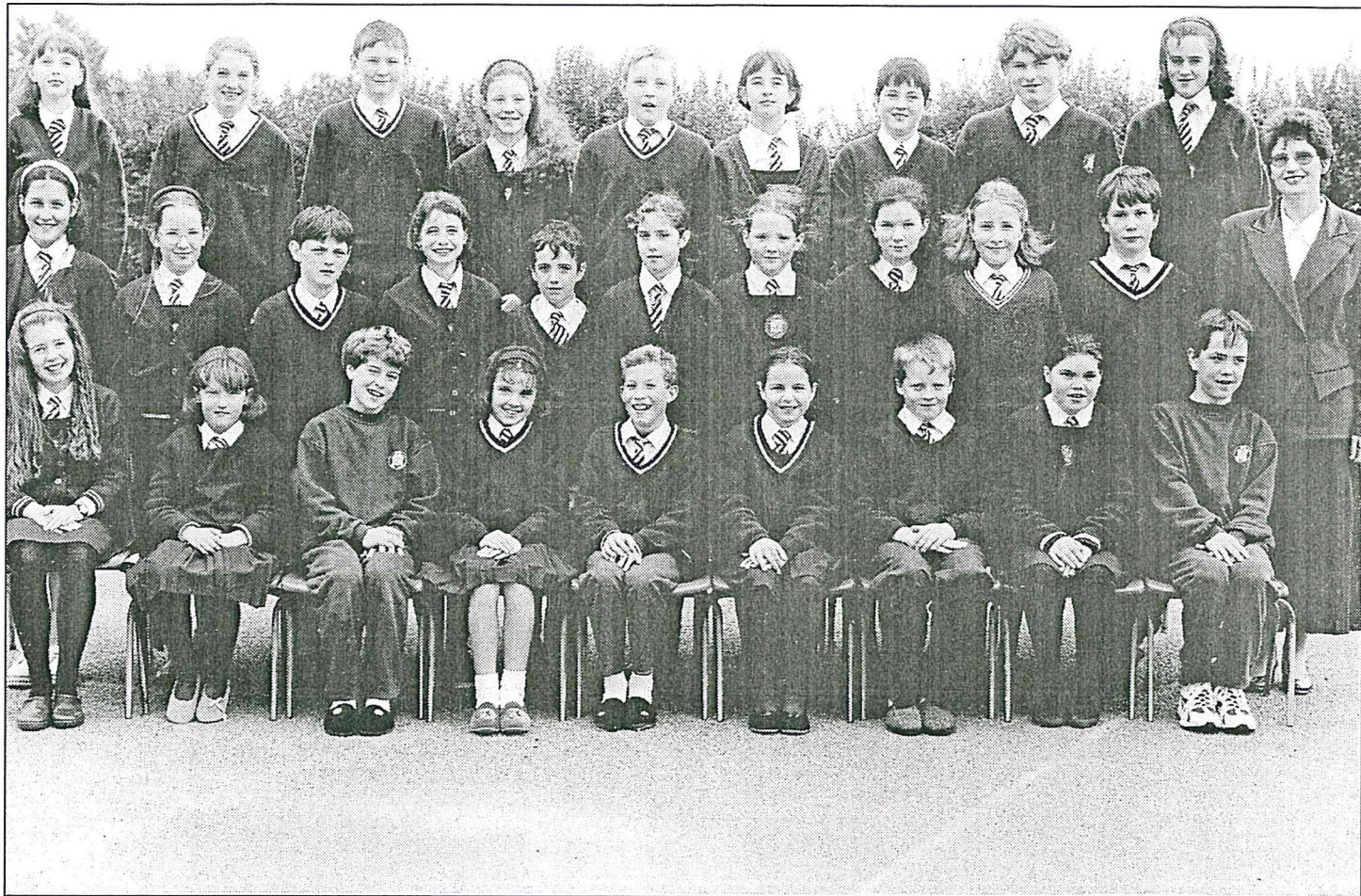
The play explored the relationships between self-esteem and the need to feel part of the gang, it did this through music, song and a dramatic story.

