

OUR PRINCIPAL MAN



Pádraig Ó Néill, Principal St. Colmcille's S.N.S. with 4th Class pupils (from right back) Alan O'Connell, Rachael Tobin, Dhruv Kapoor and Holly Sheridan.

Whenever I visit St. Colmcille's Senior School, I always feel an atmosphere of peace and calm. This feeling pervades the school despite the fact that it is one of the largest primary schools in the country.

Today I had come to talk to Pádraig Ó Néill, the Príomhoide. While I was waiting for classes to finish, I settled into a comfortable chair in the newly decorated reception area. Beside me on a low round table was a miniature village, made by pupils in fourth class. It was a delightful work of art, with little streets lined with houses and trees, grassland, a monastery and a collection of small animals. I could have stayed there for hours studying it.

Pádraig grew up in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Later he studied at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra and U.C.D. Married to Claire who is also a Primary

Teacher, they have three children: Caoimhe (17), Caoilfhionn (14) and Eoghan (10) and live in Rathfarnham. The children all attended St. Colmcille's; Eoghan currently is in fourth class.

Pádraig has a life-long interest in the Irish language. This interest goes back to his early years and education in Tipperary and Irish is used on a daily basis at home with his children.

He also has a great interest in sport, particularly in the game of hurling (not surprising, being from Tipp.).

He played football and hurling at club and county level in Tipperary. After settling here (his wife is a Dub!) he played for the Dublin hurlers. When the legs packed in, he went into coaching. He has coached the Dublin Minor and Under 21 Hurling teams and currently coaches the Ballyboden St. Enda's Senior Hurling team. When not coaching teams, he enjoys cycling, running and reading. Pádraig is delighted to see so many pupils involved in sport in St. Colmcille's.

Pádraig believes that just as in sport, St. Colmcille's School is a team effort. He has the greatest praise for all the members of the school staff for their team spirit and enthusiasm. The pupils in the school benefit greatly from this team spirit. Pádraig spoke of many of the on-going school projects: the recent award of the Green Flag to the school and the huge effort by pupils, staff and parents in achieving it; the development of drama and debate, greatly aided by the recent purchase of a school stage; the introduction of Information Technology to all the pupils; the manner in which pupils are becoming comfortable with the spoken words in Irish and the raising of the pupils' awareness of the importance of preserving our environment.

Pádraig spoke of his appreciation of the great support of the parents, the Board of Management and the many local groups for the school. Truly St. Colmcille's is a school where the sense of community is alive and thriving.

Pádraig's hope for the future is that St. Colmcille's will continue to provide a safe, secure and happy environment, where the pupils will enjoy school, enjoy learning, develop a sense of respect for themselves and others and go on from there to make a worthwhile contribution to society.

The children of Knocklyon are lucky to have the guidance of such a far-seeing Príomhoide. No doubt they will all appreciate Pádraig's influence in years to come.

— Eileen Casey

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All of these experiences can bring us a level of satisfaction or even fulfilment. Such satisfaction, however, rarely abides. The experience must be extended or repeated if the fulfilment is to endure.

Viktor Frankl, in his book, *Man's Search for Meaning*, describes how he, while a prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp, saw many of his fellow prisoners fall apart in face of the awful sufferings they were called upon to endure, while others held on bravely. The latter, Frankl found, were those who believed their lives had 'ultimate meaning'; their faith was able to bring them remarkable strength.

But it isn't just in the matter of survival that faith in ultimate meaning comes into play. Such faith pervades the whole of ordinary, everyday life by contributing to those who have it a depth of serenity seldom, if ever, found in those who lack it.

What kind of faith are we talking about? Faith that our lives have a purpose, and that we have a destiny,

beyond this earthly existence; and that this destiny does not depend on achievement or worldly success, but on trust in God.

Despite the protestations of his trusted friends and fellow apostles that they had seen the risen Jesus, Thomas was not prepared to accept. He had to feel the holes and see the marks on Jesus' body. His reluctance earned him an implied, if gentle, rebuke from the Lord. But the words which followed have encouraged millions of believers down the centuries: "You believe, Thomas, because you can see. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Happy indeed!

- Fr. David

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IHCPT

This Easter was my seventh year to travel on pilgrimage to Lourdes with IHCPT – the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. IHCPT was first introduced to the parish by Fr. Joe Mothersill who again travelled this year.

The first IHCPT pilgrimage took place back in 1972 when 14 young people and adult helpers travelled. This year over 600 children travelled from the 32 counties of Ireland, meeting up with groups from England, Scotland, Wales, Slovak, West Indies, USA and Romania.

This pilgrimage is special as the week is adapted for young people, with Masses and processions being changed to meet the needs of children with special needs. It costs approximately €750 to bring a child to Lourdes. All adult helpers pay their own fare and expenses and have to carry out a wide variety of fund-raising activities in order to pay for the children. Due to the generosity of the people in Knocklyon we were able to send a child to Lourdes. A special thanks to all of you who supported this trip.

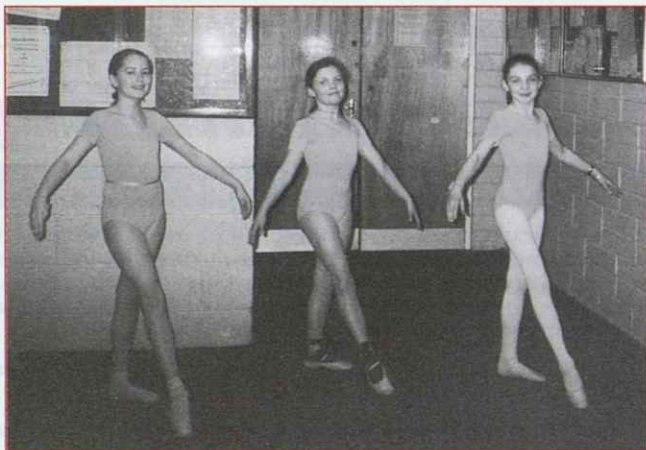
– Lisa Glynn

FIRST COMMUNIONS

We send our good wishes to all the children who are receiving First Holy Communion. We hope to publish photographs of this special occasion in our next issue. We wish to express our gratitude to the teachers and children who prepared the artwork for our cover this month.

