

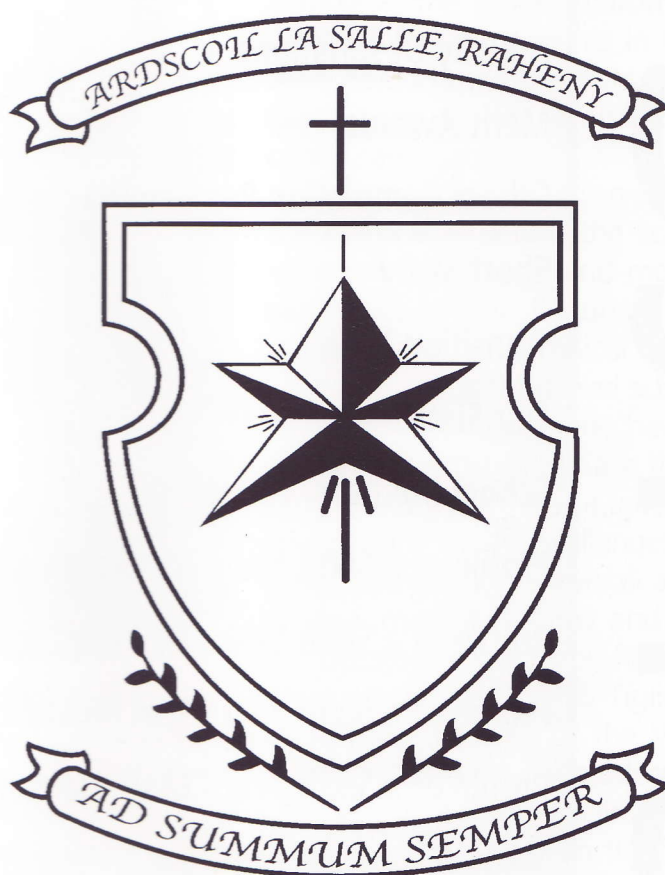
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Farewell...

Mr Jordan, School Principal

My direct involvement with Ardscoil La Salle is coming to an end. When I started here in September 1975, the school was very different: there were three prefabs where the sports hall is now located; the staff room was in Room 30; the woodwork/construction studies, metalwork and table tennis area did not exist; the principals office was located in the present deputy



principals office; the office/ reception/ staff area was not complete; the school uniform was not finalised; there were no female students in the school; science classes were held in the demonstration room while the science labs were being prepared, and there were no computers!

Three principals had served before the school became the physical structure the school is today. It has been extremely developed and modernised over subsequent years. We are all fortunate with the facilities in the school. Its general physical wellbeing and layout are the envy of many second level schools. Much appreciation is due to the Principals who have gone before me.

It was in Ardscoil La Salle that I cut my teaching teeth - my formative years as a teacher were spent here. While there were many challenges and demands over the years, the memories overall are positive and will not be easily forgotten - funny and not so funny incidents in the classroom, marathon football matches in the nearby

fields to raise funds for pre-employment student adventure trips to Tiglin in Wicklow or Recess in Connemara; the Catering CERT course which formed the core of the Vocational Preparation and Training Programme; the visits to the work experience places for students which often resulted in students getting much needed full-time work in the poor economic climate of the 1980's; the end of year student versus teacher matches, when more than the scores on the field were settled!

Twenty one years in Ardscoil La Salle called for a break – as I moved to the south inner city, to C.B.S Secondary School at Synge Street. Six years later the opportunity arose to return to Raheny Road in a different role, in a non-teaching one. I am now finished the second phase of my association with the school. It has been very different from the earlier twenty one years plus; more challenging, added responsibility, but also periods of satisfaction as students were seen to progress to be rewarded for work well done.

I welcome a break from the routine of school which by necessity is much dedicated by schedules, bells, deadlines, procedures and the vagaries of the human condition. It won't be easy to clear from the mind all of the associations and I wouldn't want to, as many of them have been formative and rewarding. As I leave, my good wishes go to all involved with the school, students, staff and parents alike - may you all have happy days to come.

STEPHEN JORDAN



A Prayer for Summertime

*We thank you, Lord God,
For all that was good during the past school year,
Both the things we remember and those we've forgotten.
You have blessed us in so many ways.*

*We ask you to continue to take care of us during the
summer holidays.
Keep us safe from harm; Protect us from danger.*

*Help us to enjoy the long hours of sunlight and to be glad of the
company of our families and neighbours.
Show us how to give a helping hand at home and how to be
thoughtful towards the people who live near us.*

*We pray too for our schoolmates: may they have a happy summer.
And when September comes round may we be glad to meet again.
We ask this summertime blessing through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen*



MS. CLARKE
(Chaplain)

Zdavivichy Orphanage Belarus

In July of 2007, I had the chance to visit Zdavivichy orphanage in Belarus. A total of 20 volunteers from Carlow, Kilkenny, Dublin, and Wexford travelled.

While there we ran a Summer Camp for the orphans. We thought them English in the morning and did activities such as art, football, tie-dying tee-shirts and cookery in the evening. On the weekends we went on outings to the local park and to a place called *Dreamland*, this was a mini-funfair.

What struck me on arrival was the deprivation and the

By MS CLARKE

poverty of the young people that I was working with. Young people between the ages of 10-17 years of age had nothing other than the clothes that they stood in. Before travelling our group had done a bit of fundraising and brought out clothes and supplies to help the situation.

The young people were so appreciative of the help that they received and were delighted to receive items such as clothes, shampoo, lollipops and toys.

My trip would not have been possible without the help and support of students and staff in this school. Last year through a staff coffee morning and a fun day, the school donated €1000 to this project - thank you all for this.

This year due to other commitments I cannot go to Belarus, but money has been given by the school to continue to support the great work that is being done by the volunteers that go each year and also to bring a little joy into the young peoples lives out there. We will never fully know how much this means to them.



FUNDRAISING 2007/2008

BY THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF ARDSOIL LA SALLE

€346 donated to Saint Francis Hospice Raheny (staff coffee morning)
 €100 given to Threshold-organisation to help the homeless
 €1106.79 raised for Gorta - helping people in the developing world (two First years helped with a church gate collection one Sunday morning)
 €1046 raised for Autism Ireland (Transition years)
 €280 raised for Temple Street Hospital (Transition years)
 €200 given to CRC - monies raised for Santa Bear appeal (Transition years)
 Bothar - €300 spent on a flock of 50 chicks, 1 tree and a trio of rabbits to help families in the developing world.
 30 shoeboxes full of useful items donated to

Samaritans purse to go for Christmas presents to help young people around the world.
 €2000 raised for oesophageal cancer - Transition year students sold lollipops on the annual lollipop day which was in February.
 €250 raised for 'Friends of Chernobyl Childcare' through a staff coffee morning, this money will go towards helping a summer project that is taking place in Belarus this year.
 €815 raised by student mentors who organised a First year funday, in May of this year.
 Also in the year First years collected for the Irish Wheelchair Association - 40 students took part in this on April 1st.
 Approximate monies raised throughout the year was €6443.79 - Well done to all involved.

SPONSORED WALK

A sincere word of thanks to all those students who by their generosity contributed to making the sponsored walk a success again this year. Over €5,000 was raised through your efforts.

Congratulations to class 1.1 who won the class competition with a class average of €24.80 per student. Congratulations also go to class 1.L who came second with a class average of €19.33 per student.

Glenn Keating 1L, Laura McKay 3.1, Danielle Moloney 6.1 and Denise Moloney 6.1 all brought in over €100 each in sponsorship money.

A word of appreciation also to all the teachers who helped out on the day of the walk, and in particular to the class tutors who supervised the collection of sponsorship money from their students.

Note: All money collected is used to fund extra curricular activities in the school.

— MR HENRY

DSPCA RAFFLE

A raffle is being held in the school for the D.S.P.C.A., the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Unlike most charities this society gets minimal official funding from the state - €100,000 a year, when over €4,000,000 is needed to house, and in many cases, euthanise neglected abused dogs, cats, horses etc. Already €500 has been raised by 1st and 2nd years. A coffee morning is planned for Monday May 19th.

The Society rescues lots of animals each year. Ms Smith invited a speaker to discuss the issue with the 2nd years. The class were appreciative of the opportunity to ask questions and air their views. The class will use the information in a C.S.P.E project about animal rights.

— MS SMITH



First Years 2008



CLASS 1.1 – (L-R) Back: Matthew Tang, Daniel Gainullins, Keith O'Brien, Linda Fitzgerald, Kate O'Toole, Ben Daly. **Middle:** James Brady, Niamh Byrne, Jennifer Singleton, Ian McGuiness, Shaday Bates, Heather Doyle. **Front:** Ian Maher, Amy Woods, Ciaran Cordial, Glenn Gormley, Nicole Nester, Stephen Smith. **Absent from photo:** Jason Bethel, Jade Connor, Adam Dale, Eric Dixon, Emily Gilligan, Dean Gillroy, Ryan Grehan, Karlin Hamilton, Sean Kane, Shannon O'Shea, Ian Reynolds.



CLASS 1.1A – (L-R) Back: Aoife McGearthy, Christopher Reilly, Ryan Lennon, Emma McDonnell, Dale Twomey, Kelly Lawlor. **Middle:** James Mooney, Nicole Murray, Lauren McKenna, Andrew Benson, Kenneth Cummins, Liam Craig, Barry Dunne, Ross O'Rourke. **Front:** Sam Woolhead, Niamh McEvoy, Matthew Meehan, Kim Carroll, Craig Rafferty, Simone Prior. **Absent from photo:** Daniel Guerin, Ryan Mc Donald, Louise Daly.



First Years 2008



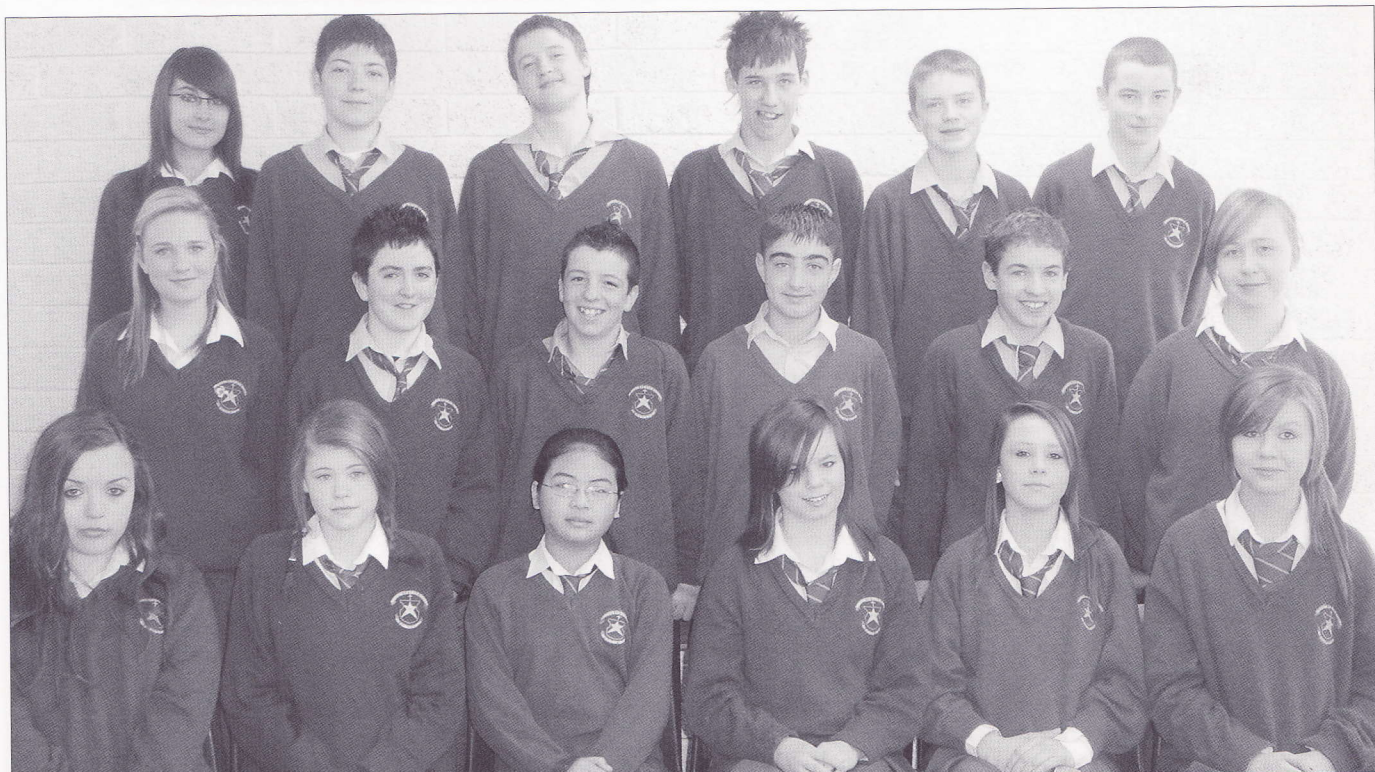
CLASS 1.K – (L-R) Back: Robyn Roche, Rueben Da Silva Lemos, Darren Leahy, Leanne Byrne, Shannon Quigley. **Front:** Chelsea Murphy, Johnny Ryan, John Paul Smith, Michael Norris, Sinead Leonard. **Absent from photo:** Alex Bonnie, Lynn Bracken, Hayley Doyle, Edward Gallagher, Luke Tipping, Alexander Zbenovics.