The play helped us to learn how to cope with nicknames, jeers about one's parent, clothes, physical appearance etc. The play helped us to develop self-esteem in dealing with the sometimes joking sometimes malicious jeers of our peers.

I really enjoyed the play. It was very funny yet dramatic. I think everyone who went to see it, thought that it was brilliant. We also got work-sheets on the play which were a lot of fun.

By Richard O'Connor





**FIFTH & SIXTH CLASS 1997 - 1998**



**THIRD & FOURTH CLASS 1997 - 1998**





**FIRST & SECOND CLASS 1997 - 1998**



**JUNIOR & SENIOR INFANTS 1997 - 1998**

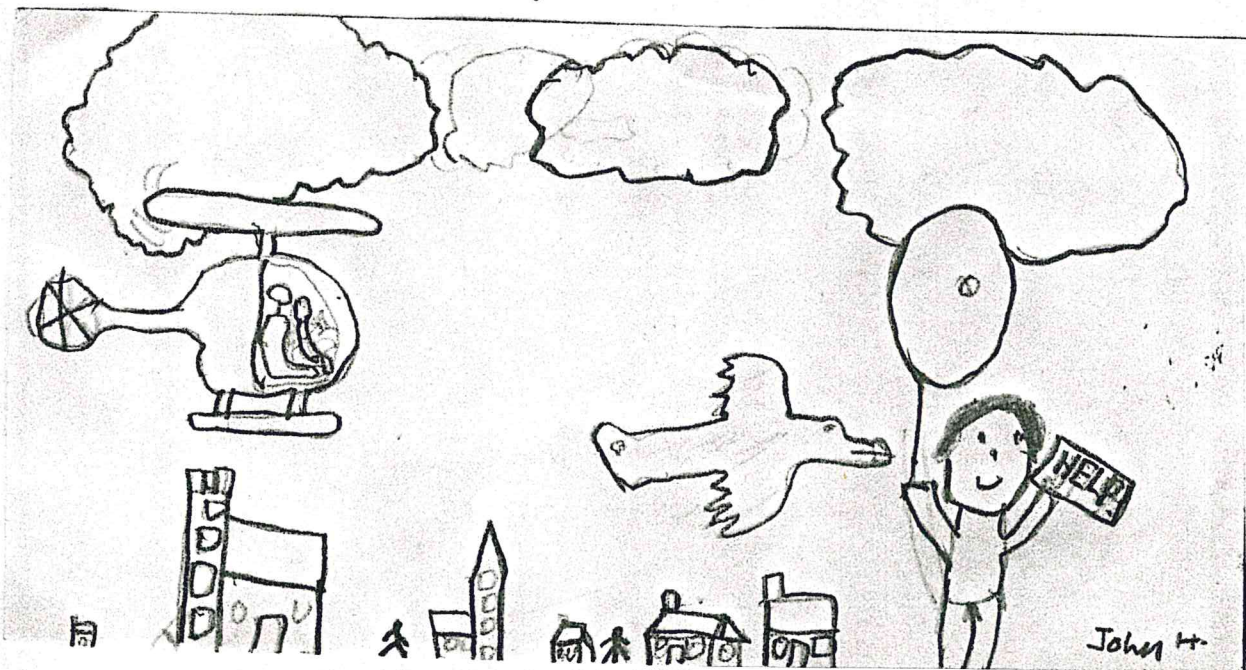


## The Balloon

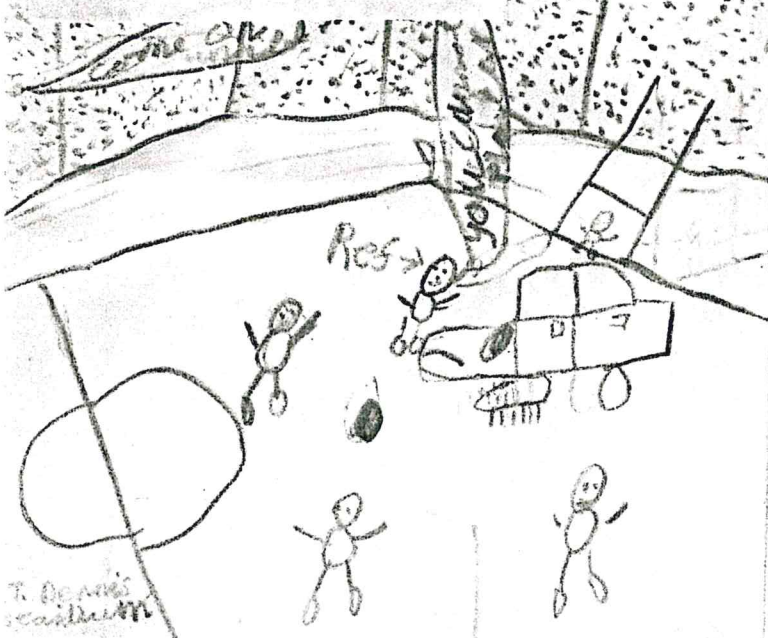
Once upon a time there was a boy called Cian. One day he got a balloon from his mammy. The moment he took the balloon, he began to rise into the air. The balloon rose higher and higher into the air with Cian hanging from it. After a few minutes Cian was very high up in the air.

Soon a bird flew down to Cian. "Hello" it said. "What are you doing up here?" The bird and Cian talked for a while. Soon there was a noise like an aeroplane coming near. The pilot shouted to Cian. "Want a lift?" "Okay." said Cian "But first I have to get something." So off went Cian to get a bit of cloud. "Hop on," said the pilot and off they went. When Cian got home he ran into the house. "Oh Cian, said his mother "Where were you? I've been looking for you everywhere." "Oh I've just been flying about," said Cian. "I'm never going to touch another balloon again," he thought. And he never did!

