

KNOCKLYON NEWS

APRIL/MAY 2006

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH



MEITHEAL 2006

On Saturday, 25th February, MEITHEAL 2006 came together in St. Colmcille's Community School. The general opinion expressed in the Participant Feedback was one of satisfaction. There was a lot of realism among those present. The facilitation was very good and informal which enabled people to put forward their views without feeling intimidated. The discussion and general organisation was of a very high standard.

While there are almost forty groups in the parish it was felt that time has come for refocusing the objectives rather than further expansion. If youth activities are to succeed more parental involvement is necessary. Overall there is a decrease in volunteers. While recognising that many people have very busy lives it is not impossible to make some small amount of time available for the good of the community.

There are many newcomers in the parish with whom we would like to make contact. A note to the secretary in the parish office telling of your arrival would be a great help. It is also essential that the priests be made aware of people with particular needs. The KNOCKLYON NEWS frequently reminds us of the various groups and services within the parish. Information can also be obtained on the Parish Website.

The pre-publicity for MEITHEAL 2006 stressed the opportunity to be heard; to make suggestions. The participants have spoken. It is now time for action. All of the comments and suggestions have been correlated. This provides the FORUM with the opportunity to invite greater participation by the wider parish community when the plan for the future is finalised. There will be further communication in due course.

MEITHEAL 2006 did not begin and end on Saturday, February 25th. It dealt with the sharing of ideas. Now the collaboration, working together, co-operation in a friendly and open way comes into play. To quote another Irish saying; "Ní neart go cur le chéile".

Anna Brioscú

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THE JESUS PRAYER

One of the most beautiful books I have come across must be 'The Way of a Pilgrim'. The pilgrim is a little man whose wife has died. Their home has gone up in smoke. There is nothing for it but to take to the roads across Russia and Siberia for what is going to be a long haul over thirteen years.

On the 24th Sunday of Pentecost he went to a church to say his prayers during the liturgy, as he puts it. He heard the words from the First Epistle to the Thessalonians 'pray without ceasing'. From that day onwards his search was to discover the how of prayer without ceasing.

After a year he encounters a staretz, the Russian word for a spiritual guide, a kind of Anam Chara. As Dostoesky puts it, a staretz is one who takes you into his soul. The staretz introduces the pilgrim to the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner". There are variations of it but in the end through dint of repetition it becomes an affair of the heart from ceaselessly repeating the holy name of Jesus.

A TRAVEL STORY

The Way of a Pilgrim became a travelogue in search of prayer. The pilgrim is on quite an adventure, ever depending on the hospitality of the people he encounters for shelter. What he wants most of all is a place that will afford him solitude for listening. His search continues, walking the vast countryside and resting.

There is then a combination of travelling and resting wherever such shelter is afforded him, of moving forwards and inwards; and during the day he writes, 'if I happened to meet anyone all men without exception were as dear to me as if they had been my dearest relations'. People poured out their souls to him. A very surprising emphasis is the sheer number of times he utters the Jesus Prayer, 3,000 times daily increasing to 6,800 and eventually to 12,000. Such attention to quantity reminds one of Fr. Willie Doyle S.J., Chaplain in the First World War. Such counting does not tally with contemporary ways into praying. The Jesus Prayer in the end is a contemplative way of praying.

FOR ALL SEASONS

The Jesus Prayer is a prayer for all seasons, for beginners as well as for the more experienced. I have spoken about it on occasion at Sunday Mass when there was some emphasis on prayer in the readings. People did express gratitude and appreciation for having been introduced to a way of praying that seemed to meet their needs. I am convinced that it can be a very suitable way of praying for those who claim that prayer is absent from their lives because of a lack of both time and space.

The Jesus Prayer can be recited during our normal daily tasks, 'the hands at work, the mind and heart with God', delays in traffic, getting a meal ready, doing the wash up, hoovering the floor, walking the dog; 'Lord Jesus Christ (Son of God) have mercy on me a sinner'.

That is what is called the free use of the prayer as opposed to the more formal use which is setting aside a definite period of time in which to engage oneself in praying the Jesus Prayer in silence, allowing it to permeate into one's innermost being. The Jesus Prayer combines adoration and repentance and comes straight out of the Gospels. Recall the blind man Bartimaeus in the tenth chapter of Mark's Gospel shouting out in the midst of the crowd 'Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me'.

The Jesus Prayer is one of the great treasures of the Russian and Greek Orthodox Churches which they share with other Christian churches. To quote Bishop Kallistos Ware "the Jesus Prayer makes each into a man for others, a living instrument of God's peace, a dynamic centre of reconciliation". (SLG Press Oxford 1982).

The Way of a Pilgrim. Translated from the Russian by R.M. Frenon. London S.P.C.K. London 1982 (several reprints.

Fr. Eltin Griffin O.Carm

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Why not prepare for Mass by joining the little group of Morning and Evening Prayers who gather before the 10 and 7 Mass on weekdays?

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Féile time is approaching and all teams are busily preparing for the Dublin finals. The Under 14A hurlers have received sponsorship from JVA Analytical while the Under 14A football side will carry the logo of Architectural Aluminium. The Senior Football team has introduced Match Day sponsors and George King, Victualler, Barton Drive had the distinction of being the first sponsor for the game with Na Fianna.

The demands on the club's resources remain substantial and a number of fundraising efforts are progressing well. Lotto Year 7 has begun with €90,000 in the prize fund while on April 27 – a corporate race day is being held at the National Hunt Festival in Punchestown. Special guests include Micheal O Muircheartaigh, former international soccer star Niall Quinn and Apres Match's Barry Murphy.

Congratulations to Colin Moran on being chosen as captain of the Dublin football team for the coming season. Well done to ladies footballer Aisling Farrelly on being chosen as Dublin Junior Player of the Year for 2005.

Paul Coffey is the new senior A ladies football manager while Ciara Lucey, Anne Griffin, Fiona Ni Chorcorain and Emer Lucey are all part of the Dublin camogie panel that has reached the Leinster Senior Final.

The club's website goes from strength to strength with a record 20,000 visitors in March 2006.

Gerry O'Sullivan



Finnian Hyland (Centre at back) of Architectural Aluminium with team mentors Sean Crowley and Noel Basquel at the launch of the sponsorship of the Ballyboden St Endas Under 14A football team.

