

# Scoil Bhride—Loreto National School Newsletter

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## Aiming for a Green School.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005 Micheál Ó Coileáin from Kerry County Council came to our school to talk to us about becoming a green school. He showed us a slide show and he gave a talk about the slides. He encouraged us to aim for our first green flag.



The photo includes from left to right Ms. Esther O'Connell, Teacher, Ms. Patricia Oliver, Director of Education with An Taisce, Michael Lagan, 4<sup>th</sup> class representative, Ms. Elizabeth Fuller, 5<sup>th</sup> class representative and Mr. Frank Corcoran, Chairman of An Taisce.

## Welcome to our Readers

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

## Scoil Bhride achieves its first green schools flag

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006 Michael Lagan (4<sup>th</sup> class), Elizabeth Fuller (5<sup>th</sup> class) Mary Fuller (parent) and Ms. O'Connell travelled by train to Dublin to attend the Green Flag Ceremony.

Before the ceremony, we had a marvellous opportunity to visit the G.P.O. (General Post Office) and Trinity College. There we saw the famous Book of Kells written by the monks in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century. We were all very impressed with the ornate decorations on each page. We then took a taxi to the ceremony.

The ceremony was held in An Taisce headquarters in Taylor's Hall from 1p.m. to 3p.m. The V.I.P.guest speaker was Mr. Batt O'Keefe, the Junior Minister for the Environment and he presented each school with a Green School Flag and Certificate.

There were pupils from Co. Kerry, Co. Cork and Co. Waterford present at the award ceremony. In all, there were seven schools from Co. Kerry receiving Green School Flags for the first time. We were very proud to be one of these seven schools.

After the ceremony we went shopping to St. Stephen's Green Shopping Centre and we got the last train to Kerry at 6.30p.m. Although we were exhausted on the journey home we still had lots of fun and chat.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2006 three local Kerry footballers Colm Cooper, Eoin Brosnan and Kieran Cremin, will help hoist the tricolour (The Irish Flag), the Kerry flag and the Green Schools flag. We hope that there will be a large crowd present to witness this historic occasion.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Green School Committee, and all the pupils for all their hard work and effort. Thanks to the teachers and staff of the school, Seán Kelliher, the school caretaker and Margaret O'Sullivan our secretary.

Thanks to Mary Theresa Doyle, Rosaleen Randles, Denise O'Connell and Mary Fuller who each played a very important role in achieving this Green School Flag.

Finally we would like to thank Ms. O'Connell who co-ordinated this campaign and to Micheál Ó Coilleáin of Kerry County Council. For all your time, effort and support we will be forever indebted. Let's hope that this Green Flag will be the first of many to be awarded to the school.

WELL DONE EVERYONE AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!

By: Elizabeth Fuller 5<sup>th</sup> class.



**REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE-MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER!!!!**

The theme of our first Green Schools flag was litter, waste and recycling. The Green School committee met the last Wednesday of every month in the school prefab and decided on the school's action plans.

**WASTE:**

The 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils were responsible for carrying out a waste survey. They discovered that the school had two waste bins and two recycling bins. They also investigated the contents of the four school bins. They found that there was a lot of food & fruit scraps thrown in to the bin. They also found that a lot of our waste could be recycled-especially plastics and cartons.

The school decided to purchase a Green Cone to cater for fruit skins and cores and this was placed in the tree garden. Each class also started to sort their waste and our secretary, Margaret, organised three bins for each classroom- a recycling bin, a waste bin and a bin for the bruscar glas. All classes began to recycle their plastic bottles and drink cartons. Some children brought their lunch in reusable air tight containers and placed their drinks in re-sealable bottles. All of these changes helped to reduce the school's waste.

**LITTER:**

All classes carried out litter surveys in different areas in the school at different times during the school day. These surveys were carried out in October 2005 and again in February 2006. The first survey showed that disposable wrappers from taytos, popcorn and sweets were causing a lot of the school's litter.

In order to reduce litter, a Ballot on a Healthy Eating & Anti-Litter Proposal was held in December and the majority of families voted in favour of the proposal. Sweets, taytos, popcorn and bars were now only allowed in school on special occasions. Litter busters were also set up from each class and the school held an Anti-Litter colouring and poster competition before Christmas. The winners received a selection box from Nestlé as a prize.

**RECYCLING:**

The school started recycling old mobile phones, old print cartridges and old batteries. Some pupils designed special recycling posters and Ms. O'Connell stuck them up in local shops in the community. These posters encouraged the community to support Scoil Bhríde's recycling campaigns.

**CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT SHIELD:**

The Doyle Family of Elyod House Ross Road, kindly donated a Caring for the Environment Shield to the school. This shield is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Margaret Lynch R.I.P. (Caoimhe & Aisling Doyle's Granny) and it encourages the children to be eco-friendly. The winners from each class will be announced at the Flag Raising Ceremony. Each winner will receive a certificate and will take the shield home for one week.

**OUR ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:**

By February '06 the school had achieved all its targets.

- 1) The School waste going to the local land fill was reduced by 50%. We now only have one recycling bin and one waste bin.
- 2) The school also saved E350 from its annual waste bill.
- 3) The litter around the school grounds fell from 373-240 pieces.
- 4) Most of the pupils in the school are bringing healthy lunches to school now.
- 5) A lot of parents commented that their children were also recycling and re-using at home!!!!

Michael Ó Coilleáin visited the school in May and he was very impressed at the amount we had achieved in such a short time. A week later a letter arrived from an Taisce with the good news. WE HAD ACHIEVED OUR FIRST GREEN FLAG!! Everyone was delighted and relieved. WE DID IT!!! Each class had homework off that night to celebrate the good news. FANTASTIC!!!!

*(By Meadh Mc Sweeney 6<sup>th</sup> class)*



## Operation Christmas Child.



We all look forward to Christmas, putting up decorations, buying gifts, meeting up with family and most importantly Mass. Then there are the presents. Well what if you woke up on Christmas morning getting all excited, but no presents. We know Christmas isn't all about presents, but it brings the gift of generosity. There are children out in the third world who get no presents. That is why we have "Operation Christmas Child". It started in Wales in the 1990's and has grown to become the largest Christmas Children's project in the world. In 2004 over six and a half million children, in almost one hundred countries worldwide, all

received an "Operation Christmas child shoe box", all because of people like us. This year Irish shoe boxes will go to Eastern Europe Belarus, Ukraine, Armenia and Mozambique. They are given to children regardless of their nationality political background or religion.

What I did: I got a medium empty shoebox. It is important not to be too big as bigger isn't always better. I wrapped up my Christmas box making sure to wrap the lid separately. I then decided if my gift was for a girl or for a boy and what age group e.g. 2 - 4, 5 - 9, or 10 - 14 years old. Then I filled my box with gifts. I secured the lid with an elastic band so now you know what to do with your Christmas box. It really brings joy to other children.

**By: Meadh Mc Sweeney 6<sup>th</sup> Class**

## Míle Buíochas

*Thanks to all the parents who collected SUPER-VALU tokens and gave them to their children. With these tokens we have ordered P.E. equipment..*

*We have received some P.E. equipment including, stompers stilts and a parachute from Tesco sports.*

*All will be displayed on Sports day. With this years Tesco Coupons we will be ordering computer software.*

## The Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Fashion Show

The infants together with their ten class mates and their friends in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class presented a Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Fashion Show on Thursday 2nd October 2005. They designed costumes from old clothes and waste. The Infants and the ten first class modelled the costumes. The pupils from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> designed some of the costumes and hosted and presented the fashion show. The costumes reflected the autumn season, the Hallowe'en festival and the green school themes - litter, waste and recycling and promoting healthy living. The hard working children strutted their stuff on the catwalk. Elizabeth Fuller created a hairy monster suit out of shredded paper, while Ellen O'Sullivan dreamed up a unique costume for her character "The Litter Witch. Every pupil in the school was invited to contribute €2.00 to the South Kerry Life Education Mobile. The Life Education Mobile is a holistic, child centred and informative drug prevention programme. It teaches pupils age-appropriate knowledge skills and attitudes about health issues. It also teaches pupils how to make healthy life choices in a fun and enjoyable way. The Life Education Mobile visits our school once a year and is a valuable support to the Social, Personal and Health Education Programme (S.P.H.E.) in the school. We raised €421 which went to the south Kerry Life Education Mobile. Parents were invited to the Fashion Show and all involved thoroughly enjoyed the event.

**By: Níamh Cronin and Lorraine Lucey. 6<sup>th</sup> Class**



## Knockreer House and Ross Castle



On Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, fifth and sixth class went to Knockreer House and Gardens and Ross Castle for a Science Day. We met at the main gates of Knockreer at 9.30a.m, and walked to Knockreer House, where we met the Scientists Chris and Catherine.