*by Risteárd Ó Lionáird.*

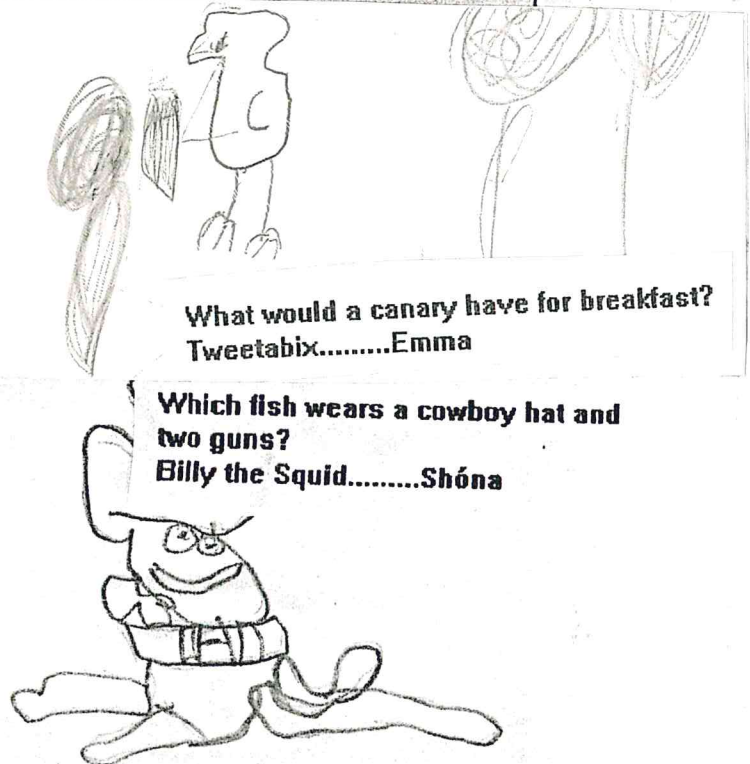


**Why can't a car play football?  
It's only got one boot...David T.**



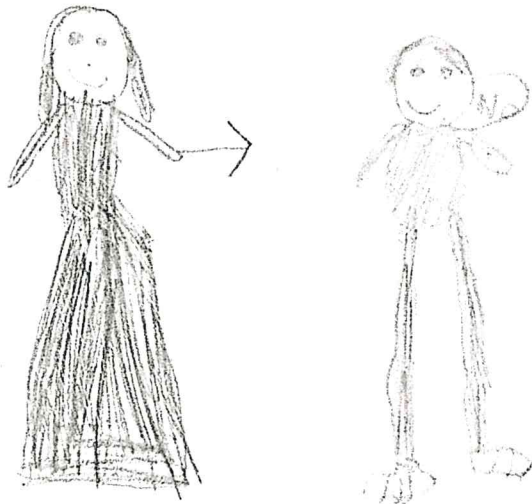
**What would a canary have for breakfast?  
Tweetabix.....Emma**

**Which fish wears a cowboy hat and  
two guns?  