CLASS 1.L – (L-R) Back: Jonathon Flanagan, Mark Alden, Matthew Kavanagh, Laura Connolly, Tracey Kelly, Darren Maloney. **Front:** Ryan Kenny, Cian Flood, Lee Caulfield, Glenn Keating, Pauline Healy. **Absent from photo:** Mark Blake, Alan Coates, Kenneth Cummins, Chelsea Murphy, Shannon O'Loughlin, Shannon Quigley.



Second Years 2008



CLASS 2.1 – (L-R) Back: Molly Woods, Conor O'Brien, Christopher Buckley, Sean Barrett Byrne, Stephen Hatton, Sean Smith. **Middle:** Megan Hickey, Shane Gilroy, Jonathon Giffney, Sam Dempsey, Gary Gaughan, Eva Daly. **Front:** Elizabeth Blackmore, Leanne Kiernan, Monique Comendador, Aisling Carroll, Nicole Woods, Siobhan Scanlon. **Absent from Photo:** James Coates, Glenn Conroy, Ian Corr, Aisling Farrell, Lauren Garbutt, Sean Keogh, Cathal McCarthy, Jamie OBrien, Laura Watters.



CLASS 2.1A – (L-R) Back: Ridwan Osomoku, Darren Mc Sherry, Rachel McMahon, Ryan Daly, Carla McGrath. **Third row:** Kevin Kavanagh Dunne, Evan Carmody, Ainoras Liutvaitis, Adam Currivan, Daniel Leahy, David Conroy. **Second row:** Keith Keatley, Graeme Mulhall, Josh Wrench, Stehen Payne Lyons, Dean Mason, Craig Ronan. **Front:** Glenn Smith, Sam Johnson, Nicole Pollard, Orla Fitzpatrick, Aoife Flynn, Leanne Fitzgerald. **Absent from photo:** Andrew Colton, Stephen Dennis, Robert Dolan, Ciaran White.

Second Years 2008



CLASS 2.M – (L-R) Back: Jamie Barry, Lee Bishop, James Larman, Kevin Meade, Ross Byrne. **Front:** Shaunna Kenny, Daniel Trimble, David Keoghan, Lauren Conroy, Mark Kelly, Matthew Barry. **Absent from photo:** April Borland, Jessica Flynn, Raymond Kelly, Aaron King, Shane McCann, Daniel O'Brien, Stuart Wood.

First Year Fun Day

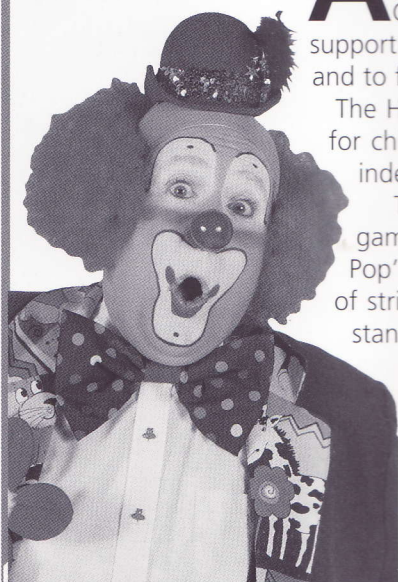
A Funday was held for our first year students this May. It was organised by the student mentor team and Ms Clarke. €850 was raised for Temple Street Children's hospital. Temple Street has always relied on the generous voluntary support from individuals and companies to assist it in the purchase of vital equipment and to fund research.

The Hospital provides an acute paediatric service and specialist paediatric healthcare for children from all over Ireland. Well done all on the good work - a worthy cause indeed.

The day itself was great fun. There was throw ball, rounders, dancing and other games. The students enjoyed refreshments just before the grand final of 'Balloon Pop'. The idea of this game was to burst your opponent's balloon to which a piece of string was attached. This was then attached to the student's leg. This ended in a stand off between Ruben da Silva Lemos, Keith O'Brien and Niamh Nestor. They couldn't burst each others balloons so the result in this competition was a tie. The students also enjoyed playing football in the warm afternoon sun.

In between games entertainment was provided by Ciaran Cordial, Amy Woods and Shannon O'Shea, each dancing their socks off!

The mentors on standby were impressive and showed great imagination in devising various games. They showed great leadership skills to ensure the smooth running of the event. Well done Ms Clarke.





Third Years 2008



CLASS 3.1 – (L-R) Back: Owen Crabtree, Conor Das, Emmet Doyle, Adam Stafford, Keith Hand, Jamie Brennan. **Middle:** Darren Brabazon, Ciaran Ryan, Anthony Conroy, John Kennedy, Greg Langella, David Noonan, David Bernes, Calum Murphy. **Front:** Rebecca Gray, Laura McKay, Rebecca Murphy, Shauna Quinn, Ciara Bregazzi, Caitriona Scanlan. **Absent from photo:** Gary Brown, Anthony Byrne, Mark Coleman, Ralph Comendador, Conor Das, Dominic Doherty, Stephen Keogh, Gerard McMahon.



CLASS 3.1A – (L-R) Back: Kevin Lee, Paul Gallagher, Cillian Mulvey, Christine Mulligan, Kevin Smith, Carl Grehan. **Middle:** Thomas Daly, Shane McKenna, Frankie Gaynor, Eric Dylan, Ciara Fitzpatrick, Gerard McShane, Rory Hallissey. **Front:** Claudia Parravani, Toni Kelly, Kim Beaty, Lauren Mooney, Sarah Kenny, Rebecca Matthews. **Absent from photo:** Derry Stanley, Lee Gilroy, Timothy Kelly, Tracey Lawlor, Ross Lennon, Rebecca Lewis, Jamie McDonnell, Andrea Bautista, Frank Doyle, Daniel Quinn, Nikita Smith.



Third Years 2008



CLASS 3.S – (L-R) Back: Luke Hart, James Connolly, Carl Roche, Shane Benson, Conor Ryan. **Front:** John Gifford, Sean Cassin, Anthony Blake Murphy, John Kelly, Thomas Murphy, Kayleigh Ryan Byrne. **Absent from photo:** Lee Bracken, Thomas Carroll, Anthony McCann, Niamh Reilly, Graham Richardson, Philip Sorohan.



CLASS 3.T – (L-R) Back: Ryan Tracey, Roisin Murray, Michael Dale, John McNally, David Henry, Daniel Byrne. **Middle:** John Blake, Paul Byrne, Ryan Slater, Anthony Alden, Gemma Farrell, Sean Ryan. **Front:** Peter Doyle, Gemma Kelly, Leanne Byrne, Sean Cummins, Craig O'Toole. **Absent from photo:** Karl Byrne, James O'Shaughnessy, Craig Sweeney.



I Love.....

CELTIC FOOTBALL



Celtic is the best team in the world. The reason they are the best is because they have won the premiership many times and even won the Champions League once, unlike their rivals - Rangers!

The great thing about Celtic is that they play very exciting football. The football they play is entertaining and skilful. Aidan McGeady is so

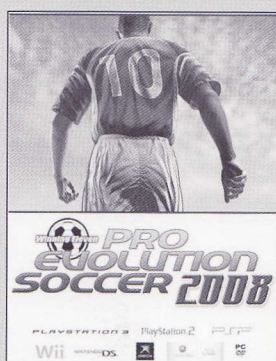
skilful he is a legend among fans and supporters throughout the world.

The late goals scored by Celtic to win their games send audiences wild with delight. Their win against Rangers when in the 93rd minute Vennegoor of Hesselink headed home from McDonald's nodded set-up was simply terrific.



Philip Sorohan 3S

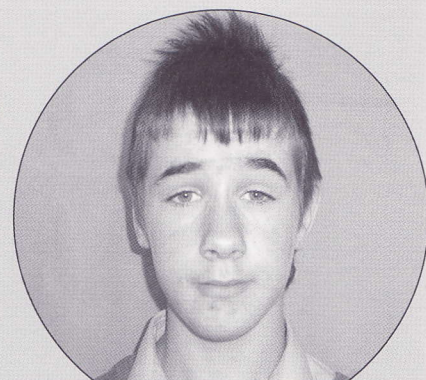
Video Games



My favourite game is Pro-Evolution Soccer 08. It's graphics are good. You can't do skill in it but it is a realistic game.

There are other games such as Fight Night Round 4 and Street Ball 2K8.

I recommend these games for 12 to 18 year olds.



John Gifford 3S

BEBO



BEBO is a place where you can talk to your friends and where you can make friends with people all over the world.

You can put a picture of yourself and your friends on your homepage and you can also have a flash box with music that you like. You can also put quizzes and polls up.

The best thing about BEBO is being able to stay in contact with your friends no matter where you go.



Toni Kelly 31A

I Love.....

Music

No matter who you are you probably have a favourite type of music, whether it is hip-hop, rave, dance, classical or country. It is something you can enjoy in a variety of situations. For example if you are driving you can listen to your favourite CD. If you are just tidying your room or going for a walk you can listen to some tunes on your MP3 player or IPOD. Technology has greatly increased our ability to listen to music and to save hundreds of songs on small devices.



Some singers in the music industry lead troubled lives. Britney Spears, for example, is often in the paper for the wrong reasons. However, she now has two new songs out so hopefully that is about to change.

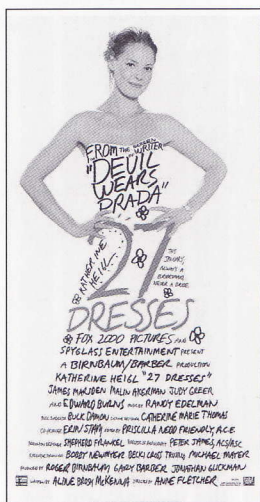
The best thing about music is that everyone can enjoy it. It can lift your mood.



Ciara Fitzpatrick 31A

Movies

There are all different types of movie genres, such as comedy, horror and thriller.



I went to see a movie recently called *27 Dresses*. I thought it was a good movie as it was really funny and I like comedies. The movie was about a woman who had 27 dresses and had been to 27 weddings. She was tired of being a bridesmaid and is upset when her sister gets engaged to her boss, whom she really liked! It all ends well however, when she

marries a lovely man and lives happily ever after!

Movies are a great way to spend a couple of hours - I recommend this for humour and relaxation.



Claudia Paravani 31A



Holiday Destinations



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GRACE KENNY 6.1

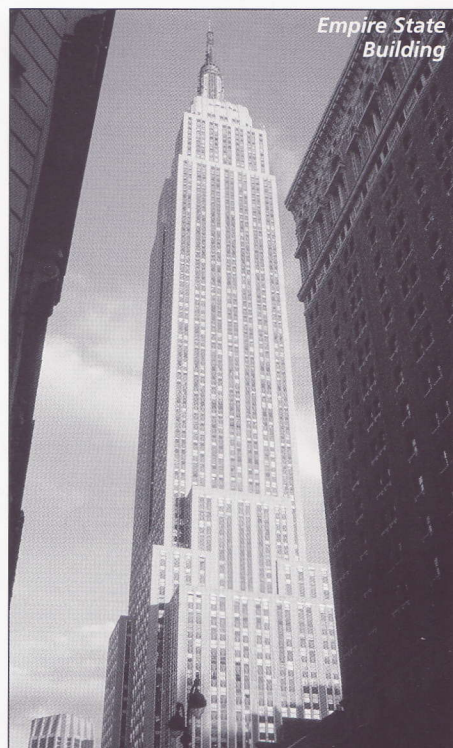
New York, New York

I went to New York over the Easter holidays this year. As soon as we landed, I could see the tall buildings scraping the sky. But was it worth the 7 hour flight and rubber food? Definitely! First of all anyone who has a slight interest in shopping would be in heaven. From Fifth Avenue to Macys, you will find every kind of clothing and shoes imaginable. Anyone going to New York I would recommend a visit to Woodbury Commons. It is the biggest shopping outlet I have ever seen. There is every shop from Hilfiger to Nike with everything at great prices.

The sites in the Big Apple are amazing as well, from Central Park which has an ice skating rink, a zoo and acres of beautiful park with lakes and the fountain from the TV show *Friends*. The view from the top of the Empire State Building is brilliant. The lights of the other skyscrapers glisten; the people look like ants and the sounds of the taxi horns can still be heard.

One day I went to the wax museum 'Madame Tussauds'. It was brilliant! Almost every celebrity imaginable was there to be seen in wax. They looked so real. Then I went to a Broadway Show 'Young Frankenstein' with world class actors including Karen from the TV show *Will and Grace*. The show had brilliant songs and the props were amazing.

The food was just like here with Irish pubs, McDonalds, KFC and Burger King. I would definitely recommend New York to all, young and old for one amazing experience after another.



Empire State Building



by
SARAH RUTH 6.1

Egypt

I was only in Egypt for a week. It wasn't long enough! I stayed in a place called Sharm El Sheik beside the Red Sea. I went to an Egyptian Night on one of my first nights, they had Egyptian dancers and food, these kebab type bites. We sat on cushions and went on camel rides. It was during the winter so it was about 20° during the day but freezing at night!

