

Scoil Bhríde—Loreto National School Newsletter

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Welcome to our readers!

Hello everyone! This our seventh issue of our annual newsletter and we hope that you will enjoy reading all about the wonderful things we did throughout the year and of course, all the hard work that we did during the year. As you will see, it was a very busy year for all of us. Scoil Bhríde would like to wish the sixth class every good luck as they go into secondary school. Go dté sibh slán.

The Proceeds of our Newsletter

The proceeds of our school magazine will go to a very good cause—the children of Chernobyl. I am sure you have all heard of the nuclear disaster which happened in Chernobyl of April 25th, 1986.

Our proceeds will go towards giving the children of Chernobyl, a holiday in Killarney when they arrive to stay with their host families for the month of July. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

2002 /2003

A historic year of Football in Scoil Bhríde

History was made this past year in Loreto as both the Senior Girls and Boys were crowned East Kerry Champions in the Cumann na Mbunscoil Football League. This was the first time either title was achieved by the School. Great credit is due to all who participated and your dedication and commitment is now in the history of Scoil Bhríde. Both teams went on to reach the County Semi-finals. Check inside for the true match reports.



Colm Cooper (centre!) presents the senior boys with the East Kerry Cumann na mBunscoil Cup and Medals



Katie Gleeson, Kerry representing Kerry Ladies Football and past pupil of Loreto, presents the senior girls with the East Kerry Cumann na mBunscoil Cup and Medals

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Senior Girls Basketball team

The road to success in the Cummann na mBunscoil Football League

Where it all began

By Tom Lucey

Loreto V Tiernaboul

On September 26th, 2002, Tiernaboul came to our school for a challenge match. Our captain was John Paul O'Connor. The game got under way, Killian Treacy scored along with Donal O'Donoghue, John Paul O'Connor and a few others. Tiernaboul scored a few good points. At half-time we were in the lead by three points. When the second half began Tiernaboul scored a goal and two points. That put them in the lead but right away Donal scored two goals and Killian Treacy scored a point. The game was over. We had won. We all had a great time and everyone got a game.

East Kerry Semi-final

By John Paul O'Connor

On Thursday 17th October it was spilling rain when we arrived in school. We were due to play Knockaderry at 10 O'clock. Mrs O'Sullivan rang Knockaderry to discover that the sun was shining in Farrenfore, so we set off with our hopes high. We were having three matches – the senior boys semi-final, a friendly boys and girls match.

John Paul opened the match with a point. This was quickly followed by a point from Donal and another from Fionn. Then Knockaderry got a goal levelling the score after only five minutes. Donal scored three goals in quick succession, one which he volleyed in beautifully, showing his quick reaction to an opportunity. Fionn came from mid-field to score a point. Knockaderry responded with two points but Killian Buckley surged from the half-back line to score another point for Loreto, leaving the score at half-time Loreto 3 – 6, Knockaderry 1 – 2. We were playing well as a team, helping each other out and it was paying off.

The Path to the final

By David Galvin

There were eight teams in East Kerry this year and in our group we played Scartaglen N.S., Gneeveguilla N.S. and Kilcummin N.S. In two hard fought exciting matches we defeated Scartaglen N.S. and Gneeveguilla. However Kilcummin got the upper hand of us narrowly defeating us by one point so we came second out of our group. We went on to meet Knockaderry N.S. as they were the winners of the second group. The girls also got a chance to play against the Knockaderry girls team.

As the second half resumed Fionn and John Paul were well in control in mid-field. Our backs Daniel, Frank, Killian Buckley and David were marking tightly and defending really well. Conor Collins was superb in goal making some fine saves. Donal and Michael were working well together with Shaun Keane and Killian Treacy in the forwards. We scored three goals and three points in the second half. Knockaderry replied with a spirited two goals and three points, but it was not enough. The final score was Loreto 7 – 9, Knockaderry 3 – 5. Knockaderry were a sporting side and they wished us well in the final.



Well done to Donal & Frank who represented the School in the McDonnell's Skils Competition and came second.

East Kerry Final

By Conor Giffin.

We were very excited training for the East Kerry Final against our old rivals Kilcummin. The match was played on Tuesday 22nd October in Fossa. We had made history as this was the furthest Loreto had ever come in the Cumann na mBunscoil League.

We had played Kilcummin in our first match and had been narrowly defeated. Now, both teams had improved and we were anxious to win.

Our captain on the field was David Galvin and our captain on the bench was Harry Cunningham. It was a very closely fought contest with Loreto proving themselves and emerging victorious as East Kerry Champions. We had learned not to let our guard down, and were thrilled to be moving on to the County Semi-Final.