Billy the Squid.....Shóna**

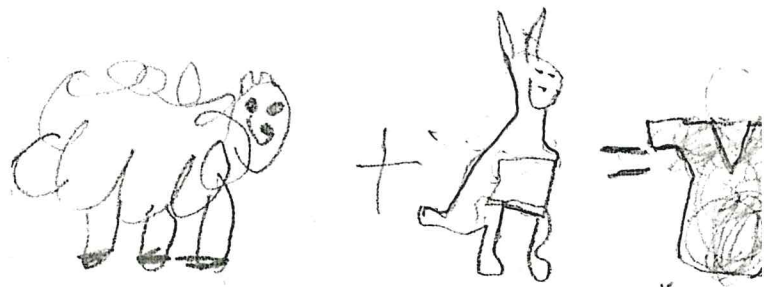




Would you know me tomorrow?  
Yes. Knock knock. Who's there?  
I thought you said you know me.  
Denice

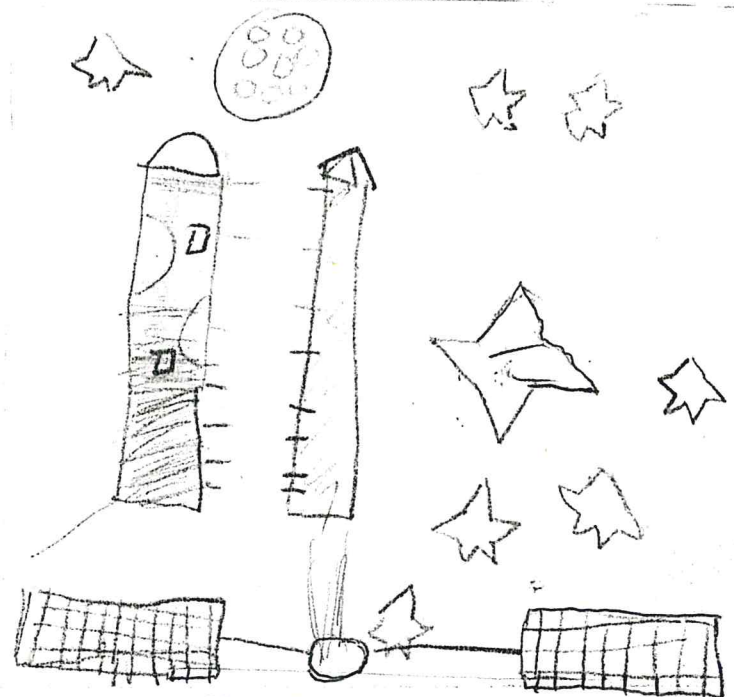
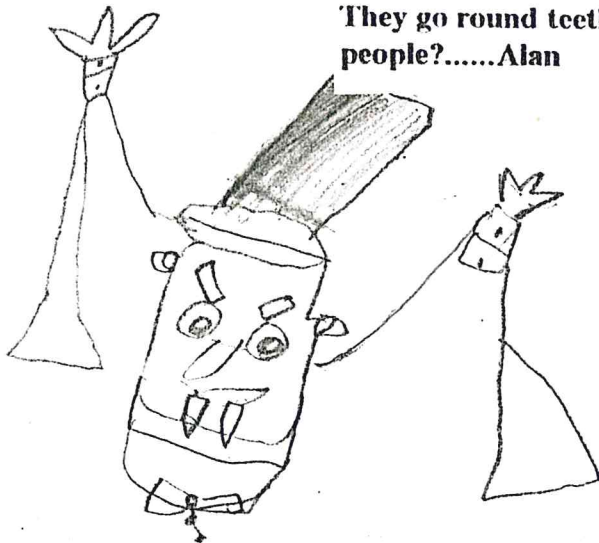