We flew to Cairo for a day trip during the week. It was amazing! The town is so old, it's so hard to go shopping because the Egyptians are so enthusiastic; they'd do anything to get you into their shop. We went on a camel ride around the Pyramids, they were nothing like I imagined, broken and brittle at the end but smooth at the top. The stories about Tutankhamen and all the other Pharaoh's were so interesting. There was a story about one of the pyramids and there is a warning on the front of it "A killer will come on swift wings to he who deserves the tomb", and apparently some guy tried to break into it and get the jewels and he was killed two weeks later by a mosquito bite!! Madness!!!!



Egyptian Pyramids



Holiday Destinations



by
SHAUNA BUGGY 6.1

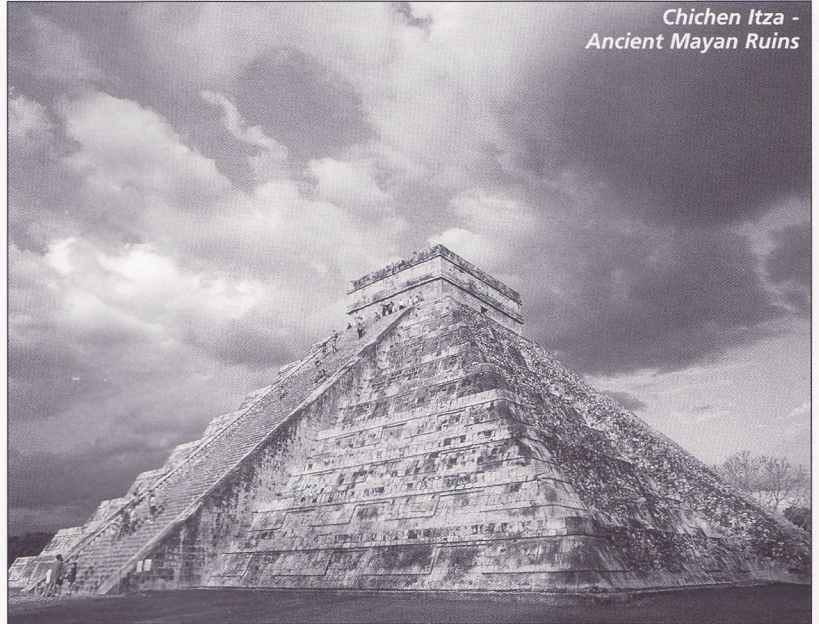
Let's Go To Mexico

Last summer I went to Cancun in Mexico for two weeks. The flight was 11 hours, and the TV's were broken on the plane, but it was worth it to feel that first blast of heat as I stepped off the plane. The weather was amazing for the two weeks, staying at 30° and up.

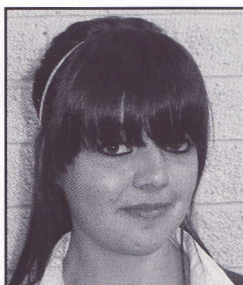
The resort I stayed in was gorgeous, as were the young Mexicans waiting on us everyday! The food was the best part and my 'picky eating' tendencies disappeared for the first time. We went on a couple of days out - the best day of my life was the day I went swimming with dolphins! No matter who you are, you have to do this at least once in your life.

Another was our trip to Chichen Itza, the historical site in Cancun. If you've ever seen Apocalypto, Chichen Itza is the place where the Mayan made sacrifices to the Gods by chopping off their heads and ripping out their hearts. It was one of the rare occasions history was actually exciting!

The rest of the holiday was just as good, sunbathing, relaxing by the pool and swimming in the sea. Overall, if you're going anywhere this Summer, I really recommend Mexico, it'll be worthwhile.



Chichen Itza -
Ancient Mayan Ruins



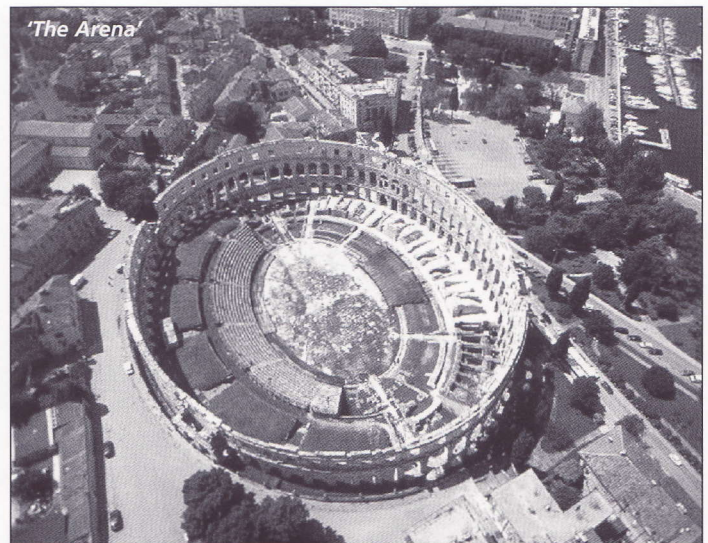
by
REBECCA GRAY 3.1

Croatia

Around this time last year I went on holidays to Pula in Croatia. Like the rest of the region, it is known for its mild climate, tame sea, and unspoilt nature. The city has a long tradition of winemaking, fishing, shipbuilding, and tourism. The city is best known for its many surviving ancient Roman buildings. The most famous of these is its 1st century amphitheatre, which is the sixth largest in the world. Locals call it the Arena. This is one of the best preserved amphitheatres from antiquity and is still in use today during summer film festivals

The flight took about three hours. I'd never been to Croatia before and I must say it was definitely one of my favourite holidays. Pula is just at the edge of Croatia so it is surrounded by islands and beaches! The Brioni Islands are awesome and have a fantastic view of the coast and town.

There are not many shopping areas there which was difficult for me to adjust to but the beaches and weather made up for it. In short, Croatia is an awesome destination!!



'The Arena'



Merit Awards

The Merit Awards were presented on April 29th this year by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Paddy Bourke.

Guest VIPs included Mr Fergus Connolly, making a presentation to the Senior Student of the Year on behalf of the Parents' Association, and Mr Martin McKenna, last year's Senior Student of the Year, who would pass on the perpetual plaque bearing the names of all those who had received this coveted award over the years.

The Lord Mayor was welcomed to the school by a guard of honour drawn from this year's and last year's mentors who provided ready and very welcome assistance in the complex preparations for this significant event in our school year.

We began with the awards to junior students. After a speech of welcome by Mr Jordan, and a brief address praising their achievements by the Lord Mayor, the presentation of awards began. Each candidate, who had been previously nominated and approved by all the teachers, was called up in turn to receive a certificate and well-earned congratulations from the Lord Mayor. The candidate and the Lord Mayor then posed for a photograph taken by a professional

photographer. These photographs will be mounted and displayed on the walls of the hall.

While the visitors adjourned to the staff area, where refreshments had been prepared by Ms Young with the assistance of some of the H.Ec. students, the juniors left for home as the seniors came down to the hall to receive their awards.

The Lord Mayor, on his return, spoke to them about their future hopes and opportunities and the award ceremony followed as for the juniors.

We finished up just before twelve thirty (a feat of timing by all the participants which was worthy of an award in itself) and the school adjourned for a celebratory afternoon off.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The co-ordinator of the event, Ms O'Meadhra, and the assisting teachers, Ms McGovern, Ms Clarke and Ms Weir, take this opportunity of thanking the entire school, teachers and pupils alike, for their cooperation which contributed so significantly to the smooth running of this important event in the school year. And we offer our most heartfelt congratulations to all those hard-working students who received well-merited awards!

JUNIOR SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS:

FIRST YEARS

Academic Endeavour & Perfect Attendance

Matthew Tang, Ian Maher

Academic Endeavour

Shaday Bates, Alex Bonnie, Leanne Byrne, Jade Connor, Ciaran Cordial, Liam Craig, Adam Dale, Louise Daly, Heather Doyle, Linda Fitzgerald, Emily Gilligan, Tracey Kelly, Ryan Kenny, Sinead Leonard, Niamh McEvoy, Aoife McGearty, Shannon O'Shea, Simone Prior, Shannon Quigley, Jonathan Ryan, Jennifer Singleton, Amy Woods

Contribution to Sport

Kim Carroll

Contribution to School Musical

Robyn Roche

SECOND YEARS

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to School Musical

Gary Gaughan

Academic Endeavour

Ross Byrne, Monique Comendador, Ian Corr, Eva Daly, Stephen Dennis, Aisling Farrell, Leanne Fitzgerald,

Orlagh Fitzpatrick, Aoife Flynn, Stephen Hatton, Samuel Johnson, Shauna Kenny, David Keoghan, Leanne Kiernan, Carla McGrath, Ciaran White

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Soccer

Sean Keogh

Contribution to Sport

James Coates, David Conroy, Megan Hickey Hoolahan, Kevin Kavanagh-Dunne, Cathal McCarthy, Dean Mason, Conor O'Brien



THIRD YEARS

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to School Musical
David Noonan

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Sport
Keith Hand

Academic Endeavour
Andrea Bautista, Ciara Bregazzi, Leanne Byrne, Owen Crabtree, Eric Dillon, Dominic Doherty, Frank Doyle, Michael Eustace, Rebecca Gray, John Kennedy, Laura McKay, Gerard McShane, Rebecca Matthews, Cillian Mulvey, Rebecca Murphy, Caitriona Scanlon

Perfect Attendance
Timothy Kelly

Contribution to Sport
Daniel Byrne, Sean Cassin, Mark Coleman, Carl Grehan

SPECIAL AWARDS (Junior)

The John Slattery Award David Keoghan

This award was set up in memory of the late Mr John Slattery, who taught in this school for many years, working especially at encouraging the academic progress of junior students. It is given to a pupil in Junior cycle who has consistently shown a positive attitude to schoolwork and to fellow-pupils and to teachers.

David received this award, for his excellent behaviour, his consistent hard work, his unfailing co-operation with teachers and for his strength of character in pursuing the personal goal of always trying to achieve the best possible academic standards.

Junior Sportsman of the Year DANIEL BYRNE AND CARL GREHAN

We were delighted to find two students worthy of this award, both of them having consistently displayed the highest standards of sportsmanship, combining a high level of athletic skill with team spirit and, while exhibiting enthusiastic competitiveness, yet always striving to play fair.

Both players have performed outstandingly in the U-16 Leinster Cup winning side in soccer, and had gone on to cover themselves in glory as they brought home the Junior Cup in the All-Ireland final. Despite their youth, they have made great contributions to U-16 and U-18 Gaelic football, showing a mature understanding of the game and always performing at the highest level of club football.



Junior Student of the Year KEITH HAND



Keith has maintained the highest standards of commitment and achievement in all areas of school life over the past three years. He has been exemplary in character, always displaying respect for others, both teachers and fellow-students. Conscientious in attendance and

punctuality, he works quietly and diligently in pursuit of the goal of academic excellence, at the same time producing work displaying considerable creativity and imagination.

He knows also the value of extracurricular involvement, and has represented the school on the sportsfield from first year through third year.

For the pursuit of excellence in all fields, for consistent commitment to studies, for displaying strength of character and impressive personal qualities, Keith Hand has well and truly deserved the honour of Junior Student of the Year 2008.



Merit Awards

SENIOR SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS:

We were delighted to open the senior awards ceremony with a very special award. The Lord Mayor presented the All-Ireland Junior Football Cup to the players, both senior and junior, who made up the team which so spectacularly won the Final the day before the Awards. Congratulations poured down on players and subs:

JUNIOR ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL CUP WINNING TEAM:

Anthony Brady, Daniel Byrne, Luke Carter, Sean Cassin, James Coates, Mark Coleman, Aaron Collins, Mark Cummins, Carl Grehan, Aaron Humphries, Matthew Jackson, Killian Jenkinson-Smith, Andrew Jones, Kevin Kavanagh-Dunne, Daniel Lodge (Capt), Ciaran McDonnell, Daniel Nugent, Lee Roche, Ricky Shevlin, Jake Wrench



TRANSITION YEAR

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to the AIB Banking Project
Aaron Kenny

Contribution to Sport & to the Breakfast Club
Luke Carter

Contribution to AIB Banking Project
Mark Connolly, Ian Culleton, Kevin Fitzgerald, Niamh Leech

Academic Endeavour
Aaron Reilly, Yasmin Sediri

Contribution to Sport
Mark Cummins, Daniel Nugent

Contribution to the Programme for the Mentoring of First Year students.
Emma Brady, Luke Carter, Jake Woolhead

FIFTH YEARS

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Sport
Aaron Humphries

Academic Endeavour
Michael Boylan, Emma Brown, Kevin Byrne, Christine Cullen, Jonathan Flynn, Robert Grehan, Joel Joy, Thomas Kelly, Conor Killeen, Michael Lee, John O'Brien, Jade Roche, Pamela Ryan, Niamh Sheridan, Mary Grace Vender, Jessica Vickers

Contribution to Sport
Anthony Brady

Contribution to the Programme for the Mentoring of First Year students.
Emma Brown, Christine Cullen, Niamh Sheridan



SIXTH YEARS

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to the Cultural Life of the School Over the Years
Michael Byrne, Amy McGee, Deborah McShane

Academic Endeavour
Jallanie Bautista, Shauna Buggy, Leona Bourke, Daniel Duff, Dean Farrell, Gintare Jonuskyte, Grace Kenny, Karrie Keogh, Brian O'Neill, Reynaldo Reyes, Ian Rogers, Cherrie Mae Vender

Contribution to the Cultural Life of the School Over the Years
Dan Gaughan, Niamh Judd, Karl McMahon, Jennifer Nolan, Yvette Pettigrew, Sarah Ruth

Academic Endeavour & Sport
Danielle Maloney, Denise Maloney

Excellent Attendance at After-School Study
Michelle Gavan

SPECIAL AWARDS SENIOR 2008

This was the year of the multiple specials! No fewer than three sporting students proved themselves worthy of this honour: **Danielle Moloney, Anthony Brady, Denise Moloney** (all pictured right).