– Newsletter Team

Sylvia Behan School of Ballet



Three students who were successful in recent Royal Academy of Dance (London) examination in classical ballet – (left to right) Megan Kennedy, Michelle Bobbett and Nicola Durrant.

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From right: Leo Harmon (Rohcon Ltd.), Declan Monaghan (Arup), Jess Walsh (artist) and Angela Slattery (chairperson K.A.I.E.S.).

A group of artists attending classes organised by K.A.I.E.S. got together on their final night to create a large painting entitled 'Healing', which depicts a scene from the Dublin Mountains. The event was a great success with plenty of food and beverages, a lot of fun was had by all! Local artist Jess Walsh facilitated the evening.

The artists would like to acknowledge the generosity of local businessman Leo Harmon (Rohcon Ltd.) and Declan Monaghan (Arup Consulting Engineers) who have bought the painting. The proceeds are going to support research in the Oncology Unit in Beaumont Hospital.

Well done to all concerned.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

There is still a great demand for used postage stamps. They can be used to raise a lot of money for the Missions in Zimbabwe. So please collect all you can in your office/place of work/home, and give them to Fr. Tony in the Presbytery.

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4th June

Wednesday night, Talent Show, 7.30 p.m. – Community Centre, application forms from Presbytery.



5th June

Thursday night, Bingo, 8 p.m. – Community Centre, pay on the door, children with adult. A fun night is guaranteed with great prizes.

6th June

Friday night, Table Quiz – Community Centre, tickets in the Presbytery. Get your friends to

make up a team.

7th June

Saturday, Pet Show on the green at 2 p.m., application forms from the Presbytery. School sports finals start at 2 p.m.. Ponies will be there as well, along with the Tuck Shop. An action-packed afternoon.



8th June

Sunday, special Mass at 12 noon. Always a beautiful event.

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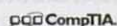
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BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS



Stackstown Golf Club will host the first Ballyboden St Endas Annual Golf Classic on Monday 30 June 2003. The event is being held to raise funds for the juvenile section in the club which caters for over 1,000 boys and girls under the age of 16. The Golf Classic is being sponsored by Walthill Properties and anyone who would like to enter a team of 4 for €500 or sponsor a hole should contact Ned Slattery, Golf Classic, Ballyboden St. Endas at 087-997 8365.

In addition to the Golf Classic, there will be a Special Auction of a select variety of items and services on the night in the Ballyboden St. Endas Clubhouse with Guest "Auctioneer" Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh of RTÉ.

Ballyboden St. Endas is funded entirely by the efforts of its members, and the Camogie Section recently held a hugely successful Fashion Show. Over 60 members turned into "models" for the night and the club would like to thank all advertisers, sponsors, supporters and friends of the club who made the night such a success.



Craig Curtis (on knees) "pops" the question to Joanne O'Sullivan at the Ballyboden St. Endas fashion show organised by the Camogie Section.

The Rathfarnham and District Credit Union sponsored Summer Camps will commence on Monday 30 June and will continue for seven weeks (excluding period from 28 July to 8 August). The camps will cater for boys and girls from 5 to 13 years of age and in addition to Gaelic Games there will be a variety of other fun activities, trips and loads of free goodies. All for only €50 per week. This year for the first time Schools of Excellence will be held in hurling/camogie and football/ladies football for those in the 13-16 age group with a number of guest inter-county coaches and players featuring. Full details can be obtained from PJ at 493 1991; 087-662 3589 or Brian 087-699 8649.

President of the GAA, Seán Kelly, President of Cumann Peil na mBan, Geraldine Giles, Dublin County Board Chairman John Bailey, County Secretary, John

Costello and Chairperson of the Dublin Camogie Board, Seamus Massey were Guests of Honour in April when footballers, hurlers, camogie and ladies footballers who played in inter-county championship games from Minor upwards in 2002 received special presentations to honour their achievements. In all 47 players received awards at the AIB (Rathfarnham) sponsored event (44 for Dublin, 2 for Armagh and 1 for Wexford) as well as four members (Jimrny Galavan, Malachy Daly, PJ Donohue and Paul Crosbie) who were mentors of various Dublin teams. Special presentations were made to All-Ireland football medallists with Armagh Enda McNulty, Director of Coaching at the club, Andrew McCann and Conal Keaney who won a Railway Cup hurling medal with Leinster last year.

On the playing front, the Minor B hurling team brought home the first championship of the season when winning the Minor C title. The mentors are John Keating, Joe Ryan and Liam Hogan. The U12 Ladies footballers managed by Robbie Murphy and Karl Young won the Shield competition and the U16 Camogie team (Orna Lucey, Bernie Corrigan and Grace O'Neill) reached the final of the Pan Celtic Competition in Kilkenny. Conal Keaney and Declan O'Mahony were members of the Dublin U21 football team that retained the Leinster title.

— Gerry O'Sullivan



Enda McNulty (on right), Coaching Director at Ballyboden St. Endas receiving a special presentation from GAA President Sean Kelly to mark his achievements in 2002 when he won an All-Ireland medal with Armagh and was selected on the Vodafone All-Star team.

