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OCTOBER LECTURE

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– Longfellow

Wednesday, 20th October

Speaker: Fr. Elton Griffin, O.Carm.

Time: 10.45 a.m.

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CONNECT

is there a need anymore?

The Connect Drug Awareness Group

The Connect Drug Awareness Group was formed ten years ago by concerned adults to help raise awareness of the growing drug and alcohol abuse problems that existed and are still evident in the Knocklyon area. Over the years we have used a variety of methods to both raise awareness of, and illustrate the devastating effects that drug abuse and addiction can have both on the family as an unit and on the community in general.

Alcohol and drug abuse is on the increase among the youth of our area and the need for a sustained awareness campaign clearly identifying the dangers attached to drug abuse is greater now than it ever has been.

The present Connect group is disbanding. However, the need still exists to make our children aware of the dangers of making the wrong choice when it comes to alcohol and drugs. The need is also there to make the people of Knocklyon continuously aware of the extent of the problem in our

area. We are therefore appealing to you to volunteer some time and get involved in your community. If you are interested in continuing the work of the Connect Group, please contact the Parish Office.

The Connect Group would like to thank all those who assisted us throughout the last ten years.

St Colmcille's Parish

Pre-Natal Blessing



**Tuesday,
12th October
8.00 p.m.**

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The Music Competition, Midsomer-Norton (England) and The Knocklyon Concert Band!

It was half-four a.m. and I was sitting in the middle of Superquinn car park and I was trying to remember what had happened to the last half hour! The bus arrived and everyone slowly made their way onto it. With all the instruments loaded onto the bus, it departed from the car park.

After all the travelling we were asked to play at the opening ceremony of the Midsomer-Norton music festival. But unfortunately we were so tired that – (you weren't there) – we played brilliantly; fabulously in fact, we played so well that I'm not even going into the details.

After a long struggle at setting up the camp beds in the classrooms of Sommervale School (which a lot of nameless people couldn't do), we all headed off to bed to get some sleep before the competition which was on bright and early the next day.

So at nine o'clock the next day, the thirty-seven of us gathered in the P.E. hall to practise and, apart from the odd mistake, we sounded pretty good. But, unfortunately, that wasn't enough; apparently we were also graded on our uniforms, which was rather bad news for me to hear! My shirt, which had been buried in my bag since the morning before, was creased almost everywhere and my shoes weren't polished black. So after a lecture from my mother about 'the importance of keeping your uniform tidy' she took out a travel iron from one of the bags and began to iron my shirt (but as it transpired Siobhán, Winnie and herself ended up ironing nearly everyone's shirt).

With all of that behind us, we headed down to the competition that was being held in the local Methodist Church. After a quick warm-up we took a deep breath and headed into the competition area. Each of us took

our seats and took out our music.

Next thing we knew the room went silent and our conductor, Mr. John Meehan, got up. After a quick three beats, we began to play our pieces, beginning with 'Sousa – The March King', after which we played 'Of Hopes and Dreams' followed by 'The Lion King', and, to finish, 'Ceremony, Chant and Ritual'.

After the competition we played another concert and we then marched in the fun parade, under our theme 'Vicars and Tarts'.

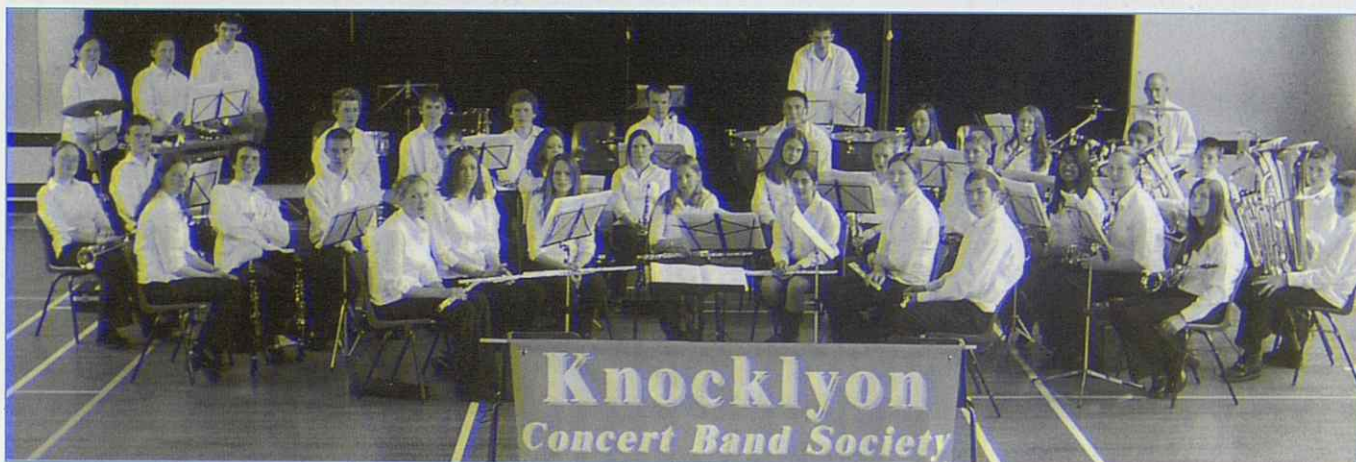
The next morning we went to see other bands play at the 'Paulton Rovers' stadium. On the last full day we had a few hours of relaxation before our final concert and as it was our last concert we decided to make it memorable so we played our old party favourite 'An Irish Party In Third Class', which earned us a very large round of applause.

The next day it was up at six so we could be out of the school by eight. So our journey home led us through Midsomer-Norton, up through Wales, across the Irish Sea and finally through the 'Sunny Southeast' until we reached Knocklyon. Home, weary but victorious – yes, that's right, I forgot to tell you the best news of all – we won gold!!!

Hopefully next spring we will be travelling to the competition in Neerpelt in Holland so we can make a name for ourselves over there!

On behalf of the band I would like to thank: Robert Chester, Winnie Neary, Pat Moran, Siobhán Kenrick, Declan Murray, Valerie Geraghty, our conductor John Meehan and our driver Martin Crowe, for making this trip happen.

– Rory Geraghty



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Most Reverend Diarmuid Martin D.D. Archbishop of Dublin

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin was born in Dublin on 8th April 1945. He attended schools in Dublin (Oblate School, Inchicore; De la Salle School, Ballyfermot; Marian College, Ballsbridge). He then went on to study philosophy at University College Dublin and theology at the Dublin Diocesan Seminary (holy cross College, Clonliffe). He was ordained priest by Archbishop McQuaid in St Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, on 25th May 1969. He later pursued higher studies in moral theology at the Angelicum in Rome. From 1973-74 he was Curate in St Brigid's Parish, Cabinteely. In 1975 he was responsible for the pastoral care of Dublin pilgrims during the Holy Year in Rome.