Each of these athletes possesses in abundance all of the attributes of The Senior Sportsperson of the Year, each is an all-round sportsperson, a most reliable and hard-working player, with a strong sense of team spirit and outstanding ability, who has ably represented the school down through the years on various teams, in soccer and/or Gaelic football or hurling, as in other sports, always generous in victory and courageous in defeat.

The Senior Sportsperson of the Year is a student who has shown genuine leadership ability, is generous when it comes to time spent coaching younger teams in the school, assisting with junior sporting events, and often a keen player in sports clubs outside the school, a student whose overall contribution to sport in Ardscoil la Salle and in the local area makes him or her a worthy recipient of the award of Senior Sportsperson of the Year.

Always showing a strong sense of commitment to the game, never shirking responsibility, always going the distance, outstandingly skilful, generous to other players and fair in every way, displaying all-round sporting excellence, Anthony, Danielle and Denise have each and every one truly merited the award of Senior Sportsperson Of The Year 2008.

Perfect Attendance

Luke Doyle

Senior Sportsperson of the Year



Danielle Moloney



Anthony Brady



Denise Moloney



SPECIAL AWARDS SENIOR 2008



Deborah McShane
and Shauna Buggy

SENIOR STUDENT OF THE YEAR

The Senior Student of the Year 2008 award was presented to: **Deborah McShane and Shauna Buggy**

This year, the staff were delighted to find not one but two outstandingly meritorious students, each of them equally deserving of being honoured as Senior Student of the Year, who combine meticulous schoolwork and academic achievement of the highest standard with outstanding personal qualities and all-round excellence of character,

Both Shauna and Deborah have proved themselves exemplary pupils, having maintained throughout their school careers a consistent commitment to study at the

highest level, achieving excellent results in the Junior Cert and continuing to apply the same high standards to their preparations for the Leaving Certificate.

Gifted with sterling personal qualities, upright, honest, courteous, considerate, outgoing and supportive of others, these two young women treat everyone, both staff and students, with unfailing courtesy and consideration. Bringing warmth and animation to any classroom, they have also contributed generously to extracurricular and cultural activities, whether by active participation or by wholehearted encouragement.

They have willingly put in the

extra time to support the mentoring programme, the Breakfast Club and the Homework Club, and have taken part in many fundraising activities in aid of several charities, always with good humour, enthusiasm, and unstinting helpfulness.

Never seeking praise for their achievements, Shauna and Deborah just work away quietly in the background, ready to turn a willing hand to anything they are asked to do, while aiming for the highest summit of achievement in everything they undertake.

We have the greatest pleasure in awarding to Shauna and to Deborah the highest honour which we can bestow: the accolade of Senior Student of the Year 2008.



School Completion Programme

THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - MS. HACKETT

The SCP after school club ran four days each week since September. We had a core group of members who attended daily and many more who attended from time to time. Thanks are extended to teachers who gave up their free time to staff the club. We are delighted to announce that we have acquired a football table and an air hockey table for next year. These will be welcomed in addition to our two pool tables, two laptops and play station.

The annual end of year outing was to Neptune Outdoor Centre in county Louth, on Wednesday 30th April. Some of our members showed their hidden talents during the team challenges. David Keoghane excelled in the pier jumping session. We look forward to running this club again next year.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club moved premises this year to the lunch room. This was a successful move. Having the kitchen next door and all the relevant equipment nearby made for a smooth transition. Thanks are extended to the teachers and staff who gave up their time to staff this venture.

DANCE CLASSES

The SCP ran a series of hip-hop dance classes after school. We were lucky to have the services of Gemma Trimble, a qualified dance instructor for the duration.

POOL COMPETITION

The SCP successfully ran their annual pool competitions for first and second years in early December. There was a very high standard of entrants. Congratulations to the winners in each category. 1st years: 1st: Sean Kane, 2nd: Kenneth Cummins and 3rd: Sam Gormely. 2nd years: 1st: Glenn Smith, 2nd: Ciaran White and 3rd: Keith Keately. We look forward to next years competition.



Glenn Smith, 2nd year (left) receiving the overall prize for the second year category from Brian Jackson (SCP).

COOKING CLASSES

We also ran a series of very successful cooking classes after school. A big thank you goes to Ms Young and Ms Ni Rathallaigh for allowing us to use the kitchen each week. Thanks also to the School Completion Programme for funding the ingredients for the classes.



Short Story...

By AMY MCGEE 6.2

I stared blankly into his lieutenants eyes. Nothing he was saying was making any sense. "Gibbs, I'm sorry, Shannon and Kelly are dead. It happened while you were over in Desert Storm. We tried to contact you but we were unable to. You must realise that you have been in a coma for 19 days."

Gibbs stared at Lt. Shepherd and slowly tears began to fall down his bloodshot eyes.

"Where are they?" Gibbs asked, his voice cracking. Lt. Shepherd looked at the floor not knowing if he should say anything.

Gibbs shouted impatiently "Where is my wife and daughter?"

"They are buried in Hollows cemetery."

"When can I go there? I want to be near them. Please take me to them."

"I'm sorry Gibbs but you can't leave this hospital, you have to understand your wife and daughter were on their way to N/S. Shannon was witness to a Marines

murder and was coming in to identify him."

Gibbs sat up in the hospital bed, his eyes following Lt. Shepherd as he walked around the room.

"She was shot by a sniper and died instantly." Lt. Shepherd stopped. Gibbs asked quietly "don't tell me Kelly suffered. She was only an eight year old girl." He let all of his tears come out.

"I'm sorry Jethro but she died four days later. Doctors did all they could but it seemed her body was unable to take the strain". Lt. Shepherd sat down on the chair beside the bed and sighed.

14 years later...

"Well you're looking a lot better today Timmy," declared Abbey. She walked out from behind her desk and greeted him with a large hug. Tim was looking around the room for somebody to get her off him but all he could see was Tony and Kate laughing.

"Yes Abbey I'm fine..it was just sea sickness," said Timmy, "nothing to

be worried about" as Abbey removed her arms from around his neck.

Tony remarks "Timmy man, the boat wasn't even in the water how the hell were you sea sick?"

"You did go very green I must say," added Kate.

Tim sensing defeat "Ok fine, I might not have been sea sick but it could have been food pois....."

"It was the drops of blood that were on the deck of the boat," Tony interrupted. Tim began to go red "fine" He let out a sigh "it was the blood. I can't handle the sight of blood".

Just before Kate started to tease him the doors of the lift opened, revealing a young woman. Tony nearly smacks into Abbie just to greet her "hi, I'm Special Agent Dinoizzzea, how can I help you?"

The young woman replies: "My name is Kelly Gibbs". The team looked. She continued, "By the look on your face, I know what you're thinking... and as you've guessed I'm not dead!!!!!!!"

Transition Year

CARLINGFORD

The students enjoyed the great outdoors in this exciting adventure centre.

ACTION TRACK

As usual the Action Trackers spent two weeks in school in January. Each week culminated in a production written and produced by our very own students.

TRINITY ACCESS PROGRAMME

This was a new experience for our Transition Years. They attended Trinity College for three and a half days in small groups. They explored modern learning strategies with the use of I.T. and at the same time they got a taste of college life.

ST MICHAEL'S HOUSE

A number of our Transition Year students volunteered to work with the students in St Michael's House.

They visited on Tuesday afternoons and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

FIRST AID TRAINING

The students completed First Aid Training and received certification when they passed their exam.



(L-R) Back: Ian Culleton, Paul Conroy, Kevin Fitzgerald. Front: Mark Connolly and Aaron Kenny. Missing: Niamh Lynch

AIB BUILD A BANK CHALLENGE

Ian Culleton, Niamh Leech, Paul Conroy, Kevin Fitzgerald, Mark Connolly and Aaron Kenny successfully set up a school bank under the AIB Build a Bank Challenge. They put together a very good presentation for the regional finals, for which they won a TV and DVD player for the school.

Well done and thanks to Mr Mythen for his support.

WORK EXPERIENCE

All students completed two weeks on work experience in October and a further two weeks in March.

The students enjoyed the opportunity to work in areas in which they are considering a future.

AWARENESS

A number of speakers were organised to address the students and increase their awareness on a number of issues.

Speakers attended from the AA, the Garda Road Safety, Aware, etc.

RETREAT

A retreat took place in Glendalough under the spiritual guidance of Ms Clarke and Mr Noonan.



Sixth Years 2008



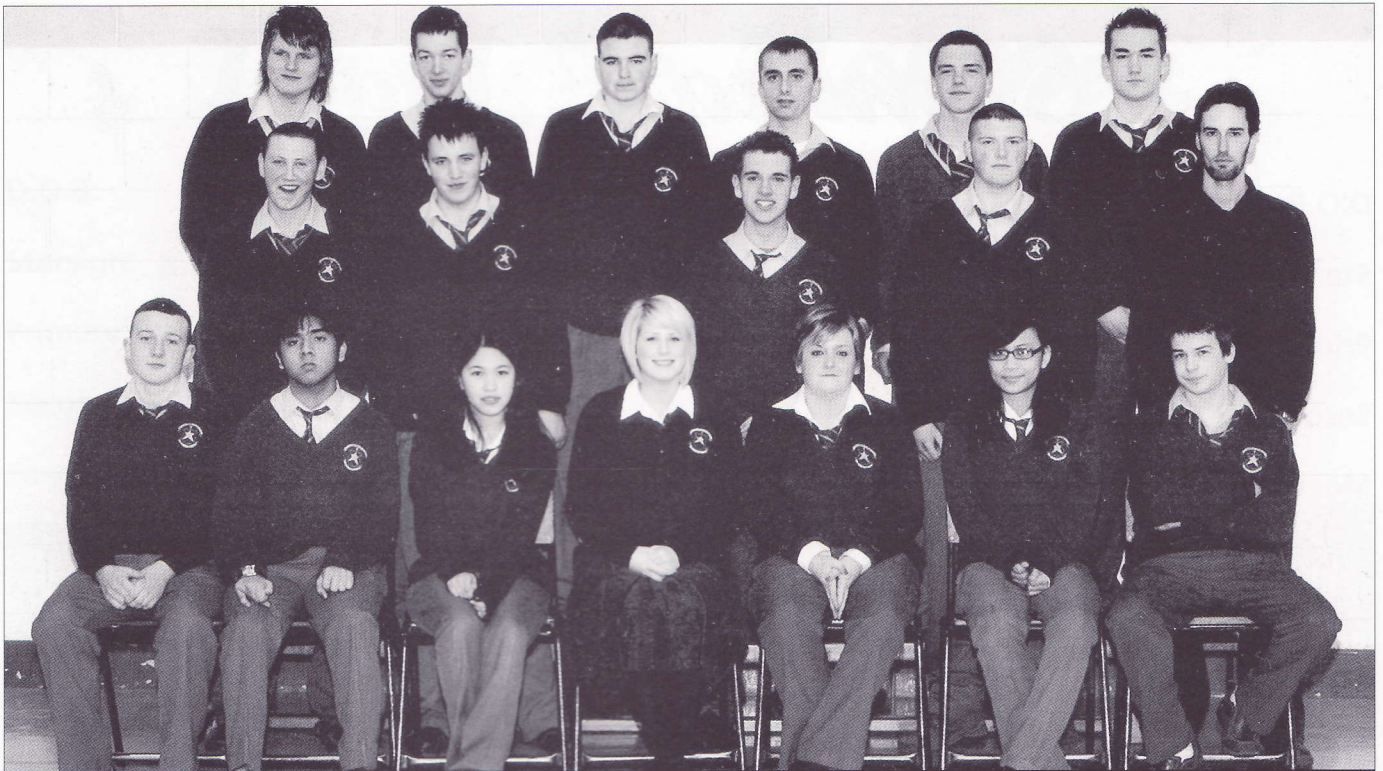
CLASS 6.1 – (L-R): Back: Mark Hatton, Karl McMahon, Daniel Duff, Anthony McKay, Ian Rogers, Anthony Keegan Farren, Daniel Ralph, Anthony Gallagher. **Middle:** Debbie McShane, Danielle Moloney, Conor Dunphy, Daniel Jackson, Brian O'Neill, Dan Gaughan, Sean Halpin, Karrie Keogh, Mr Noonan. **Front:** Shauna Buggy, Jericha Murphy, Denise Moloney, Niamh Judd, Jennifer S. Nolan, Sarah Ruth, Grace Kenny, Tracey Watters.