Knocklyon Junior Badminton Club



On the weekend of the 8th and 9th April we had our last badminton weekend of the current Badminton season and what a great season we had. Photos below are some of the players from the Knocklyon Junior Badminton Club. We are three years old now and growing from strength to strength. This is a wonderful achievement considering we were a brand new club with no previous experience of running a Badminton Club. It just goes to show where "there is a will there is a way".

Throughout the season our Junior Players ranging in ages from 9 to 19 represented the club in once again an exemplary manner, they played in anything from friendly competitions with local clubs, local tournaments, leagues, Leinster squads, inter-county competitions, Celtic challenges. Indeed some of our players represented their school in the All Ireland Finals Schools Competition – not bad going for such a young club. All this of course could not have taken place without the continuous support of so many people, most importantly the Knocklyon Community Centre, parents, (many thanks to those who supported us at our recent AGM), our brill coaches Dave O'Driscoll and Sarah Kiernan both living locally. Looking forward to another year with ye all!!!! See you all in September have a great active summer!!!!

Breda Fitzharris, Chairperson, KJBC



Above:
Under 17
Div. 1 Cup
Winners
2006.



Left:
Under 17
Div. 2 Cup
Runners-
up 2006.

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LETTER FROM AMERICA

MY YEARS IN KNOCKLYON

Fr. Tony reminisces...

My dear friends,

It's hard to believe that my eight and a half years in Knocklyon have come to an end. I enjoyed so much being involved in the dynamic development of the parish amid very challenging times.

For myself there was a personal development through the experience of meeting with so many different kinds of people, many of whom made a deep impression on me.

I thank God that I was able to share my faith and joy in being a Christian with people who wanted to hear the good news of the Gospel. Especially good to me were the members of the Contact Group who encouraged me to reach out to those in the parish who were not involved in any of its activities. Other special people who are close to my heart are the sick and especially those I had the privilege of helping as they neared the end of their lives, and then preparing their funeral rites.

Our wonderful children's liturgies where there was so much innocence and joy, the many choirs and musical events and the people behind them - all helped make the parish church a good place to be on Sundays.

Your generosity was something which always greatly impressed me. The special collections to help those in need showed how many people in the parish really cared about the poor. The weekly collectors, who were so generous with their time visiting fellow parishioners in their homes, the golf committee and those who supported the Golf Classic, the group who work on the stamps to raise money for Zimbabwe, these and so many other groups made me feel extremely proud to belong to such an active parish.

Before I left just after Christmas it was so encouraging to be thanked by so many people for my work in the parish. To those who gave me gifts, and indeed to everyone who was so very kind to me all through the years - may God bless you in every way.

Tony McDonald, O. Carm.

P.S. At present I am on Sabbatical (or to use Fr, Paddy's phrase, I'm "being recycled"! here in Oakland near Berkley, California. I shall be here til June, back just in time for our triennial Carmelite Chapter.

The programme is demanding for one who has been out of study for a long period. But I'm making friends here among the sixty or so other people doing the course - one or two of them play golf - so you'll be glad to know that it's not all work and no golf.

Please God when the sabbatical is over and my sense of humour is restarted, you shall see the same Tony with a new smile!



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A group of 3rd Year students from Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan, embarked on a number of fund-raising activities to raise funds for 'Bóthar', including

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Winners!

So far, 2006 has been a good year. Our 2nd Mixed Team won the Dublin & District Cup Competition in their Class on Finals night at Badminton Centre, Whitehall Road.



Our 3rd Mixed Team were Runners-up in the Dublin & District Cup Competition in their Class on Finals night at Badminton Centre, Whitehall Road.

New Members are Always Welcome!

As a successful club we are always looking for members to strengthen our club.

So, if you:

- Are already playing badminton and would like a **change of scene**
- Are a **Junior** player ready to join a Senior Club

- Would like to **return to playing** badminton
- Are **new** to badminton

Why not consider Knocklyon Badminton Club?

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Treasurer: Kay Cannon [H] 4941669
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112th Unit Knocklyon Beavers (Thursdays)

See Cover

The Knocklyon Beavers (Thursday Night Group) would like to share some of our recent outdoor experiences with you. This year so far, we have visited Dublin Zoo and had our faces painted to resemble the animals there. We were joined by all of the other Beaver Troups in the Montpelier Unit to celebrate National Animal Awareness Day.

We took the bus into town to the National History Museum to learn all about the historical animals, fish, birds there, and to see those animals who live in the jungle.

The DSPCA in Mount Venus Road was next on our list and we went to see the lost and strayed animals, and animals who had been cruelly treated.

Following a climb up to the Hell Fire Club we had a Bar-b-Que there, eating sausages and toasted marshmallows in the biting cold winds.

DAY FOR YOURSELF – 13th May 2006

Taking even a short break from one's normal routine can help to enliven and refresh the spirit. It gives new energy for facing the future with hope and enthusiasm. The Orlagh team offers a day of quiet, relaxation, meditation and prayer on Saturday 13th May 2006.

The day begins at 10 o'clock and ends at 4.30 p.m. Eucharist (optional) follows. A three course lunch is provided and the cost for the day is 35 euro. To book please contact:

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Knocklyon applauds its Celtic Women

By now most people will have heard music, or songs, from the fabulous 'Celtic Woman' show ... either on the television or on the radio. However, some people may not be aware that two of these wonderfully talented Ladies hail from Knocklyon – and we can be extremely proud of them both!

Many will know Lisa (Kelly) – Lisa has been singing in Knocklyon almost since she could walk. Lisa has been in the Children's Choir and the Folk Group for many years and ultimately was leader of the Folk Group for quite a number of years before demands on her time necessitated her regrettable departure. Many people will remember Lisa's extraordinary singing of "O Holy Night" on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning each year, during which one could hear a pin drop in the Church.

Chloe Agnew – a newcomer to the Parish – moved into Knocklyon a few years ago and will be known to many as "Twink's" very talented daughter.

The Girls are part of a group of five females who joined forces to form 'Celtic Woman' a show



Celtic Women

which was recorded live in The Helix, Dublin for PBS for distribution all over America. Having launched their 'Celtic Woman' show, produced by Sharon Brown, with musical direction from the very talented David Downes, they subsequently toured America last year with phenomenal success.

The culmination was a wonderful show in The Point on 18th February, 2006 where they performed f admirers from Knocklyon!