He entered the service of the Holy See in 1976 in the Pontifical Council for the Family. In 1986 he was appointed Under-Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and in 1994 Secretary of the same Pontifical Council. On 5th December 1998 he was appointed Titular Bishop of Glendalough and received episcopal ordination at the hands of Pope John Paul II in St Peter's Basilica on 6th January 1999. During his service at the Pontifical

Council for Justice and Peace, Archbishop Martin represented the Holy See at the major United Nations International Conferences on social questions held in the 1990's. He also took part in activities of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, especially on the theme of

The Church in Dublin is not just its Bishops and priests. It is a Church of many charisms, and services and gifts, as the remarkable first reading we have just heard stresses. "All these gifts", the reading recalls, "are the work of the one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses".

Homily - Ceremony of Presentation - 3rd May 2003

international debt and poverty reduction.

He spoke of the Church's Social Teaching at conferences organised by the Bishops Conferences of the United States, Australia, Peru, Scotland, the Council of Latin American Bishops (CELAM), the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences (FABC), and the Commission of the Bishops of the European Union (COMECE).

He was a member of various Vatican

Offices, including the Central Committee for the Great Jubilee Year 2000. It was around this time that he became known as the man who presented 'Mr Bono' of U2 to the Pope. In addition he was a member of the Joint Working Group for relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches and a founding trustee of the World Faiths Development Dialogue (established by the Archbishop of Canterbury).

In March 2001 he was elevated to the rank of Archbishop and undertook his responsibilities as Permanent Observer of the Holy See in Geneva, at the United Nations Office and Specialised Agencies and at the World Trade Organisation. He

led the delegations of the Holy See to the Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation (Doha, 2001), the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. He was appointed by Pope John Paul II as Coadjutor Archbishop of Dublin on May 3rd 2003 and on April 26th 2004, he succeeded Cardinal Desmond Connell as Archbishop of Dublin.



WE'RE LESS LIKE SAINTS AND MORE LIKE YOU

Maybe, we're not who you think we are. We're just everyday people - sometimes doing extraordinary things, sometimes not. Like you, we have things to do. We have struggles and successes. Like you we have hopes and dreams.

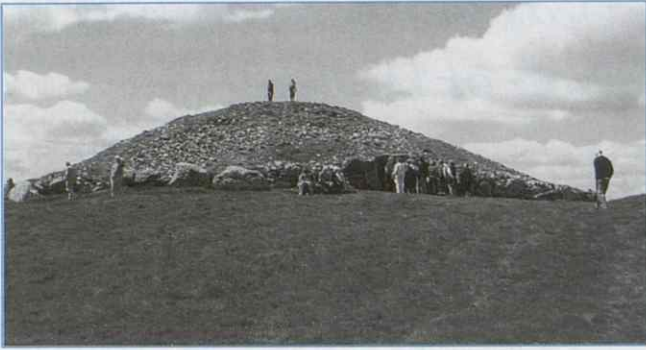


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KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY THE LOUGHCREW HILLS



In the north-east of Co. Meath near Oldcastle lie a range of hills that are a treasure trove of cairns, ring-forts, cashels, standing stones and other monuments making these, the Loughcrew Hills, one of the most extensive neolithic sites in Ireland. They date from about the third millennium B.C. and possibly derive their name from Lough Creeve (Loch na Craoibhe) nearby. At least 30 tombs are known but not all have been opened.

The monuments are grouped mostly on two hills, Cairnbane East and Cairnbane West and many are passage graves. The most frequented is Cairnbane East where a short passage leads into a domed chamber with wonderful stone ornamentation. The names here ending in 'bane' suggests 'bán' and it is thought that these monuments were faced with white quartz stone just like Newgrange. Cairnbane East is aligned with the spring and autumn equinoxes.

The Irish name for the area is Sliabh na Caillighe, the Witch's or the Hag's hills. A story is told that the Hag flew over the hills with her apron full of stones and deposited them in heaps around the area. Certainly one large kerb stone is known as the Hag's chair. It has faded decoration with a later cross imprint indicating its use as a Mass Rock for the celebration of Mass in penal times.

Go to Loughcrew, savour the panoramic views, reflect on the wonders of these 5000 year-old monuments and enjoy the fresh, fresh air.

This poem by Mary Lawlor captures all the beauty and wonder of the Loughcrew Hills.



LOUGHCREW

*The rusty gate creaks out in pain,
Arthritic, stiff from years of rain,
Opening to a green-arched way
Where trees, wind-stirred, their branches sway.
Slowly, silent, with reverent mien,
I tread the path of carpet green.
A blackbird trills from thorny bush,
Warns playing squirrels of my approach.
Hastily clambering up a tree,
They race and disappear from me.
On this path now, I reach the end
Where old ash trees and willows bend
In homage to a saint, their own,
Whose family church stands here alone.
Oliver, of noble birth,
Had trodden often this same earth
I tread today. From Loughcrew's Hall
He worshipped here ere Rome did call
Ordain him Bishop, send him home
To Ireland, hardship, martyrdom.
On hills above his father's lands
Cairns encircled by living bands
Of hawthorn, furze and ash and sally
Are ancient graves of Sliabh na Caillighe.
Passage graves his forebears rated
With chevrons, circles decorate
No place for him midst furze and sally.
For him no grave on Sliabh na Caillighe.*

- Mary Lawlor

Knocklyon History Society visited Loughcrew last May, a great surprise to many of the members who had not heard of these hills.

The Society has resumed talks and meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Do come along to our next lecture about the Massy Woods on the 13th of October.

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Reflection

In his homily on the occasion of his Presentation on the 3rd of May 2003, Archbishop Martin made the comment "The Church in Dublin is not just its Bishops and priests. It is a Church of many charisms, and services and gifts".

That phrase can be taken and applied to our community in Knocklyon. The community in Knocklyon is not just the priests and those who sit on committees. It is a community of many groups, many people, each with their own talents, gifts, concerns and needs.

During Participation Week, we spoke of arriving in a vibrant and active parish. We acknowledged that and expressed our appreciation for all that had been achieved. None of this sprung-up over night or has been achieved lightly. No! A tremendous amount of time and effort has been put in by many people to achieve this. And it is something that you can be very proud of.

