

# Scoil Bhríde - Loreto N.S. Newsletter

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## Welcome to our readers

by Sarah Hilliard.

Dear Readers,  
Welcome to our first newsletter...

Another school year is almost at an end. It has been a very successful school year. We have participated in a play, gone to Siamsa Tire to see a play, and a theatre group has

come to our school. We have debated hotly with different views on different subjects. There have been leagues for both boys and girls, in both football and basketball. There have been dresses buttoned and bows tied as the fashion stars lined up to take their places and

wait, until it was their turn to parade down the catwalk to fame.

Scoil Bhríde wishes every good luck to the sixth class who will be going from our school and into secondary school next year.

Go neirí libh.

**HAPPY READING**

## GO GO GO ON ARTABAN

by Niamh O'Donnell

**19.12.96**

This year our Christmas Play was called "The Late Wise Man". It was about Artaban who was the fourth wise man and who was late for everything. He arrives late for the first scene where the pompous Persian King sends off his wise men to follow the star and spends the rest of the play trying to catch up, but never quite makes it. The theme of the play is - by sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves, we meet Jesus. The first show was held in the morning at 11.30a.m. and the second show was held the same night at 8.00p.m. They were both a great success. We collected money for the Cheshire Home. The whole school was involved in the play.



●Some of the cast members performing at last year's Christmas play

Fifth and sixth classes were acting in the play. Junior and Senior Infant, First, Second, Third and Fourth classes were the choir who also acted as the

crowd. Many thanks to all who helped, in particular Mrs Marina Buckley who trained the choir.

Well done everyone.

## The Proceeds

The proceeds from this newsletter will go to the Friends of the Children of Chernobyl.

Next week 22 children will arrive from Chernobyl to Killarney to spend the month of July with host families. The four weeks spent here enjoying clean air and healthy food will greatly enhance the health of the children and will give them two years of healthy living when they return home.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Sarah O'Toole.

## Playschool Opens

by Martha Healy

I hope you have all heard of the playschool which starts in September.

The action will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in the prefab.

There will be plenty of toys and games for the little ones to play with. The walls will be decorated with colourful nursery rhymes.

Two qualified adults will be in charge of the preschool. So look out for puzzles and games you would like to donate to these jolly juniors. We welcome the children in the playschool and their leaders to Scoil Bhríde.

Many thanks to all who baked and contributed to the jumble sale in aid of the play-school. Proceeds from the jumble sale came to £229.

# County Champions

by Claire Scally

**On Tuesday 13.5.97 in Ferndale, Mrs O'Sullivan took us to the girls soccer tournament at 5p.m.**

We defeated Annascaul N.S., Anabla N.S., Gailscoil Faithleann and Listellick N.S. to become county champions.

Derry O'Mahoney and Mrs O'Sullivan brought the team to the Munster finals in Waterford. There we got to the semi-finals

having won out our own section. However in a nail-biting match which went to extra time, the final score was 4.3 to Cork. We were out of the competition but happy with our achievements. We had a meal in McDonalds on the way home to celebrate our achievements.

**Team:** Ciara Treacy, Claire Scally, Niamh O'Donnell, Melissa Hegarty, Sara Crowe, Barbara O'Donoghue, Jennifer O'Connor, Valerie O'Donoghue, Aoife Fleming and Danielle Quinlan



●**County Champions:** members of the Scoil Bhríde girls soccer team who reached the Munster semi-finals in Waterford recently. Front from left: Claire Scally, Barbara O'Donoghue, Niamh O'Donnell, Valerie O'Donoghue and Aoife Fleming. Back from left: Derry O'Mahony (coach), Melissa Hegarty, Ciara Treacy, Jennifer O'Connor and Mary O'Sullivan, Principal.

## Leipreachán Rugby

by Steven Hayes

On May 19th we took part in the inter schools touch rugby league in the Monastery school. We had two teams, one from 5th class and one from sixth class. We had a great day.