The singing and music was absolutely out of this world. Lisa's renditions of songs such as "Send me a Song", "The Voice"; "The Blessing" and many more left the audience enraptured and totally captivated. The Knocklyon contingent could not be contained, such was the level of their admiration and pride. Lisa retired as lead singer from the Riverdance Show, and returned to Ireland to give birth to her son Jack, having toured the length and breadth of America, but was quickly snapped up for the Celtic Woman group and actually performed in the Helix just



Chloe Agnew and Lisa Kelly

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four weeks after Jack's birth – such is her professionalism and commitment to her art.

Chloe sang favourites such as "The Snowman", "Ave Maria" and "Nella Fantasia" and the quality of her voice and her beautiful style was quite awesome.

At this point it would only be fair to mention the other Ladies in the group – Orla whose harp-playing and singing of 'Inisfree' was beautifully inspiring. Deirdre, who joined the group last year, sang wonderful songs such as "Danny Boy" with total clarity and ease. The beautiful violin player, Mairead, left the audience spellbound both with her ability to make her violin 'sing' and her amazing agility on the stage.

During the evening the Ladies sang several songs together – this was so beautifully orchestrated... and uplifting, it was almost indescribable. Their unforgettable rendition of "You Raise Me Up" will be remembered for a very, very long time. They sang some really lively numbers too, which had the audience clapping their hands and stamping their feet.

The Ladies travelled to Japan the next day and went on a whirlwind ten-day tour, promoting

their Show for their forthcoming visit later this year. The recent report in the national newspapers that they have reached No. 1 in Japan is not surprising to those of us who were privileged to experience the show. The sales of their CD and DVD are breaking records in America, such is their popularity. Their CD is number 3 in South Africa, and they haven't even visited there yet!

The Celtic Woman show is currently touring America, to packed audiences, including two unforgettable performances in "Radio City", New York on St Patrick's Night and again on 18th March, to an enthralled audience.

Breaking news is that Helen, Lisa's very talented younger sister, has joined the 'Celtic Woman' show choir for their American tour.

Ireland can be very proud of the Ladies from "Celtic Woman" who are extraordinary ambassadors of talent but we in Knocklyon can be especially proud of our very own 'Celtic Women'. We wish them well in all their endeavours and look forward to hearing of their continued success in the future.

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KNOCKLYON UNITED

As we enter the last part of the season, a number of teams are competing for their respective leagues and many of these teams are also involved in the last stages of their cup competitions. With a lot of hard work presently going into the professional coaching of our players and managers, it is great to see one of our previous players, Mark Leech, making it into the u21 Irish International side. Mark played for Noel Gaughran's Knocklyon Utd side from the age of u8 to u16. Mark also won an FAI Cup medal with Drogheda Utd. Hopefully he will have further success and may encourage many more of our players to come through the ranks in the future.



Jade Pakenham

planned with Manchester United over the summer.

Girls Football

The girl's soccer league will begin in May. We have entered a number of teams for the ages u12, u14. This is our 4th year involved in the Dublin Soccer league and we require parents to help out to support the teams. Any players interested in playing, please call Eddie Fanning at 4941158 (h) 086-1086577 (m).

Shop

A small tea shop has been set up at Delaford dressing-room on Saturday and Sunday morning. A small team of volunteers will provide tea, etc.

and parents and players will also be able to purchase the clubs track suits and football shorts and socks.

Monthly Draw

The monthly draw continues to be a very important fund-raiser for the club as we intend to apply for Lotto funding for the development of the dressing-room at Knocklyon Park. We would urge all parents who are not in the draw to contact me or any manager to participate in the draw. These funds will be vital to the ambitions of the club for the development of our facilities and the expansion of our coaching.

Any comments please contact me at 086-2669311 or e-mail at

mickkennedy1000@eircom.net

Mick Kennedy P.R.O.

Easter Trips

The club organised a number of soccer trips this Easter. They have proved to be extremely successful in the past with many of our teams bringing back silverware. The competitions are of a high standard and are extremely well run. This season we had seven teams who travelled to Belgium, Holland, Berlin and Barcelona. A special thanks to Mary Young who was responsible for this year's trips. Without her hard work these trips would not have been possible.

Man Utd Soccer Tournament

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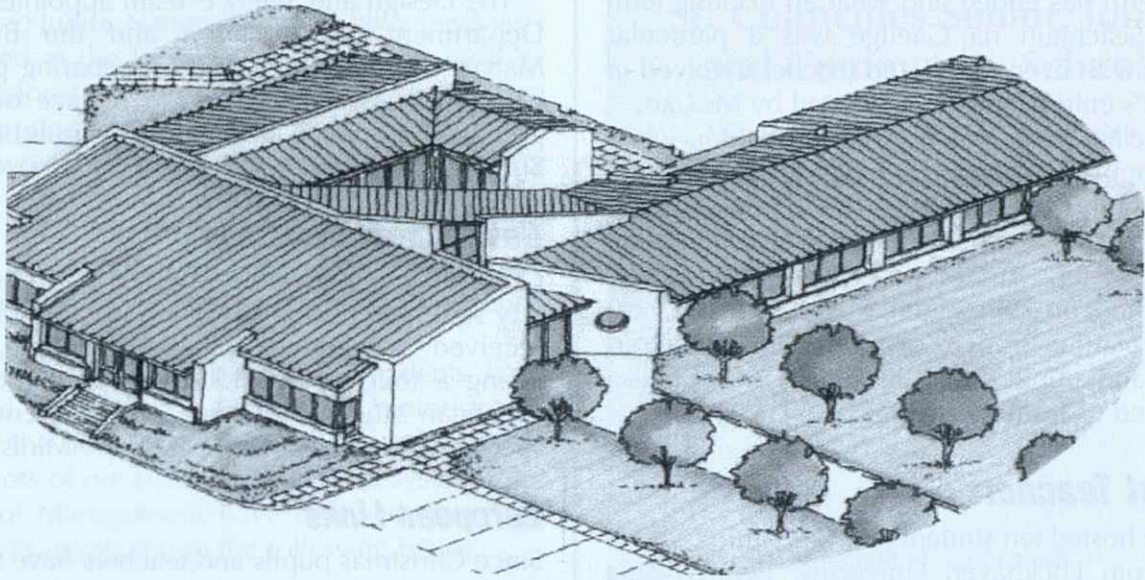
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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Term has ended and what an exciting term it was. Seachtain na Gaeilge was a particular highlight with every pupil and teacher involved in the week's culture fest, co-ordinated by Ms.Carr.

Every class participated in the Ceilí Mór, while many pupils prepared songs, dances and instrumental music. We had six classes participating in Córthéile na Scoileanna at the arena in Tallaght, and they then performed for the whole school on 15th March. Members of the local Craobh Naithí Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann and pupils from the Senior School also entertained us from the stage.