The team on the day was: Conor Collins, Daniel O'Connor, Frank Cronin, Killian Buckley, David Galvin, Fionn Fitzgerald, John Paul O'Connor, Donal O'Donoghue, Michael Daly, Killian Treacy, Shaun Keane, Conor Griffin, Harry Cunningham, Brian Cahill, Anthony Hayes, Jack Madden and David McCarthy.

Our Manager was Mrs. O'Sullivan

County Quarter Final

By Clodagh Fitzgerald

On the 9th November, Loreto Senior Boys ran on to Beaufort pitch, to play against Ballymacelligott School in the county quarterfinal. There was a great atmosphere at the pitch. Loreto were cheered on by a great group of supporters.

Nora Hallissey was the referee for the match. In goals for Loreto was Conor Collins, our tow full backs were Daniel O'Connor and Frank Cronin, our half backs were David Galvin and Killian Buckley, our determined mid fielders were John Paul O'Connor and Fionn Fitzgerald, our half forwards were Michael Daly and Donal O'Donoghue, and last but not least our two full forwards were Killian Treacy and Shaun Keane.

At 2 o'clock the ball was thrown up and Loreto went out in front with a lovely goal from Donal. With that, the team was spurred on and kept the lead, though Ballymac got a fifty goal and a few points, but to keep the lead, Fionn scored an important goal. At half time the score was Loreto 2 – 5, Ballymac 1 – 7. Mrs O'Sullivan said a few words of encouragement to the team, then the whistle blew for the second half.

The next half was a lot more intensive. Ballymac were getting point after point. At one stage we were down by 5 points, but to bring us back into the game,

Killian Treacy scored 2 brilliant goals and unfortunately for the opposition they let in an own goal. We were than back in the lead. Ballymac started to get a lot of frees but with the help of our great backs and our brilliant goalkeeper they didn't score much. Ballymac scored another goal so we started to get worried again but to secure the victory for Loreto Donal got a vital point. The final score was Loreto 5 –6, to Ballymac 2- 11.

Nora Hallissey blew the whistle and all the Loreto team and supporters cheered with delight. We were thrilled and were through to the semi-finals. Even though one sub, Alan Maguire, played in the match all the subs were just as happy to get the chance for another match. With a few words from our two captains the Loreto team and fans left with great smiles on their faces.

County Semi-Final

By Fionn Fitzgerald

Loreto's historic run in the football championship sadly came to an end at the hands of Glenbeigh. There was fierce excitement in our school as it was the biggest football event in the history of the school. The contest was fought again in Beaufort. The Loreto team lost by the slimmest of margins, one point.

Loreto had a bad start but finished the half very strongly, thanks to points from Donal and goals from Donal and Killian Treacy. The half-time score was Glenbeigh 2 –5, Loreto 2 – 4.

We had a big half-time talk from Breda and Mrs O'Sullivan. They said we played a brilliant first half and to never give up in the second half.

Glenbeigh played well in the first 10 minutes. Things changed and Loreto kept in touch with a good a lot of points. With normal time up, in injury time Loreto had a one-point advantage over Glenbeigh. However, Glenbeigh got two more points and that left us a point behind with seconds remaining.

The unfortunate thing for us was that we just couldn't find an equalizing point. We were very disappointed but everyone said we played very well. We lost but we were proud because we had made history for the school.

Then Mrs O'Sullivan, treated us all to a drink and taytos. It was great to get to the semi-final and though we lost it was a great experience for all concerned.

Seachtaine na Gaeilge 2003

Asling Asal

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Caoimhe Doyle 2ND

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HÍ HÓ APRIL ASAL!

COLIN O' DONOGHUE 2ND

Anthony Asal

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Christopher Buckley 2ND

TOMÁS TARBH

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TOMÁS O' SULLIVAN 2ND

SARAH SIGIN

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HÍ HÓ SARAH SICÍN!

APRIL FOLEY 2ND

BRIANNA BEAR

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Chuaigh Brianna Bear
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Hi Ho Brianna Bear !!

Brianna McDonnell 2nd

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Colin cangarú

CHUAIGH APRIL ASAL

Chuaigh colin cangarú

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Hí hó colin cangarú

CHUAIGH APRIL ASAL

GEARÓID COUGHLAN 2ND

GO DTÍ AN SIOPA LÁ

HÍ HÓ APRIL ASAL!!!!