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Rainbows is described as "peer support programme to assist children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, separation or other painful transitions in their family." To date 7 facilitators have been trained and it is hoped that this number will be increased to enable a successful programme to be set up in



the Parish. The target is to run the programme beginning in the autumn of 2003.

In order to increase awareness of and to disseminate informa-

tion on **Rainbows** an "Information Evening" will be held in the **Iona Centre** at **8.00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, 20th May, 2003**. This meeting is open to all the Community. If you have an interest in hearing more about **Rainbows** and how it may help you, or you have previous experience of **Rainbows**, then please come along.

For further information please contact the presbytery on 494 1204.

BROS. PEARSE A.C.

As the longer, brighter evenings are happily back with us, we have moved from our winter home of Sancta Maria back to the Cherryfield track.



As a club we now welcome Firhouse A.C. athletes into our midst along with their coach Ciaran Healy. We coach athletes from 8-years-old up to senior level. We look forward to the Dublin Athletics Board leagues in May and the Dublin Championships in June.

Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m.-8 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m.- 12noon.

For further information please contact: Aine Kelly, 4931764.

Confirmation Day



Catherine Reilly of Glenvara with her parents Albert and Anne.

Good Friday's Musical Passion Drama – An Appreciation

For yet another year the last days of Jesus' life on earth were re-enacted in the parish in a most beautiful way by members of the various choirs.

As the lights dimmed those of us who had been privileged to be present at previous productions knew we were in for something very special and so it proved to be. We were taken, in a most meaningful and uplifting way, with Jesus on the last days of his life on earth. The blend of beautiful singing and wonderful script combined to produce an extraordinary hour that brought the pages of the Gospel very much to life. It

would not be possible in this short appreciation to mention every member of the team but Eamon McKay's portrayal of Jesus and Fergus McCauley, who played and sang the part of Peter, were exceptional. The production was written, produced, directed and accompanied by Ruth Kelly.

Thank you Ruth and your team, and the priests of the parish, for giving us an evening to remember. The buzz in the church afterwards was palpable and as we left we were talking about next year's Passion drama.

– John Whelan

Thank you John for expressing what we all felt on this occasion.

– Newsletter Team

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CORRECTION

Receipts and Payments Analysis for the Parish, published in the March Issue of the Knocklyon News.

Receipts should have included:

Shrines€17,131
Iona Centre net contributions€24,062

These amendments result in a net surplus of €20,328 and not a net deficit of €4,275 as published. We apologise for these errors.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We must first say a big thank you to all those who came along to the Pub Quiz and hope you enjoyed the night! We would also like to thank all our sponsors for the great spot prizes they generously donated and to everyone who put in a lot of effort to make the night both successful and a bit of 'craic'!

The Women's Mini Marathon is on Monday, 2nd June, and the PA is on the lookout for all you budding runners/walkers to come and join us; we are fund-raising towards providing computers for the senior school. Please contact Lisa O'Neill on 493 8723 if interested. Rumour has it that a 'Lily Savage' look-alike will be in tow – some people will do anything for a bit of attention!

A 'Can't Cook, Won't Cook' event, starring Mr. John Boyle and Mr. P. O'Neill, took place on the 9th May and was a great success. The PA would like to say a **huge thank you** to Paul Thompson of Neff without whose help and encouragement we could not have pulled this off! Neff kindly supplied the equipment and was our main sponsor. Part of the funds raised from this will go towards yard painting as requested by Mr. Boyle.

An art competition is being organised for the 'Special Olympics' and the details of this will be in schoolbags very shortly! Please encourage all those budding artists to participate – you never know, you might discover some hidden talent!

Watch out for the PA Annual Newsletter which will be out shortly and will be distributed in schoolbags; we hope you will get a good idea of what we have done over the last school year.

Lastly, on behalf of all the PA we would like to extend our best wishes to all those who will be making their First Holy Communion; we hope you all have a lovely day with your family and friends. It is a very special occasion for all and one to be cherished.

Thanks again for your support in everything we do and once again we assure you all that all funds raised are donated to both schools as and when required.

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• JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS •

Enrolment

Parents of our six incoming Junior Infant classes met their children's teachers at two very well attended meetings in early May. All of the places in these classes have been filled. The children will meet their new teachers in their new classrooms on Tuesday 24th June from 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m. There may be a small number of vacancies in next year's second classes. If new families move to your road please advise them to apply to our school early.

Visual Arts

Congratulations to Conor Kelly Byrne in Ms. Callaghan's class, who won a Texaco Award for his painting of Sunflowers (see photo on Page 18). Most of our classes decorated large Easter Eggs for the exhibition at Nutgrove Shopping Centre. Ms. Mulqueen's Junior Infants and Ms. Lawless/Ms. O'Rourke's Senior Infants were commended.

Games

During the Easter holidays our new playground was decorated with a variety of games which will make recreation time a lot more interesting during Summer term. Hurling, Camogie, and Football coaching take centre stage after school this term. Most of our second class pupils will participate.

First Holy Communions

Our six second classes will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist on Sundays May 11th, 18th and 25th. Ruth Kelly and the teachers have been preparing the choir for the six Masses.

Special Olympics

Dublin footballer Ray Cosgrove donated an autographed Dublin Jersey which we raffled in aid of the Special Olympics. €1,105 was raised and we will be using this money to sponsor an athlete.



Kerrie Griffin receiving first prize in our raffle in aid of the Special Olympics, from Principal Mr. Boyle.

St. Enda's Park

Our first and second classes visited the Nature Room and grounds of St. Enda's Park on S.E.S E. field trips throughout March.