Catherine had hidden six Mammal Traps in the ditch. When we found them we opened them. Four were empty but two had creatures in them. One was a bank vole, the other was a wood mouse. We learned that the bank vole is diurnal. It has small eyes and reddish brown skin. It has a short tail and is very tame. It is not a native mouse, but people may have brought them from other countries. The wood mouse is nocturnal and has big eyes. Its fur is dark brown and it has a long tail for balance when climbing. It also has big ears for hearing its predator coming for its dinner. The wood mouse is a native mouse.

Next we went down to the river to study Water Ecology. We waded into the water with our sieves to try and catch water insects, such as the stonefly, leech, mayfly, nymph, larvae and the fresh water shrimp. The creatures we found indicated that the water is clean and unpolluted. Biologists call these the indicator species. When we caught the insects we picked them out and put them in a tray. Afterwards we put the insects back in the water and went back to Knockreer House for lunch.

After lunch we went back out to the garden with pooters to catch insects. When we caught the insects we went upstairs in Knockreer House where the microscopes and stuffed animals were. We each got a Knockreer Science Exercise Book. We put our insects under the microscopes, taking note of the wings, eyes and legs. Afterwards we were asked to draw our insect in the Exercise Books and answer questions about them.

After a while, we set off for Ross Castle, picking up any rubbish we saw on the way. We were shocked to see all the rubbish there was. When we arrived there we met our tour guide. We visited the living room for the chieftain and his family. In the room there was a big fireplace the furniture was three hundred and fifty years old and made of oak. Rushes were dipped in animal fat and burned at both ends to make tour guide who gave us our tour. Ross castle was built in the 15th century by the O' Donoghues of Ross. The windows are very narrow to make it hard to shoot in but easy to shoot out. Ross castle is a tower house. Tower houses were built for chieftains to protect themselves. The musket loophole points at the entrance door so that guards could fire at people entering. The staircase goes clockwise to the second guardroom. This gives the advantage to the defender.

We saw the Murder Hole where the chieftain could throw down rocks. We saw the Justice Room where the chieftain settled disagreements and sorted out his taxes. After that we moved on to the bedchamber. There was one bed and a low settle bed for children. The others had only a rush mattress on the floor to sleep on. There was no glass on the windows and it was very damp. Next we saw the toilet. It was also used for hanging clothes. The gases from the waste would kill off any lice. You could call this chemical dry cleaning!

Then we saw the banquet hall. They ate from pewter plates. Pewter is a mixture of tin and lead which when polished looked like silver. Unfortunately many people were poisoned from the lead. From the window we could see Prison Island or O' Donoghues Rock. That is where troublemakers were left. They could not swim away because nobody could swim. There were two tapestries in the hall, one French and one Flemish. They were status symbols to show off to guests. Upstairs was the Minstral's Gallery. It was a room looking down on the banquet hall where music was played for the guests.

We learned so much about Knockreer and Ross Castle. It was a very interesting day. We would love to go again.

**By: Cian Ó Lionáird 5<sup>th</sup> class and Ross Fleming 6<sup>th</sup> class**







## The Killarney Christmas Parade.

The 2005 Parade was the first Christmas parade that Killarney ever had. A special committee organised the whole parade. One day Mrs. O'Sullivan announced to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class that they would get the honour of representing our school in the parade. The day dawned and we were full of excitement. We went to school, then we went home, got ready and went to meet in the Fair Hill car park. The town was decorated in beautiful lights. As we walked further into the middle of town the crowds grew bigger and the atmosphere became more electric. We all had to move to one side to let the rest of the parade pass. Then suddenly we heard Christmas music playing loud and clear. It was Santa in his dark red sleigh with five little elves. He had rosy red cheeks and a flowing white beard. He had his red suit on and big black boots also. Then Santa told all the boys and girls to be well behaved as he was coming soon. We all had a wonderful Christmas and hope that in 2006 we will have as much fun and excitement.

**By: Caoimhe Doyle 5<sup>th</sup> Class.**

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ann ó 12ú dtí 18ú de mhí Márta. Rinneamar comhrá beirte. Rinne gach duine comhrá:- Óiche Shamhna crannchur don scoil, Ag shiopadóireacht agus Tinneas fiacaile etc. D'ínis gach páiste scéalta freisin. An picnic, sa Bhialann, Crann Nollag

agus Pancóga. D'fhóglaim gach duine dánta.

Bhí Alastair, Zoe, Alsún, Oilibhéar, Rebecca, Hannah agus Kara ag damhsa an set. Bhí Oilibhéar agus Alsún ag seinm ceoil ar an fheadóg stáin. Sheinn Oilibhéar Fáinne Geal an lae. Shéinn Alsún Raithlin Bog Polka. Bhí gliondar croí orainn.



*Bettie Crosbie on behalf of the Children from Chernobyl accepts the proceeds from the sale of last years school newsletter*

## The opening of the Spa G.A.A Pitch

The official opening of the Spa G.A.A. Pitch was held on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2006. Bishop Murphy, Bishop of Kerry and Mr. Seán Kelly, president of the GAA attended. We helped to provide the entertainment.

The musicians from our school were: Cian Ó Lionáird, on the concertina, Alison Shaw on the tin-whistle and myself Ben Quinlan on accordion. We played traditional Irish tunes, Roddy McCorley, Tripping up the Stairs, Kerry Polka, and Rattling Bog.

The pupils of Scoil Bhríde danced a polka set. The dancers were Alison Shaw, Julia Buckley. Shóna O'Sullivan, Ellen O'Sullivan, Laura O'Sullivan, Kara O'Connor, Hannah Collins and myself, Ben.

Unfortunately Zoë O'Sullivan was unable to attend and was replaced by her sister Laura. Áine O'Sullivan was also available as a sub.

When everything was over all the children were given taytos and drinks. We had a great day.

**By: Ben Quinlan 5<sup>th</sup> class**

**Eibhlín Ní Churnáin agus Caitríona Coipingéir.**



## The Credit Union Quiz

The Credit Union Quiz was held in Darby O'Gills on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2006. Before the quiz Mrs Hickey gave us a practice quiz to select the teams. Mrs Hickey brought the answers home and examined them. Then she announced the two under 11 teams from third and fourth class. Elaine Courtney, Michael Lagan and Alison Shaw were from fourth class. Áine O'Sullivan from third class and our sub Eimear O'Sullivan was also from third class. The second team included Zoë O'Sullivan and Laurence Byrnes from fourth class Caoimhe Doyle and Tómas O'Sullivan from fifth class the sub was Conor Murphy from fourth class.

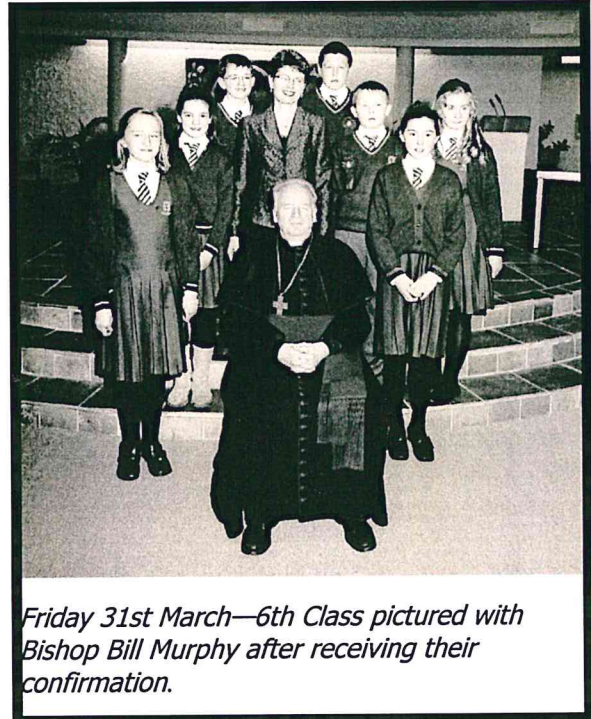
Mrs O'Sullivan gave a trial quiz to the under thirteen age group and the following represented

the under 13 team: Meadhbh McSweeney, Ellen O'Sullivan, Gearóid Coughlan and Cian Ó Lionáird the subs were: Elizabeth Fuller and Christopher Buckley.

We had lots of practice learning questions from quiz sheets. The pipes burst on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We did not have school for two days so we were not able to practice.

All teams wore their school uniforms. The questions for the first three rounds were easy. But they got a little harder. In each round there were six questions. At half time we got Sprite, Coke or Fanta to drink. To eat we got a dairy milk bar and crisps. The questions got harder from half time on. At the end of the quiz they announced the winners. The winners were Fossa N.S in the under 11s and under 13s. We enjoyed taking part and we learned lots of new information.

**By: Zoe O'Sullivan, Michael Lagan and Áine O'Sullivan.**



*Friday 31st March—6th Class pictured with Bishop Bill Murphy after receiving their confirmation.*

## LET'S ROLL TO LISTOWEL

For the Community Games Art.