What do you get if you cross a  
sheep with a kangaroo?  
A woolly jumper.....Sinéad

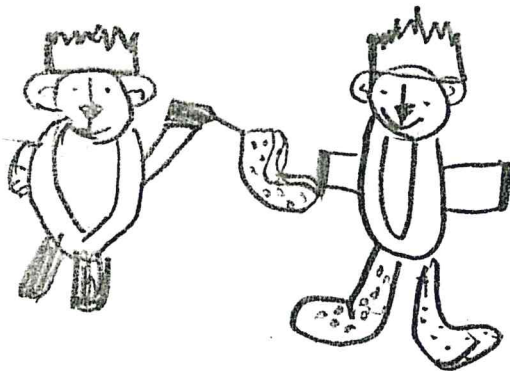


Why are vampires so unpopular?

They go round teething  
people?.....Alan



Why did the rocket lose it's job?  
It got fired!.....Frank



Why do teddies always get socks  
for their birthdays?  
Because they have bare feet!  
David G.

What do witch brooms like to eat?  
Bristle Sprouts.....Laura







## Telethon '98 - Come on everybody... Hat Day:

Mrs O'Sullivan suggested one day to have a hat day to raise funds for the people in need.

Everyone in the whole school brought in £1 and wore hats. A man came to our school and took lovely photographs of all the children and teachers. The photographs were in The Kingdom newspaper and we looked lovely. We had great fun and we enjoyed ourselves and helping others.

By Rosemarie O'Connor

## Thumper the Flower Hater

One day in November our teacher Mrs Hickey said that we could plant tulips and crocus corms.

We hoped they would bloom in Spring and would be bright and colourful. After eleven o'clock break, 3rd and 4th class stayed outside. When teacher came she brought the bulbs with her. Teacher helped all of us to plant them.

After a week or so a big fat fluffy dog came to our school and he started to eat the crusts from our sandwiches. Then he looked around for somewhere to sleep. He thought where we planted the tulips was a good idea. He pawed the earth and we looked outside and there we saw Thumper sleeping peacefully on the flower-bed.

After a couple of months six tulips grew. Some bulbs survived. Out of 20 crocus corms, 10 survived and about eight tulips. But at least these survived the crush.

By Alice O'Donoghue  
and Holly Moriarty

## Noise around Scoil Bhríde

Hillsborough's James Leckey, celebrated his 40th birthday last week and received the perfect birthday present as he won an incident that filled Gleneagle Rally of the Lakes in his Suburu Impreza.

In the first stage Bertie Fisher was speeding through Molls Gap in His Suburu Impreza 555. After one mile and a half he got a puncture and sped over a bridge and went flying into the bog next to the bridge upside down.

Although he was scarcely damaged, a broken windscreen and a dent on the roof, it ended his rally.