## Community Games County Final Art

Listowel June 8th - 1p.m.

Jamie O'Neill: 1st under 10  
Peg O'Mahony: 1st under 12  
Sara Taddei: 4th under 12  
Well done and good luck to Jamie and Peg when they go to Mosney in September to represent Kerry in the All-Ireland Finals.

## Kerry Schoolboys Soccer League

Congratulations to Shane Galvin, 3rd class who played on goal for Killarney Athletic to help them to win the U.10 county final

## A round up of the Football season.

by Ciara Treacy and Dominic Collins

Before Christmas we took part in the Cumann na mBunscoil schools league and also the league organised by Spa GAA club. After Christmas the boys and girls played in a seven-a-side competition. The boys were beaten by the Gaelscoil in a game in which Patrick O'Donoghue scored a great goal.

The girls were narrowly defeated by Lissivigeen. After Easter, the girls took part in 11-a-side

competition and won out the East Kerry section defeating Faha and Anabla. All the team played really well and were worthy winners.

Many thanks to all those who helped to train us during the year.

### Girls Team:

Jennifer O'Connor, Sarah Hilliard, Niamh O'Donnell, Barbara O'Donoghue, Claire Scally, Ciara Treacy, Melissa Hegarty, Sara Crowe, Grace O'Connor, Jane O'Connor, Valerie O'Donoghue, Martha Healy, Danielle Quinlan, Elaine

O'Donoghue and Aoife Fleming.

### Boys Team:

Brendan O'Mahoney, Steven Hayes, Alan MGough, Michael Lucey, Timothy Watson, Shane McCarthy, Jason Newby, Dominic Collins, Patrick O'Donoghue, Brendan Collins, Jason McCarthy and Richard Maes.

### County Player

Congratulations to Ciara Treacy who is now proudly wearing the green and gold jersey to represent Kerry on the U.14 ladies football team.

## Community Games Art

Well done to Brendan O'Mahoney, Valerie O'Donoghue, Elaine O'Donoghue, Aisling Cronin, Grace O'Donoghue, Peg O'Mahoney, Jamie O'Neill, Risteárd Ó Lionáird, Aimee O'Mahoney, Emma Brady, Amy Murphy and Sara Taddei who won prizes in the Community Games Art Competition.

## Snickers soccer skills

by Steven Hayes

**On Saturday April 26th, Snickers held a soccer skills competition in Ferndale.**

There was an U9's, U11, and over 11's competition. The participants from our school were David Galvin U9's, Darren O'Mahoney U11's and Steven Hayes over 11's.

When the competition got under way, the first skill was the ground pass. It was very tight the whole way through. David Galvin did very well in the competition. Darren Mahoney battled hard and did well in all events. Then we came on to the over 11's. Steven Hayes didn't prove to be on his best form but he did well to come 5th in the competition.

It was very tight in all ages. I would like to thank Derry O'Mahoney for taking his time to come to the school to train us.

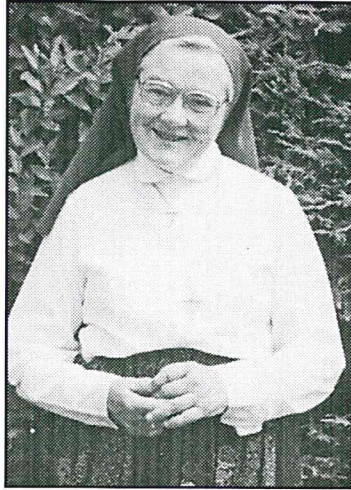
# Celebrations in Muckross

Junior and Senior Infants took part in celebrations organised to honour the Loreto Sisters contribution to Education over the years. Children from the Muckross Area processed with bouquets of flowers and crowned Our Lady in the traditional manner. This was a very emotional part of the ceremony for many, as it evoked many past memories. Children from all classes in the school danced and sang hymns. It was truly a sad, but memorable day.