In early February we were told to draw our pictures for the Community Games Art Competition. There was a lot to choose from such as basketball, G.A.A. tennis, swimming and athletics. We had approximately three weeks to draw our pictures to qualify to get to Listowel. Pauline O' Halloran came in late February to collect our pictures. She took our pictures and made sure all our details were on the

back. She said she would be back in two weeks with the results and medals.

Pauline O'Halloran came back with the results and medals and gave them to Mrs. O'Sullivan. The qualifiers for the under eight girls were: Níamh Keating, Niesha Brosnan and Ada Fleming were joint second place. In the boys under eight David Shaw and Darren Mulcahy qualified for Listowel. Girls under ten were: Kara O'Connor and Tara Casey. Boys under ten were: Patrick Wrenn and David Naughton. Girls under

twelve were: Alison Shaw Eimear O'Sullivan and Ellen O'Sullivan. Boys under twelve were Christopher Buckley. Off to Listowel for us!!

In late March we went to the Listowel. We had three hours to draw our picture. We had four choices of what to draw, athletics, football gymnastics and swimming. If you had drawn anything else you would have been disqualified. Everybody did very well, but unfortunately no one in our school got as far as Mosney. It was a great achievement for everybody.

**By: Alison Shaw, Eimear O'Sullivan and Kara O'Connor.**



## The Life Education Bus.

The Life Education Bus visited our school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. We looked forward to the visit. The Educator was Seamus Whitty. He was very informative in an enjoyable way. The Life Education Bus is a travelling classroom it is equipped with state of the art technology. The lights are switched on by a remote control. There is a video showing us the importance of having a backbone and knowing who our friends really are.

## Education Centres Kerry

helping children make healthy choices



We learned that the nervous system sends messages from all parts of our body to the brain. We also learned that the digestive system is about the journey of food and drink in the body. The third system that we learned about was the Respiratory system. The Respiratory system is how the body takes in air.

The final system we learned about was the circulatory system. The circulatory system helps the blood to flow around our bodies through our veins and back to our hearts.

We learned that everything we eat drink and inhale affects our brain. We learned that legal drugs kill more people in a year than illegal drugs. Legal drugs include alcohol and tobacco. People take drugs for different reasons.

Sometimes young people might be anxious about difficulties in their lives. The pressure of exams, illness and trouble at home might lead them to take drugs. The most common reason for young people experimenting with drugs is peer pressure. The messages to the brain changes when a person takes drugs and this causes confusion and a change of personality. The risks one take when one gets involved with substance abuse include damage to the brain and body.

We all need skills to cope with peer pressure. We need confidence to stand up and have a strong back-bone in resisting the temptation of taking drugs. We need to be assertive in saying "no" and to have the skills to make wise and safe decisions in the future.

We really enjoyed Seamus's visit to our school in the Life Education Bus and we learned a lot.

**By: Sarah Treacy and Elizabeth Fuller 5<sup>th</sup> Class**

## Special Christmas Visit.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2005, some children from fifth and sixth class visited Killarney Community Hospital and St. Columbanus' Home. Mrs. O' Sullivan came with us. Our first visit was to Killarney Community Hospital. We sang carols in the oratory and I played the accordion. The music was heard all over the hospital. We also played set music into the microphone and we went into each little ward and danced a half set for the patients. Mrs Josie Buckley, the matron gave us biscuits before we left.

We then went to St. Columbanus' Home. We visited the patients and entertained them. We went around and offered sweets to all the patients and chatted to them. I went to see some patients that I knew well. Everyone had a good time. We were happy to think that our visit might have brightened their day and put a smile on their faces. We had a little party in the car park afterwards.

Earlier this year I did a project on St. Columbanus' Home. Sister Mary Boyle gave me a lot of information and I got some more on the Internet. I enjoyed doing my project and finding out more about a place that I often visit to see my friends.

**By: Ben Quinlan**





## Loreto National School Building Fund

Last September Mrs. O' Sullivan got two tickets for the All-Ireland Football Final. Kerry and Tyrone were to play. She decided to raffle the tickets. The money would go towards the school building fund. The tickets were €5.00 each. The School Finance Committee organised the draw. The parents, children, teachers and friends of the school sold the tickets. The draw was held in the Tatler Jack Bar on Wednesday

21<sup>st</sup> of September 2005. Timmy O' Donoghue won the tickets. He also won overnight accommodation for the night before the game and return train tickets. Abigail O'Donoghue in Senior Infants won a signed Kerry jersey for selling the ticket. Almost €18,000 was raised for the fund.

**By: Tomás O'Sullivan 5<sup>th</sup> Class**

## A Special Visitor

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May we had a visit from Sr. Nuala. Sr. Nuala is a Franciscan Nun who has worked on the missions in India for twenty-seven years. India has a population of a billion people. She explained that missionaries don't give money directly to poor people as they have great pride and do not want to be accepting charity all the time. Their motto is "give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day – teach a man to fish and you feed him for life". So instead they employ the people to build clinics and schools.

Millions of children in the world today have no chance to go to school. They must work every day to help their parents to survive. Their parents cannot read or write. Some children mind goats on the mountains, others work in factories known as "sweat shops" for wages of 10 cent per day. This deprives them of the opportunity of an education and a chance to break out of the poverty cycle.

Our lives are very different. We have a great life and get the chance of an education. We promised Sr. Nuala we would collect used stamps and send them to her. She will sell them to stamp collectors for a lot of money to help fund their projects. We promised to pray for the missions. Sr. Nuala asked Mrs. O'Sullivan to give us home work off.

**By: Sarah Treacy 5<sup>th</sup> Class**

## The Stop and Stare Theatre Group

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006, the Stop and Stare Theatre came to our school. This is a group of adults with learning disability. The organiser was Liam Doherty and Ben was on lights and sound.

Liam worked with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class and the members of the group. We were involved in "role play" together about subjects relating to our own lives such as bullying, name calling, awareness of those less fortunate than ourselves and disability. We learned not to judge a book by its cover i.e. not to judge people by appearance.

Initially, were a little nervous about joining in with people with special needs, but by the end of the day we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, had lost our worries, and had struck up friendships with the adults. First, second, third and fourth classes came to watch our wonderful performance at two o'clock. It was a very worthwhile day.

**By: Aife Scannell 6<sup>th</sup> Class**





# SPORTS REVIEW

## Cumann na mBunscoil



Six teams took part in the East Kerry Cumann na mBunscoil football league. This year Faha N.S., Kilcummin N.S., Loreto N.S., Knocknaderry N.S. Anabla N.S and Gneeveguilla N.S. took part.

On Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> we set off in high spirits for Kilcummin who were hosting the games. We were proud to wear our green Scoil Bhríde Loreto jerseys and to represent our school.

We were drawn first against Knockderry N.S. We started off with a strong team. Knockderry were particularly strong in the half back line and midfield. They got a great start making long runs deep in their own half. They got a few lucky scores. Only for a few brilliant saves from Conor Murphy in goal, we could have been down by much more. In the second half we played much better. Gearóid Coughlan and Colin O'Donoghue won a lot of ball at midfield and Laurence Byrnes scored two points. Despite our valiant efforts in the second half, we lost the game to a stronger

Knockderry team.

In the second game we played a very experienced and tough Faha team. We conceded an early goal and for the rest of the first half we concentrated on staying in the game.

Despite the experience of Faha

Laurence Byrnes managed to score two points. In the second half we brought on our subs Michael, Lorraine, Níamh and Zoe to give fresh legs and renewed energy to the team. We got an early point from Laurence Byrnes. Then Cian O' Lionáird and Michael Ryan hammered home two magnificent goals. We were down by only one point.

Christopher and Elaine attacked strongly to try and get another point but despite our strongest endeavours we lost the game.

**Team:** Conor Murphy, Cian O' Lionáird, Elaine Courtney, Ryan O'Connor, Oliver Collins, Gearóid Coughlan, Colin O' Donoghue, Jason Farrell, Christopher Buckley, Michael Ryan, Laurence Byrnes. **Subs:** Lorraine Lucey, Níamh Cronin, Zoë O'Sullivan, Michael Lagan and Ben Quinlan.

Even though we didn't win we had a great team spirit. Everyone played well and we had an enjoyable day of activity. We returned to school with our heads held high.

**By: Cian O'Lionáird, Laurence Byrnes, Christopher Buckley and Gearóid Coughlan 5<sup>th</sup> class**

Don't Forget—upcoming Fundraiser



**Race Evening**  
**Sunday 18th June, 2006**  
**GlenEagle Hotel.**







## Spa School Sports

On Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> May the Spa qualifying round for the County Schools Final were held in the Spa G.A.A pitch. The schools that took part were Loreto N.S, Tiernaboul N.S, Lisivigeen N.S and Loughquittaine N.S. There were relay teams for first class upwards and individual races for all classes. There was also a tiny tots race. Loreto were very successful. The first class and sixth class boys relay teams were victorious, and are practising in school for the County Finals on the 27<sup>th</sup> May.