There can be, however, a downside to success. We can become complacent. With so much good work being done for us, we can be tempted to think 'Sure things are going great, there is no need for me to get involved'. We may be tempted to forget that in some cases this work has been achieved by a few over a long period of time. We can forget that others can get tired, run out of new ideas, lose their enthusiasm to some degree or other. Sometimes we forget that for some things to happen it requires a lot of participation from a lot of people, maybe over a prolonged period or maybe for just a few hours.

During this summer we experienced this very thing. A very successful and enjoyable event of Parish Week – The Talent Show – had to be abandoned because of a lack of adults to supervise the event. To say that this caused some disappointment to the children would be an under-statement.

Elsewhere in this magazine, there is an article from the *Connect Group*. This group of people – your neighbours – have worked very hard to raise awareness and educate us in the whole area of drug abuse. They have worked hard – very hard – for the last ten years in trying to help us and our children. They have played their part but the need for the work of this group is still there if not even more pressing. A walk around Knocklyon during the summer months would have shown the number of teenagers who are members of our community and this testifies to the need for awareness of the dangers of drugs not to mention the number of young children attending our Primary Schools. Read the *Connect* article. These are just two examples of what is happening or has happened.

There is no question about the vibrancy of this commu-

nity in Knocklyon. But we cannot afford to sit on our laurels for what has been achieved. For any community to continue to flourish and grow, active involvement is needed.

New faces, new ideas, identification of needs not being met, possible new ways of improving what is already being done – all these are needed. And so we are appealing to you to consider offering your talents, your gifts, your voice, your time to your community.

The Parish Forum which meets monthly is one way of finding out what is happening and provides you with an opportunity to express your ideas. That is just one. There are many more ways.

It is your parish, your community and your involvement could be what is required to make this community an even better one. Please think about it

– Fr Paddy



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• ST. COLMCILLE'S JUNIOR SCHOOL •

Another school year is underway. Our new Junior Infants arrived early on September 1st with the RTE cameras recording their first day at "big school". Thirty-six teachers and ten ancillary staff form this year's team of workers at the school. Many parents and members of the community will support our team throughout the year. The Board of Management has recruited four new teachers – Susanne Ryan and Sheena McDonnell from Dublin together with Eimear O'Connell and Emma Vickers from Wicklow. We welcome these young teachers and wish them well with their work during the school year ahead.

RENOVATIONS

The Department of Education and Science carried out a major electrical upgrade of our classrooms during the Summer holidays. All teaching and learning areas were fitted with new lights, sockets, networked datapoints, television points and water heaters. The Board of Management also undertook some minor improvement works indoors and in the school grounds.

VANDALISM

A spate of wanton vandalism on the first Saturday evening of September caused damage to seven classroom skylights totalling €3,500. This is a huge setback to us as we strive to equip thirty-five classrooms for the delivery of new subjects later this year. We have been advised by the Gardaí to install closed circuit TV cameras. Trespassers and those caught causing malicious damage to the school will feel the full force of the law in future.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Many teachers will offer after-school classes to pupils in classes above Junior Infants. As usual we will provide a variety of choice to those wishing to pursue sports, artistic and linguistic activities. We also encourage all our pupils to register with local clubs and societies like Ballyboden St. Endas, Knocklyon United, Knocklyon Concert Band, Bros. Pearse Athletic Club and Scouts. Each of our first and second classes will enjoy six swimming lessons at Templeogue pool this year. Our strong emphasis on Physical Education and Nutrition through our healthy lunch initiative, has ensured that our pupils remain happy and healthy at school.

ENROLMENT

If you live in Knocklyon and intend to enroll your child at St. Colmcille's next year please note that you must complete an application form at the school office before November 30th.

A new system of offering places for incoming Junior Infant classes in September 2005 will be implemented this December. Parents and Guardians who are offered places in early December will be expected to provide the school with a booking deposit and originals of the following documents by December 10th. This deadline will not be extended in any circumstances. (a) Baptismal Certificate; (b) Birth Certificate; (c) Two up-to-date utility bills in the names of the child's legal guardians showing proof of residency in Knocklyon parish.

Our enrolment policy gives priority to catholic children of the parish and to brothers and sisters of pupils already enrolled in our Junior or Senior schools. When over-subscribed we offer available places to the eldest qualifying applicants.

TRIP TO CROKE PARK AND GAA ACTIVITIES

Second Class pupils will have an opportunity to support Ireland in the Compromise Rules series against Australia at GAA Headquarters. We hope Ballybodens St. Endas achieve the historic treble of Senior Championships and will encourage our pupils to support them in Parnell Park. The club's Promotions Officer Brian O'Regan has offered assistance with our Second Class games programme in six classrooms again this year.

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

As another school year begins the Parents' Association would like to welcome all the children and teachers back after the summer holidays.

We hope all our Junior Infants are adjusting well to school. Our AGM took place on the 15th September and our new committee is up and running.

On 13th October we will be having a lecture at 8 p.m. sharp in the Junior School hall. The lecture will be given by Dr. Matt McDermott on the topic of 'Behavioural Management'.

Our Table Quiz will take place in Ballyboden St. Endas on the Thursday 11th of November.

Ken Doherty was kind enough to give us a signed snooker cue for a draw which will take place on the night.

A very special thank you to all those who donated money to the Adam Hitchings fund, we raised €1,751.24.

This year we have exciting projects planned for the parents and children so make sure to keep an eye out for the notes in the bags and the posters in the classroom windows.

– Patricia Fagan

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Pupils and teachers are well settled into the new term. Our new school uniform has been introduced for our 3rd Class pupils. Many thanks to the parents who looked after the hanging baskets over the course of the summer. Over the course of the summer extensive work was carried out in the school. The school's electrical system was fully upgraded – new light fittings were installed, extra power points were fitted and data points for computers were also fitted. Our school fire alarm system was upgraded and new fuse boards were installed. The cost of this work ran in excess of E120,000. In addition, the school staff room was extended and fully refurbished with a modern design to incorporate meeting room facilities.

Fáilte ar ais – Welcome Back

A particular "fáilte ar ais" to two of our staff members, Ms. S.J. Woods and Ms. A. Kelly, who have rejoined our staff after a period on career break.

Tinreamh Iomlán – Full Attendance

A total of 84 pupils in the Senior School were recently presented with plaques to celebrate the fact that they didn't miss a day in school during the school year 2003-04. This represents 1/9 of the school population of the Senior School and is a magnificent achievement (see photos right and below).