On November 9th, the Junior infants new religion programme "Alive-O" was officially launched in Muckross Church. The children from senior and junior infants displayed their art work and sang hymns for their new programme.

Mass was said by Fr. Liam Lynch. As part of their new pro-

gramme, prayer services were held in the classroom. We are grateful to all parents and grandparents who made a special effort to be present.



●Sister Margaret O'Doherty, chairperson B.O.M. We wish her a very happy retirement to her native Donegal and we welcome Sister Pauline



●Pictured, those who took part in the May procession for Mary.

## Talented Singer and Dancer

Peg O'Mahony got first prize in traditional English singing and second prize in traditional Irish singing U.12 at the Féile Cheoil in Castleisland on May 11th 1997. She is a regular performer on Kerry Radio.

Well done Peg.

## 'The best day of my life'

by Emily Kelleher

The best day of my life was when the Principal, Mrs. O'Sullivan, came into our classroom and said that I had won the Fia Rua Art Competition. My picture featured "The Owl and the Pussycat". Two weeks afterwards, I went to Bricín to collect my prizes. I got an art set, a plaque and a poetry book called "Poems I wished I had written" by Gabriel Fitzmaurice. I got the author's signature. My father took a picture of me with the poet.

Two weeks later my picture was in the Advertiser. I was delighted.

## Visitors to the school

### by Trevor Bucke

**September 30th, '96:**

Dr. Mary Courtney (Veterinary Surgeon) visited the school showed slides and gave us advice on how to look after our pets.

**October 25th, '96:**

Peter O'Toole, Park Ranger visited the school and showed very interesting slides on the red deer and other wild life in Killarney National Park.

**December 13th, '96:**

Bishop William Murphy visited our school. He shook the hand of every child and asked us all our names.

**February 6th, '97:**

Garda Cathal Walsh visited the school. He spoke to the children in 5th and 6th classes in the afternoon. We learned a lot about the dangers of drugs. That night he spoke to our parents.

We thank them all for taking the time and trouble to visit us.

## Junior and Senior Infant Tour

One of the most important events of our school year was our school Tour to Dundag and our visit to the Traditional Farms in Muckross. The highlight of the day was rubbing the newly born puppies and playing with "Foxy" the dog. For many Junior Infants it was their first trip on the school bus.

We express our thanks to all who helped to make the day a wonderful success.

## Junior School Tour

The 1st and 2nd class went on their school tour on Monday May 26th. Our first stop was the Killarney Transport Museum. The children were particularly interested in the fastest car, the De Lorean. Other slower means of transport were none the less appreciated: the Boneshaker, the Dogcart of Goatcart and the Model T Ford. The Horse Tricycle was much admired.

Then followed a trip to Dawn Dairies where we were given a very interesting tour of the

creamery by Mr. James Walsh and Mr. Donal O'Connor. We ended our tour in the cold storage room which was much appreciated on a wonderful sunny day. Dawn Dairies kindly provided each child with a carton of orange juice.

The Muckross Traditional farm was our last stop. But before this we had a picnic lunch. The puppies proved to be a great attraction as did the great big-muddy sow. At the blacksmith's forge we saw a horse being shod. This was good ending to a great day out.

## Senior School Tour.

by Jennifer O'Connor

This year 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th classes went to Limerick University on June 10th. They participated in an action packed day camp. The slogan of the camp is "Education through activity".

We participated in water activities, e.g.: canoeing, land activities, e.g.: orienteering and novelty activities. We had a great day.

# Basketball News

by Sara Crowe and Brendan O'Mahoney.

We played in the Town League again this year. The girls played Anabla, Neison Babes and SIPTU 2 and won all those matches. In the final we met SIPTU 1 who were a very strong team and had the best of the game. They won 21 : 19 but it was a good game.

Loreto boys basketball team only won one match in the Town League but as Mrs O'Sullivan says "Participation is more important than winning".

Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great time. We would like to give special thanks to Breda

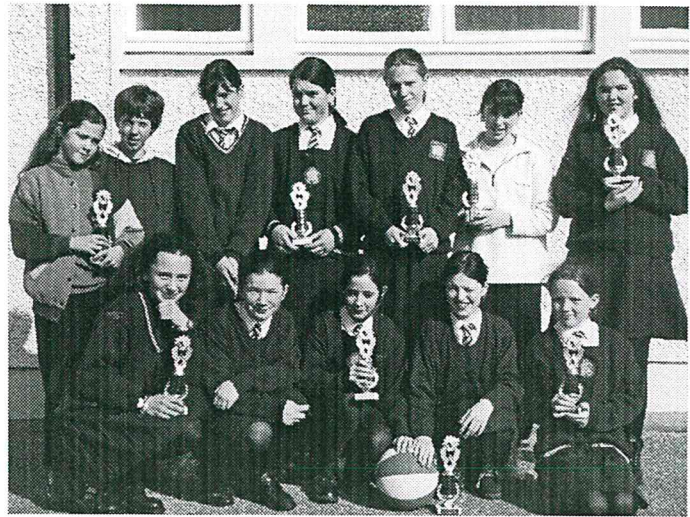
O'Donoghue for coaching us.

## Girls Team:

Claire Scally, Ciara Treacy, Melissa Hegarty, Sharon Healy, Barbara O'Donoghue, Niamh O'Donnell, Sara Crowe, Jennifer O'Connor, Jane O'Connor, Grace O'Connor, Danielle Quinlan, Elaine O'Donoghue, Sarah O'Toole and Lisa Cahill.

## Boys Team:

Alan McGough, Michael Lucey, Timothy Watson, Brendan O'Mahoney, Steven Hayes, Dominic Collins, Shane McCarthy, Jason McCarthy, Brendan Collins, Jason Newby.



Back row from left: Danielle Quinlan, Sarah Hilliard, Claire Scally, Melissa Hegarty, Niamh O'Donnell, Sarah Crowe, Jennifer O'Connor. 2nd Row: Ciara Treacy, Lisa Cahill, Barbara O'Donoghue, Jane O'Connor, Elaine O'Donoghue.

## SIAMSA TÍRE

by: Valerie O'Donoghue

The whole school went to see a play in Siamsa Tíre on the 25th of February. It was Called "Bananas in the Breadbin". It was enjoyed by all ages and it taught us a few lessons, e.g. 'Parents should talk to their children and tell them about what is going on. On the other hand 'children should try to understand that when their parents say "no" to them, it is because they are concerned about them and love them'. It was a great experience to go to the theatre.

# Manor Magic

by Grace O'Connor

On the 10th of March at 8p.m. the Killarney Manor was buzzing with excitement as Loreto Models big and small took to the catwalk. Tots to Teens, Eyecatcher, Culloty's and Mannequin supplied the beautiful clothes for the children and adults. First Communion and Confirmation classes modelled stunning outfits from Tots to Teens and Culloty's Menswear.

The evening began with Irish dancing and traditional music by Loreto pupils. Then we were introduced to Frances O'Connor, the make over mode. She came out wearing casual clothes, but was whisked away and transformed. Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Moynihan compered for the junior models and Junior Finnegan acted as comper for the rest of the show.

After the modelling, Gert Maes did a cookery demonstration which made our mouths water.

The fashion show was a great success, raising funds for the school and providing an enjoyable night out.

Our thanks to all who worked so hard to organise it.

## Our computers

by David Maes.

Now that a few months have passed, we are all enjoying our new computers. It was a wonderful surprise when the computers were introduced to the school. New technology is a wonderful thing. It can give you information about anything and everything, e.g. I am getting information from the Encarta disc for my project on Belgium. My brother practices his Maths on the Mighty Maths disc.

I think computers are a wonderful invention and every school should have one.

## Confirmation Trip

by Jane O'Connor

On the 26th of May, we went on our Confirmation Tour. First we went to St. Mary of the Angels where we played with the children and talked with them. Then we drove to Tomies Wood and set out for O'Sullivan's Cascade.