The first class team is: Dónal O Sullivan, David Shaw, Gary Lyne, Billy Courtney and Brendan Coppinger.

The sixth class relay team is Jamie O' Sullivan, Ross Fleming, Laurence Byrnes, Cian O Lionáird and Gearóid Coughlan.

The individual runners who qualified were: Billy Courtney, David Shaw, Seán O'Brien, Jason Farrell, Ryan O' Connor, Michael Ryan, Cian O Lionáird, Gearóid Coughlan and Laurence Byrnes.

The girls who qualified were:

Ada Fleming, Elizebeth Mohan, Lauren O'Connor, Kara O' Connor and Elaine Courtney.

The County Finals was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May in Castleisland. Weather conditions were very poor with lots of rain. Despite the conditions everyone ran to the best of their ability.

Elaine Courtney, fourth class brought home a silver medal.

**By: Paddy O'Donoghue and Jamie O'Sullivan 6<sup>th</sup> Class**

## Boys Football Skills Challenge



In October 2005 Gearóid Coughlan, Cian O'Lionáird and Laurence Byrnes were picked to represent the school in a divisional football skills challenge. Unfortunately Gearóid Coughlan couldn't make it so Conor Murphy qualified next to represent the school.

The skills challenge took place from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. in Dr. Crokes pitch. We were tested in skills such as the punt kick, high catch, pick up, solo run and many others. Despite our great efforts the team didn't make the county final but I made the county final in the individual competition with a score of 21 out of 27.

The county final took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2005 in Fitzgerald Stadium at 12 noon. I went to Fitzgerald Stadium. I tried my best but unfortunately it wasn't enough. I enjoyed the competition and improved my skills through practice.

**By Cian O Lionáird 5<sup>th</sup> Class**



**Congratulations to Cian O'Lionáird. After two heats Cian qualified to represent his school and Kerry in the Primary Game during the Waterford Kerry match on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2006 Well done Cian**





## Girls Skills Competition



Third and fourth class girls participated in the Girls Skills Competition trials on 22<sup>nd</sup> May in Loreto School. The following girls were successful: Lauren, Eimear, and Elaine with Hannah Collins as sub. The final took place at Dr. Croke's pitch on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3.45p.m.

A lot of skills needed to be performed on the day. We soloed with the left leg and the right leg. We also did the high catch, which involves having to throw the ball up high, jump and catch it while both feet are off the ground. These skills are quite complicated. Our coach is Mr. Vincent Cooper, brother of Colm Cooper. He trains us every second Monday and he has a very high standard.

**By: Síobhán Fleming and Lauren O'Connor**

## Girls seven a side football.

On Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006 the girls from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes headed to Fitzgerald Stadium to compete in the mini-sevens football blitz. The weather was dry but cold. The teams in our group were Loreto, Two-Mile and Faha. First we got ready and put our football gear on. After a while we warmed up and did a few training drills with Mrs. O'Sullivan.

We played two matches. In our first match we played Two Mile. It was an unfortunate game for Loreto. Elaine Courtney and Zoë O'Sullivan scored two marvellous points.

The team for the first match were as follows: Backs –Ellen O'Sullivan and Niamh Cronin. Mid-field Alison Shaw and Elaine Courtney forwards- Zoë O'Sullivan and Lorraine Lucey. Our goalie for the first match was Andrea McCarthy and for the second half was Emily Treacy. Rebecca Walsh came on in the second half as a substitute.

In our second match we played Faha. Again we were up against a stronger, more experienced team. We moved Alison into the backs to strengthen our defence and this improved our game.

Áine O'Sullivan started in the forwards and Kara came on at half time.

Luck was not with us on the day, but we played our hearts out and enjoyed our games. It was a great honour to play in Fitzgerald Stadium.

Our team is a young one. We will be training and will be more skilled and experienced for next year.

**By: Niamh Cronin and Lorraine Lucey  
6<sup>th</sup> class.**







## The Rugby Blitz

It was the 10<sup>th</sup> of February and in our school you could hear the buzz of excitement for fifth and sixth class were going to a rugby blitz. The emphasis was on fun and participation, not on winning. It was a dry, cold day and we set off in high spirits.



In our first game we beat the Mon by one try only after some great tries by Gearóid and Laurence. We went on to play our 2<sup>nd</sup> match against Faha N.S. We drew this match which was more challenging. After our first two games we had our final game against St. Oliver's N.S. That game without question was our best game all day, with magnificent tries and passes from both teams. But the final score was 2-6 to Loreto. We won out our group and we were delighted with ourselves.

We all enjoyed the day and we all got a chance to play. We were never lacking team spirit and it paid off. The panel were as follows: Cian O' Lionáird, Gearoid Coughlan, Laurence Byrnes, Christopher Buckely, Ross Fleming, Tomás O' Sullivan, Meadhb McSweeney, Jamie O' Sullivan, Lorraine Lucey, Niamh Cronin, Shona O' Sullivan, Elizabeth Fuller, Ellen O' Sullivan and Ben Quinlan.

**By: Ross Fleming 6<sup>th</sup> Class**

## Mini Sevens Football



On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2006 the senior boys set off for the Fitzgerald Stadium to play in the mini sevens. Eighteen teams took part. Loreto were in group 5 with Fossa N.S. and the Monastery N.S. In our first match we played Monastery N.S. Our team was as follows; Goalie: Conor, backs: Colin and Oliver, mid-field were Gearóid and Cian and forwards were Laurence and Michael. Our subs were Michael Lagan, Ben, Jason, Christopher and Ryan.

We started brightly and Laurence put over two points. Then the Monastery N.S came back into the game with a goal and two

points. in the second half we made a few changes and scored three points, two from Cian and one from Gearóid. Unfortunately the Monastery N.S finished with two more goals and two points. Although we tried our best we lost the game. The final score was Monastery N.S 2- 4, Loreto 0 - 5. Our next game was against Fossa N.S. They were a strong side, so we knew we would have to try our best to challenge them. Our team was as follows: Goalie: Conor, backs: Colin and Michael midfield: Cian and Gearóid, forwards: Laurence and Christopher. We started poorly and Fossa scored two goals and three points. Towards the end of the first half Gearóid latched on to a long ball from Cian and scored a cracking goal. In the second half we played much better and Laurence scored three points from long passes from Colin Cian and Ben. Gearóid also scored a point initiated by Colin and Jason. Unfortunately Fossa scored two more goals and a point. The final score Fossa 4 - 4, Loreto 1 - 3.

Despite the score we enjoyed our day. We are a young team. Everyone got an opportunity to play in Fitzgerald Stadium. We are all looking forward to the competition again next year, as we will all be under age and able to play again. We are improving all the time.

**By: Cian O'Lionáird, Gearóid Coughlan and Laurence Byrnes.**





### Our Trip to Sherwood Forest.

Third and fourth class went on a trip to Cork Opera House on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2005. We were all excited and overjoyed. We went to Cork Opera House by bus. We had to be at school by eight o'clock. We boarded the bus at eight thirty sharp. It was still dark. We thought we saw Santa flying through the sky because it was still dark. But instead it was a helicopter with a red beeping light. On the way we played games and talked. We queued outside the Opera House for at least fifteen minutes while Mrs. Hickey went inside and arranged with the duty manager to go in. We were all waiting for the Curtains to be raised. We had a very good view. When the curtains were raised everybody clapped and cheered. The music was very good. The Gael Scoil participated in some movements. So did Scoil Finbar Naofa. The whole show was brilliant and so were the characters like Robin Hood, Maid Marion, Friar Tuck and little John. The reason Little John is called Little John is because he has a little dressing room. One of the most lovable parts was when Robin Hood and Maid Marion got married. The crowd cheered, laughed and sang with joy from their hearts. The King of Nottingham was dressed up as Eddie Hobbs. It was a brilliant show and we would give the show ten out of ten.

**By: Rebecca Walsh,  
Andrea McCarthy and  
Hannah Collins.**

### The Easter Raffle.



The Easter Raffle was launched on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of lent. We hoped to raise €1000 to help the Loreto Nuns in Peru. There were lots of prizes from glittering white bunnies to Easter eggs, hedgehogs, small cuddly dogs, soft toys of all kinds and lots and lots of books. The main prize was a big brown shaggy red setter dog. Most pupils brought in toys and the teachers sold tickets.

The raffle took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. Before small break the classroom raffles took place Emily from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class won the two Easter Eggs . In fifth class Ben and Elizabeth won the Easter Eggs. In our class raffle everyone got a toy.