Student Teachers

We have hosted ten student teachers during March – five from Lockhaven University, Pennsylvania USA, and five Irish students, two of whom are past-pupils of the school. These students have brought great new ideas to our classrooms and they have learned a lot from our teachers and pupils.

Sacramental preparations

After receiving the Sacrament of Penance in February, our six second classes began preparations for First Holy Communion which will take place on three May Sundays -14th, 21st and 28th at the 9.30 and 10.45 a.m. Masses. Everyone is looking forward to these special ceremonies after Easter.

School Building

The Department of Education and Science has granted funding towards essential maintenance work on the roof of the school. Many flat-roofed schools which were built in the 1970's are now experiencing problems with leaks. The maintenance work will be completed during the Summer Holidays. The Board of Management also hopes to resurface our playground during the Summer.

The Design and Science Team appointed by the Department of Education and the Board of Management has been busily preparing plans for new permanent classrooms to replace our many prefabs. We hope to have their proposals before the Summer holidays.

Government Buildings

Government Chief-Whip Minister Tom Kitt, hosted fifty staff members at his office in late March. We received a warm hospitable welcome, before taking a tour of the Houses of Parliament. Our American student teachers were presented with special mementos of the visit by the Minister.

European Links

Since Christmas pupils and teachers have focussed on the second aspect of our Comenius project – 'School Long Ago'. Retired teacher Mrs. Kay Garvey completed special workshops with second class pupils. Mrs. Garvey helped the pupils to compare and contrast life in the Junior School from when it first opened in the mid seventies to today. We sent project packs to our six European partner schools and we then received six very interesting studies of school long ago in Estonia, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Turkey.

Six of our teachers will visit our German partners in Wesseling, near Bonn, over the June Bank Holiday weekend.

Enrolment

All places in next year's twenty four classes have now been filled. There are quite a number of applications on our waiting list for cancellations.

School Tours

Mrs. Corduff, our Deputy Principal, and class teachers have organised exciting field trips for our pupils during Summer term. They will travel to Airfield Trust in Dundrum for an educational visit to the farm and also to visit their Discover Primary Science Centre.

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During this school year some incidents have indicated that a small minority of motorists are ignoring the safety mechanisms that are integral to the success of our traffic management system. Our Boards of Management have received numerous complaints in relation to the following issues.

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10. Removal of traffic cones and parking in the staff car park
11. Refusal to give way to school buses
12. Failure of pedestrians to use school wardens and footpaths

In the interest of pupil safety we urge all members of the school community to abide by the simple principles of our traffic management system.

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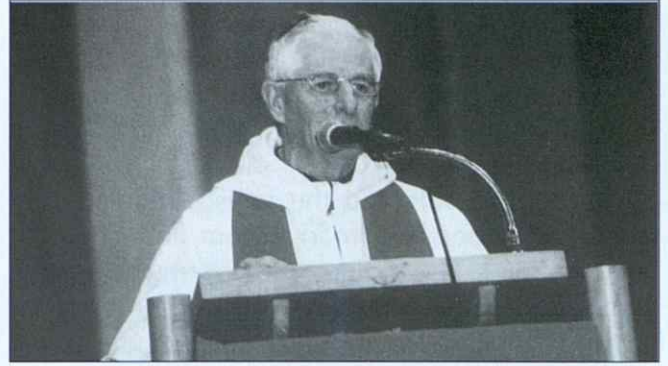
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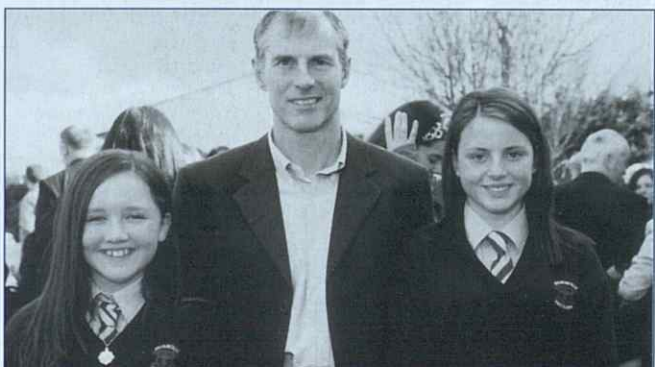
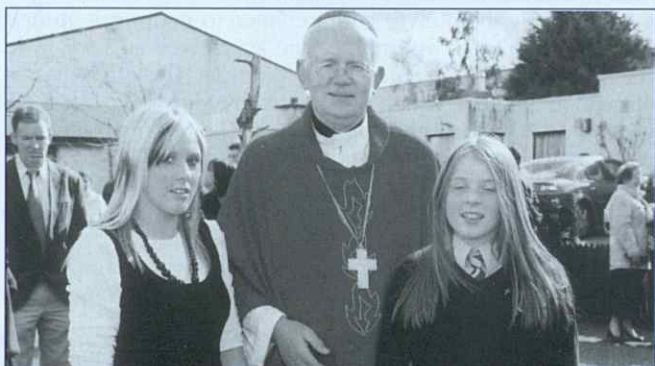
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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



Córthéile

I had fun at the Córthéile except for when we had to wait for ages. I was in the fifth row in the lines. The schools before us were good, especially the musicians. We performed with Rooms 13 and 16 which are Ms. McAllister's and Ms. Woods classes.

The Junior School performed and did three songs, they were really good. We were ninth to perform. We did 'Imagine', 'My Favourite Things' and 'Léimigí Casáigí' in that order. The crowd really liked 'Léimigí Casáigí'. I was a bit nervous but when I got up it all went away. My dad fell asleep after a while! Ms. Naughton played the piano for us. Ciara and Aisling played the fiddle. Some people played the recorder. I enjoyed the Córthéile.

By Vivienne Nea (Room 15)

National Tree Day

National Tree Day was held on 10 March 2006. The South Dublin County Council visited our school and helped us plant 2 Mountain Ashes and 2 Turkish Hazels. They were planted by 2 representatives from each class in our school. The South Dublin County Council also told us how important trees are to our environment and that they give us oxygen.

The County Council told us what trees need to live. Also our school hopes that no one will vandalise these trees. The trees that we planted were old but still need a stake with a leather strap tied to hold the tree up. The representatives from our class were Mr. Ruddy our teacher and Darragh Conroy. You should remember to take care of trees.