Ben Bó

ELLEN O SULLIVAN 2ND

Chuaigh Ben bó

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Chuaigh Ben bó

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Hi hó Ben bó!!!

Gearóid Gabhar

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Hí hó Gearóid gabhar!!!!

Conor Keane 2ND

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April Asal

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Sarah Treacy 2ND

Elizabeth Fuller 2ND

Mamáí Madra

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Laurence Byrnes 2ND

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Senior Boys take the Town League Title for the third year in a row



Junior Boys Basketball

*By Dylan McDonnell, Shaun Keane,
Alan O'Connor,
David McCarthy and Killian Treacy*

Loreto boys made it through to qualify after some hard games. In the quarter final we played Two-Mile. Loreto had an easy game against them. The score was 13-2. The semi final against Anabla was a very hard game. The final score was 13-12. We made it to the final for the first time. We were playing Coolick. We had already played them in one of the qualifying games. We beat them 26-18 and won the Town League. We would like to thank John Keane for giving up his free time to train us.

Starting Team: Shaun Keane (C), David McCarthy, Killian Treacy, Sean Coppinger, Conor Keane

Subs: Alan O Connor, Dylan McDonnell, Anthony Cronin, Colin O'Donoghue, Gearoid Coughlan, Patrick Coppinger, Laurence Byrnes, Brian Murphy

Girls reaching for the stars

*By Rachel O'Donoghue,
Niamh O'Donoghue, Blaithín Cronin*

On Sunday 27th April, Loreto junior girls played in the final of the Town League was held in St. Mary's Parish Hall. The league finals started at twelve o'clock and ended around six. We played at two o'clock against Firies. The game was very tight at half time. In the second half both teams played their hearts out, but in the end Loreto managed to pull through and won the league. The final score was 15-11 in favour of Loreto. Our team included- Rachel O'Donoghue, Blaithín Cronin, Niamh O'Donoghue, Katelyn Murphy, Jennifer Courtney, Cliona Brown and Rebecca Galvin. Our Coach was Breeda O'Donoghue. There was a great atmosphere. All our parents were delighted to see that we had won the league for the second time in a row. At the end of the day we were all presented with gold medals. We would like to thank all our supporters and Firies for a great game. Finally, we would like to thank Breeda O'Donoghue for all her time and support and continues hard work for our school.

A Musical Night with Radio Kerry.

By Anthony Hayes

The biggest musical event of the year for many of the Loreto pupils was the night that they were recorded by Radio Kerry in the Muckcross Community Centre, doing what they do best – singing, playing music and even reciting poetry.

The night was a great success and an exciting night for many because it was their first time being on radio. It was an opportunity for the school to show our talents in public. The Loreto poetry group recited a very good poem and a lot of fourth and fifth class were in the singing group. They sang "Trup, trup a chapailin" and "Oh, Suzanna". The tin whistle group were also excellent. They played "Turn on the Sun", and "Oh, Suzanna" followed by Anthony Hayes playing two solos "The South Wind" and "Mary in the Woods". Killian Buckley played an excellent tune on his trumpet. Mrs. Buckley, one of our teachers sang a beautiful song while playing her harp. All in all it was a memorable night for everyone.

Our First Holy Communion

By: Caoimhe Doyle, Tomas O'Sullivan, Ben Quinlan and Sarah Treacy—2nd Class.

The second class children from Loreto school made their first holy communion on Saturday May 17th at 10.00 a.m. in the Church of the Holy Spirit Muckcross. The Priest for the very special day was Fr. Kerin and he said that we were vip's for the day. It was to be one of the best days of our lives. Mrs O'Sullivan welcomed us warmly and told us to relax and enjoy the day.

The Holy Mass was carefully organised so that all of the children had a special job to do. As the children went up the choir sang "This is the Day the Lord has made" and we felt we were going to burst with excitement and nervousness. Everyone looked back and smiled as we walked up the aisle.

Caoimhe Doyle brought up the Alive O Religion Book. Laurence Byrnes brought up the Holy Bible, Brianna McDonnell brought up a statue of Mary, Colin O'Dongohue brought up an enrolment certificate. Shona O'Sullivan brought up flowers to put at Holy Mary's statue. Cian O'Lionaird brought up the communion certs. April Foley and Tomas O'Sullivan brought up the baptismal candles and when this procession was over we sat beside our families feeling happy and proud.

The church looked magnificent. There was a photographic exhibition called "The creation of Muckcross" and the photographs were spectacular. The parent's council did the flowers and they were beautiful.