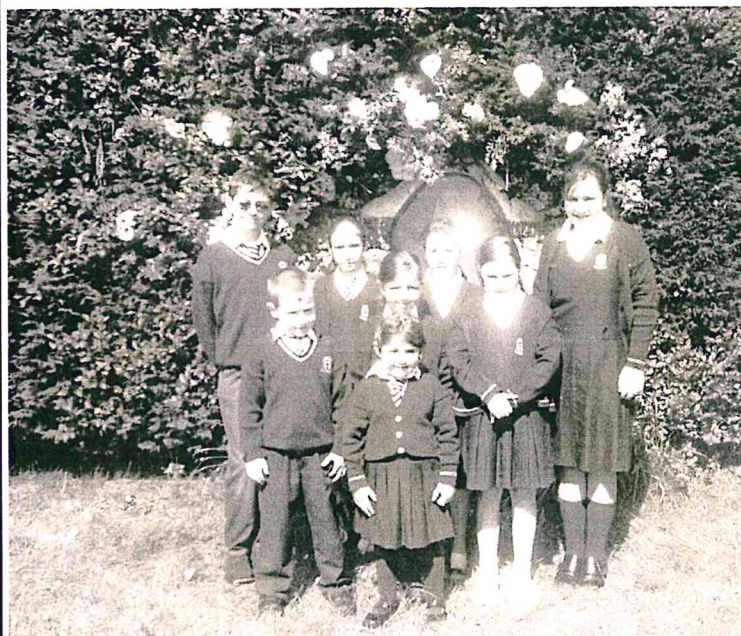
In seniors Luke won the white rabbit and in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class Laura and Tara won cuddly dogs. In second class Jack and Michael won footballs.

After break we all lined up on the court we were all anxious to win the red setter. Sr. Pauline picked a ticket out of the plastic bag and called out Tom Geaney 's name. We clapped and cheered and a photo was taken.

Margaret counted up all the money and we were all delighted to collect €916.35 for the Loreto Nuns in Peru. We got a lovely letter from the nuns thanking us for our efforts.

**By: Ryan O'Connor, Colin O'Donoghue, Jason Farrell and Michael Ryan**

### May Procession '06







## Christmas 2005 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class Mass.

We decided to have a Christmas class mass. Everyone was involved. We prepared hymns to sing and prayers to say. We learned hymns in three

different languages, English, Irish and Latin. We learned Silent Night, Oíche Chiún in Irish and English. We learned O'Come All ye Faithful in Latin.

We prepared the readings and Prayers of the Faithful. All our parents and grandparents came.

To remind us of Baby Jesus

on the first Christmas night Zoe's brother T.J. youngest baby from our class room was placed on a bed of straw that came from T.J's Granny's farm. We formed a circle around him with night lights and sang hymns.

**By: Emily Treacy and Hannah McAuliffe**

## Time for a Swim

In 2005 the teachers decided that 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class should go swimming 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class went in January for five weeks. Third and fourth went on the 20<sup>th</sup> February for five weeks. We went on a bus. It cost us €21 per child. Every week there were supervisors. Our coaches were Kathy and Sarah. They were very good. They divided our class into two groups, advanced and beginners. Most of us were in the advanced group. Everybody had a swim suit, swim cap and goggles. At the start of the lesson we were allowed to play. We played dodge ball and catch. Lots of people learned how to float and swim. We used boards and had fun. The advanced group used nets. We learned to do front crawl and back stroke. Cathy threw in coins and we had to dive in and get them. After that we had to a length of the pool doing the front crawl. It was really worth the effort. We would like to say thanks to our parents, teachers who took the time to supervise us. To the bus driver who brought us to the pool safely and to our coaches who gave us great help. We are looking forward to going to aquatics again.

**By: Alastair Burkitt, Conor Murphy, Matthew Keating and Oliver Collins.**

## Senior School Tour 2006



We will be leaving school at 8.15 am on Friday June 2nd.

We will be going to Derrynane pier where Miss Helen Wilson will meet us. We will be taking part in many water sports.

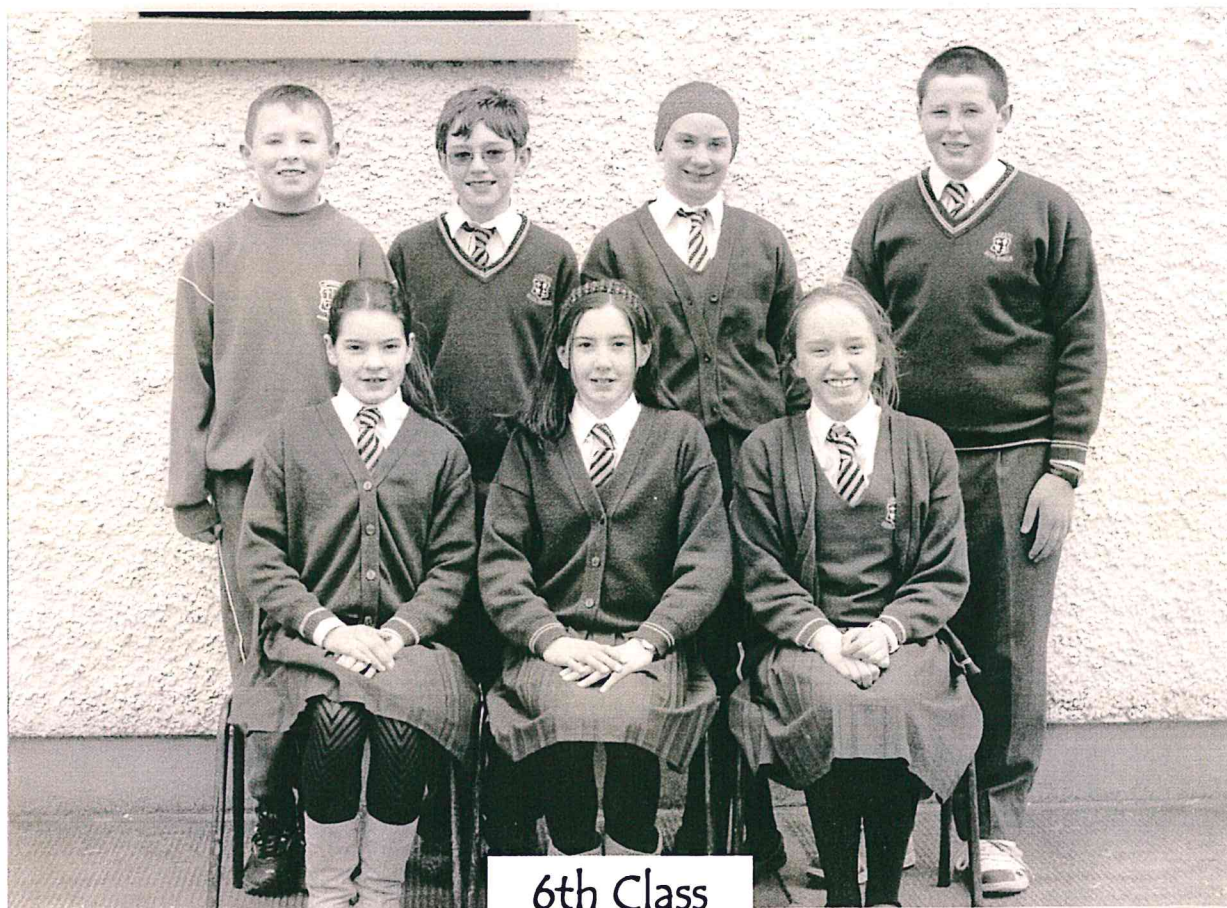
After two hours we will walk across the sand dunes to Derrynane House. This was the summer house of Daniel O'Connell. He was famous because he won Catholic Emancipation.

We will then travel to Kenmare to do a two hour—10 mile cruise with seafari. During the cruise we will see Ireland's largest seal colony. We look forward to our day out.