By Emma-Louise Murphy
and Darragh Conroy (Room 6)

Herald Cup Hurling

Our school senior team are attempting to retain the Herald Cup this year. After a shaky start the team has come good with victories over St. Mary's, Rathfamham; Ballyroan Boys School and Scoil Mhuire, Marino. With a number of other games due to be played shortly, all are hopeful of making the play off stages of the Herald Cup.

Cross Country

Well done to our boys and girls Cross Country teams who competed in the South Dublin Cross Country Championships recently in St. Enda's Park. The weather was bitterly cold, with an icy wind and frequent snow flurries – ideal weather for cross country!

In the girls race, Anna Stafford ran a very controlled race, moving her way steadily up the field and storming home to finish in a superb first place. The other girls – Shannen Egan, Jessica Moran and Jade Murray all came in the top fifteen, securing a silver medal in the team event.

In the boy's race, a furious pace was set. Once again, our boys worked their way steadily up the field. Dylan Cannon was our top finisher in a great 4th place. Joseph Johnston, Evan Flanagan and Tim Madigan all ran super races to finish in the top twenty and claim second place in the team event for the boys. Well done to all!

The Green Song Contest

At the start of February Ms. O Gara told the Coiste Uaithe (Green Committee) about the "Green Song Contest." She told them that the competition would be taking place after the mid-term break. The theme of the contest would be reduce, reuse and recycle. Children from every year from 3rd to 6th class had the opportunity to take part in this wonderful competition. After the mid-term break every child who composed a song in a group or by themselves had a chance to perform it at their Tithe Tionól (House assembly). One act as well as a few wild cards was picked to represent each house. These groups got through to the final, which was judged by Ms Mc Goldrick, Mr Gearty, Ms Downes and Ms O'Gara. The winning act from each year won a trophy and a very generous book voucher each! The overall winners were "The Rappers" from room 6, (Stephen Moran, Paul Byrne, Lorcan Cahill, Daniel Smyth and Karl Gobl) and "The Clean Up Girls" from room 3, (Karla Lane, Sonia Beatty, Shannen Egan, Niamh Rowland and Jenny Barry!) We all thoroughly enjoyed this contest and wish everyone the best of luck next year!

By Jenny Barry, Niamh Rowland,
Shannen Egan, Sonia Beatty and Karla Lane

Visit of the Rose of Tralee to St. Colmcilles S.N.S.

Recently, Ms. Aoibhinn Ní Shuilleabhain, the Mayo born current Rose of Tralee visited St. Colmcilles and spoke to the 5th class pupils. Aoibhinn is a fluent Irish speaker and has just finished a theoretical physics degree at UCD. She's a keen musician as well as an accomplished musician with several awards for sean-nos singing under her belt. The theme of her visit was the role of women in Science and she is certainly a great role model for all our pupils.

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Badminton Champions

This year we had our most successful year on the badminton court. With one of our boys' teams winning the Leinster title and our girls' team reaching a semi-final, it augurs well for badminton in Knocklyon. Below is a report from Aidan Ward, Room 6, a member of the victorious team:

Our school sent three teams to the Leinster Badminton Primary Schools Championship in Baldoyle Badminton Centre. There were sixteen teams entered. The sixteen teams were split into four groups. Team one had a tough semi-final against Sutton Park. The second team had an easy semi-final beating Terenure 4-0, so it was an all St. Colmcilles final. Team one won the final 3-1 giving the school their first Leinster Badminton title. Hopefully this is the first of many badminton titles for the school, both parents and children had an enjoyable day.

Corn Uí Phuirséil: Camogie News

At the start of the year Ms. Ní Reachtabhra and Ms. Murphy invited any girl who wanted to play camogie from 5th or 6th to come out and train on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They then picked 18 girls for the A team. Now every Tuesday and Thursday we go out to training and try our best. We have played two matches so far.

Our first match was against Bishop Galvins who have beaten us for the past two years and this year we beat them by not giving up and we kept fighting till the end. Our second match was against St. Brigids, Castleknock and they put up a great fight right to the end of the match. We have a match today against Naomh Bride, Blanchardstown which we hope to win!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Ní Reachtabhra and Ms. Murphy for their time and dedication.

By Orlaith Keane and Shauna Verdon, Room 2.

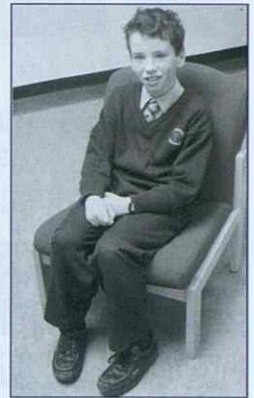
Coirm

The children of PF2, members of the Grúpa Traidisiúnta and representatives from third, fourth, fifth and sixth classes (60 children) participated in Coirm Gael Linn in the Axis Theatre, Ballymun in March. Coirm is a drama and music festival through the medium of Irish.

Our show was called "Táin Bó Cholmille", our interpretation of "The Táin". An Irish speaking juggler and a fear grinn entertained us on the day. We are delighted and proud to have achieved three awards: (1) For acting and singing. (2) Musicians and dancers. (3) The design, costumes and general organisation. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh agus tairbhe as an ócáid.

BBC Junior Mastermind Champion 2006

At the end of February a pupil from fifth class won the BBC Junior Mastermind 2006 Title. In a tense final, Domhnall Ryan overcame the challenge of five other contestants. The competition was open to ten and eleven year olds in Britain and Ireland. It follows the same format as the adult Mastermind, with contestants having to answer questions on a specialist subject and on general knowledge. Domhnall's specialist subjects were "The History of the Spitfire" in the first round and "Mammals of the African Plains" in the final. Domhnall first got the idea of entering when he saw an Irish boy competing in the previous year's competition.



He takes up the story himself:

"After seeing an Irish boy on Mastermind I thought, 'If he can do it why can't I'. So with my Mum's and teacher's help, I applied on the BBC Website and they sent an application pack to the school which included a general knowledge test. Following this, I was called for an audition to Belfast, which included further general knowledge tests. Another screening by phone took place on my specialist subjects and I was then selected to take part in the televised part of the competition. I had to make two trips to Manchester for the competition. I really enjoyed the experience even though at times the studying was quite tedious."