Cúrsaí Spórt

The school football season is upon us once again and St. Colmcille's S.N.S. will be fielding five football teams in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions – boys and girls. Mr. V. Ruddy and Ms. S. Timmins will be attempting to retain the Girls Football Division 1 title. Mr. J. Brennan, Mr. A. Dundon and Ms. L. Glennon are in charge of the second girl's football team.



The senior football team are coached by Mr. A. Byrne assisted by Mr. P. O'Neill. The Corn Mhic Caoilte panel are trained by Mr. F. Connolly and Mr. N. Johnston while the junior football squad are coached by Mr. B. MacGabhann and Mr. C. Kearney.

Ms. Ní Reachtabhra and Ms. Murphy have started coaching the girl's camogie squads while Mr. P. Ryan has commenced hurling with the 3rd classes.

Science

Our names are Jeffrey McHugh and Conor Larkin. We are 6th Class students in St. Colmcille's S.N.S. In June we did a science project. We made a bottle fountain. We put a bottle full of cold water with a hole on top into a bowl full of hot water. The hot water heated up the air in the bottle and the hot air forced the water up through the hole. We made a crossbow and a gearbox. The crossbow could shoot 50 metres by pulling back an elastic and letting go. The 3rd axle on the gearbox went twenty-five times the speed of the engine pushing it.



Jeffrey McHugh, Conor Larkin, Room 2.

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

St. Colmcille's Day

On the 9th June 2004 for the first time our school marked St. Colmcille's Day, with a day of events. One of the events was the teacher/pupil relay race. Selected teachers raced against a group of 6th Class children. It was a very exciting event. Teachers including Mr. Byrne, Ms. McCann, Ms. Ní Reachtabhra and many more raced against boys and girls from each of the 6th Classes. Mr. Byrne's own class (Room 4) came in first place, victorious in a thrilling finish.

Later on there was a pilgrimage to St. Colmcille's Well, two representatives from each class went to the well where there was a small ceremony. Another one of the favourites of pupils was the 'Design a Boat' event, where pupils designed a boat. There were a lot of interesting boats on the day. Some wooden, some made out of cardboard, some made out of bottles. A unique armada was created. Afterwards we all went down to the paddling pool to see if they would float. A lot did but some like mine, for example, just sank. After that all the boats were brought out to the yard where everyone got to see the inside selection. In the end, it was a wonderful day and we are

looking forward to the next one!

– Emer Deane, Room 4

3.2.1. Action

In the picture below are just a few of the stars of 'Céard a tharla do...?' performed by Ms. O'Gara's 5th Class from Room 9 in June 2004. Based on the Irish legend 'The Children of Lír' and with the local and European elections just around the corner, we added a comedic and political twist including some prominent politicians.

Irish, English, History, Music, Art and Dancing were all incorporated in the production. We practised every day and had several dress rehearsals. Mr. Gearty was of great assistance in providing the music on piano, as were two transition year students, Nicky and Caitríona, who choreographed the dances. The play was a brilliant success with everything going according to plan, some dazzling performances, soul lifting singing and rapturous applause to end a fabulous night.

– Sara Farrelly, Sarah Murray and Eimear Nally, Room 5



Adam Shields, 6th Class, just pips Mr. Byrne in the last leg of the teacher/pupil relay race.



Some of the participants in the 'Design a Boat' competition.



A group of children from Rooms 2 and 6 who travelled to the Achill Outdoor Education Centre last June. Left-right: Odile Berat, Shauna Moore, Natasha Whelan, Rebecca Hennessy and Aimeé O'Regan.



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ST. COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A Word From The Principal

In welcoming back to school all of our students and staff both new and existing we acknowledge the huge achievement by all concerned of reaching the significant milestone of completing all year groups in the school. For the first time since its opening in 2000 St. Colmcille's C.S. has students in all years and is preparing 6th years to sit the leaving cert in June '05 for the first time in the school's history. We wish them and all our existing students every success in the year ahead and we look forward to both an enjoyable and productive year ahead. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new 1st year students all of whom have settled in so well and also our new members of staff whose talents have already come to the fore in both the curricular and extra curricular life of the school. I look forward to sharing with you the many and varied successes of our school throughout the year here in the Knocklyon News.

Green School Flag Committee

It was with tremendous pride that the 'Green School Flag Committee', a cohort of over twenty students and staff representative of our school community, raised the 'Green Schools Flag' last Friday, the 28th of May. Thus, becoming only the second post primary school in South County Dublin to achieve this award. Dignitaries who



St. Colmcille's receives the Green Flag – Friday 28th May 2004.

attended the momentous occasion included the Mayor of South County Dublin, Máire Ardagh, and our liaison from South Dublin County Council, Ann Marie Fitzpatrick and the chairperson of the school's board of management, Dr. Vincent Kenny.

It has been a long and sometimes arduous journey over the last three years, but the success of the committee can be attributed to the sheer hard work and dedication of the committee members who are to be seen on a daily basis gathering and recycling the vast amount of paper, cardboard, aluminium cans and plastic bottles generated by our school populous.

As well as successfully implementing an anti-litter campaign last year and highlighting the need to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" as much of our waste as possible the committee have, more importantly, helped to change the mindset of many in our school community.

It is quite fortuitous that Ballymount Civic Amenity Centre is only a ten-minute drive away in Cookstown Industrial Estate. It is here that we recycle all of the scrap metal and wood from our practical rooms, not to mention the tin boxes brought in by many students after the Christmas period.

Organic materials from the staff room and the home economics department are composted. Most of the paper used in the school is made from 100% recyclable materials and both students and teachers are encouraged to be vigilant when it comes to paper consumption, especially during exams. All of the toner cartridges used in the photocopiers are returned to the Toshiba plant in the industrial estate near the Square, and ink cartridges are returned to their manufacturers for reuse. Rebatt have also provided us with a battery recycling box, which members of the public are more than welcome to use.

The school tuck shop has also supported the efforts of the G.S.F.C. As well as promoting a healthy eating policy they have reduced the number of drinks products available that are sold in plastic containers.

Although much of the committee's work may sometimes go unseen the management of our school community ensure that it never goes unacknowledged and

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they have supported all G.S.F.C initiatives from the outset. Together, with the support of the parents, they have funded the cost of our impressive new flagpoles and the numerous frames for the anti-litter posters that adorn the walls of our building.

This has very much been a whole school initiative and without the support of students, staff and parents the G.F.S.C would not be the success it is today.