It was an extremely hot day. We stopped many times to shelter from the sun and to admire the magnificent scenery. When we reached O'Sullivan's Cascade, we paddled in the water and Sarah took photographs. Shortly afterwards Fr. O'Brien said a very special Mass for us as we leave Scoil Bh'ride. We had another picnic overlooking the lake.

We continued on our walk and at around three o'clock we reached the cars. We were very glad to see them. We all had a lovely day.

# Christmas Fancy Dress Parade '96

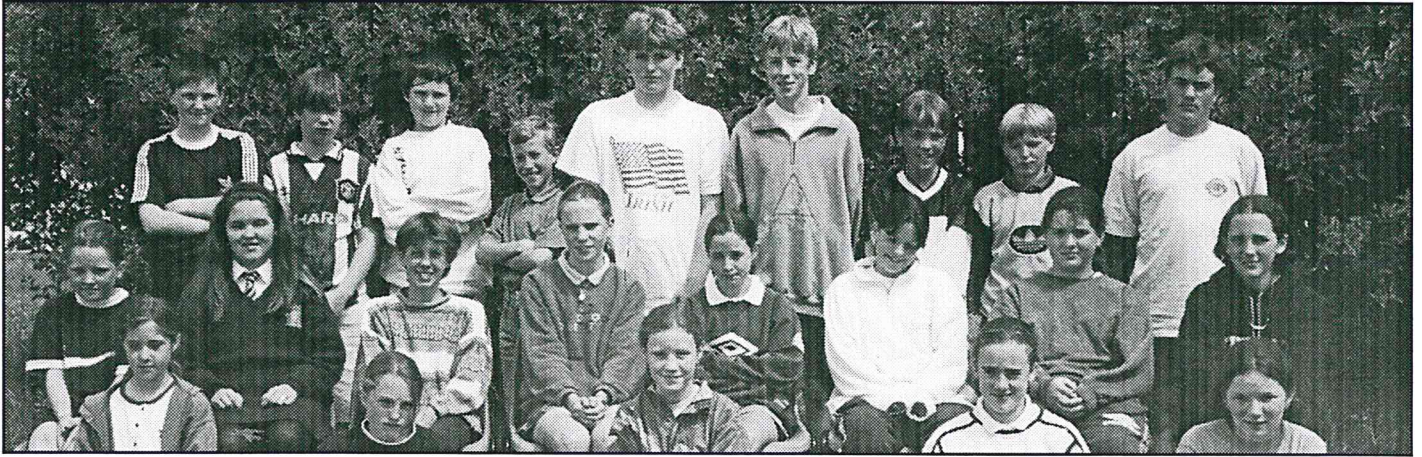
by Jason Newby and Shane McCarthy.

On the 8th December 1996, there was the annual fancy dress parade in Killarney. The Loreto School took part. All the schools in the area took part as well, as did some theatre groups. We were dressed up as people from Walt Disney's "Alladin".

Leading our group was Alladin himself, (Niamh O'Donnell) and Jasmine (Danielle Quinlan) riding the magic carpet pulled by Michael Lucey and Jason with the Genie (Trevor Bucke) along side. Behind them was Jaffar (Sara Crowe) mounted on Shane McCarthy's horse, followed by the whole school dressed up in eastern costumes. We didn't win but we enjoyed the day.

Congratulations to our neighbours Loughgittane School who won and there is always another year for us.

# *Meet Our School*



5th and 6th Classes



3rd and 4th Classes



1st and 2nd Classes



Junior and Senior Infants

# Film Reviews

## Space Jam

by Shane McCarthy

Michael Jordan and Bugs Bunny team up to make the biggest basketball movie ever with great special effects making it even better. The Looney Tunes are in serious trouble when five tiny aliens called Nerdlucks try to capture the Tunes.