The Visit of Eoin Colfer

Eoin Colfer is from Wexford. He is sort of short. He wrote seven storybooks and six picture books. He wrote "The Artemis Fowl" books and "The Legend of Spud Murphy". Eoin Colfer came to our school today. His visit was great. He is very funny and writes excellent books. He read some of his latest book, "The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth" to the third classes. He told us stories about his son. He breaks the toilet handle every six months! He also told us how to get out of trouble with our parents. When he was small he had a book in every room of the house!! We loved listening to Eoin reading his book and can't wait to buy it.



Well known author Eoin Colfer during his recent visit to St. Colmcilles S.N.S. where he spoke to the 3rd class pupils.

By Rían Cannon and Aisling O'Leary, PF2.

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KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY

On March 8th 2006 Our Local History Society in Knocklyon was treated to a truly interesting and informative lecture on Georgian Dublin. This was an excellent presentation by Áinnle O'Neill – which traced the origins of Dublin from the Viking invasions in the 9th Century through to the reign of George 4th. The maps used by Áinnle were particularly interesting. We were shown the extent of the walled Viking Settlement. Next came Dublin as it looked after the Norman Invasion, now with walls of stone. Lured by our wide port and its trading potential the Anglo Normans had seized the town and displaced the Norsemen. Early in the 13th Century they built a castle and proceeded to subjugate the native population.

The boundaries of Dublin hardly changed during the next five centuries. It remained a small and dilapidated mediaeval city – its growth random and disorderly. Trinity College was established in 1591 but it was more than a hundred years later before the great inflorescence of architectural planning and building took place. Large numbers of English settlers, who had become the ruling caste, flocked to the city. Confident of their power and privilege they took up residence and disdaining the existing dwellings these wealthy and discriminating citizens asked for more. The response to their demands was the building of Georgian Dublin.

A man called Luke Gardiner – a wealthy Dublin banker – who owned land on the north

side of the Liffey, was in the vanguard in speeding the urban expansion. The real beginning of the great building period was in Henrietta Street in 1724.

There followed the laying out of new residential terraces and stately squares. Mansions of great scale and pleasing proportions with beautiful internal decoration began to sprout up south as well as north of the river. During the 1750s the Wide Streets Commission was appointed and to this body we owe the excellent symmetry and dignified character of what we know today as Georgian Dublin.

The city was now expanding at an impressive rate. The population had increased to about one-fifth that of London, making it the second city of the British Empire. In addition to the nobility an upper class of wealthy merchants and professional men had found their niche. There was great wealth in the city, but also great poverty as Swift under the pseudonym of "Drapier" kept reminding the British Parliament.

The Anglo Irish gave Dublin the character that it still retains today. They have left us with a lasting reminder of an age of culture, refinement and good taste.

On March 25th Áinnle led us in a walk around Georgian Dublin when with the benefit of his extensive knowledge on the subject we enjoyed and began to appreciate again the beauty of our wonderful but fragile heritage.

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Rural Electrification

At a recent meeting on 8th February 2006, Chris Shouldice made a presentation on 'Rural Electrification in Ireland'. Chris had been one of the Rural Area Engineers who were in charge of the construction crews carrying out the work from 1946 to 1963. The genesis of the programme was the implementation of the Shannon Scheme (1925 – 1929) at a cost of £5.2 million, the brainchild of a young Irish engineer Thomas McLaughlin and made possible by Patrick McGilligan, Minister for Industry and Commerce. The ESB was established in 1927.

During the 1930's the emphasis was on supplying 1.3 million urban dwellers; it was not until the end of World War Two that electrification for the 1.7 million rural dwellers was tackled, due mainly to the urging of a later Minister for Industry and Commerce, Séan Lemass. 792 areas were identified, each with an active local committee and consisting of about 500 houses, 25 square miles in extent.

The first pole was erected in 1946 at Kilsallaghan in Co. Dublin – this location has now been chosen as the controversial site for the new State prison! The work increased in intensity and in 1956 alone 99 areas were electrified; the 35,000 consumers connected that year entailed erection of 113,000 poles and 6,200 miles of overhead wire. This rate of



Erection of first pole in Rural Electrification scheme, Kilsallaghan, 1946.

working was the second highest in the world, next to the TVA scheme in the USA.



By 1963 the work was almost complete, at an overall cost of £34 million over its 17 year duration – surely very good value for a major infrastructural project, when compared to recent experience e.g. Luas, Dublin Port Tunnel, PPARS, electronic voting systems etc.

Apart from the obvious advantages for household and farm e.g. electric light and power, pumped water and indoor plumbing, there were two other significant spin-offs. Firstly, the national confidence and self-reliance created by the successful harnessing of our native engineering, planning and management skills in carrying out a major infrastructural project, and then the intensive efforts of up to 500 local committees in canvassing and facilitating the scheme. Even in the hindsight of history it seems a remarkable achievement that with over a million poles erected and 75,000 miles of overhead line stretching along mainly private land over a 17 year period, that the number of disputes and wayleave objections not settled on the spot but which rose to Boardroom level could be counted on the fingers of two hands.

After Chris described some of the mainly humorous incidents that happened in the 'Hidden Ireland' about to be electrified, members of the overflow audience contributed their own reminiscences about this exciting period in our social history that carries some important lessons for our own time.

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The Badminton Club in the school is growing in popularity and they are now becoming a force to be reckoned with on the Badminton circuit.

Our under 16 boys won the Dublin Division 1 Final and then went on to win the Leinster Division 1 Final by the closest of margins after a tightly fought match. The boys represented the school and Leinster in this year's All Ireland Final on Saturday 25th March in Gormanstown College. After a tough match against Royal and Prior of Ulster, the boys drew with the Munster team and were unfortunate to narrowly miss out on second place. Finishing third in Ireland was however an excellent result for their first time in Division One All Ireland Final.

A huge 'Thank You' is extended to the boys' parents who were always so willing to help with lifts to matches and went out of their way to be supportive and encouraging. 'Thanks' is also extended to Mary Jo Glynn who liased with Arnotts to have the boys properly kitted out for the big day. The Parents Association, as always, were also extremely generous in their support of the team, this is very much appreciated. The boys represented the school to the highest standards and we are all extremely proud of their achievements. The team is made up of: Alan Fanning, Stephen Neary, Eoin Leonard, Karl Fitzharris and Gavin White.



Under 16 Boys Badminton Team who represented the school and Leinster in the All-Ireland Final on March 25th.