Computers

Many thanks to all parents who provided Tesco tokens, to enable us to reach our target of another new computer. All classrooms and supplementary teaching areas now have their own computer and printer.

Sam Maguire Cup

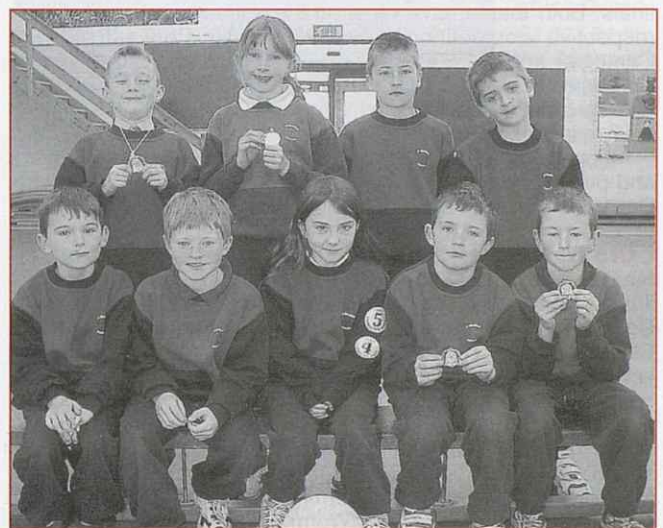
Members of Ballyboden St. Enda's Senior teams who won various competitions last year, brought five cups to the school. Past pupil, Conal Keany, who is blazing a trail for Dublin hurlers and footballers, brought the Walsh Cup which Dublin won in February.

Global Awareness of Education

Mr. Gerry Malone, President of the Irish National Teachers Organisation visited the school to launch the campaign to provide primary schooling for 110 million children worldwide who do not enjoy the privilege of attending school.

Indoor Soccer League

The Final of the Second Class Indoor Soccer League took place on Thursday 10th April in a top hall packed to the brim with anxious supporters. The match was the closest final we've had in many years with Mark Skelly's Inter Milan squad squeezing past Conor Ryan's Dinos 3-2. Milan keeper Conor O'Reilly made a super save right at the end to save us all the stress of a penalty shoot-out. Well done to the 70 second class children who took part in the league since last Hallowe'en. Hurling, Camogie and Football training, will be replacing the soccer shortly, weather permitting.



Inter Milan Soccer Champs, back row (left to right): Brian Canning, Megan Fanning, Mark Skelly, Tom Fontaine. Front row (left to right): David Murphy, Corey McClelland, Lyn Downey, Stephen McMahon, Aaron Delaney. Missing from photo, Conor O'Reilly.

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

- Well done to Ms. McKeown's and Ms. Timmins' fourth classes on the excellent show they put on for fellow pupils and parents before the Easter holidays. The show was titled 'Ballooning Around The World'.
- A team of boys and girls from 6th classes recently travelled to Mullingar where they participated in a rugby blitz for Primary Schools from the Leinster area. A special word for David Roche who notched a hatful of tries.
- All of our 4th class pupils have derived great enjoyment from the Local History tours, which they recently undertook. Our thanks to Tomás Maher who conducted the tours and really entertained our pupils.

Sports News



Captain of our Senior Camogie team, Lydia Flynn, pictured with Stephen O'Connor, Captain of the Senior Hurling team.

At the time of going to print our Senior Camogie team and Senior Hurling team are still in contention for places in the Croke Park finals. Both teams have reached the semi-final stages of their respective competitions, Corn Bean Uí Phuirseil (Div. 1 Camogie) and the Herald Cup (Div. 1 Hurling). Our other two Camogie teams and our two Junior Hurling teams have also acquitted themselves very well and are also still in contention in their respective competitions.

All our internal leagues are up and running for the final term and pupils and teachers are also looking forward to the Sports Days and athletic events planned for next month.

COISTE UAITHNE NEWS

National Spring Clean On Tuesday April 8th we held our An Taisce National Spring Clean. We thank South Dublin County Council for providing a skip, gloves and tabards to our school. Classes spring cleaned classrooms and areas outside the school, including Coolamber and Idrone Greens. Some children spring cleaned at home too, much to the delight of the Mums and Dads!

Wormery The vermi-composter has arrived and is situated in Tadhg's Garden. The 1,000 worms came by post from England. Mr. McGowan attended a Vermi-Composting Course at the County Council, and is our "Worm Expert"! Tadhg looks after them, feeding them from some of the organic material we collect in our classroom compost bins. They are eating away happily and appear to be content in their new Irish home.

Gardens Have you noticed how colourful our gardens, window boxes and barrels were? We really enjoyed the fruits of our autumn bulb planting campaign. Well done to everyone. Mr.

Ruddy's and Mr. McGowan's summer seeds have sprouted. Our sunflowers will be magnificent too. We are planning our summer gardens at the moment.

Ringos On behalf of the school, Ms. Glennon's class posted four large bags of ringos to Cork. From there they will be sent to England to be recycled to make more ringos. Thanks to everyone who collected them. Don Conroy will come to the class who collects the most in the country. Keep collecting.

– Grace Collins, David Hennessy, Coiste Uaithne.

St. Colmcille's Senior School meets St. Colmcille's Community School On the 9th of April representatives from the Green Committee in St. Colmcille's Community School visited our school to view our recycling and waste management systems. They wanted to pick up tips on how to improve the system of recycling in their school.