McHale was 17 seconds ahead of James Leckey on Sunday morning. Austin McHale lost precious time because of his suspension and there was victory for James Leckey by 2 seconds. Austin McHale was nearly beaten by Andrew Nesbitt. Nesbitt was beaten by one second.

By Marcus Treacy and Darren O'Mahoney

## Sponsored cycle and stay awake.

Jamie O'Neill, Emily Kelleher, Amy Murphy, Niamh Gallagher and myself Rosemarie Fuller also raised funds by doing a sponsored cycle around Muckross. We gave out lollipops along the way.

Aoife Fleming, Sarah O'Toole and Valerie O'Donoghue did a sponsored stayawake. I rang in with the money and told Telethon that we made £505 overall. We had a great day. We got through to the Late Late Show and our names came up with the amount we raised.

Hopefully from now on Telethon People in Need will be remembered with a new idea each year in Loreto National School.

By Rosemarie Fuller

## Phosphate Awareness Week

Phosphate awareness week was organised by Lough Leane working group in order to raise public awareness of the role individuals can play in reducing phosphate levels.

Leaflets were given to our school and secondary school with an aim to get the people of Killarney to enter a draw to get more interested in the lakes and also buy phosphate free detergents with zeolites instead.

When too many phosphates enter our lakes they increase the pollution. It causes excessive growth of plants such as algae, resulting in algae bloom.

Our school took part in the art competition. The children who won prizes in the competition were: Peg O'Mahoney and Maeve Gallagher.

Their prizes were a book and a plaque and ten pounds.

By Karen Lucey and Aisling Brown

## The Titanic

On the 14th of April, 1912, the Titanic sank.

It sank at 2.30am. There was more than 2,220 people aboard and about 1513 died including the American millionaires John Jacob Astor, Benjamin Guggenheim and Isidor Straus.

We went on our school tour on Friday the 29th of May. We went to Cobh, or Cove. We went to the Titanic Experience, we saw a lot of exhibits. There was a cabin inside and there was a clock, clothes, pillows and lots more. It must have been a 1st class cabin. We also saw a movie on the Titanic in Cobh.

We saw lots of models of ships. There was a deck with a game on it called Shuffle Board.

By Ciara Lyne & Sarah Garnet



# The School Tour

On 29th of May, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes went on our school tour to Cork.

First we went to Cork Gaol where we saw how people were treated in the old days. For example Mary Sullivan who stole cloth and was put in Gaol for five years! We also enjoyed the audiovisual film.

Our next stop was Cobh, Queenstown experience where we saw movies of the Titanic and Lusitania. We saw people with their luggage in trunks or sacks ready to emigrate. Prisoners were being deported for very minor crimes. From the harbour we could see Spike island and Haulbowline Island.

We saw how people sailed from Queenstown. We saw survivors of the Lusitania huddling around a fire in the hotel in Cobh.

Our next stop was Fota Island where we saw animals in their natural habitat but the day could have been better weather wise. Because of the thunder and lightning, we did not see as many animals as we should have. We were brought around in a little bus. However we enjoyed the excitement and we learned a lot.

Our thanks to Mrs Kissane for organising the trip.

By Riona Hurley



INTERVIEW WITH THE GOVERNER OF CORK GAOL.

## Junior tours

On thursday June 4th, 1st and 2nd class went on their school tour. Crag Cave was our first stop. The big chamber was the favourite part.

Stalactites and stalacmites were viewed in awe.

Ross Castle provided many points of interest - murder hole, great hall and especially the garderobe!

We finished with a nature walk through part of the peninsula, the scent of the wild garlic thankfully not hanging in the air.

The junior infants and senior infants thoroughly enjoyed their day out to Kennedy's Farm. They travelled on the bus with the 1st and 2nd class. The sense of delight on the children's faces, some on their first big outing was wonderful. Our thanks to Mrs. Kissane and Mrs. Moynihan for organising these tours.