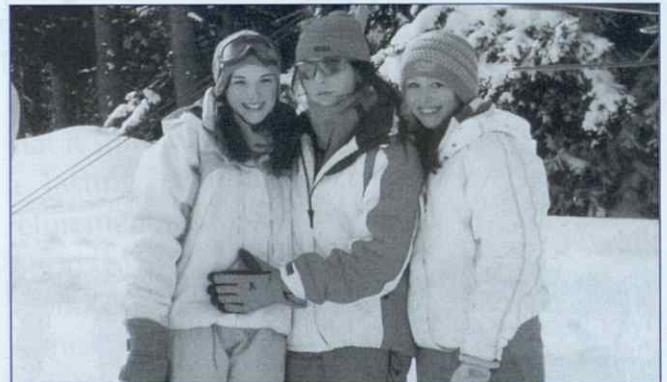
Some 2nd Years with their French exchange students who were in Ireland from 14th-21st March.

The Girls Under 14 team also brought some silverware to the school. They won the Dublin Finals Division 3 and were narrowly beaten in the Leinster Final. The team is made up of: Mairead Fanning, Sarah Murray, Kate Fitzharris, Leonie Dunne and Sarah Fitzharris.

Our under 14 boys team also represented the school in this year's competition although they didn't win any medals they played very well and made great progress from the start of the year. The team consisted of: Donal McNamee, Mark Fitzpatrick, Benjamin Walsh, Simon Connolly and Conor Roche.

Girls Gaelic Football

The Under 14 girls gaelic team is made up of a mixture of first and second year girls who have been training since mid September even though their league didn't



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Mr Egan and two Fifth Year students skiing in Bulgaria in February.

start until January. With the majority of Leinster competing in the same division, there were 16 different groups. The girls only had one match in their section, and put in a magnificent performance and had a very convincing win over St. Dominicans 6-23 to 1-0. The girls now wait to see who their opponents are in the quarter finals.

Gaisce 2005/06

This year there are sixty Transition Year pupils participating in the Gaisce Award. The pupils will soon complete a 25 kilometre hike along the Wicklow Way, staying overnight in Knockree Hostel. Awards will be received on Graduation night in May and we wish all involved the very best of luck.



A group of 2nd Year students enjoying their trip to Barcelona during the February Mid-term.



Transition Year students enjoying Killary Harbour in Co. Mayo in March. L-R: Sally Medbury, Erika Pouch, Alan Browne, Lisa Kelly and Ruth Barry.

Focus Ireland School Sleepover

This year in term one, four students from 3B, Lorna Marshall, Sarah Burke, Amanda Breegan and Brian Coughlan decided as their CSPE Action Plan to do a fundraiser for Focus Ireland to highlight the plight of the homeless in Ireland. They opted to take part in the Schoolmates Sleepover but being ambitious decided that rather than having home sleepovers for their friends, they would do a large-scale sleepover in the school. The night took a lot of planning and there were a few moments when abandoning it seemed like the best plan but it did eventually go ahead and was a big success and a lot of money was collected. An unexpected surprise for the students and for the school was the announcement a couple of weeks later that the students, having collected the biggest amount of money per person in the sleepovers, had won four computers and printers for the school, sponsored for Focus by Bank of Ireland.



Transition Year students enjoying their trip to Killary Harbour in Co. Mayo.

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Knocklyon Bridge Club

Knocklyon Bridge Club recently celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a Gala Dinner at the Templeogue Bridge Centre.

Knocklyon Bridge Club came into existence through the determination of the late Maurice O'Boyle to have a Bridge Club in Knocklyon. To this end he procured a room in St. Columille's National School and, together with his wife Carmel, Donal and Lily Garvey, Mai Stephenson and Chris and the late Paddy Roche, commenced to play Bridge. This happened in the autumn of 1975 and for the next year or two the infant Club struggled for its existence. However, the perseverance of that small group succeeded and gradually the Club expanded. In 1993 the School found it could no longer accommodate the Club and new accommodation was found at the Good Counsel Centre on Ballyboden Road.

When Templeogue Castle Community Bridge Centre opened in 1999 Knocklyon Bridge Club decided to move to the new premises. Since the move the Club has seen further expansion. Membership is now over 300 with 5 or 6 sections playing on Monday nights. How different this is from 1976 when three tables would be a 'big turnout'. Whilst the size of the Club means there is no longer the 'everyone knows everyone else' familiarity of the early years, the Club hopes that it still merits its reputation as one of the friendliest clubs in Dublin. May it go from strength to strength into the future.



Picture shows the current President, Lillian Fogarty, and the first President, Donal Garvey, cutting Knocklyon Bridge Club's 30th Birthday cake.



Knocklyon Kickboxing Kid Achieves Black Belt Rank.

Carl Malone from the hugely popular Malone Martial Arts Kickboxing Club had great cause for celebration recently, when he successfully passed his Black Belt Grading with flying colours. All of the students who graded performed admirably, and impressed the visiting instructors immensely, but it was definitely Carl who stole the show with a blinding display of kickboxing skills and impeccably performed techniques. In order to pass this test and be presented with the coveted rank of Black Belt, Carl had to show his comprehensive knowledge of this fighting system and demonstrate his ability to perform all required techniques to an extremely high standard that would ultimately satisfy the discerning Grading Committee.

The Grading itself consisted of a rigorous performance of advanced techniques, combinations, forms, boxing pads, kicking pads, and sparring. Carl's performance was a shining example of the commitment, attitude and effort needed to reach this high standard, and he is an inspiration to all other students who also want to excel at this sport. In an emotional finish to the night, Carl received a standing ovation from his fellow students and instructors alike, as he was presented with his Black Belt, Certificate, and Samurai Sword. Quite an achievement for somebody who has only just turned thirteen years of age.

Well Done Carl. Congratulations from everybody at Malone Martial Arts.

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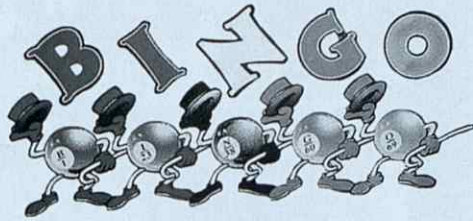
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23rd May to 26th May 2006



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Talent Show get your act together
Wednesday 24th May - 7.30 p.m

Community Centre

Application Forms and rules available from the Parish Office. Applications must be in before 19th May 2006



Pet Show - start grooming your pet!
Thursday 25th May

Venue: Green in front of the Church
Application forms on the night.

Small Dogs - 7.30 p.m.: Medium Dogs - 7.45 p.m.