The Community School representatives included former Coiste Uaithne members Hugh Ruddy, and Darragh McHugh. The other representatives were Amy, Aine, Niamh and their teacher Ms. Hayden. They seemed very impressed with our Clár Uaithne and Battery Boxes. They were amazed at the amount of batteries we collect. We sat down in the hall to discuss our ways of recycling stamps, ringos, cans, paper and card. Representatives of the Coiste Uaithne Claudia (R3), Andrew Barry (R2), Stephen O'Connor (R3), myself and Mrs. O'Gara answered their questions and told them about our Energy Team and our Ringo Project.

Later we visited our Recycling Centre, examining our leaf mould, our compost bin and green bins. They were delighted with our bird tables and nesting boxes. (We are not feeding the birds at the moment as spring has arrived.) After that we showed them our wormery. They definitely want one too!

Having posed for photos, the visit ended. The Community School Green Committee left with a page full of new ideas and are planning to achieve their own Green Flag very soon – the second in Knocklyon. On behalf of the Coiste Uaithne, I wish them every success.

P.S.: I'm still working on the rabbits! – Amanda Keegan (R3)



In the photograph are representatives of St. Colmcille's Primary and St. Colmcille's Community School Environmental Committees who recently met and held a 'think-tank' on ways of promoting environmental awareness in the two schools. Also in the photo are Ms. A. O'Gara (St. Colmcille's Primary) and Ms. Hayden (St. Colmcille's Community School).

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Pioneer Total Abstinence Association



Sixth Class pupils from St. Colmcille's S.N.S. who have recently joined the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. Also in the photo is Mr. B. McGabhann (St. Colmcille's S.N.S.), Seamus Keating and Marion Rock of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association.

A VISIT FROM SAM!



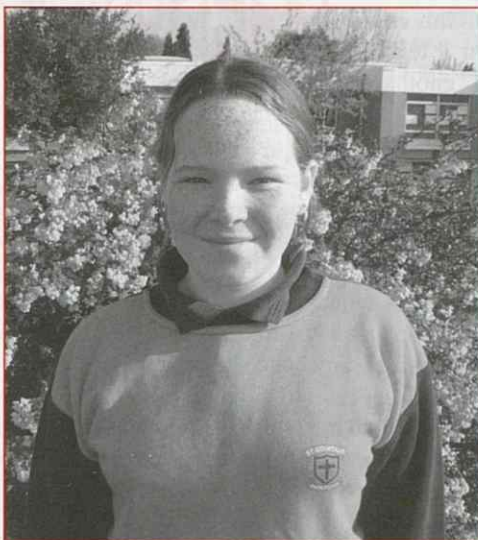
Fourth Class pupils from St. Colmcille's S.N.S. pictured with the Sam Maguire trophy. The Sam Maguire recently visited the school, courtesy of Enda McNulty, Coaching Director, Ballyboden St. Endas GAA Club.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN



Litter pickers at work in the school grounds during National Spring Clean Week in April.

I.N.T.O. /EBS Handwriting Competition



Laura McCarren, a fifth class pupil who was a prize-winner in the I.N.T.O./EBS handwriting competition recently.

Cake Sale 2003



Cakes and buns were in great demand during the Cake Sale which raised €2,533.84 for the Sponsor an Athlete Campaign, Special Olympics 2003.

On Thursday, 10th April, we held a cake sale in order to raise money to sponsor some athletes for the Special Olympics. The Cake Sale was run in conjunction with a raffle organised by Ms. Martin's class. Cakes and raffle prizes were donated by the various classes. Our class was chosen to organise the Cake Sale. We were divided into groups of eight to collect the cakes from each year. The rest of us arranged the cakes in an orderly form. When it was time to sell, we all got stuck in and sold the cakes for a reasonable price. By the time everything was finished we had made a massive €2,533.84.

— Maria Donlan and Colin O'Brien (Mr. Ruddy's class)

The Newsletter Team would like to thank teacher John Brennan for his expertise and assistance with our cover for this and our previous issue.

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Blitz Peile

Bhí an-lá ag Rang a 3 agus Rang a 4 le déanaí nuair a chaith siad lá thíos i gCumann Bhaile Baodáin Naomh Éanna. Brian O'Regan organised an all-day blitz of Gaelic football. All the young footballers had a wonderful day. Not only was the football good, the refreshments were excellent! Prizes were awarded to the successful teams who are now the proud possessors of new socks, shorts and other football gear. The school enjoys a close association with the club and we'd like to take this opportunity to say 'Mile buíochas' for its help promoting Gaelic games in the school.

Searmanas an tSolais agus Cóineartú

Bhí an scoil an-bhródúil as Rang a 6 nuair a chuaigh siad faoi láimh an Easpaig or an tríd lá de Mhí Aibreáin. The ceremony was preceded by the Searmanas an tSolais which was held at the school on March 24th. This was a very personal and moving service where the parents symbolically handed on their faith to their child. The 'big day' itself was in Ranelagh. Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna joins two other Gaelscoil for Confirmation and each school 'hosts' the ceremony in turn. This year was the turn of Scoil Bríde and Bishop Fiachra Ó Ceallaigh officiated at the beautiful church in Beechwood Avenue. Múinteoir Máire had her charges well prepared and the ceremony went smoothly. One more step on the road to adulthood has been taken agus guímid beannachtaí Dé orthu go léir.

Cuairteoirí chun na Scoile

Bhí lá eile an-mhór againn sa scoil ar an ochtú lá de Mhí Aibreáin. The school was honoured with a visit from members of Ballyboden St. Enda's Ladies football team. They came bearing the trophies they have won at both club and county level. Accompanying them was Enda McNulty, a member of the All-Ireland winning Armagh team. Enda is well known to daltaí na Gaelscoile as he coaches them in Gaelic football. He proudly showed the Sam Maguire Cup and posed for photographs with students. As our visitors left

Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna

the school children were vowing to spend all their spare time practising their football skills. No more computers for a while!