CLASS 6.2 – (L-R): Back: Philip McKane, Gavin Kenny, Barry Farrell, Ivan Kasagga, Aaron Wilson, Glenn Costigan, Dean Gaffney. **Middle:** Derek Byrne, Amy McGee, Leona Bourke, Leah Preston, Yvette Pettigrew, Ms O'Connor. **Front:** Roisin McCann, Stephanie Murray, Niamh Judge, Niamh Sherwin, Michelle Gavan, Jennifer Mulhall, Shannon Heron.

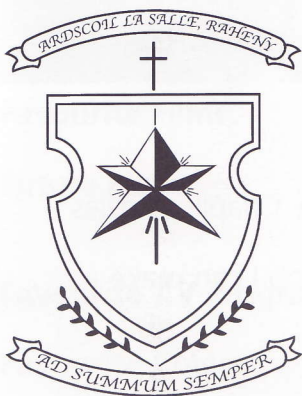


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CLASS 6.3 – (L-R): Back: Anthony Reilly, Stephen Murphy, Gerard Tyrrell, Mario Parravani, Dean Farrell, Michael Byrne. **Middle:** Aidan O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Bridgeman, Matthew McManus, Dean Scanlon, Mr McElhinney. **Front:** Daniel Murray, Reynaldo Reyes, Cherrie Mae Vender, Danielle Morgan, Kate O'Neill, Jallanie Bautista, Shane Caulfield. **Absent from photo:** Stephen Behan, Mark Byrne, Gintare Jonuskyte, Jennifer M. Nolan.

STUDENT MENTORS



(L-R) Back: Luke Carter, Jake Woolhead, Kevin Fitzgerald.
Front: Christine Cullen, Emma Brady, Emma Brown.
Absent from photo: Niamh Mc Loughlin, Barry Farrell.



Profile of a Sixth Year...

Shauna Buggy

D.O.B:	15th May 1991
Starsign:	Taurus
Primary School:	Holy Trinity
Secondary:	Ard Scoil La Salle
Most Important Things:	My Family and friends
Things I Dislike:	Horrible weather, study
Music I Like:	Anything I can sing along to!
Favourite Singers:	Rory Gallagher, Eva Cassidy, Christina Aguilera, Leona Lewis
Ambitions:	To be ambitious
Favourite Dinner:	Lovely Sunday dinner
Politics:	Mr. Breen for world dictator!
My Dream Holiday:	Back to Canaan, this time with the girls
Favourite Films:	<i>P.S I Love You, The Notebook, Apocalypto, Chaplin Movies</i>
Future Plans:	Go to college, study OT, and get a good job I can make a difference in
Favourite T.V. programmes:	<i>Scrubs, Prison Break, Lost</i>
Favourite Colour:	Purple/Green
Favourite Teacher:	Ms McCabe, because she's just lovely
Favourite Day:	Saturday/Friday
Favourite Memory from School:	The Home Economics Christmas Party!





Profile of a Sixth Year...

Danielle Moloney

D.O.B:	26th October 1989
Starsign:	Scorpio
Primary School:	Scoil Aine, Raheny
Secondary:	Ardscoil La Salle
Favourite Things:	Liverpool, Malibu, Money!!
Things I Dislike:	Irish Weather
Music I Like:	Anything but rock or opera
Favourite Singer:	James Morrison
Ambitions: in Croker!	Play for Dublin camogie
Favourite Dinner:	Shepard's pie
Politics: Taoiseach	Mr Montague for
My Dream Holidays:	Mauritius
Favourite Films:	<i>Con Air, P.S I Love You, Pursuit of Happiness</i>
Future Plans:	Go to DCU to study science, get a job and make loads of money!
Favourite T.V Programme:	<i>Hollyoaks</i>
Favourite Colour:	Apple green
Favourite Teacher:	Miss Ni Raghallaigh
Favourite Day:	Friday afternoon and night
Favourite School Memory:	TY Action Track
Things I'll Miss Most:	The Banter in Room 12

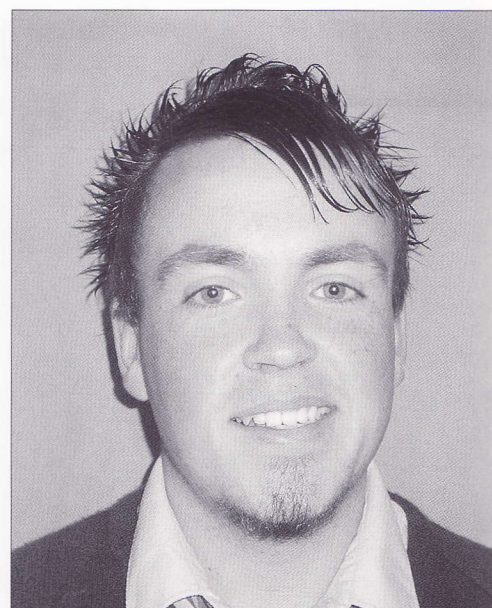




Profile of a Sixth Year...

Karl McMahon

Starsign:	Aquarius
Primary School:	St Malachy's BNS, Edenmore
Secondary School:	Ard Scoil La Salle, Raheny
Favourite Things:	Rugby, Music, Liverpool, Guitar
Things that I dislike:	Being broke, rain during the summer
Music I like:	Indie, rap, rave
Favourite Band:	Artic Monkeys, Stereophonics, Lundericks
Ambitions:	To play for Leinster and Ireland in rugby
Favourite dinner:	Pasta
Politics:	Mr Montague for President
My dream holiday:	Anywhere as long as there are friends
Favourite films:	<i>Con Air, Don't be a Menace to South Central While Sipping your Juice in the Hood</i>
Future plans	Go to college, get a job, earn lots of money
Favourite T.V. Programme:	<i>Scrubs, Family Guy</i>
Favourite Colour:	Red
Favourite Teacher:	Mr O'Brien
Favourite Day:	Friday nights, park in it up back in the day
Best Memory:	Falling into the swamp in Carlingford in 4th year





Profile of a Sixth Year...

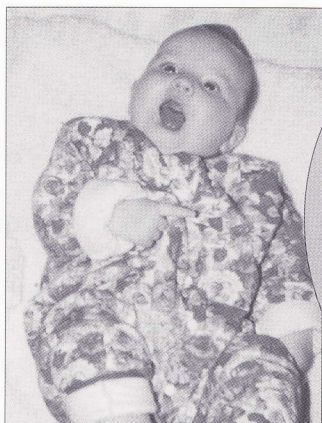
Mark Hatton

Starsign:	Leo
Primary School:	St Mary's and St Benedict's
Secondary School:	Ard Scoil La Salle
Favourite things:	Football, music, Manchester United
Things that I dislike:	Rainy summers
Music I like:	Indie rap dance, most things
Favourite Band: Shadow Puppets	Artic monkeys, The Last
Ambitions:	Play professional football, (a well paid job!)
Favourite Dinner:	Pizza with cheese, pepperoni, bacon and extra cheese!
Politics:	Mr Noonan for pope!
My Dream Holiday:	San Francisco (I don't know why?!)
Favourite film:	<i>Tokyo Drift</i>
Future Plans:	Go to college, get a great job, and earn lots of money hopefully!!!!
Favourite T.V. Programmes:	<i>Father Ted, Scrubs and Skins</i>
Favourite Colour:	Red
Favourite Teacher:	Mr Lyons
Favourite Day:	Friday nights and Saturday





Sixth Years - Then and Now



She dressed me in the curtains!

Shauna Buggy



Little Bo Peep, where's my sheep?

Sarah Ruth



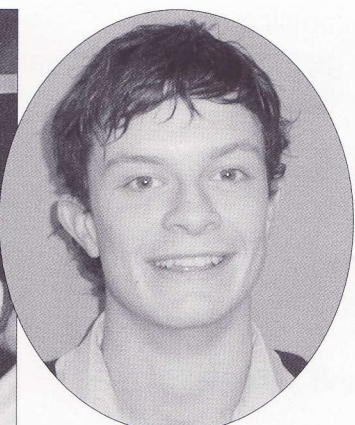
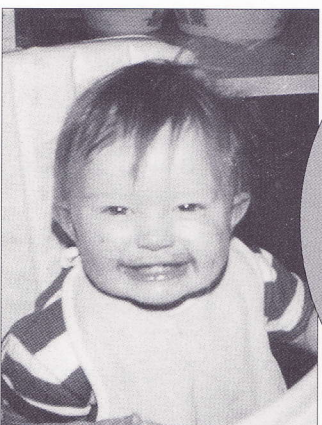
Anyone for a sambo?

Niamh Judd



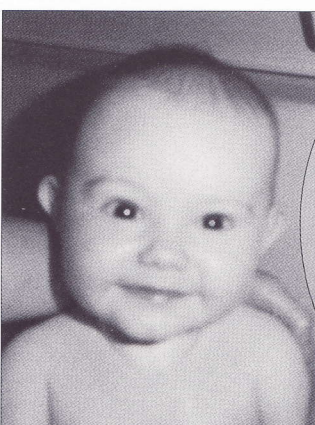
Hello sailor!

Jennie Nolan



What? Is there something on my face?

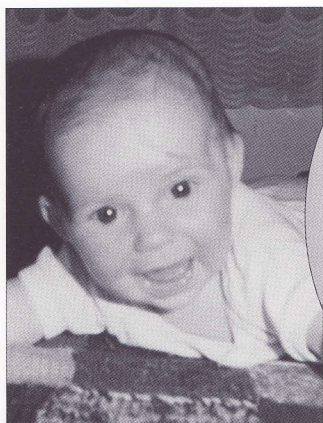
Ian Rogers



You should see me now!

Karrie Keogh

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You're a wizard Jerricha

Jerricha Murphy



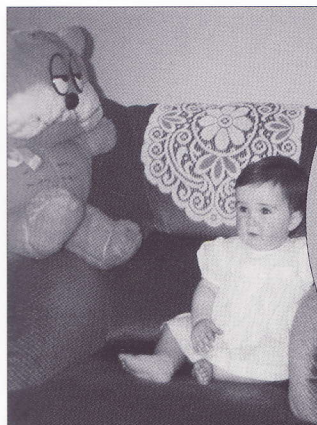
Are we there yet?

Denise and Danielle Moloney



Have to look good for my grad photo!

Tracey Watters



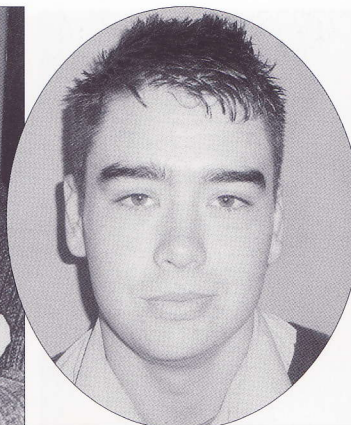
Spot the difference

Debbie McShane



Thank scrunchy it's Friday!

Grace Kenny



Do I still look the same?

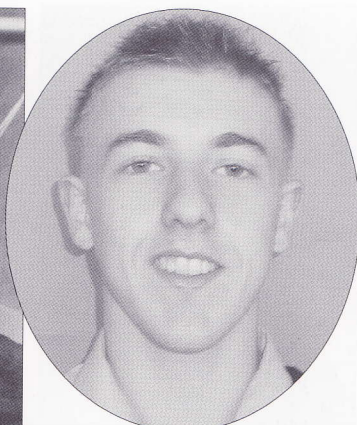
Daniel Duff



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Bop bop baby!



Dan Goughan



Gidee-up!



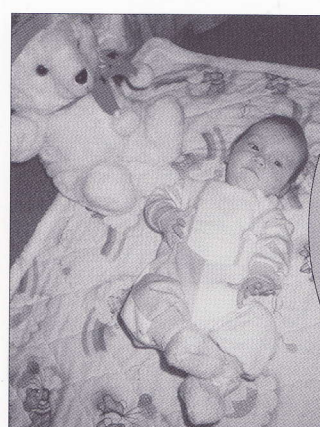
Daniel Ralph



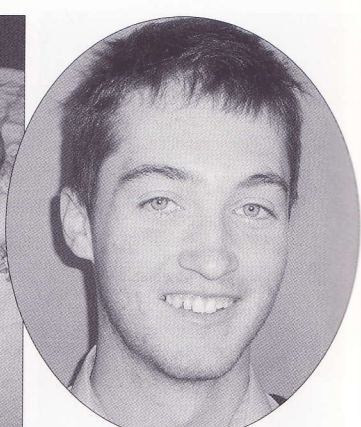
And I'm still growing!



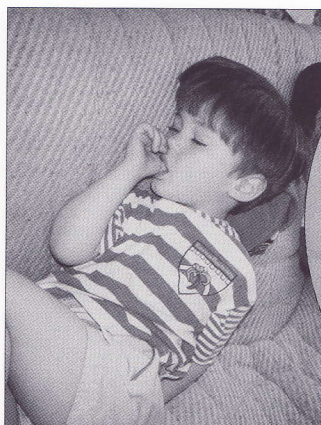
Mark Hatton



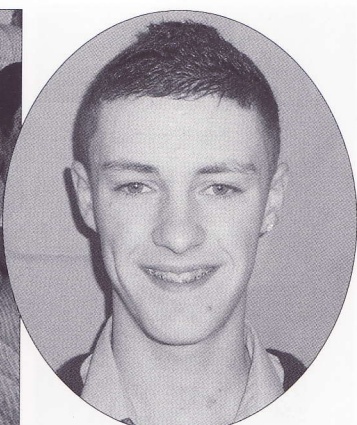
Me and my teddy gettin' all ready!