We look forward to initiating our campaign to conserve energy in September in the hope of securing a second Green School Flag in two years. So, it is time to search out those thermals you recycled all those years ago! Once again a big thank you to all those who continue to support our efforts to heighten environmental awareness in the hope that future generations will be able to enjoy The Day After Tomorrow! (G.S.F.C co-coordinator, Phil Hayden.)

Our Prefects

Last June, our present sixth years along with the staff elected 7 prefects for the academic year 2004-2005. They will take on different responsibilities and duties throughout the school during the year and help make the school a better place. The prefects are: Graham Byrne, Laura McCarthy, Emma Farrelly, Garvin McEvoy, Kylie Moynagh, David Smyth and Jacqueline Sweeney. From this group David Smyth is Head Boy and Kylie Moynagh is Head Girl.

The prefects will work until Easter this year when a new batch will be elected from our present 5th Year Group. From now on, our prefects will run from Easter to Easter. We are looking forward to working with them.



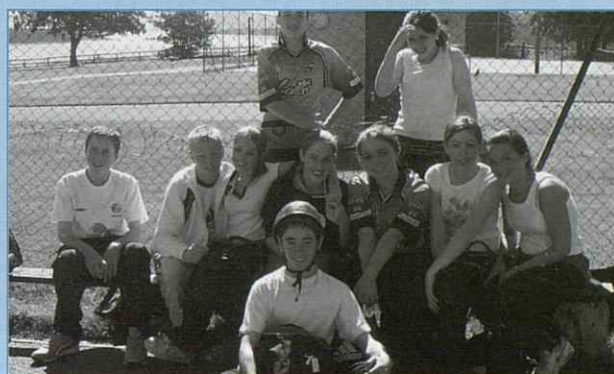
Some of our newly appointed Prefects in St. Colmcille's Community School. Back, left-right: Graham, Garvin, David. Front: Emma and Laura. Missing: Kylie, Simon and Jacqueline.



A group of new 1st Years in St. Colmcille's Community School Knocklyon.



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Don't pay off the peson shouting the loudest – pay the most important – i.e. mortgage/rent. Then look at the debts that are costing you the most – credit cards, store cards and look for ways of reducing these.

Look carefully at your spending habits. What can you cut back on? Are you paying too much in bank charges? Keeping your account in credit could mean lower charges.

Check your Tax Credit Cert. Is there anything else you can claim for?

Take control of your spending – you will be amazed at how quickly your financial situation will improve.

Thanksgiving & Harvest Festival



**Sunday 17th Oct.
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A collection of dry and tinned foods will be made for distribution to those in need.



Boys and girls who represented Knocklyon in Badminton U15. Knocklyon North finished 3rd, managed by Breda Fitzharris, Knocklyon South finished 2nd, managed by Winnie Neary. Well done!



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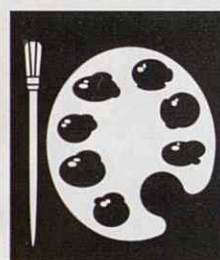
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Múinteoir Nua

Ba mhaith linn fáilte faoi leith a chur roimh ár múinteoir nua, Eoin Ó Drisceoil, a bheidh ag múineadh Rang a 3. Is as Baile Átha Cliath do Eoin, cé go bhfuil ceangailt aige le Co.Chorcaí. Ar ndóigh, bhí sé i bPáirc an Chrócaigh ag féachaint ar an iomáint agus geansaí dearg á caitheamh aige!



Daltaí Nua

Ba mhaith linn fáilte a chur chur freisin roimh na leanaí a thosnaigh ar scoil linn i mbliana. Tá said socráithe isteach go maith anois agus taithí acu ar shaol na scoile. Naionáin begin their full day in school this month and could be said to have already embarked on their academic careers!

Seanchairde

Ní gá a rá nach bhfuil gach múinteoir nua. We are delighted to have Dante Farrina back with us this year, taking 5th and 6th classes for Italian. These have proved extremely popular among staff and pupils alike....and Dante's Gaeilge has improved immensely! Another seanchara ar ais linn is Áine Ní Fhathaigh, who will hold drama classes in the halla on Monday afternoons.

Rince Gaelach

I mbliana, tá múinteoir nua againn don rince. Tá ag éirí go hiontach leis na ranganna a bhíonn ar siúl gach Máirt sa halla. Déanann an scoil tréan iarracht atmaisféar Gaelach a chothú sa scoil idir chluichí agus ceol agus is gné ana-thábhachtach de seo é an rince.

Gleacaíocht

Over the last few years, we have developed a policy of bringing in various guest teachers for a limited period of time in order to work with the pupils on different aspects of the curriculum. Last year we had Dr. Sue Brown; the previous year we had yoga classes. This term, Naíonáin Shóisireacha to Rang a 1 are enjoying 'Stretch and Grow' sessions. 'Sí Rosanna Basquel atá i mbun na seisiúin seo agus bíonn na páistí ag súil go mór leo. Is deis iontach dóibh é solúbhacht choirp a fhorbairt agus déanann na páistí a lán oibre i ngan fhios dóibh féin.

Tá i gceist againn freisin scríbhneoirí agus filí ó shaol

litríochta na Gaeilge a thabhairt isteach sa scoil i rith na scoil-bliana. Tháinig Áine Ní Ghlinn chuig an scoil anuraidh agus rinne sí an-obair'sna hardranganna. Arís, bheadh na scríbhneoirí ag obair le na daltaí ar ghnéithe éagsúla den Churaclam Athbheithnithe.

Ceol

Mar is gnáth, tá ceol le cloisteáil timpeall na scoile beagnach gach tráthnóna. Tá Múinteoir Daithí i mbun na ranganna veidhlín arís i mbliana agus is iontach an ceol atá le clos óna sheomra. Tá Múinteoir Clár i bhfeighil na feadóige fós. Tá rang aici do thosaitheoirí chomh maith le ranganna dóibh siúd go bhfuil scil áirithe acu cheana féin. We are lucky to have two such talented musicians on the staff agus ana bhuíoch dóibh as an méid a dhéanann said.

Spórt

Timetables were barely organised this year when bodies wearing football boots were trudging through clós na scoile! Already, Múinteoirí Clár, Deirdre agus Eoin are putting footballers through their paces after school and the leagues organised by Cumann na mBunscoil should be faoi lán tseoil by the time you read this. De ghnáth, imrítear na cluichí seo ar thráthnóna Chéadaoine. Imríonn an Gaelcoil ár gcluichí thíos ar pháirceanna Bhaile Buadain agus tá ár mbuíochas ag dul don chlub as an dtacaíocht a thugann said dúinn i gcónaí. B'fhéidir go bhfeicimid ann tú tráthnóna éigin.