Feis Átha Cliath

We would like to congratulate Aine Ní Fhathaigh, whose pupils did so well at Feis Átha Cliath. Áine, who teaches drama at the school on Mondays and Tuesdays, was very pleased with their performance. Déanaimid comhghairdeas le Séamas, Macdara, Conall agus Rossa.

No hOlimpici Speisialta

We, staff, parents and pupils, were anxious to make a contribution to the forthcoming Special Olympics and decided that the sponsorship of an athlete would be appropriate. The 16th of April was designated our fund-raising day. Various schemes were implemented: pupils come to school gan aon éide scoile; a raffle was organised and the senior classes held a cake sale. The day was a tremendous success thanks to the enthusiastic participation of both parents and pupils. That the day ran so smoothly was a tribute to the skills of Múinteoir Áine who organised us all! We exceeded our target and raised €1,294. Arís, go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir as ucht bhur dtacaíochta.

An Chéad Chomaoineach

In any national school, the month of May means First Communion. This year, beidh Céad Chomaoineach á ghla-cadh ag Rang a Dó ar an Satharn an 24ú lá. Múinteoir Daithí is working very hard with his class to ensure that everything will be perfect on the day. Prayers are being learned, hymns are practised daily and every detail of the ceremony rehearsed. The Céad Chomaoineach is an all-school celebration as the choir and musicians also participate. The parents of Rang a hAon have already had their initial meeting to organise the cóisir sa scoil. So body and soul will be looked after on the day! Le cúnamh Dé, bainfidimid or fad taitneamh as.

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St. Colmcille's Community School

School Visits

We have had many visitors to our school this term. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Dermot Lacey, came to talk to us about his role in the city and answered some very interesting questions posed by the students. Eamon Ryan T.D. spoke to the 2nd years about 'No Logo' day and RTE came to film this event. Enda McNulty of Armagh & Ballyboden St. Enda's, an All-Ireland and All Star winner came with the famous Sam Maguire Cup to share his jubilation with us, and to inspire all our students to continue to give 100% commitment to their goals in life. Our school was also paid a great compliment by being chosen by the Department of Education and Science to host a visit of the education committee of the British Parliament consisting of 8 MPs who are researching into best practices in 2nd level education. They are pleased with what they found here in St. Colmcille's Community School.



Above: Enda McNulty presenting Barry Walsh with a new kit bag. Below: Enda McNulty along with students Cian Traynor, Keith Jackson, Michael Howard and Andrew Ryan and the Sam Maguire.



School Musical – The Wizard of Oz

On Tuesday 11th of March, our school opened its doors for its third school musical. This year's choice was The Wizard Of Oz. It was once again a huge success with all three nights selling out well in advance. All the hard work put in by students was very evident with excellent performances from all. Well done to everyone involved and a big thank you to Ms. Kelly for all her hard work throughout the year.



The Wizard Of Oz.

Extra Curricular News

Many of our school teams are now in the final stages of their respective competitions. Our under 14 hurlers, our junior camogie team, and our second year basketball teams will be representing our school in finals. Also our Young Entrepreneurs will be travelling to Tullamore in May to represent our school in the All Ireland Final. We wish them all every success. Well done to our rugby squad who have been making great progress since they began training last January. Many thanks to Barry Dempsey our I.R.F.U. coach and Brendan Murphy for their continued hard work and commitment.

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A Fun Exercise Programme for Children

A fun-based exercise and health programme for children is now officially launched in South Dublin. **Stretch-n-Grow** is a specially designed fitness programme for young children in the form of a 45 minute class conducted weekly by trained instructors. The programme comprises a two year curriculum endorsed and informed by an advisory board that includes fitness experts, paediatricians and educators. Classes are conducted weekly in hundreds of centres throughout Ireland including: Dublin, Kildare, Limerick, Louth, Meath, Wexford, Clare and Galway.

Managing the programme in the Knocklyon area is a local resident Rose Anne Basquel who is also a mother of school-going children. "Being around children full time, makes you aware of the invasive culture of television and computer games. To balance this, children need to be aware of the satisfaction and fun that comes from exercise."

The key aims of the programme are to make children aware of how the body works, the importance of exercise and the need to eat healthy foods. Delivered creatively with tons of fun and lively music, it is not surprising that **Stretch-n-Grow** classes are often the child's most anticipated activity of the week. "The aim is to increase children's activity levels rather than turn them into super athletes."

Children who attend the classes range from 2yrs+ to 5yrs+ and from this young age they learn to appreciate the importance of exercise and form **life long habits** in healthy living.

Good news for parents – Summer Camp

Rose Anne is currently enrolling for summer camps in June and July.

For details contact Rose Anne Basquel on 493 6999/ 087-247 9757.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Ballyroan Library – 2nd-29th June 2003

PAINT THE FEELING EXHIBITION

As part of the Special Olympics, art exhibitions will be held in libraries and civic buildings in Dublin and in each of the 177 Host Towns around the country. The theme of these exhibitions is 'Share the Feeling'.