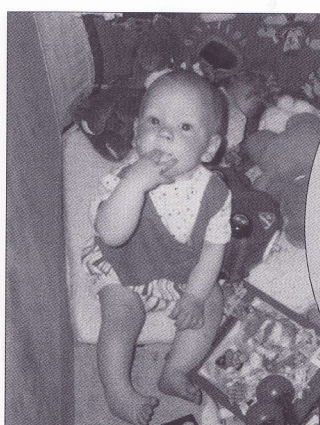
Conor Dunphy



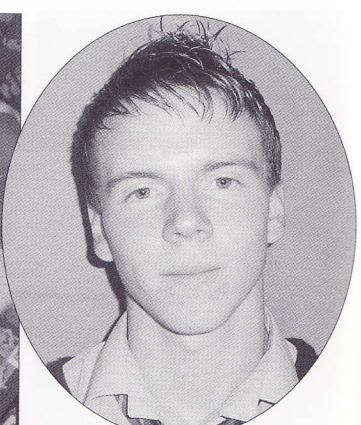
Sleeping beauty, aawwhh!!



Daniel Jackson

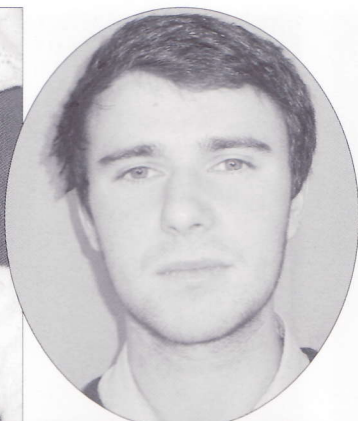


Guess what I'm thinking?

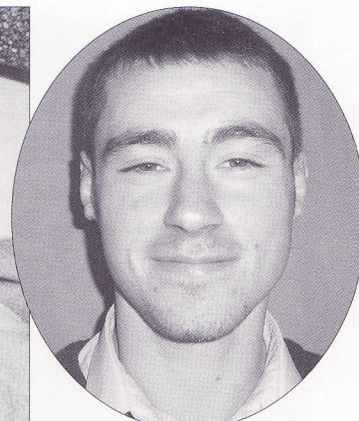
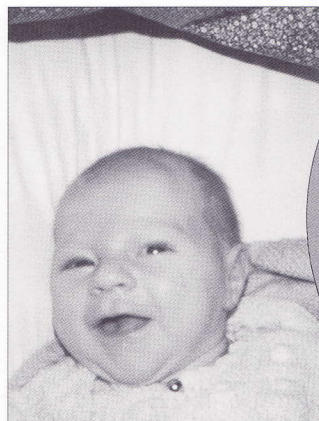


Séan Halpin

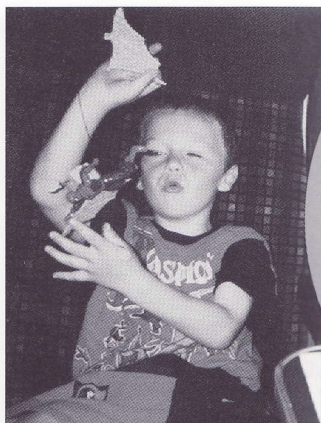
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In all fairness, I'm not gonna lie to ye!
Anto Gallagher



Still a lil charmer
Anto McKay



Don't embarrass me in front of me new mates!
Brian O'Neill



I swear it wasn't me!
Stephanie Murray



Teddy Bear Picnic
Michelle Gavin



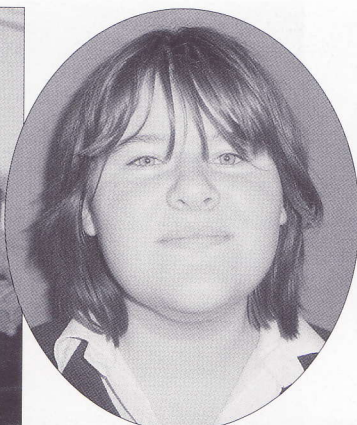
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Niamh Sherwin



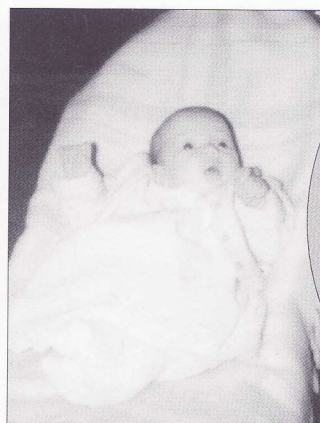
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Can't touch this!



Amy McGee



Pucker up!



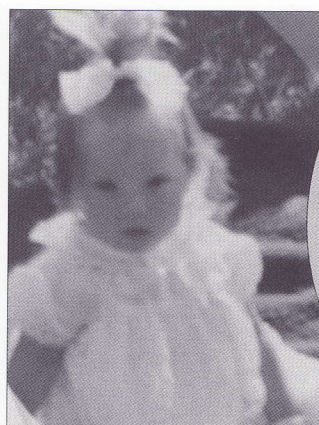
Leona Bourke



Cruisin' for babes



Gavin Kenny



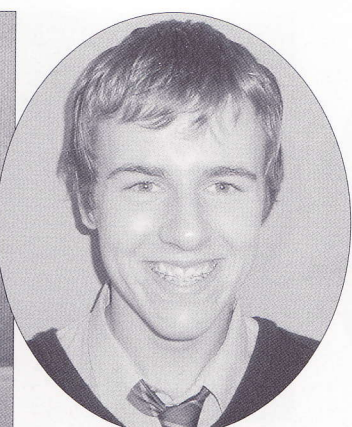
Don't I look beautiful in my dress?



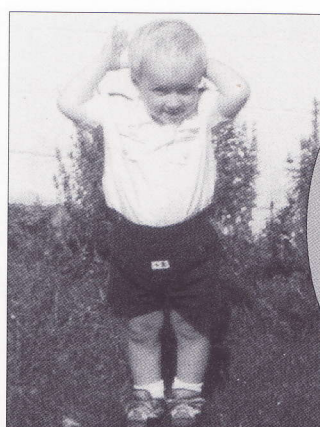
Shannon Heron



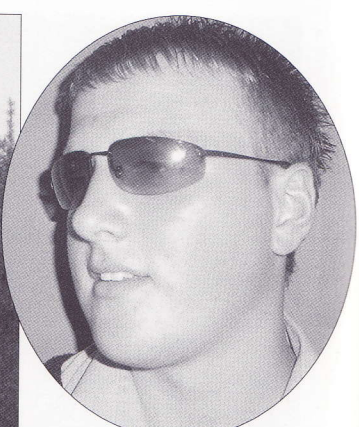
All dressed up but no where to go!



Dean Gaffney



Blondy!



Phillip McKane



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Bonnet baby



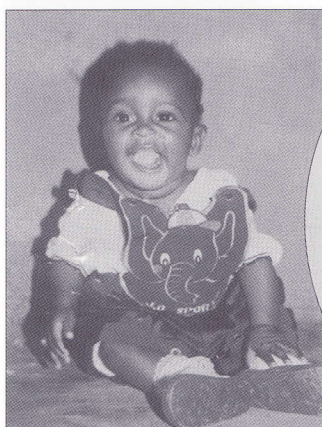
Niamh Judge



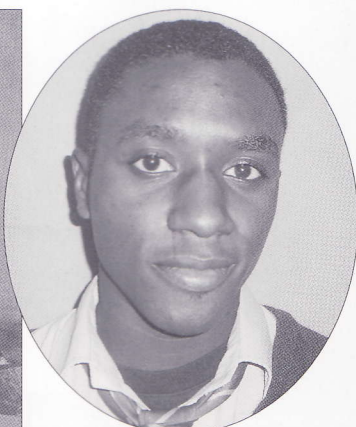
Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines



Yvette Pettigrew



Come and play



Ivan Kosagga



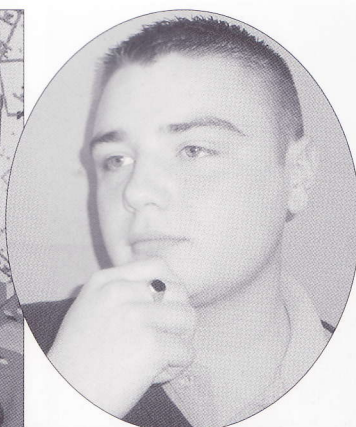
It wasn't even Tuesday



Róisín McCann



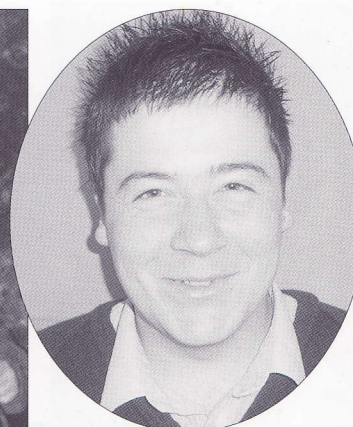
Male model in the making



Aaron Wilson



Derreekkk!!!



Derek Byrne



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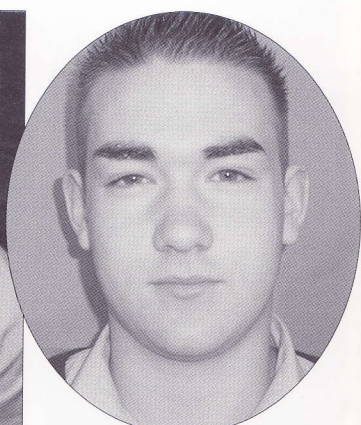
Hey you! Let me in!



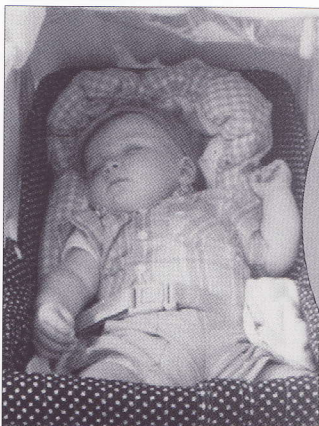
Jallanie Bautista



Still posing, baby!



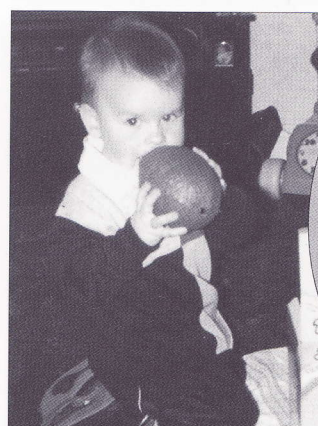
Michael Byrne



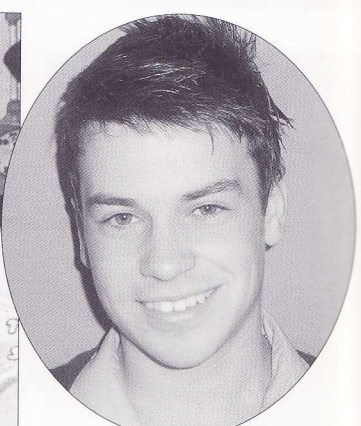
Side Byrnes in the makin'



Mark Byrne



Sweets for the sweet!



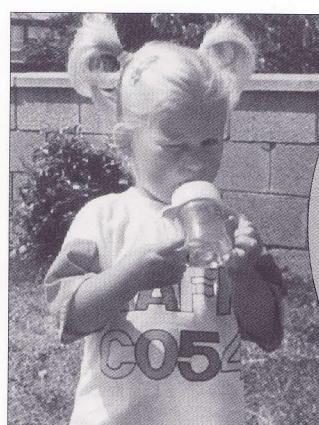
Shane Caulfield



Little angel



Gintare Januskyte



I spy with my likkle eye!



Danielle Morgan



Sixth Years - Then and Now



Big pimpin'



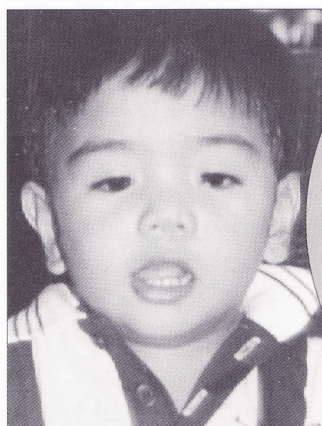
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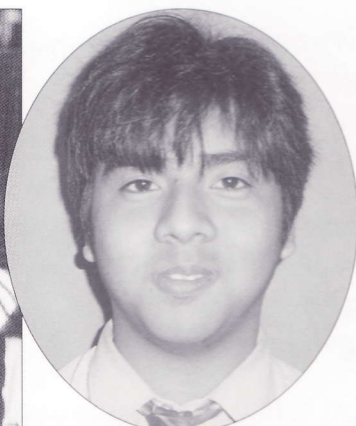
Get my good side!