Ranganna Gaeilge

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Knocklyon Wins Best Area Trophies at Dublin Community Games

Athletics

The Dublin finals were held in Morton Stadium, Santry over the first weekend in July. The weather conditions were appalling as thunder, hail and heavy rain disrupted many events.

However for Knocklyon there was great jubilation as they were awarded the Lord Mayor's trophy for Best Overall Area in Athletics.

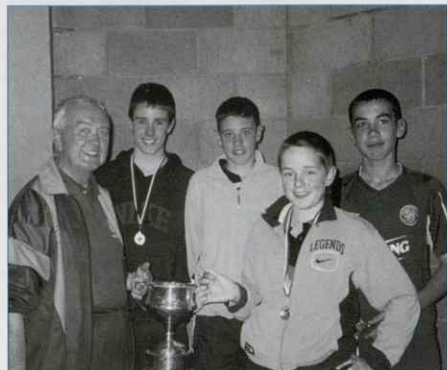
Knocklyon North won 6 Golds, 1 Silver, 4 Bronze and 3 fourth places. Knocklyon South won 2 Golds, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze and 2 fourth places.

The winners were: Oisín Pennycook, U8 60m; Liam Stafford, U8 80m; Sinead Crowley, U10 60m Hurdles; Joseph Dowling, U12 100m; Lisa Barnwell, U14 100m; Rebecca Tyson, U14 80m Hurdles and Oisín Cannon, U14 Shot Putt.

Silver medals went to Jessica Hogan, U8 60m and Aoife Dalton, U16 100m. Bronze medals were won by Ben McEntee, U10 100m, Anna Stafford, U12 100m, Shauna Cannon, U14 100m, Ronan Glynn, U12 Long Puck and Natalia Hyland, U14 Long Puck.

Fourth place certificates were awarded to Libby King, U8 60m, Lauren Kelly, U12 100m, David Connolly, U10 200m, Owen Crowley, U12 Long Puck and Conor Gallagher, U16 High Jump.

Congratulations to all athletes who took part in the events.



Knocklyon South, winners of the Dublin U16 Table Tennis, from left to right: Tony Keane presenting the cup to Stephen Neary, Keith Jackson, Mark O'Neill and Darren McCarthy.



Some of our Community Games competitors at Santry Community Games parade.



Oisín Pennycook, winner of Boys U8 60m at Dublin Community Games. Oisín won 4th place in the National Finals at Mosney. A great achievement.

At Mosney in August Knocklyon had more to celebrate as we reaped further success. Rebecca Tyson won a Gold in the U14 Hurdles (see picture Page 22). The U14 relay team of Shauna Cannon, Rebecca Tyson, Natalia Hyland and Lisa Barnwell won Bronze. Oisín Pennycook won Fourth Place Certificate in the U8 60m as did Joseph Dowling in the U12 100m. Lisa Barnwell and Oisín Cannon reached the finals in their events whilst Sinead Crowley, Liam Stafford and Aoife Dalton reached the semi-finals. Great credit is due to all as they were representing Dublin at All-Ireland 32 county level.

Hockey

Knocklyon North won the Silver medal at Mosney having won through Dublin and Leinster. They were narrowly beaten 1-0 by Knocknacarra, Galway, in the final. Congratulations to all the girls and their manager Dermot Dalton and captain Aoife Dalton.

Swimming

Knocklyon North also picked up the overall trophy for Best Area in the swimming finals, held at Balrothery in June.

Gold medal winners were: Roisin Hyland, U8 Freestyle; Brendan Hyland, U10 Backstroke; David Neylon, U10 Freestyle; Aidan Ward, U12 Breaststroke; Eoghain Ward, U14 Backstroke; Eoin O'Donnell, U14 Freestyle; Karen Murray, U14 Freestyle; Lydia Flynn, U16 Backstroke; Andrew Clarke, U16 Butterfly; and the relay team of Lorcan O'Toole, Cathal Dunne, Eoin Small, Simon Clarke, Brendan Hyland.

Silvers were won by Simon Clarke, U12 Breaststroke and Eoin Small, U14 Breaststroke. Bronze medals were awarded to David Curtis, U8 Freestyle, Aoife Small, U8 Freestyle, Jennifer Murphy, U14 Backstroke, Lorcan O'Toole, U14 Backstroke, and Amy McSharry, U16 Freestyle.

A total of 13 swimmers from Knocklyon went on to represent Dublin at the National Finals, which were held in Dundalk. Brendan Hyland won Silver in U10 Backstroke and Andrew Clarke won Bronze in the U16 Butterfly. Well done to all who did so well in these All-Ireland events.

Gaelic Football

The Boys U10 team were narrowly beaten by Clontarf in the Dublin finals and so picked up silver medals. The team had great wins against Killinarden, Iona and Portmarnock on their way to the finals. Congratulations to manager Gerry Basquel and co-ordinator Mary Hyland on a great campaign. Well done to all the boys (and girls) who took part.

Badminton

The Dublin finals were held in Clondalkin and Knocklyon South U15 won silver in the finals (see picture on Page 14).

Table Tennis

The finals were held in ALSAA in June. Knocklyon South U16 Boys emerged as gold medal winners and Knocklyon North won silver. Thanks to Trish Walsh and Desmond Murphy from St. Colmcille's Community School for co-ordinating the Knocklyon teams.

Art (see Page 14)

Congratulations to all the competitors from Knocklyon who helped make this year one of the most successful ever. Also a special thank you to parents and families who supported our efforts in all sorts of weather conditions! We look forward to continued support next year. Watch out for news of our AGM.

— Mary Hyland, Claire Barnwell and Mary Ward, Community Games Comm.



Knocklyon athletes show off their prizes which they won at the Dublin Community Games in July. Many of them went on to compete in the Nationals in Mosney with great style.

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KNOCKLYON UNITED



The new boys' season has just kicked off and the committee and all involved with Knocklyon United would like to welcome back existing players and in particular welcome all new players to the club.

The club continues to grow at a very fast pace and it is becoming increasingly difficult to cater for all the players who want to play for Knocklyon United. This season the club has 35 boys' teams, 2 senior teams and 3 girls' teams. In addition the soccer nursery for players aged 6 (must be born in 1998) will commence at the beginning of October. Even at this level the number of teams is not quite sufficient to cater for all the children interested in playing. However, given our fairly limited facilities this is the maximum number of teams we can cater for. The club has the use of 3 eleven-a-side pitches, Knocklyon Park, Cherryfield and Tymon Park, together with 2 seven-a-side pitches at Delaford Park. We are sure that you can appreciate the difficulties that this can cause and the level of co-ordination and organisation involved.