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Knocklyon Golf Society

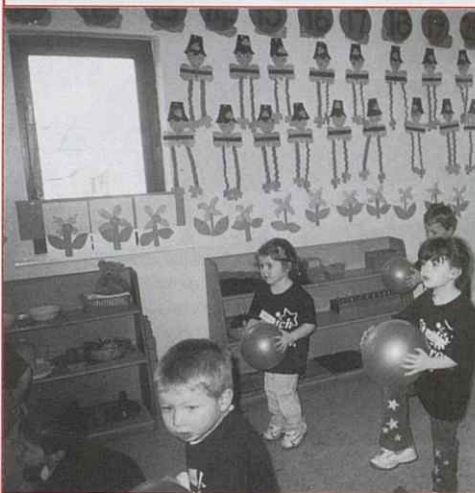
We had an excellent turnout for our first outing of the year, which took place at Killeen on the 26th of April. Full results will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Our next outing is to Millicent Golf Club on Saturday 17th May, timesheet 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Another important date for your diary is Friday 6th June. This is our popular President, Pat Butler's prize day. It takes place at Pat's own club Castlewarden with tee booked from 2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Kevin McDonald is organising our weekend away to Ballymacscanlon House Hotel, Dundalk on 12/13th July. Places are limited, so if you are interested, please contact Kevin at 4942913.

Finally, we would like to pay a particular welcome to our new members, all recruited from the last issue of the Knocklyon News. We hope that they enjoy their first year's golf with the society. We still have a few vacancies for members, so please give me a call if you would like to join.

– **Martin Rafferty PRO Phone 4936913/0868585795**



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Knocklyon Concert Band

The Knocklyon Concert Band, conducted by John Meehan, competed in the 38th National Band Championships organised by the Irish Association of Brass and Concert Bands in Wesley College on Saturday 26th April last. The band entered was a combination of the senior and intermediate bands. We were one of five bands competing in our section coming from Clonmel, Fermoy and three Dublin bands from Lucan, Rathfarnham and ourselves.

Banna Cluain Meala (Clonmel) were the winners with 135 points. We came fourth with 129 points just ahead of Rathfarnham with 128.

We are hosting our end of year concert on May 25th in the Community Centre at 8 p.m. Tickets are €10 and €7 and your support would be greatly appreciated. The presentations for the student of the year in each band will be made on the night.

We would like to thank all the parents and supporters of the band for all their help during the last year and we look forward to an even more successful 2003/4.



Competing in the National Band Championships.



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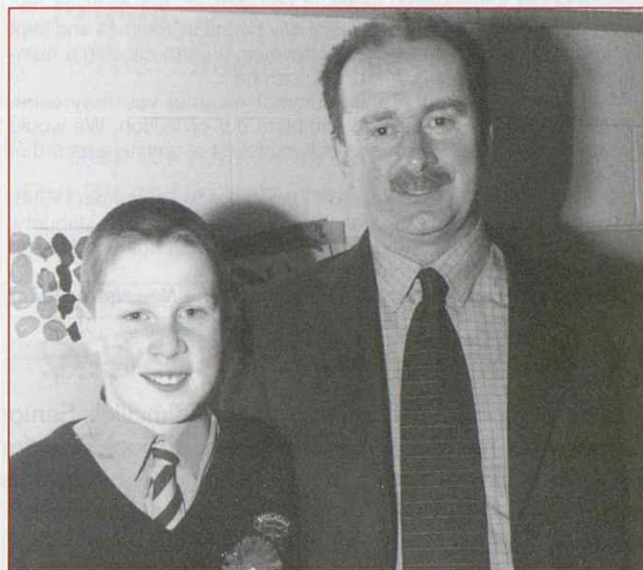
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HELP! WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

Now that we have twenty years of newsletters, the decision has been made to have them professionally bound in volumes and kept in the Iona Centre for reference. However, we are missing a number of issues and this is where you can help.

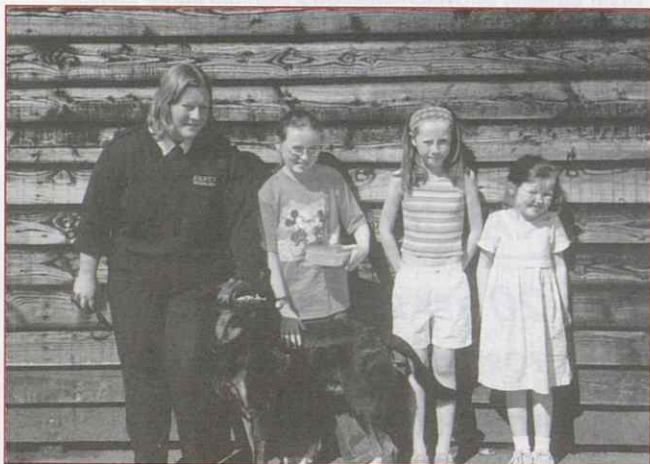
Perhaps during your Spring/Summer clearout you may come across the copies we need to complete our collection. We would greatly appreciate your support in this project of getting a record of parish history in order.

The missing issues are – 1987: January and December; 1988: October; 1989: February, May and September; 1990: January, May, June, Nov./Dec. and Dec./Jan.; 1992: January/February; 1994 Summer; 2001: September.

We look forward to your response. – The Newsletter Team

Support for the D.S.P.C.A.

Well done to the 3rd Class girls in St. Colmcille's Senior School who raised E138.83 in a school book sale for the D.S.P.C.A. Stocking Lane. Among the fundraisers were Anna O'Connor, Orla Rafferty, Sophie Collins, Jennifer Dunne, Claire McMorow, Gillian Armstrong and Áine McMorow.



Left to right: Gillian Bird, D.S.P.C.A., Claire McMorow, Anna O'Connor, Áine McMorow and dog 'Beckham'.

Our Little GEM George Edward Murphy 24.02.03

Frank and Breda Murphy of Templeroan Court would like to thank all our neighbours and friends for their kindness with Mass Bouquets, cards of sympathy, floral bouquets, dinners, and arranging to take the children to school, owing to the sudden death of our baby son George Edward (stillborn) on 24.02.03.