## The weather station in Muckross

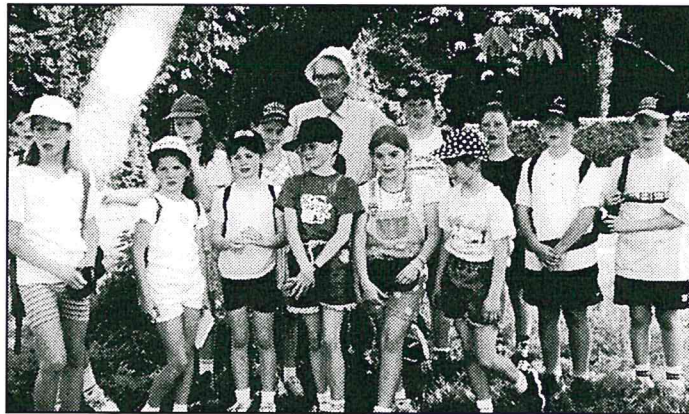
On Tuesday, 19th of May, 3rd and 4th classes went to the weather station in Muckross.

Mr Carson told us how he records the weather at 9.00 G.M.T. each morning. He showed us the vat of water. He told us that the depth of water in the vat must be 1.5 feet at all times. If the level of water drops the water must be added, if it rises above, water must be drained off. It is through this evaporation by wind and sun is measured. Then they send the records to Glasnevin in Dublin.

We saw soil thermometers. The first thermometer we saw was one foot down in the earth and the temperature was 13.5, the next thermometer was two feet down and the temperature was the same as the first thermometer. The last thermometer we saw was four feet down and the temperature was 15.5.

Most of the class learned new information and we would like to thank Mrs Hickey and Mr Carson for a wonderful day.

By Denise O'Connor  
and Sarah O'Neill



## Our visit to the Nursery in Muckross

On the 19th of May, we went to the Arboretum and Nursery. When we got off the bus, we met Mr Kelleher. He showed us the Spáilpín Fanach. He would go the Fairs long ago.

This boy had his own spade and he would wait around for a farmer to hire him. He also showed us some Scotts Pine and the yew tree. They were all beautiful tree. Then we met Mr Carson. He showed us the nursery and he told us that all plants in the nursery must be planted out after six months. We saw alot of exotic plants such as orchids. These are grown in the Mist House. They are normally grown in Bangkok in South East Asia. We saw ferns and holly hock too. They are building a new glass house when the temperature in the new glass house reaches a certain heat, all the windows will open automatically and the sprinklers will come on automatically. I would like to thank Mr Carson, Mr Kelleher and Mr O'Toole for a lovely day and of course our teacher Mrs Hickey for planning a fun packed day for all.

By Grace O'Donoghue



## Junior Football Team

Scoil Bhríde's Junior Football team has been very active of late.

Although they have only won three games, they have played very well. The teams first game was against Loughguittane and the winning margin was huge.

Next they played Lissivigeen and in an entertaining match lost by only 2 points. Then they played Tiernaboul and lost by only one point.

We played Ballycasheen in two matches, we lost one and won one. All were excellent matches.

Ballycasheen came to Loreto to give us a challenge but we were ready for them. And we beat them by 2-3.

We played Lissivigeen again and revenge was sweet as we disposed of them comfortably.

Team: Christopher Kelleher, Conor Lawlor, Conor Houlihan, Peter O'Toole, Pat Fuller, TJ Cronin, Stefano Taddei, Barry Finnegan, Aidan Brady, David Galvin, Shane Galvin, Jamie Clery, David Treacy, Marcus Treacy, Keith Leinston, John Paul O'Connor, Frank Cronin, Alan Maguire, and Philip O'Connor.

**Well done lads!**

Our thanks to Mr Treacy, Mr Lawlor, Mr Fuller and Mr Cleary for picking and training the team.