Bugs challenges them to a game of basketball. If Bugs' team wins they are free - but if they lose I'd hate to think what

would happen.

Rating 10/10

## Beavis and Butthead do America

by Alan McGough

This is a very funny movie from when Beavis is on the red phone in the oval office to the ending on the plane. I thought it was hilarious.

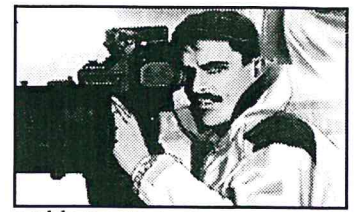
Rating 10/10

## Liar Liar

by Timothy Watson

Jim Carey stars as Max's Dad in this hilarious, crazy, up the wall movie. His son Max asks him to pick him up after school and play with the hat, bat and ball his Dad bought him for his birthday. His Dad cannot be there for his birthday and he lies.

Max wishes that his Dad would not lie for one day. However Dad is a lawyer and sometimes he needs to lie. That's where the



problems start.

Rating 10/10

## Dante's Peak

by Michael Lucey

Pierce Brosnan stars in an action packed movie where a dormant volcano wakes up, but the people of the town won't believe it. I think it is an excellent movie.

Rating 10/10

# Book Reviews

**"Redwall" by Brian Jaques and reviewed by Elaine O'Donoghue**

It is the start of the summer of the late rose. Redwall Abbey the peaceful home of a community of mice slumbers in the warmth of a summer afternoon. The mice are busy preparing for a great feast, but not for long. Cluny is coming. The evil one-eyed rat warlord is advancing with his battle-scarred mob, and cluny wants redwall.... Redwall is a brilliant book. I give it ten out of ten

be pointing at her.

This book is a great read and I enjoyed it alot. I would give it ten out of ten.

**"Landscape With Cracked Sheep" by Mary Arrigan and reviewed by Sarah O'Toole.**

Maeve Morris is going to spend her summer holidays with her grandparents in Galway but she doesn't find this very exciting because her cousin Leo is going and all he does is read. She meets her friend Jamie. Next door to heir grandparents is Gowan House, (a big Old mansion) the Gowan family owned the oused for centuries and now it's up for sale. Lady Gowan who owns the house tells the children that years ago a family heirloom went missing. The story is all about the children on the trail of the missing heirloom. I think its a great book and I would give it nine out of ten.

**Nightmare Hall: "The Nightwalker" by Diane Hoh and reviewed by Lisa Cahill.**

This book is about a girl named Quinn who walks in her sleep. Quinn can never remember where she was in her sleep and sometimes she does terrible things in her sleep. Now there is a crazed night stalker going around and Quinn is shocked when all the evidence seems to

## Chairperson, Adjudicators....

by Melissa Hegarty.

**Fifth and sixth class had two debates this year.**

The young people proved to be great debaters.

The first debate was: "That young people today have a hard life". Fifth class opposed the motion and sixth class proposed the motion. Mrs O'Sullivan was chairperson and Mrs Kissane was the adjudicator. No team won but all speakers were excel-

lent.

It was practice for our next debate. Our second debate was that "Lotto mania is a symptom of our nation's greed". Fifth class opposed the motion and sixth class proposed the motion. In this debate Mrs Marie Cronin and Ms. Patricia O'Reilly were adjudicators. After a very close and exciting contest, sixth class were the winning team.

## Science Works

by Michael Lucey and Alan McGough

The Science Works came to our school on the 24th of March. They showed us lots of experiments including the bottle rocket, the body exhibit, the sound master and the tornado.

Then we crawled through a tunnel into a big tent. A lady used a projector to show us the stars on the roof of the tent. She showed us all the constellations in the sky. It was very interesting.

## The King of Copenhagen by Aoife Fleming

On the 19th of May, West Midland Children's Theatre came to our school. They performed a play, called "The King of Copenhagen". It was very enjoyable with the music of Johann Strauss as sound effects. They invited many of us to go on stage and take part in the play.