Girls Football

As the boys season commences the girls season has just finished. This season we catered for 3 girls teams, under 12's, under 14's and under 16's. There is huge competition in the girls divisions and well done to all the managers and players. Next season the girls' football season will begin again in May and training will be organised prior to that by Ruairi McSharry.

Golf Outing

The club held its third golf outing at Edmonstown Golf Club and once again the demand for teams was great. The club was well supported by local business, banks and many representatives from the construction sector. We are once again grateful to the Deane Brothers who were the main sponsors for the day.

We were also delighted to receive an exceptional good prize from Gaughran Homes UK of an eight-

seater private box for viewing the Manchester United match against Crystal Palace on the 18th December. This prize includes tickets, food and drinks for eight people. The prize was won by Paul Philips from IIB Bank and was presented to him by Fergus Lowe of Gaughran Homes UK and Sherry Fitzgerald Kennedy Lowe.

Liam Deane and Andrew Doyle were the main organisers of the event and once again they received plenty of support from the ladies of the club who provided burgers and refreshments on the ninth hole. The first five winning teams were as follows: 1st M&G Homes; 2nd Domestic & General; 3rd Architectural Aluminium; 4th Orka Transport; 5th Mick Devine Team.

Aims this Season

1. Coaching Courses: The club will organise coaching courses for all managers for the coming season. It is hoped that all managers will have passed the FAI coaching course before the end of the season.
2. First Aid Course: All managers will be required to obtain basic first aid.
3. Monthly draw: The expansion of our monthly draw is an important part of fund-raising for the club. The draw will be fundamental to the success of the club going forward and all managers and players are expected to participate.
4. Knocklyon Park: We plan to upgrade the dressing-room facilities at the pavilion at Knocklyon Park.
5. Website: Our website will be launched at the end of September. All information on the club, committee members, managers, fixtures and current news will appear on this website. The website is www.knocklyonfc.com.

We would also ask all managers and parents to respect the referees and to refrain from shouting any abuse. It is difficult enough to get referees as many have given up as a direct result of the abuse from the side of the pitch.

Best of luck to all the teams for the coming season and please give them your support.

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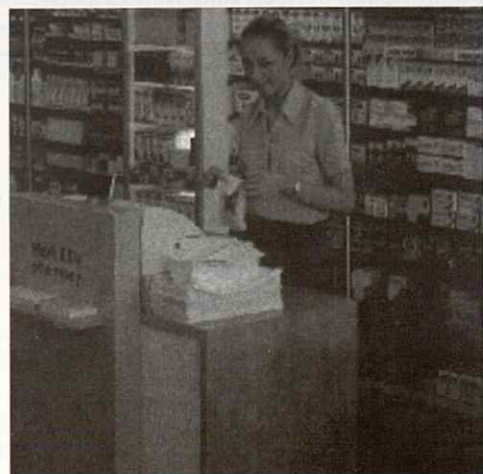
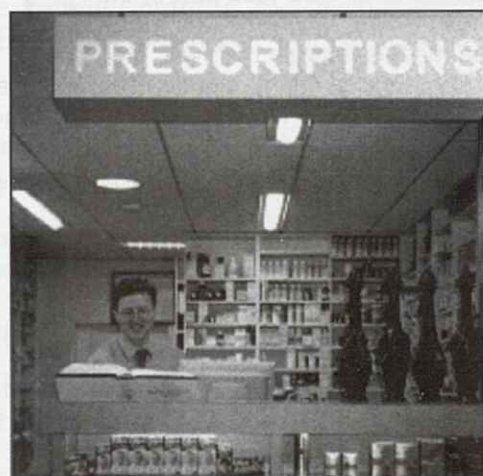
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Woodstown Village Family Day 2004

The fourth annual Woodstown Village resident's day was held on Saturday 21st August and the sun came out to shine on this great event. Congratulations to all the kids who took part and everyone was a winner of a chocolate bar at least. The Mammies and Daddies race that followed was worth watching!!!

This year we introduced stock cars for the 4-9 year age group, which were a big hit and there was still a queue after four hours! Also we had a big bouncy castle from Firhouse Bouncy Castles and a giant bouncy slide for this group and for a few brave adults.

With the medals handed out for the races it was time for the family Football; the final was between Woodstown Green and Woodstown Lane. They were playing for medals and the Spar Woodstown Plaque. Congratulations to this year's champions, the team from Woodstown Lane.

After all that exercise it was time to relax and enjoy the Bar B Que of burgers and sausages. Our DJ for the day Ian continued the party atmosphere with residents young and old dancing into the night.

I wish to thank all the residents who made it such an enjoyable and successful day. The increased subscriptions this year enabled us to provide a bigger, better day. The Bar B Que would not have been possible without the generosity given by Steven from Spar Woodstown and Brennans Bread.

Finally I'm sure all residents of Woodstown Village join me in thanking the committee: Orla, Anne, Anna, Simon, Clive, Helen, Denise, May, Derek, Gavin, Ken and our helpers Bill, Helen, Dave, Steven, Caroline, Peter, Jim, Niki and Tony for giving of their free time voluntarily to organise the big day and make it such a great family event for their fellow residents.

— Paul Moran, Chairman WVRA



Enjoying the Family Fun Day at Woodstown Village.

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KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY



We are fast approaching our final outing of 2004 — Saturday 16th October, Grange Castle. Kevin McDonald, Hon. Sec., will be notifying you shortly regarding tee-off times. Also, please note that our AGM will be held following the prize-giving at this outing.

Since our last article in the 'Knocklyon News', we had a fantastic summer of golf.

Glen of the Downs — 5th June turned out to be a beautiful summer's day. As conditions were excellent, we had very high scoring on the day. Well done to Michael Flanagan who won this outing.

Beechpark — 16th July, our Captain, Gerry Diggins had his prize day on this excellent course. We had a huge turnout on the day and the whole event proved to be a great success. Congratulations to Gavin Fleet on winning the Captain's Prize.

Castlewarden — 13th August, our President, Pat Butler had his Prize Day. This event attracted a large number of competitors and 'well done' to Jimmy Fitzsimons on winning the President's Prize.

Slieve Russell proved to be an excellent choice for the society's weekend away. 'Thanks' to Gary Davitt who organised this event and a great time was had by members and guests.