Large Dogs - 8.00 p.m.: Cats - 8.15 p.m.:

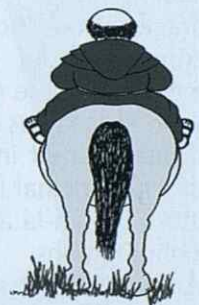
Others - 8.30 p.m.

Race Night - Knocklyon goes to the dogs - Sorry I mean horses. I bet you won't lose your shirt.

Friday 26th May - 8.00 p.m.

Community Centre

Tickets: €2.50 - Name a Horse for €5.00



Come on and join your friends and neighbours and have a great time

St. Colmcille's Parish - Knocklyon

Pre-Natal Blessing

Tuesday, 9th May 2006 at 8.00 p.m.

An opportunity for us to celebrate the expected arrival of a new member to our community, We gather to pray for the health of the mother and baby during the months of pregnancy and for a safe delivery.





Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna



Bhuel, tá an téarma deireannach faoi lánseol anois... an aimsir ag dul i bhfeabhas agus na laethanta ag dul i bhfad. But, for this edition of the Newsletter, rather than look forward to the Summer, we're looking back at one particular event in the Gaelscoil last term.

For their Easter holidays, Múinteoir Daithí and Múinteoir Eoin have long planned to visit a friend who is spending some time teaching in Ethiopia. Orla McCarthy is a primary school teacher from Dublin who is currently on a two year placement with V.S.O. Oibríonn sí i gceantar Dessie, ó thuaidh d'AddisAbaba. As plans for the trip advanced, it was decided that the whole school would make an effort to help the schools of the region which are desperately short of resources. Keeping with the educational theme, a sponsored readathon was agreed on.

D'éirigh go h-iontach leis an tionscnamh. Thóg páistí leabhar abhaile leo ón scoil gach lá agus má bhí siad in ann greim a fháil ar leabhar in aon áit eile, léigh said an leabhar sin freisin! Bhí leabhair le feiceáil i ngach áit! Every child in the school, be he/she ins na Naíonáin or Rang a Sé read as many books as they possibly could. Support from parents and friends was tremendous.

As the final date of the Readathon approached, we realised that the huge effort which had been made had to be acknowledged in a special way. So, on the last Friday of the Readathon, all the children in the school came to school dressed as their favourite character from fiction! We had Horrid Henry – accompanied, of course, by Perfect Peter; Frodo came, bearing the ring; the Sleepover Club sauntered around in pyjamas and dressing gowns... even Daithí and Eoin joined in the fun! Tháinig Daithí ar scoil agus é gléasta mar Dick Turpin agus bhí Eoin in a Mad Hatter.. Bhí an-lá againn ar fad, as you can see from the photographs.

Ardaíodh a lán airgid. Much of the money will be spent on basic school equipment such as maps, desks, blackboards and writing materials. Táthar ag súil chomh maith gur féidir roinnt den airgead a chur i dtreo leabhair a fhoilsiú sa teanga áitiúil. Nuair a chuimhníonn tú nach bhfaigheann scoil ach maoiniú



The Sleepover Club.

de €100 in aghaidh na bliana, is mór an chabhair atá á bhfáil acu ó mhuintir na Gaelscoile.

Le cúnamh Dé, ar filleadh do Dhaithí agus Eoin ón Éiteóip, beidh a fhios againn níos fearr cé'n úsáid ar baineadh, as an airgead. Coinneoidimid ar an eolas sibh.



The Mad Hatter – Múinteoir Eoin.

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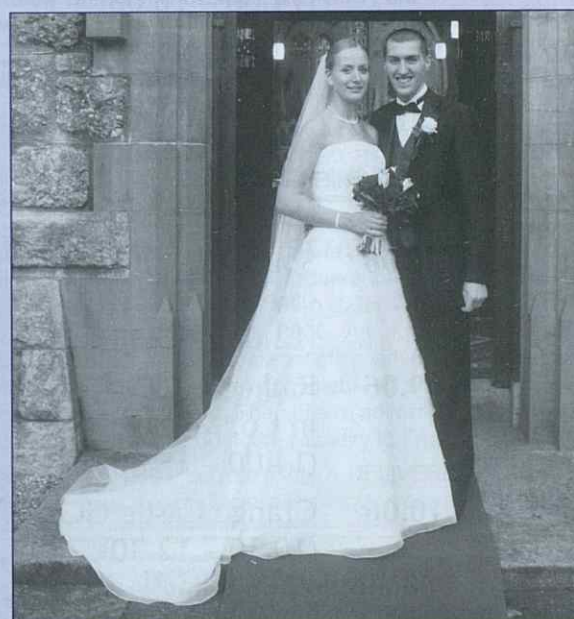


Cé hiad seo? Lá na Leabhair.



Cian Ó Murchú agus...?

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Shane Prendergast (Knocklyon Avenue) and Susan O'Carroll (Rathfarnham) who were married recently in Wexford.

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| Hon Secretary: | Jimmy Fitzsimons |
| Hon Treasurer: | Fred Lane |
| Handicap Secretary: | Des Ryan |
| Ex Officio: | Julien Winters |
| P.R.O: | Gary Davitt |
| Committee: | Michael Flanagan and Brendan Vaughan |

We have arranged the following venues for 2006:

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|--------------------------|--|
| Saturday 29.04.06 | Charlesland GC in Greystones (14.00 – 16.00) |
| Saturday 20.05.06 | St Margarets GC (10.30 – 12.00) |
| Sunday 18.06.06 | Killeen Golf Club (capps day) (12.00 – 13.30) |
| Saturday 12.08.06 | South County GC (presidents day) (12.00 – 13.30) |
| Saturday 16.09.06 | Rathcore GC in Co. Meath (14.00 – 15.30) |
| Saturday 21.10.06 | Grange Castle GC (10.30 – 12.30) |

The weekend away will be to Ballymascanlon Hotel in Co. Louth on the 7th and 8th of July 2006.

This year will see the introduction of a Golfer of the Year prize. Details of which will be given at our first outing.

Due to the fact that 2006 is Ryder Cup year in Ireland the committee have been working on organising a Ryder Cup style match with another local society. It is likely to take place in the run up to Septembers Ryder Cup with the venue being South County Golf Club. We should have more information on same at our first outing.

Once again all new members are very welcome and if interested in joining please contact Gary Davitt at 4935636.

As the above venues can only be secured by deposit early payment by existing members of the annual sub (€35.00) would be appreciated. Please contact Fred Lane at 493 2661.

The committee would like to wish all members a very enjoyable golfing season.

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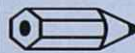
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