Kate O'Neill



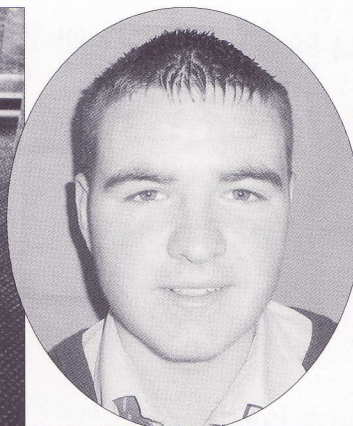
Give us a kiss



Reynaldo Reyes



Where's my parachute gone?



Gerard Tyrrell



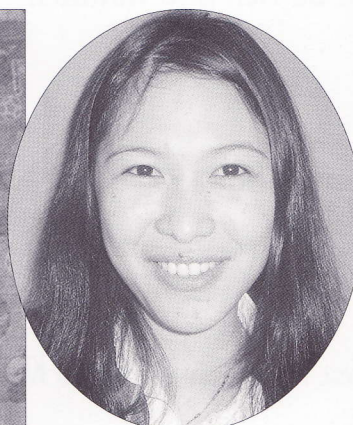
"Cheese"



Anthony Keegan Farren



Pick me up



Cherrie Mae Vender



The Complete Sixth Year Survey 2008

CATEGORY	NOMINATIONS	WINNER
Favourite Band:	Snow Patrol Arctic Monkeys Oasis Kooks	Kooks
Worst Band:	McFly Westlife Girls Aloud Backstreet Boys	McFly
Best Singer:	Leona Lewis Debbie McShane Shane Ward Mr Noonan	Debbie McShane
Worst Singer:	Lilly Allen Liam Gallagher Daniel O'Donnell Justin Timberlake	Daniel O'Donnell
Future President:	Ian Rogers Daniel Duff Matthew McManus Brian O'Neill	Brian O'Neill
Will be rich and famous:	Karl McMahon Mario Parravani Brian O'Neill Yvette Pettigrew	Karl McMahon
Next Brangelina:	Jenny and Ger Yvette and Dean Conor and Ang Barry and Karrie	Yvette and Dean
Most likely to visit the Moon:	Matthew McManus Michael Byrne Sarah Ruth Grace Kenny	Sarah Ruth



The Complete Sixth Year Survey 2008

CATEGORY	NOMINATIONS	WINNER
Most likely to run a	Michelle Gavan Ian Rogers Denise and Danielle Aaron Wilson	Michelle Gavan
Most like to save the world:	Shauna Buggy Anthony Gallagher Sarah Ruth Karrie Keogh	Shauna Buggy
Best Sportsperson:	Anthony McKay Danielle and Denise Michael Gavan Karl McMahon	Michelle Gavan
Most likely to retire at 40:	Tracey Waters Shannon Heron Stephen Behan Anto Keegan Farren	Anto Keegan Farren
Most likely to create a useful invention:	Connor Dunphy Shauna Buggy Ian Rogers Mathew McManus	Ian Rogers
Most school spirit:	Gavin Kenny Jericha Murphy Amy McGee Yvette Pettigrew	Amy McGee
Most likely to be late for graduation:	Jennifer Mulhall Jericha Murphy Dermo Jenny and Niamh	Jennifer Mulhall
Most likely to win a Nobel Prize:	Denise Maloney Shauna Buggy Debbie McShane Ian Rogers	Debbie McShane



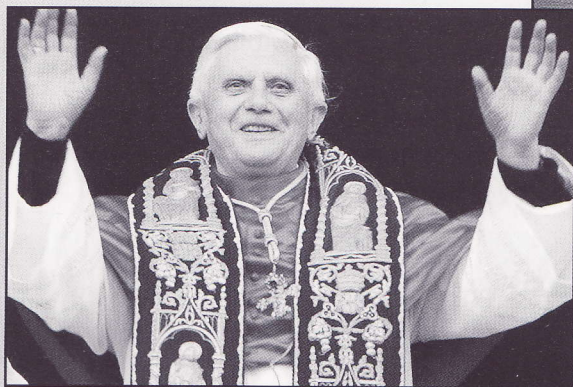
The Complete Sixth Year Survey 2008

CATEGORY	NOMINATIONS	WINNER
Most likely to take over from Oprah:	Jenny Nolan Niamh Judd Shannon Heron Amy McGee	Jenny Nolan
Most likely to have a jeans named after them:	Karl McMahon Glen Costigan Leona Bourke Dermo	Dermo
Most likely to be in the Guinness Book of Records:	Michelle Gavan Daniel Duff Ian Rogers Shane Caulfield	Daniel Duff

World Youth Day (WYD) 2008

Students Anthony Gallagher and Ian Rogers are off to Sydney, Australia this year

They will attend World Youth Day (WYD) along with another 125,000 international visitors. It is the largest youth event in the world and will be held in Sydney from Tuesday 15th to Sunday 20th July 2008.



The event is organised by the Catholic Church. WYD brings together young people from around the whole world to celebrate and learn about their faith on a more regular basis. The day is expected to attract more people than the 2000 Olympics. WYD08 will mark the first visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to Australia.

Enjoy the sun boys!



Memorable Moments...

BY SIXTH YEARS 2008

Dean Gaffney said he would catch **Leona** if she fell but... didn't.

Jennifer M Nolan chasing everyone around with a worm.

Jennie Nolan and **Nicola Smith** throwing clay at each other in art in first year

The day the **crickets** were let loose.

Karl falling in Carlingford.

Paintballing in T.Y - **Jenny** "my gun won't work", **Grace** - "ahh you shot me in the leg".

Mr Noonan calling **Yvette** 'Lynette', **Yvette** slamming the door and breaking the lights.

Tracey Watters "where does beeswax come from? They don't even have ears."

Ms O'Connor going mad at **6.2** because they were looking out the window at a fire engine.

In third year Home Economics, when asked the effects of cooking fish, **Danielle Morgan** replies "it explodes!"

Mr Cleary giving us all 20 minutes detention in first year for not doing our homework because we were in the play.

Derek Byrne's "methods" to chat up women.

Dean Gaffney and **Yvette Pettigrew** being an hour behind everyone else at Glendalough.

Ms McCabe: "there's a restaurant at the top of the mountain... I promise..."

Mr Cleary's maths class.

Yvette hiding in the press in Home Economic and getting caught, and Yvette saying "I was just looking for my craft".

Brian O'Neill...Business.

Ms Young "I assure you prices don't bleed".

Stacey Q getting her **John Slattery Award** and then breaking it!

Mr Breen's new rolex "Its five carats past nine, get to class".

Mr Noonan's sword fight with **Dano** and **Dan** (musical)

French ball.

Singing to **Ms O'Connor** in TY.

Mr O'Brien "You have a case of Minusitis".

Debbie and the bee in second year.

Paintballing with **Mr Brennan** hiding in the bushes.

Ms McCabe catching **Niamh Judd** straightening her hair in the toilets.

Robert D breaking **Ms Smith's** clock.

Jennie in Home Ec "how do you get the powder from a cow?"

Philly McKane making a daisy chain for **Ms O'Connor**.

Mr O'Brien 'losing' Philly's phone

Anto Keegan wanting to be remembered for his blond hair and 50cent chain.

Denise and **Danielle** plaiting **Gav Kenny's** hair in TY.

Sarah Ruth blowing bubbles.

Michelle in **Carlingford**... the spider web.

When **6.3** thought they had locked **Ms Rennick** in the demonstration room, but didn't realise it had two doors! OOPS!

When **Glenn Costigan** fell out the fire exit.

Sarah Ruth blowing bubbles.

Danielle Morgan "is Asia in China?"

Mr Brennan's half-time team talks.

Sarah Ruth nailing **Dano** in P.E. and **Dano** hitting the deck!

When **Robbie Coyne** whacked **Ms Hackett** with the football in P.E.

Alan turning on a machine in woodwork and it going on fire.

Anto spraying antiseptic in his mouth thinking it was mouthwash!



TAP TRINITY ACCESS PROGRAMME



Ardscoil La Salle is a Tap linked school. This allows us to participate in a wide range of outreach activities organised by the TAP office in Trinity. The outreach activities aim to:

- Increase the number of non-traditional students who proceed to and successfully complete third level.
- Enhance the educational experience of participants by encouraging a curiosity about learning.
- Encouraging students to participate in once off college based activities.

This year some of our students participated in the

TAP EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

First, second and third year students were invited to submit a project on their chosen area of interest. The only stipulation made was that the project could not have been already submitted as part of normal school work.

A wonderfully interesting selection of projects were presented. The winning entries ranged from stunning photography, to a replica of a section of the Great Wall of China, the great boxing

champions, a hand built bird box, the human body and some of the ailments that afflict it, a magnificent short story; *The Lumberjack*, a skating ramp, and the 1916 Rising and the War of Independence.

The winners and two family members attended the awards ceremony in Trinity College on Thursday, May 8th. The awards were presented to each student by the Vice Provost of Trinity College.

An additional presentation was also made to Aaron Reilly from Transition Year who received The Salter Sterling medal. This medal



is presented each year to the Transition year student who best embodies the spirit of Transition Year, who takes on all the challenges of the year and gives of his or her best throughout the year. Each winner will shortly get a cheque for a €100. Well done to all.

TAP MED LAB DAY

December 18th saw an intrepid group of 2nd years head for Trinity College to immerse themselves in all things medical. A most interesting set of clinical workshops was enjoyed by all.

Reflexes were checked, simulated keyhole surgery performed, blood pressures read, the heart, eye and ear examined. Suturing was attempted, mind you not on real people, just on plastic pin cushions! The spine was examined on the plastic models provided. The tutors for the day were a wonderful bunch of volunteer 4th year med. students.

Lunch in the college restaurant was provided free and a good day was had by all.

5TH YEAR SHADOWING DAY

Five fifth years, Connor Killeen, Niamh McLoughlin, Fintan Dunleavy, Jonathan Flynn and Declan Grogan participated in the Shadowing Day in Trinity College on February 21st. The day gave the students the opportunity to spend a day in Trinity College with an undergraduate student studying a course which the student was interested in pursuing at 3rd level.

Activities for the day included attendance at a lecture, going to

a tutorial, visiting the libraries, viewing the gym but alas not getting to use it. A visit to the Junior Common Room for a game of pool was also on the menu as was free lunch in the college restaurant.

The students enjoyed the day, which they described on their return as informative, interesting, encouraging, grand and in one case - brilliant.

By and large the day did prove an incentive to progress to college life.

6TH YEAR HONOURS MATHS WORKSHOP

During the Easter holidays a small number of 6th years were invited to honours maths revision workshops over a three day period in Trinity College. This gave the students an opportunity to focus on a number of key topics on the Leaving Cert. course and the workshops were funded by TAP.

SUMMER SCHOOL '07

The Tap Summer School is held for one week each June and is attended by approximately seventy 5th year students from twenty Dublin schools. The students were also joined by a small number of American students. However it is not in any way a continuation of formal school but is a fun filled week where students grow in self-belief, discover new interests and acquire new skills and in general have a ball.

The theme of the 2007 week was: Ireland: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Students explored the theme using photography, web design, drama and a newsletter. Staff members from different faculties gave a lecture

each day. Students in their different groups presented their work on the last day.

Fintan O'Toole the well-known journalist gave a truly inspiring talk on belief in oneself and seizing the opportunities life presents.

Three of our fifth years attended the Summer school.

TAKE 5 SUMMER PROGRAMME

Connor Kileen attended the Take 5 Summer school for Transition Year students.

Each Tap affiliated school is offered one place on this programme and Connor was brave enough to embark on a solo run. Students spend one day in each of the five Dublin based third level colleges, Trinity, UCD, DCU, DIT and Maynooth. Well done Connor.

HEAR: HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS ROUTE

The Higher Education Access Route is a key part of the work undertaken by TAP.

This initiative aims to encourage and facilitate students whose parents did not have the opportunity to avail of third level education to progress to third level. The scheme is means tested and is open to students whose parental income does not exceed €48,000.

This year 16 HEAR applications have been submitted by our Leaving Cert class. College entry points are reduced for successful applicants. The initiative has been developed to ensure that all students, irrespective of family income or circumstance reach their full educational potential.



Sports Roundup



(L-R) Back: Mr Lyons, Daniel Byrne, Mark Cummins, Ricky Shevlin, Carl Grehan, Aaron Humphries, Andrew Jones, Daniel Nugent, Lee Roche, Killian Jenkinson, Kevin Kavanagh Dunne, Mr McElhinney. **Front:** James Coates, Matthew Jackson, Ciaran McDonnell, Dan Lodge, Anthony Brady, Jake Wrench, Aaron Collins, Luke Carter, Mark Coleman. **Missing from photo:** Sean Cassin.

UNDER 16 BOYS SOCCER

The first round of the Leinster Cup against St. Benildus College was drawn 4-4 after extra time and some heroics by goalkeeper Anto Brady won the penalty shootout for Ardscoil. A Dan Byrne goal was enough to defeat Palmerstown in the second round. Ardscoil played some great football to beat St. Oliver's Community College, Drogheda 4-1 with goals from Dan Lodge, Dan Nugent, Aaron Collins and Carl Grehan. Rathcoole were beaten 1-0 on a very windy day with Dan Lodge scoring the winner.