A grateful and special thank you to Patricia Fagan and Rita Griffin for all their help during and after this sad time. To Father Tony McDonald for the lovely funeral service and graveside prayers. To the Principal John Boyle and staff of St. Colmcille's Junior School for their kind thoughts and floral bouquet, to St. Colmcille's Parents' Association for their floral bouquets and cards.

A special thank you to David Griffin for the lovely cross he made to mark George's grave. A most sincere thank you to everybody, we are very grateful for all the support.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We have received the following letter from a long-time advertiser in the Newsletter:

Dear Editor,

Please note that as and from 1st March 2003 O'Driscoll Electrical will cease to trade (due to change of career).

Accordingly as and from March I will no longer require to advertise with you but would be obliged if you could place the enclosed advertisement in your next issue:

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In the meantime I would sincerely like to thank you for the support you have given me over the years through the Knocklyon News.

Yours sincerely, Declan O'Driscoll.

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– The Newsletter Team

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Trip to Holland

Once again the club travelled abroad to participate in an international football tournament, which had teams from all over Europe playing. Up to 75 people travelled from the Knocklyon area. Our U13 and U18 team travelled to Rotterdam in Holland to participate in the North Sea Cup and the U13 team reached the final to be beaten by a very good side from Holland. The U18 team was very strong but unfortunately failed to reach the final. Our other U13 team travelled to the north of Holland where they did themselves and the club proud. The trips are a great success and continue to enhance the name of the club.

Down Syndrome Association

The club in conjunction with St Edna's Ballyboden will once again run a special football tournament with players mixed from both clubs and players from the Down Syndrome Association. Last year the tournament was a huge success and we were grateful to everyone who participated. This year the tournament will take place over one day only and will be held on Sunday 1st June at St. Edna's Ballyboden. There will be more players involved this year as a result of the Special Olympics and all the players are eagerly looking forward to the event. Again we look for your support.

Ladies Football

The ladies football season begins in the middle of May and this year the club will be entering four teams. The interest from the girls continues to grow and eventually will lead to a senior team being formed. Congratulations to Natalia Hyland who was recently selected for the U14 Dublin team. Well done!

For those looking for more information on the girls' football please contact Noel Gaughran at 087-6591861 or Brian Doyle at 087-6950575.

Cup Finals

Congratulations to two of our teams in reaching the finals of their respective cups. The U8a managed by Aidan Leonard won through to the final and will play their final in Tolka Park. The U14A managed by Kevin Maguire and Pat White play in the AUL complex on the 11th May. Best of luck to the two teams. Any comments please contact me at 086-2669311 or e-mail at mickkennedv1000@eircom.net

- Mick Kennedy PRO

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We are delighted to print this lovely report on Confirmation Day which arrived too late for our last issue.

MY CONFIRMATION DAY

When I awoke on the 19th of February 2003, I was very excited. My Confirmation day had finally arrived!

After a lot of frantic preparations, my family and I arrived at the church at 10.30 a.m. The church was packed full of children, parents, grannies and sponsors. Luckily, sponsors had reserved seats and children to be confirmed. There was an air of excitement in the church which heightened my nervousness. The Church was beautifully decorated with scrolls, banners, pictures and posters. I had seen them all before when we were rehearsing but that morning, they looked particularly spectacular.

Finally, the Mass got underway with the opening procession. As I sat anxiously in my seat, I wondered what the Bishop would look like, I hadn't seen a Bishop before except at my sisters Confirmation, but when he arrived he looked remarkably normal to me. Before I knew it, my turn to be Confirmed had almost come. I was next in line and felt very nervous. I knelt on the altar and waited for the Bishop, Thomas Finnegan to speak. He made the sign of the cross on my forehead with chrism, and I was then officially Confirmed! As I walked off the altar I felt proud and full of courage. When everyone was finished it was time for Aaron, Susanne, Michael, Eimear, Eilis, Daniel and I to say the Prayers of the Faithful. I was very surprised at the amount of confidence I had after being so nervous initially. The Bishop complimented us on the way we read our prayers. Then he spoke about alcohol abuse and asked us to renew our pledges, which we did.

The music throughout the Mass was lovely and especially at Holy Communion when Elvin played the pipes. After the Mass, there was a reception held in the Community Centre where lots of photos were taken and people chatted over a cup of tea.

I had a lovely day and I will remember it for the rest of my life!

– by Caoimhe McGee, 6th Class – Room 1

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Once again, Daffodil Day was a huge success. On behalf of the Irish Cancer Society, we wish to thank all those who supported or gave up their time to help. Due to the wonderful generosity of everyone our group collected €18,048. Our sincere thanks again for your continued support and help. - *Mary Coleman, Máire O'Donnell*

SCOUTS DRAW RESULTS

March 2003: €127, B Griffin, 33 Glenvara Park; €63.50, J. & J. Donnelly, 3 Delaford Park; €31.75, W. Mongley, 69 Glenvara Park.

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ART SUCCESS

Well done to Daniel Lehan, Knockaire, who was one of the finalists in the recent Texaco Art Competition. Daniel who has been painting since a young age is a student in Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We send belated birthday wishes to Nellie Kirwan of Knocklyon Road who recently reached the age of 85. Nellie who has lived in Knocklyon all her life is the oldest original resident, and was, until a few years ago involved with the weekly envelope collection. We wish her many more years of good health.

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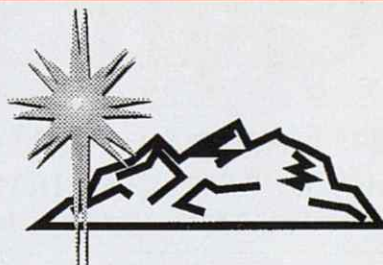
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