**By: Paddy O'Donoghue 6th Class.**

***Since this article was written the Senior School Tour has taken place—the pupils of 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class wish to thank Mrs Moynihan for a wonderful and most enjoyable days activities.***





6th Class



5th Class



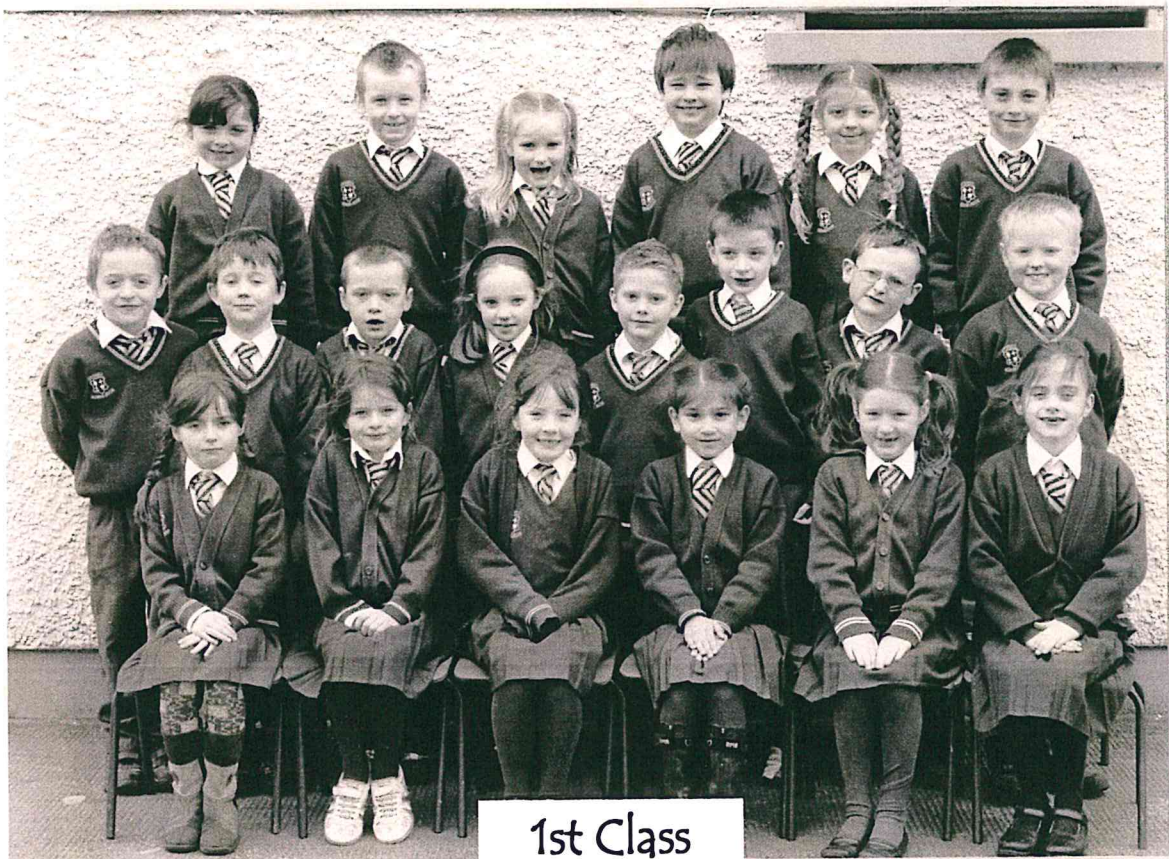


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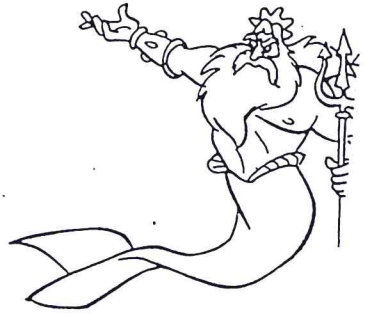
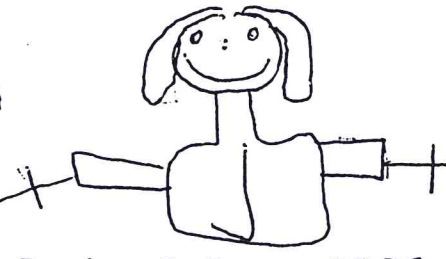
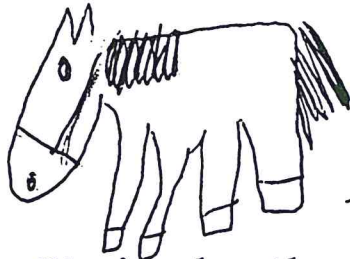


Seniors



Juniors





Stories by the Junior Infants 2006

Hello!  
I am Oisín.  
I like to play the drums.

Oisín

Hello!  
I am Tatum.  
I am 5.

Tatum

Hello!  
I am Daniel.  
I like horses.

Daniel

Hello!  
I am David.  
This is Jane.

David

Hello!  
I am Oran.  
Look at the car!

Oran

Hello!  
I am Jack.  
I like dough-nuts.

Jack

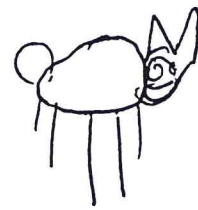


Hello!  
I am Donal.  
I like my dog Sam.

Donal

Hello!  
I am Gary.  
I am 5.

Gary

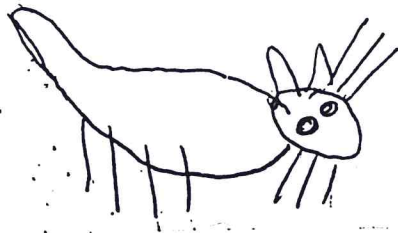


Hello!  
I am Jason.  
This is Daddy.

Jason

Hello!  
I am Lorna.  
Can you see the cat?

Lorna





Stories by the Junior Infants 2006

Hello!  
I am Kate.  
It is sunny.

Kate S

I am Emily-Rose.  
This is Daddy.  
Goodbye!

Emily-Rose

Hello!  
I am Austin.  
Look at my dog Sally.

Austin

Hello!  
I am Tristan.  
I am 5.

Tristan

I am Kate,  
It is cloudy.  
Goodbye!

Kateo'c

Hello!  
I am Peter.  
I like to play football.

Peter

Hello!  
I am Rachel.  
Look at Gran!

Rachel

Hello!  
I am Fergal.  
I like pizza.

Fergal

Hello!  
I am Conor.  
Can you see the cows?

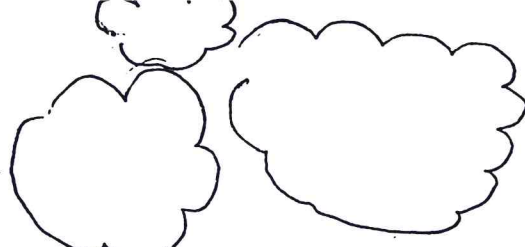
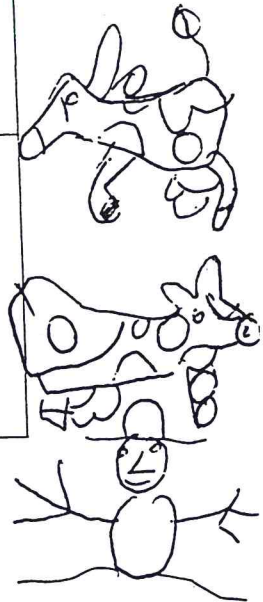
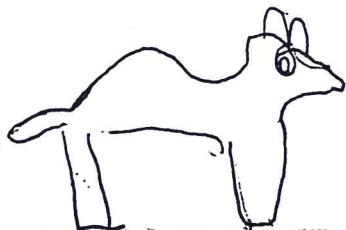
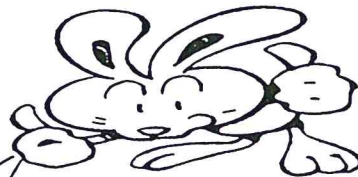
Conor

I am Eve.  
I like to play basketball.  
Goodbye!

Eve

I am Aisling.  
It is snowing.  
Goodbye!

Aisling





Nene: Robert

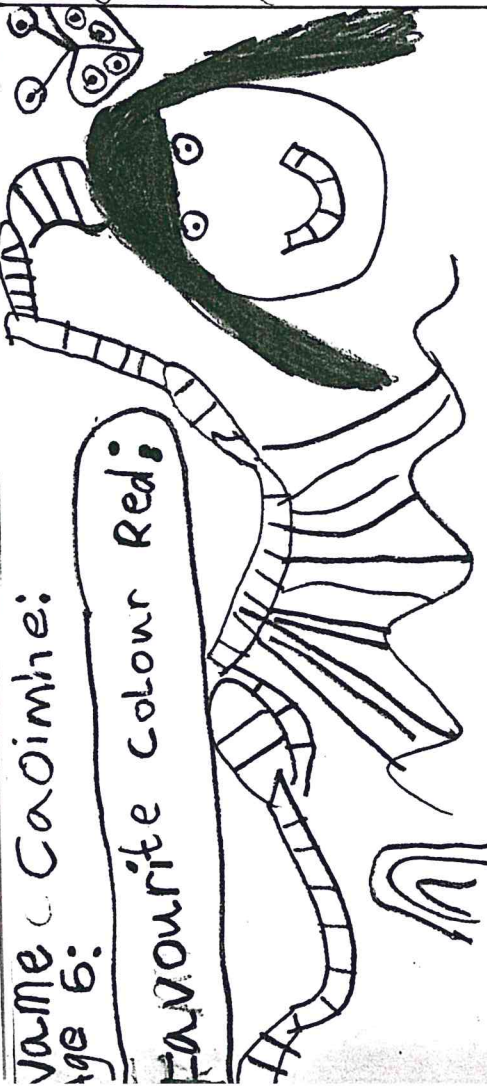
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favorite colour: red

Name: Caoimhe:

Age: 6:

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Red;