**By Barry Finnegan,  
Padraig Hegarty and  
Robert Hilliard  
Stefano Taddei**

## Focal Buíochas

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

In particular we would like to thank Karie O'Toole, Aisling Crosbie and Marie Cronin for their great help in producing this newsletter.

# Our Confirmation Trip

On the 4th of June, the confirmation class went on their confirmation trip. Our first stop was St. Mary of the Angel's Special School, Beaufort, where we all made a special friend.

The children were very friendly and we were delighted to be there with them. We took them on part of our walk through the Gap of Dunloe and a

picnic with them. We had a marvellous time walking with them. We were delighted we had given some of our confirmation money to give them a treat.

They had made buns in their cookery class to share with us. Making these special friends was the highlight of our day.

**By Lisa Cahill**

## The rest of our great day

After we left our friends we continued on through the Gap of Dunloe and Black Valley to Lord Brandon's Cottage.

We then got a boat to Innisfallen Island. We saw the Purple mountain and the Black

Lake.

The view from the head of the Gap was miraculous. We were getting tired when we reached the Black valley. Luckily we had plenty of breaks and drinks.

Finally we got to Lord Brandon's cottage. Half of us got

one boat, we went under the Old Weir bridge through the rapids. It was cool! Then we passed Dinis Cottage to Innisfallen Island. Fr. O'Brien said Mass, it was lovely.

**By Hayley Moriarty**

# Girls Football



**Girls panel with football coaches Mike Fuller, Fintan Lawlor and Padriag Treacy.**

The girls had many matches this year, taking part in the 9-a-side girls league against Faha and Anabla and also having challenge matches against Ballycasheen and Anabla.

The match against Anable took place in Loreto and ended in an exciting

draw.

St. Oliver's were the winners on their home territory but for the return challenge in Loreto our secret weapon Valerie O'Donoghue had returned from Dingle and we proved the stronger team.



# Sports Evening 1998

## Programme of Events

1. Junior Infants Girls 50m running
  2. Junior Infant Boys 50m running
  3. Senior Infant Girls 50m running
  4. Senior Infant Boys 50m running
  5. First Class Girls 75m running
  6. First Class Boys 75m running
  7. Second Class Girls 75m running
  8. Second Class Boys 75m running
  9. Third Class Girls 75m running
  10. Third Class Boys 75m running
  11. Fourth Class Girls 100m running
  12. Fourth Class Boys 100m running
  13. Fifth Class Girls 100m running
  14. Fifth Class Boys 100m Running
  15. Sixth Class Girls 100m Running
  16. Sixth Class Boys 100m running
  17. Pre-schoolers race
  18. Junior Infant Boys & Girls Sack Race
  19. Senior Infant Boys & Girls Sack Race
  20. First Class Boys & Girls Sack Race
  21. Second Class Boys & Girls Sack Race
  22. Third Class Boys & Girls Sack Race
  23. Fourth Class Boys & Girls Sack Race
  24. Fifth Class Boys & Girls Sack Race
  25. Sixth Class Boys & Girls Sack Race
  26. Junior Infant Boys & Girls Egg & Spoon Race
  27. Senior Infant Boys & Girls Egg & Spoon Race
  28. First Class Boys & Girls Egg & Spoon Race
  29. Second Class Boys & Girls Egg & Spoon Race
  30. Third Class Boys & Girls Egg & Spoon Race
  31. Fourth Class Boys & Girls Egg & Spoon Race
  32. Fifth Class Boys & Girls Wheelbarrow Race
  33. Sixth Class Boys & Girls Wheelbarrow Race
  34. Relay St. Anne's V St. Pats
  35. Long Race (2 Laps)
  36. Dad's Race (Novelty)
  37. Mom's Race (Novelty)
  38. Open Relay - Boys
  39. Open Relay - Girls
- Long Jump and B.B. free shots throughout the evening (Junior and Senior)