Results from our next outing and details of the new committee will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

— Fred Lane, P.R.O.

BROS. PEARSE A.C.



The track season is now complete and we are looking forward to the Cross Country events.

Congratulations to all who took part in the Dublin Championships. We were well represented on the medals rostrum both with individual and relay wins in many events. The National Championships took place in Tullamore in July and again our athletes performed well. We were also well represented at the Masters Championships winning several categories.

Congratulations to Knocklyon on winning the overall Best Area Award in the Dublin Community Games and also achieving great success in Mosney.

Training continues at Cherryfield at present but as the evenings shorten we will move indoors.

A Table Quiz will be held in Firhouse Community Centre on Tuesday, 5th October, as part of our fund-raising programme.

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Ice Cream Sunday

We have received the following note regarding above:

On behalf of myself and of Down Syndrome Ireland I would like to thank all the people who supported us by buying ice cream from me on Sunday 16th May at my house in Delaford Drive. I would also like to thank Mary-Rose White whose suggestion it was and for all her help on the day. We raised €332.50 and we are extremely grateful for the generosity of neighbours and passers-by who supported DSI.

Yours truly, Lucia Di Mascio.

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On Sunday, the 25th of July, the 11 O'Clock Choir from Knocklyon Parish sang a selection of their church music at the ceremonies at Knock under their conductor Denis Morgan. The accompanist was Michael Sheedy and the soloist was Sheila O'Shea.

ORLAGH RETREAT CENTRE 2004-2005

Once again Orlagh is offering a varied programme of one-day, weekend and longer retreats, as well as courses in scripture, faith development and training for parish ministry.

Our next day retreat, entitled 'A Day For Yourself', will be on Saturday, October 9th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To book a place on this retreat or to obtain a copy of our brochure contact Fr. John Byrne at Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. Tel: (01) 495 8193.

Knocklyon Folk Group – New Members Needed

The 12 O'Clock Folk Group are back singing at their Mass each Sunday and would love to hear from new members who would like to join them in their music ministry. Practice takes place every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. in the Iona Centre. Joe Kelly is the Group's leader. Telephone: 494 1165.

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St. Colmcille's Transition Year Students Complete Kickboxing Course

Students from St. Colmcille's Community School recently participated in a four-week Kickboxing Introductory Course, as part of their transition year activity programme.

The course, run by well-known local instructors Sandra and Tony Malone, proved to be a huge success, and was enjoyed immensely by all attending students.

Training sessions were varied throughout, keeping everybody's attention and interest at all times. In line with the Malone Martial Arts active training policy and hands on approach to teaching, students were encouraged to get fully involved and actively participated in everything, starting with warm-up, stretching and fitness exercises, followed by various kickboxing techniques and touch sparring.

Demonstrations in self defence, sparring, pad work and martial arts weapons were also performed throughout the course and were extremely well received and enjoyed by both students and teachers alike.

"I would like to compliment the teachers at St. Colmcille's for their initiative in bringing kickboxing into the transition year agenda, as it is a fantastic and enjoyable sport that promotes a healthy and positive lifestyle among practitioners of all ages.

"I would also like to thank the students themselves for their enthusiastic participation and willingness to try out new exercises and movements, as this added more to everybody's enjoyment of the course, including the instructors," said Chief Instructor Tony Malone.

For further information contact Sandra Malone at 086-3784997.



Transition Year students who participated in the Kickboxing Course.

LOCAL MAN CAPTAINS IRISH SHOTOKAN KARATE TEAM TO AN UNPRECEDENTED 16 MEDAL VICTORY IN JAPAN 2004

Gavin O'Sullivan, 24-years-old, from Knockfield Manor, is the Captain of the Irish World Shotokan Karate-Do Federation Team (W.S.K.F.) that took part in this year's world championship held in Japan.

Gavin first started Karate at the age of seven and acquired his 3rd Degree Black Belt (3rd Dan) while in Japan this year. (It is considered a great honour to be graded in Japan by such high grader instructors.

Gavin has won many Irish Championship medals in both Shotokan and the all styles, at both Junior and Senior level.

In Ireland Gavin has studied under the tuition of Sensi Brendan Perry 5th Dan in Ballyroan Karate Club, one of the many clubs affiliated with the W.S.K.F.

Gavin has an Honours Degree in Business Studies, was President of the Students Union and sat on the Academic Board of the College. He is also a fluent Irish speaker. His brother Graham is also a Black Belt and represented Ireland in Germany 2002 in the World Championships.

Many thanks to all the team and especially those who worked incessantly behind the scenes to ensure all was right for the events.

Rebecca Storms!



Rebecca Tyson clears the hurdles and wins Gold in Mosney at the Community Games.

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A SUMMER DAY - WELL SPENT!

Sarah Murray, Darglewood and Sarah and Kate Fitzharris of The Rookery sat on 3 swings in a playground in Brittas Bay for 10½ hours and collected €175.00 for Crumlin Children's Hospital. (They were fed and watered by family and friends during their stint!) One way to spend a summer day!

THE ADAM HITCHINGS FUND

Children from Templeroan organised a sale of books and toys for the Adam Hitchings fund, they raised the sum of €31.57. The children who helped with the sale were Conor O'Reilly, Neil O'Connell, Evan Flanagan, Daniel Marshall, James and Aine Madden and Rachel and Rebecca Hawe.

DONATION TO CRUMLIN HOSPITAL

On 7th August 2004, Laoise, Eoghan and Cillian Keane of Irdone Park, had a sale of their toys, books and video tapes and with the support of the children in the neighbourhood raised €94.23 for donation to Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children in Crumlin.

NOVENA TO ST. MARTHA

Grateful thanks to St. Martha for favours received. This wonderful saint grants your request, before the Novena is finished – no matter how difficult.

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Matthew Brian Dent, Templeroan Meadows

Eleana Maria McGrath, Woodstown Park

Jack Joseph Hutchinson, Orlagh Downs

Daniel Patrick Kennedy, Woodstown Heights

Aoife Kathleen Sharkey, Knockfield Manor

Karen Kavanagh, Woodstown Heights

Kealan James Casey, Castlefield Park

Seán Ciarán Tighe, Templeroan Meadows

David Paschal Barron, Knocklyon Road

Kelly Marie Farrell, Templeroan Meadows

Oliver James Brophy, Knocklyon Road

Leah May Cunningham, Knocklyon Green

Hannah Una Byrne, Coolamber Park

Dara Padraig Newsome, Woodstown Heights

Michael Patrick Power, Woodstown Crescent

(More recent baptisms will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter.)

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