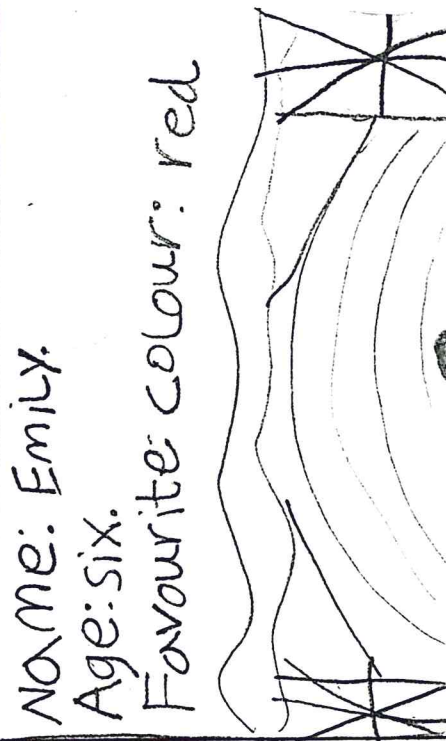
Name: Aoife  
Age: six  
Favorite colour: PINK



Name: Miesha  
Age: 6  
FAVOURITE COLOUR: PINK



Name: Abigail  
Age: 7  
Favorite colour: PINK



Name: Emily  
Age: six  
Favorite colour: red



Name: Sarah

Age: six

Favourite colour: pink



Name: Ciaran

Age: 6

Favourite colour: purple



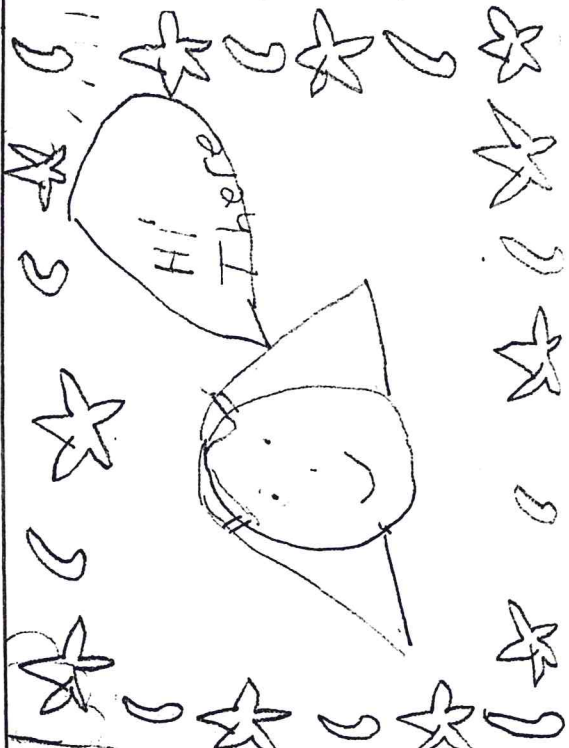
purple

Name: Aisling

Age: 7

favourite

colour: pink

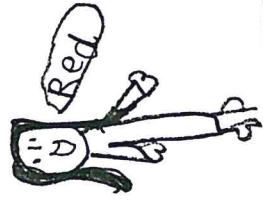


Name: Natalia Favourite colour: Red

Red

age: 7

dove



Name: Luke

Age: 1

Favourite colour: Blue

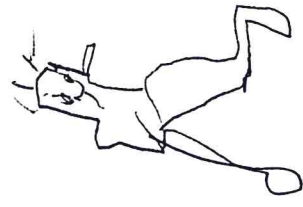


Name: oead

Age: six

favourite colour: blue

blue





Name: Daraagh Donnelly

Age: 7 1/2

Favourite game: Playstation  
when I grow up I would

like to be an astronaut

Name: NiaMh Keating

Age: 7 1/2

Favourite game: Mother

May I. When I grow up

I would like to be a  
Singer.

Name: Ada Fleming

Age: 7

Favourite game: Red Letter

When I grow up I would like

to be a shop keeper.

Name: James McAuliffe

Age: 7  
love

Favourite game: P.S.2

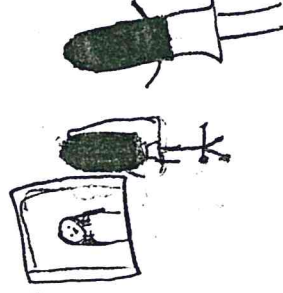
when I grow up I would like

to be a rally driver

Name: Shauna

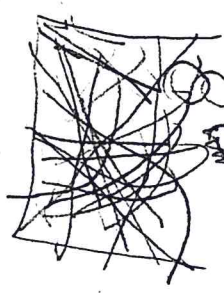
Age: 7

Favourite game: Mother may I  
when I grow up I would like to  
be a: hair dresser.





dos



Name: Fiachra O'Connell

Age: 6 Six



Favourite colour: Blue

Name: Kevin

Age: Six

Favourite colour: Green



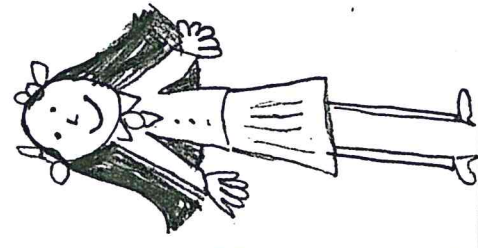
Name

Seán

Age: 6



favourite colour  
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Name: Niamh Randles

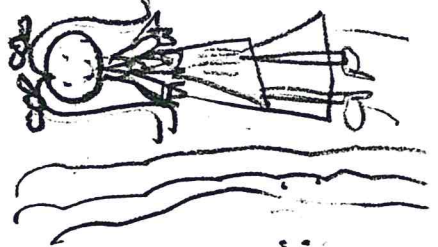
Age: 6 1/2

Favourite colour: pink

Name: Cían

Age: 6

favourite colour: Blue



Name: ELLA.

Age: 6

My favourite is -

yellow



Name: Lucy Collins

Age: 7  $\frac{1}{2}$

Favourite game: Twister

When I grow up I

would like to be a  
dancer.

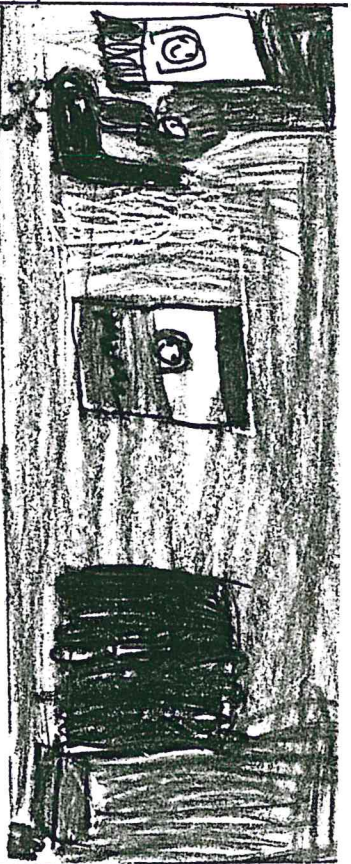
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Age: 7

favourite game: catch

When I grow up I would

like to be a nurse.



Name: Eva Buckley

Age: 7

Favourite game: Stuck in the mud

When I grow up I would like  
to be a hair dresser.

Name: Elizabeth Mohan

Age: 7

Favourite game: poison letter

When I grow up I would like to  
be a coach.

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When Susie's Eating Custard



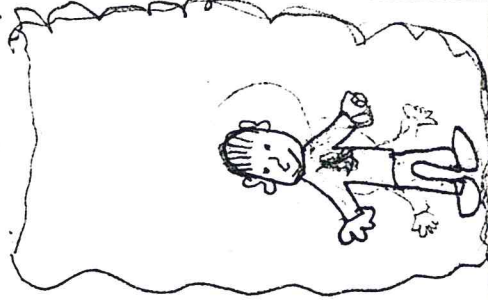
When Susie's eating custard,  
She gets it everywhere.  
Down her bib, up her nose,  
All over her high chair.

She pokes it with her fingers.  
She spreads it on her hair.  
When Susie's eating custard,  
She gets it everywhere.

One of our  
action poems.