In the Leinster semi-final Ardscoil faced Dunshaughlin. It

was a hard fought game and the two teams were finally separated by a Daniel Nugent goal.

The Leinster final against Drimnagh Castle was a very tense and tight affair. Ardscoil La Salle opened the scoring with a finely worked goal that was expertly finished by Daniel Nugent but Drimnagh equalised before half-time. The match remained deadlocked and went to extra-time and finally to penalties.

Ardscoil scored all five penalties and the honour of scoring the winning penalty fell to a cool headed Ciaran McDonnell.

It was then on to the All-Ireland

semi-final against Fallcaragh of Donegal in Sligo. Ardscoil dominated the game and deservedly won through an Aaron Humphries goal. This lead to the All-Ireland final against St. Fachtna's of Skibereen in Cork which was played in Cahir Park in Tipperary.

A large crowd headed down to Cahir Park in Tipperary, from Ardscoil, in the hope of watching the U16 soccer team secure the FAI Schools Boys Junior Cup where they faced St. Fachtna's De La Salle of Skibbereen in the final.

The pitch was in superb condition and the crowd was



Sports Roundup

treated to a tense and thrilling match. St. Fachtna's settled more quickly and dominated the early exchanges but the Ardscoil defence held firm. After twenty minutes Ardscoil's midfield trio of Humphries, Jackson and Grehan began to take charge. Captain and striker Dan Lodge and winger Daniel Nugent started to press the St. Fachtna's back four. St. Fachtna's then won a penalty against the run of play. Ardscoil were relieved when the penalty was then put wide. Minutes later Nugent shot just over from a Grehan through ball.

Ardscoil dominated the play in the second half and created numerous chances. Lodge headed just wide, Humphries shot over, Grehan had an attempt saved and Jenkinson was twice denied. After sixty seven minutes Dan Lodge burst through the centre with just the keeper to beat. His effort was saved and the ball rebounded to Collins who shot just wide. The



A section of the crowd cheering on the boys from Ard Scoil La Salle, in Tipperary.

tension mounted as full time drew to a close and in a rare attack St. Fachtna's hit the post. Ardscoil La Salle continued to exert pressure in extra-time and with penalties looming the deadlock was finally broken when Aaron Humphries headed in from a McDonnell corner five minutes from the end to win the cup for Ardscoil.

The boys also came through in

winning the North Dublin League final, beating St Declans of Cabra 2-0 and are now in the All-Ireland final against St Mark's of Tallaght, an all Dublin final, where we aim to make it an unprecedented quadruple.

Aaron Humphries gained further honours when awarded the *Evening Herald Sportsperson of the Week*.

UNDER 18 SOCCER

This team did not participate in the cup competition, instead concentrating on the Metro League Competition. We were in a group of three teams and our first game was at home against Chanel College. An extraordinary first half saw two goals scored in the first minute of the game (never seen that before!) and at half time we were 2-2. However having Matthew Jackson sent off in the first half didn't help and the

second half saw Chanel lay siege to our goal. We held out as long



as we could but Chanel went ahead 3-2 with only ten minutes

to go, despite some great defending from Stephen Dowling, Anthony McKay and Stuart Grehan. As we chased an equaliser Chanel wrapped up the game with a break away fourth goal!

Our second game and a must win fixture was away to Portmarnock. They proved to be a very strong side and ran out comfortable 6-0 winners. That was the end of our involvement in that competition!



Sports Roundup



U18 Gaelic

by MR BRENNAN

This team played in a group of three, the first game was against Colaiste Dhulaigh back in November. It was a very tight game and finished all square, 1-7 to 0-10, with Dhulaigh getting the only goal in the game. Outstanding contributions were given by Dean Farrell, Anthony Brady and Keith Sheeran.

The next game was another local derby against Gaelscoil Reachrann. Another tough game which we eventually came out on top of 0-11 to 1-4 and we managed to keep our opponents scoreless in the second half. Great performances were given by Andrew Jones, Fintan Dunleavy and Alan Kavanagh.

This resulted in us playing Pobalscoil Neasain in a Dublin North quarter final in January. Despite conceding four goals in the game, we never gave up and battled back to lose by the smallest of margins 4-4 to 3-6.

There promises to be a good under 18 team next year with most of the players available again.

UNDER 14 HURLING

This team won its first two games against Rosmini, 4-12 to 5-5 and against James Street C.B.S. 6-6 to 5-4.

In the Rosmini game, an exciting finish saw us score a late goal to secure victory. Best for us were Dean Mason, Daniel Leahy 2-6, Stephen Lyons 2-0 and James Mooney.

In the 2nd game, great performances by Dean Mason in mid-field along with Stephen Payne in defence ensured victory and progress into a Shield final. The final versus St. Aidan's Tallaght (Robbie Keane's old school!) did not add to the school's silverware collection but a fine effort none the less: final score Aidan's 6-6, Ardscoil La Salle 3-4.

U16 Gaelic

This team was in a group of five teams. Our first game in November was against Gaelscoil Reachrann from Donaghmede. A hard fought game ended in a 3-9 to 1-12 victory for us. Great performances were given by Anthony Brady, Andrew Jones, Carl Grehan and Dean Mason. The second game was out in Swords against Fingal Community College. The pitch had no marks on it and there was no nets put up, a rag ball effort!! It ended a draw and was a game we should have won. We have Aaron Collins to thank for two goals. The final score was 3-6 Ardscoil La Salle, 2-9 Fingal. Ballymun were next, and after a

slow start we kicked on in the second half and finished ten points ahead, 1-14 to 1-4. Best for us were Luke Carter, Carl Roche, Lee Roche and David Henry. Man of the Match: Mark Coleman!

The final match was away to St. Finians in Swords. They had one player, a Dublin minor this year, who was the difference and got crucial scores for Finians. Having trailed by eight points early in the first half, we got back level early in the second half 3-3 to 1-9. But Finians found an extra gear and ran out comfortable winners 5-9 to 1-9. Best on the day were Mark Coleman, Mark Masterson and Anthony Brady. This team was denied a place in the knock out stages because of a scoring difference rule.

ATHLETICS

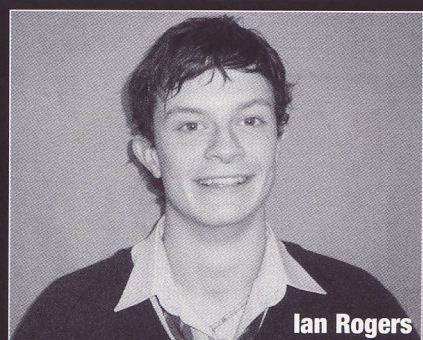
WELL DONE TO ALL THE ATHLETES WHO TOOK PART IN THE NORTH LEINSTER ATHLETICS RECENTLY. SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ian Rogers who came 1st in his league for pole vaulting.

Megan Hickey who came 3rd in the 1200m U-15

Leanne Kiernan who came 6th in the 1200m U-15

Craig Rafferty who came 6th in the 800m U-14.



Ian Rogers



Sports Roundup

LADIES SOCCER & GAELIC

by MS FLEMMING

This year the girls were back in action, in both soccer and Gaelic football events. Unfortunately, we were drawn into an advanced U18 grouping. However, the girls fought on with courage and pride developing their skills and tact along the way.

It was this that prepared them for their outstanding performances in the U18 soccer tournament. The girls were the team to beat in the group, being the silent underdogs. There were some outstanding performances by the Moloney twins (Denise and Danielle), Michelle Gavin and indeed Yvette Pettigrew who guarded our goals with great determination. By far the most skilful and impressive team in the group the girls were unfortunate not to progress in the competition due to it merely coming down to goal difference. They did the school proud and we are extremely proud of them.



LADIES UNDER 18 SOCCER – (Back row): Megan Hickey, Yvette Pettigrew, Niamh Judd. **Middle:** Niamh Sherwin, Denise Moloney, Jennifer O'Sullivan, Danielle Moloney, Jennifer Nolan. **Front:** Nicole Murray, Aoife Hagerty, Niamh McEvoy, Kim Carroll. **Missing from photo:** Michelle Gavin.

demonstrated their endless skills and agility right until the final whistle. A cloud of disappointment ensued however, with Ballymun managing to win in the end. Although the sun crept through in the figure of Kim Carroll who won Player of the

Tournament, scoring over 10 goals! She was cheered and admired by all – a splendid player indeed. Megan Hickey was forever the danger to the apposing sides and her strong skilful team-mates Nicole Murray and Lauren Mc Kenna

U-16 SOCCER

The U16 soccer team took part in an indoor soccer tournament with 10 schools competing. The girls strength and skill came to the fore with outstanding performances. Our team was the talk of the day with all the other competing teams. The girls displayed marvellous commitment and pride and

BOYS U13 AND U15 TABLE TENNIS

Both teams have done well this year. The U15 boys finished 2nd in their league. Commitment to training was 100%, well done.



TAG RUGBY



Tag rugby has had a number of new players who are learning quickly through their commitment to training. Thanks are extended to Karl McMahon in 6.1 for taking some of the coaching sessions.



Reviews....

MUSIC LEGEND...

Robert Nesta Marley

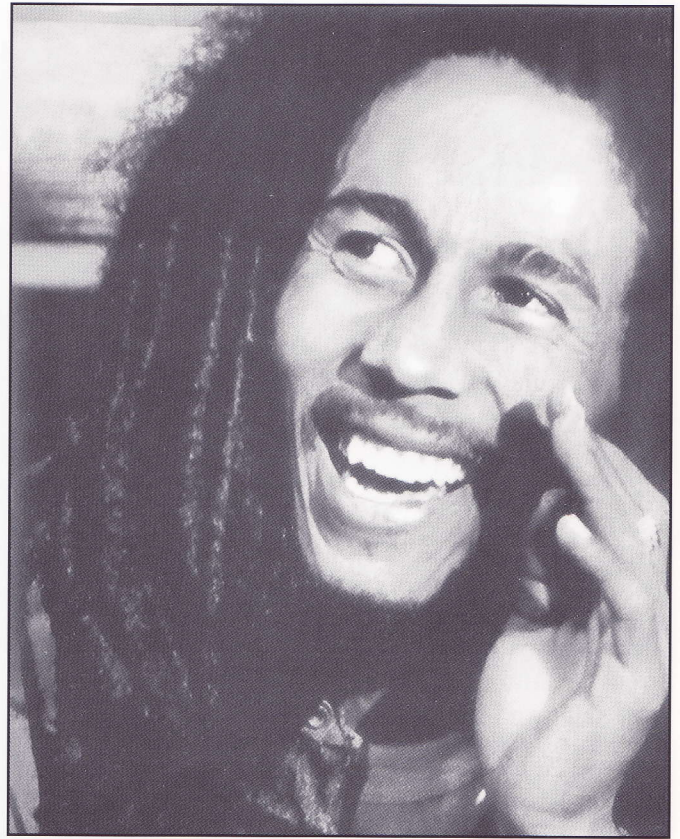


Reviewed by
SHANNON HERON 6.2

BOB MARLEY was born on the 6th February 1945. He was the son of an English naval officer, Captain Norval Marley and a Jamaican woman, Cedilla Brooker.

They moved from his tiny village nine miles to Trenchtown in Kingston while he was in his teens. He met Bunny Kingston and Peter Tosh and they formed a band called The Wailers. Their first song was called *Judge Not*. This recording was not a big hit. The band's second record went to number one in the Jamaican charts. Later Bunny and Tosh left to take up their own solo careers.

Bob released his first U.K. hit single called *No Woman No Cry*. This made Bob very popular in the U.K. Bob Marley and his wife Rita, who was now also a new member of the band, toured in Europe and America. Bob Marley's music was appealing as it tried to explain the corruption in his country as he perceived it. He wanted to



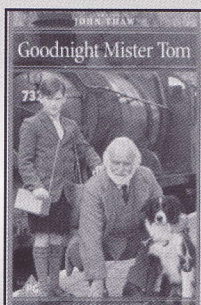
highlight the struggle that the people there were going through.

While on tour Bob Marley injured a toe on his right foot following a game of football. The doctor who examined it told him it was cancerous and it was subsequently operated on.

Marley continued to tour, but collapsed in America. Against medical advice he travelled to Pittsburgh for a concert.

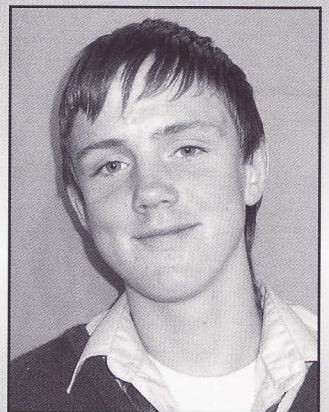
He attempted to travel back to Jamaica but was forced to check in to a hospital in Miami. He died there on the 11th May 1981.

BOOK...



Goodnight Mister Tom

This book by Michelle Magorian is one I definitely recommend. It is a good story with excitement and tension throughout. It is set during the Second World War and follows the life of a young boy who is fostered by a grumpy man, Mr Tom. Mr Tom had forgotten how to love as he had lost his own family a long time ago. As time goes on Mr Tom discovers that the boy had a very difficult childhood. Tom opens his heart and the boy, Willie, has a better life from then on.



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