All the boys looked handsome in their suits, and the girls were stunning in their long white dresses. They were made of satin, Lace, taffeta, cotton and diamonds and pearls were sewn on to them to make them sparkle and glisten. Straight hair was curled and curly hair was straightened and held in place with flowers, tiaras and veils. It was important to look nice, but it was more important to be aware of what was happening on our First Holy Communion Day. For years we had to stay in the benches while our parents got Holy Communion. Now we are able to go to the altar with them. Some of the mummies and daddies participated in the celebration and were wonderful.

Colm O'Sullivan, Ellen's Dad did the first reading. It was about loving one another. Derry Doyle, Caoimhe's Dad did the second reading and it was about what happened at the last supper. Ben Quinlan, Christopher Buckley and Conor Keane sang the responsorial psalm like angels. They were super.

Fr. Kerin gave us a little talk after the gospel. He told us how Jesus brought a little girl who was dead back to life. She was the daughter of Jairus. The prayers of the faithful were ready by Ann Byrnes, Shaun Keane, Rachel Foley, Emma Treacy, John Fuller, Jessica O'Sullivan and Caroline O'Donoghue.

At the offertory Bernie O'Sullivan and Ger Coughlan brought up the bread and wine while the tina whistles played Amazing grace. The musicians were Meadhbh and Sorcha Daly and Meadhbh Healy.

Following the consecration our big moment was coming closer and our hearts were pounding and our legs shaking. Laurence Byrnes was the first to receive the Bread of Life. We approached the Altar with our parents behind us. Strange thought sent through our heads like what would the Holy Bread taste like. At last we received the food for our souls and the host did not taste like anything else we ever had.

Toirdealbhach O'Lionaird read a lovely poem called why is it Lord. By Christy Kennelly. It was about how differently children see things from their parents.

All the months of preparation was worthwhile and we were rewarded by having Jesus in our hearts. We felt holy, clean, happy, excited and proud and we walked down the aisle like we were walking on air. It was the best feeling ever.

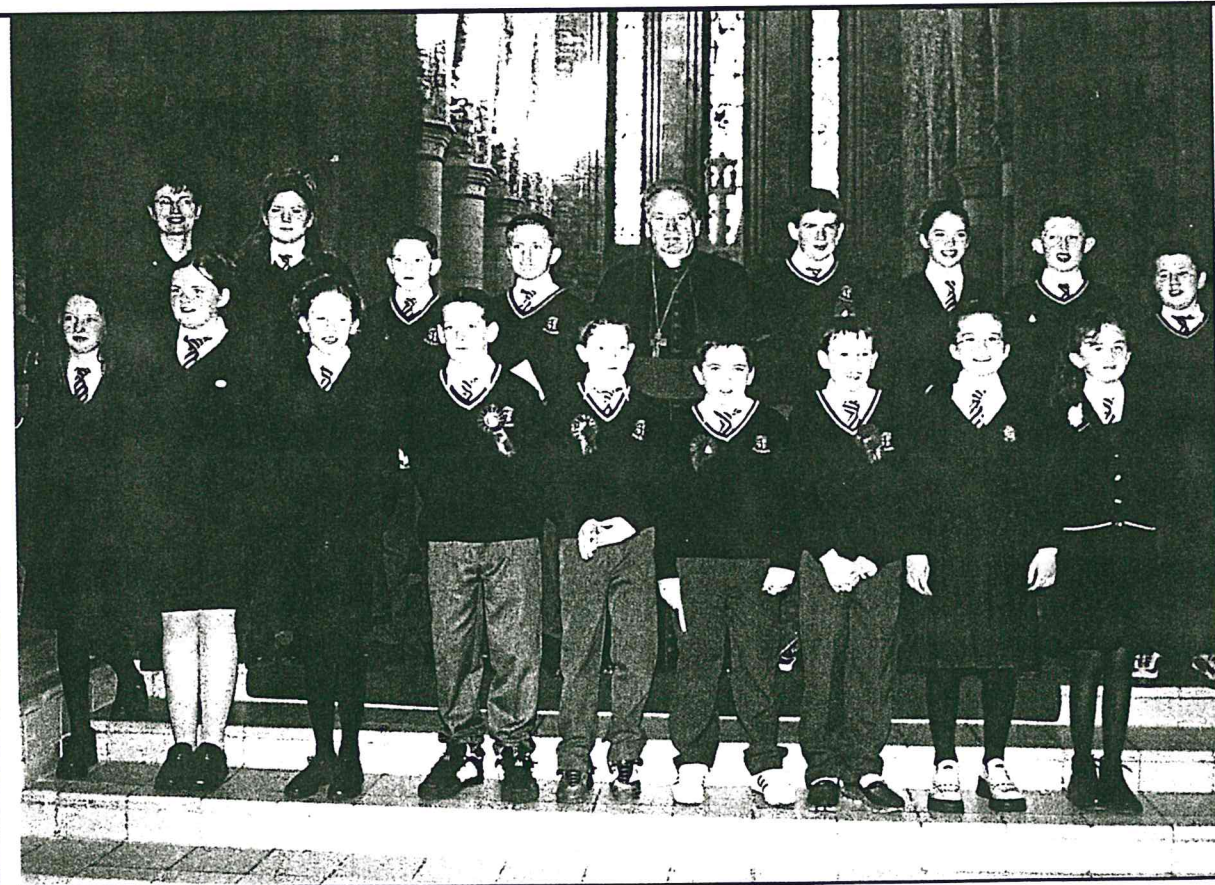
The choir sang throughout the first communion mass and made it holy and special. The children gave up their Saturday to support and helped to make the day a day we will remember always. Harry & Dylan were the altar servers and did their job with great respect.