John Foster

Name: Luke Casey.  
Favourite colour: Gold.  
Age: Seven



Name: SHANON

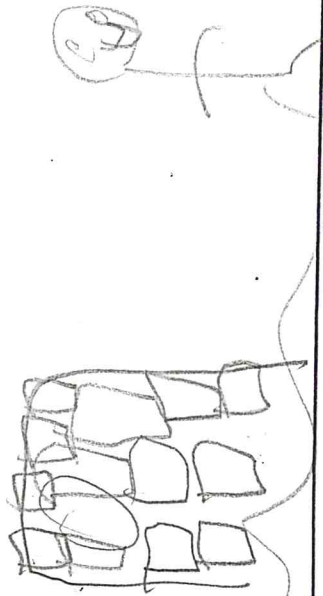
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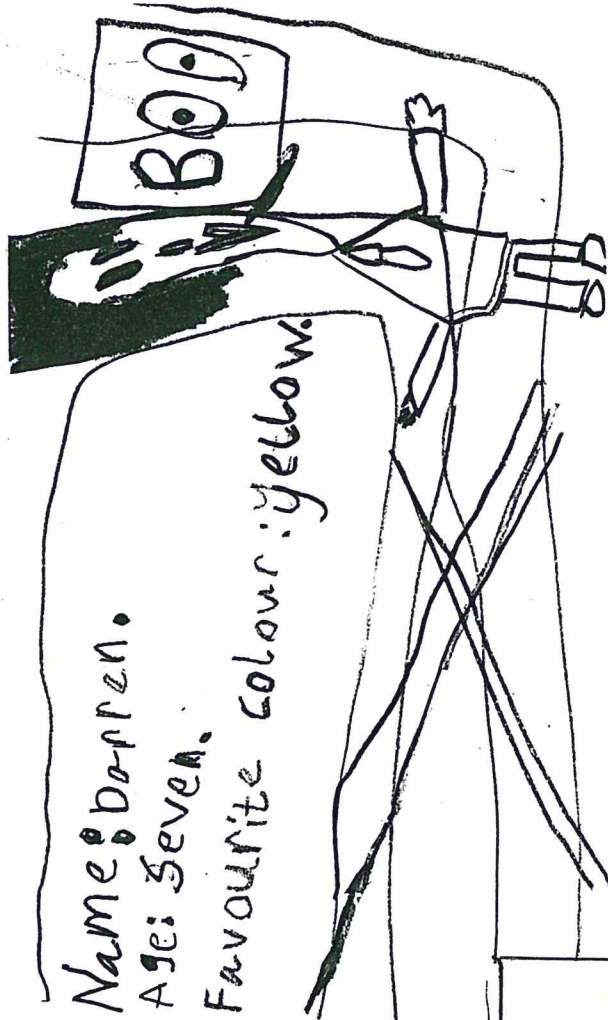


Name: Lorcan  
Age: six

Favourite colour: Blue



Name: Darren.  
Age: Seven.  
Favourite colour: yellow.





## *Our Special Day by 2<sup>nd</sup> Class*

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2006 we received Jesus in Holy Communion for the very 1<sup>st</sup> time. We were all very excited as this was a very special day in our lives.

*I received Holy Communion for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. I had a great day. Now Jesus is in my heart forever. I read the second reading and I brought up the flowers during the preparation of the altar.* \*\*\*\*\* *Rachel Randles*

*I read a prayer of the faithful at my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion mass. My family were very proud of me. We went to the community centre and afterwards we went home to have a big party.*

\*\*\*\*\* *Jane Culloty*

*On Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> I had a great day because I made my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. I read a commentary during the offertory procession. My sister Colleen was crowned Kerry Rose.*

\*\*\*\*\* *Olán Shannon*

*My 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion day was the best day in my life. I loved everything about the day. It was my job to bring up the red grapes for the offertory procession.* \*\*\*\*\* *Michael Foley*

*I welcomed everybody to the church on the morning of my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and I brought up a lighted candle during the dressing of the altar. Afterwards I went home and I had the best party ever.* \*\*\*\*\* *Darragh O' Sullivan*

*On the day of our 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion we all had a great day. I read a prayer of the faithful. We went to the community centre and then we had a big party to celebrate my big day.*

\*\*\*\*\* *Jack O' Connor*

*I read a prayer of the faithful during my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass and I also sang the responsorial psalm. It was fun and I enjoyed my day.* \*\*\*\*\* *Aolife O' Donoghue*

*On my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Day I introduced the theme of the mass which was Jarius' Daughter-Abigail. I brought up the altar cloth at the dressing of the altar. I met Maurice Fitzgerald and I had a great day.* \*\*\*\*\* *Jack Foley*

*On the morning of my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion I brought up a lighted candle at the preparation of the altar. I read the reflection 'Abigail' after Holy Communion. I had a great day.*

\*\*\*\*\* *Tara Casey*

*On the day of my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion I recited the poem 'Abigail'. I also sang the responsorial psalm. I met all my friends in the community centre. We took some photos. I had a great party at home.* \*\*\*\*\* *Lydia Coughlan*

*My 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion was in Muckross Church. I did a reading at the beginning of our mass. I brought the wine up to Fr. Kevin at the offertory procession. We had a great day.*

\*\*\*\*\* *Níamh O' Sullivan*

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My favourite job on the day of my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion was the dressing of the altar when I brought up the altar cloth. After mass I went to Muckross Community Centre and then I went to Dublin with my family. \*\*\*\*\* Julia Buckley

I read a story about Abigail during our 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass and I brought up the wheat at the offertory procession. We all sang 'we are the greatest'. We took photos and we went to the community centre. We all had great fun.

\*\*\*\*\* Kathryn Cronin

On the morning of my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion I read a prayer of the faithful. I sang the responsorial psalm during our special mass. Afterwards we had a party at the community centre. Later I met my all cousins and we had a fun day.

\*\*\*\*\* Cian Griffin

I was very excited on the day of my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. I sang the responsorial psalm and I read a prayer of the faithful. My uncle came from Galway to join in our celebrations. I had a very good day. \*\*\*\*\* Adam O'Shea

On the day of my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion I read a commentary during the offertory procession. We had a lovely mass. I really enjoyed my day. \*\*\*\*\* David Naughten

On my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Day I read the first reading during our mass. I had a great day and had all my favourite food at my party afterwards \*\*\*\*\* Sean O'Brien

On the day of my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion I brought up the flowers during the dressing of the altar and I read a prayer of the faithful. Afterwards we had a big party at my house. It was all very exciting and I dreamt about my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion that night. \*\*\*\*\* Patrick Courtney

I made my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in Muckross Church. I read the story of Jarius' Daughter-Abigail during the gospel. After mass I went to the community centre and then we had a great party at home. \*\*\*\*\* Creagh Courtney

We received Jesus in Holy Communion. I brought up the bread during the offertory procession. We had a great day. My new baby brother was christened on the day of my 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. \*\*\*\*\* Jevon Flaherty

At my Holy Communion I received Jesus for the 1<sup>st</sup> time ever. I read the story of Abigail and a commentary on the gifts during the offertory procession. I enjoyed the community centre with my friends. We went bowling. It was fun. \*\*\*\*\* Caoimhe Lynch

Our teacher, Mrs Foley told us that we were 'brilliant' and we really were!



# *Heroes - Some Famous Kerry People of whom we are very proud*

## *By Mrs Foley's 1<sup>st</sup> class*

**Tom Crean :** *Tom Crean was born in the village of Annascaul .He is famous for his Antarctica expeditions on Discovery, Terra Nova and Endurance.\*\*\*\*\* Tom Geaney*

**John B Keane :** *John B Keane was born and lived in Listowel. He is famous for his 46 works including plays, novels and essays.\*\*\*\*\* Patrick Wrenn*

**Eamonn Kelly :** *Eamonn Kelly was born in Sliabh Luachra .He was a very popular story teller called a seanachai\*\*\*\*\* Billy Courtney*

**Johnny O'Leary :** *Johnny O'Leary was born in Sliabh Luachra and is famous for his style of traditional music which was particular to that area.\*\*\*\*\* Laura O' Sullivan*

**Brendan Kennelly :** *Brendan Kennelly is a famous poet and novelist who was born in Ballylongford.\*\*\*\*\* Gary Lyne*

**Daniel O'Connell :** *Daniel O'Connell who is also known as 'The Liberator' or 'The Emancipator' is famous for giving the Catholic people the right to practise their faith. He was born in Cahersiveen.\*\*\*\*\* John Beecher*

**Mick O'Connell :** *Mick O'Connell is best known as one of the greatest footballers of all time. He was born in Valentia Island. He rowed from the island to the mainland as part of his training and to partake in matches. He played in nine All Ireland Football Finals for Kerry.\*\*\*\*\* David Shaw*

**Peig Sayers :** *Peig Sayers was born in Dunquin and also lived on the Blasket Islands. Peig was illiterate but she dictated her autobiography called Peig to her son Micheal.\*\*\*\*\* Amy Sheahan*

**Moss Keane :** *Moss Keane was born in Currow. He was one of the greatest Rugby players ever to wear both the Munster jersey and the Irish jersey.\*\*\*\*\* Donal O' Sullivan*

**Gillian O'Sullivan :** *Gillian O'Sullivan was born in Minish, Killarney. She is a Silver medallist holder in world championship walking.\*\*\*\*\* Aine O' Sullivan*

**St. Brendan :** *St. Brendan was born at the foot of Mount Brandon. He is also known as 'Brendan the Navigator'. He is the patron saint of Kerry.\*\*\*\*\* Brendan Coppinger*