Everybody enjoyed it.

## QUIZES

by Barbara O'Donoghue

**This year the school took part in two quizzes, the Credit Union Quiz and The Cadbury's Quiz.**

Scoil Bh'ride was represented by Melissa Hegarty, Stephen Hayes, Jane O'Connor, Grace O'Connor, Ciara Treacy, Brendan O'Mahoney, Barbara O'Donoghue, Sara Crowe and Niamh O'Donnell.

We did very well but were not in a winning place. We got refreshments at half time and consolation prizes at the end. We all enjoyed ourselves.

## The Book Fair

by Lisa Cahill

**During the previous year the Book Fair came to our school.**

The school was allowed to keep 45% of the money spent. Fifth and sixth class alone spent over one hundred pounds.

The school spent this money on books for the school library. Here are examples of some of the books fifth and sixth class

got:

"No Goodbye: by Marita Conlon McKenna.

"Outcast of Redwall" by Brian Jacques".

"The Bellmaker" by Brian Jacques.

Also some "Goosebumps" books and lots more.

"No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting" Mary Warty Montague.

# SPORTS EVENING 1997

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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| 1: Junior Infant Girls 50m running       | 21: Second Class Boys & Girls Sack Race              |
| 2: Junior Infant Boys 50m running        | 22: Third Class Boys & Girls Sack Race               |
| 3: Senior Infant Girls 50m running       | 23: Fourth Class Boys & Girls Sack Race              |
| 4: Senior Infants Boys 50m running       | 24: Fifth Class Boys & Girls Sack Race               |
| 5: First class girls 75m running         | 25: Sixth Class Boys & Girls Sack Race               |
| 6: First class boys 75m running          | 26: Junior Infant Boys & Girls Egg and Spoon         |
| 7: Second class girls 75m running        | 27: Senior Infant Boys & Girls Egg and Spoon         |
| 8: Second class boys 75m running         | 28: First Class Boys & Girls Egg and Spoon           |
| 9: Third class girls 75m running         | 29: Second Class Boys & Girls Egg and Spoon          |
| 10: Third class boys 75m running         | 30: Third Class Boys & Girls Egg and Spoon           |
| 11: Fourth class girls 100m running      | 31: Fourth Class Boys & Girls Egg and Spoon          |
| 12: Fourth class boys 100m running       | 32: Relay St. Anne's V St. Pat's                     |
| 13: Fifth class girls 100m running       | 33: Slow bicycle race (5th and 6th)                  |
| 14: Fifth class boys 100m running        | 34: Long Race (2 laps)                               |
| 15: Sixth class girls 100m running       | 35: Dad's Race (Novelty)                             |
| 16: Sixth class boys 100m running        | 36: Mom's Race (Novelty)                             |
| 17: Pre-schoolers race                   | 37: Teacher's Race (Novelty)                         |
| 18: Junior Infant Boys & Girls Sack Race | 38: Open Relay                                       |
| 19: Senior Infant Boys & Girls Sack Race | Long Jump and B.B. free shots throughout the evening |
| 20: First Class Boys & Girls Sack Race   |  |

### Music and Dancing

by Danielle Quinlan

Mrs O'Leary comes to the school every Wednesday to teach dancing, Mrs Quinlan comes on Tuesday to teach piano and Mr. Moynihan comes every Friday to teach traditional instruments.

At the fashion show the dancers and musicians danced and played beautifully. The class feis is coming up in June for the dancers, and the musicians are practising a tune called Mo Gille Mear to play at the end of year school mass. During the election campaign the Taoiseach John Bruton came to Killarney. Martha Healy sang "By Killarney's Lakes and Fells" and I danced a reel for him.



Danielle Quinlan and Martha Healy who performed for John Bruton on a recent visit to Killarney

### Focal Buíochas

Sincere thanks to the Board of Management Parents Council, our teachers and all the parents who have helped in any way with the running of our school over the past year.

#### The Editorial Team:

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