To the singing of Go Now in Peace we walked proudly out of the church. We were thrilled, people were congratulating us and giving us cards and presents—it was better than Christmas. We had our class photo in Sr. Pauline's Garden and it was dry and sunny.

There was refreshments in Muckcross Community Centre. All the families left to enjoy the day in different ways, some went to restaurants and some went home, but we all had the best day of our lives and we will never forget it. We haven't forgotten poor children. We have collected £300 for the Charity—Children helping Children.



The First Communion 2003, with Fr. John Kerin, Esther O'Connell and Faith Friends—Jaymie O'Neill and Elaine O'Donoghue.



The 2003 Confirmation class, pictured With Bishop William Murphy and Mrs Mary O'Sullivan

The Confirmation

By David Galvin

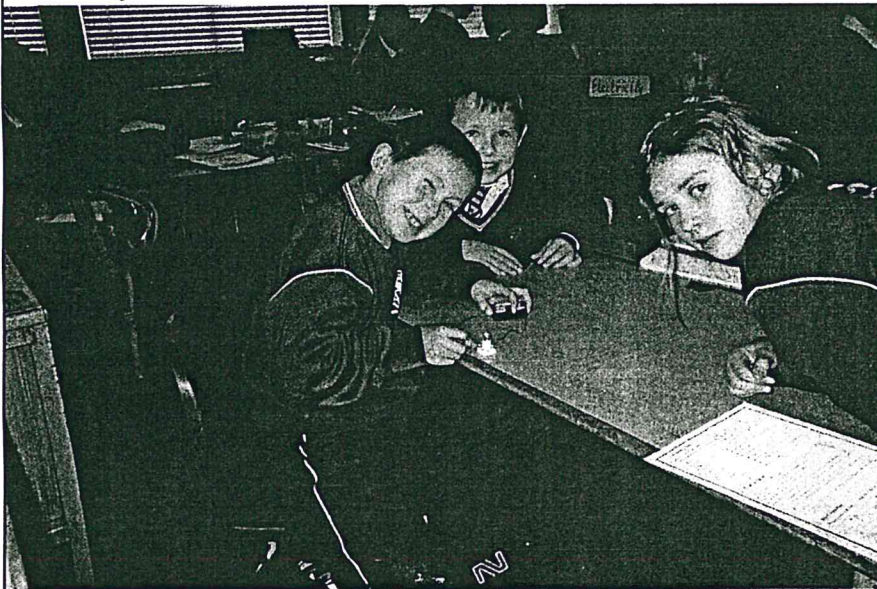
We started to prepare for the Confirmation after Christmas. Mrs. Buckley was helping us with the songs and hymns. We had a lot of hymns to learn. We sang our hearts out. Mrs O'Sullivan was a great help to us because she helped prepare for the ceremony. She would pretend to be the Bishop, so we would know what to do and where to stand on the day.

At the start of March we started going to choir practice with all the other schools. There was Holy Cross N.S., Monastery N.S., Lissivigeen N.S., Loughquittane N.S. and of course, Loreto N.S.

The confirmation was on the 21st March and started at 11. a.m. The girls got up early to do their hair. The confirmation took about two hours. We were all nervous about doing everything right. But when it was over we were happy because it was a lovely ceremony. Bishop Murphy was very very nice. Everyone was delighted with Confirmation and we will remember it forever.

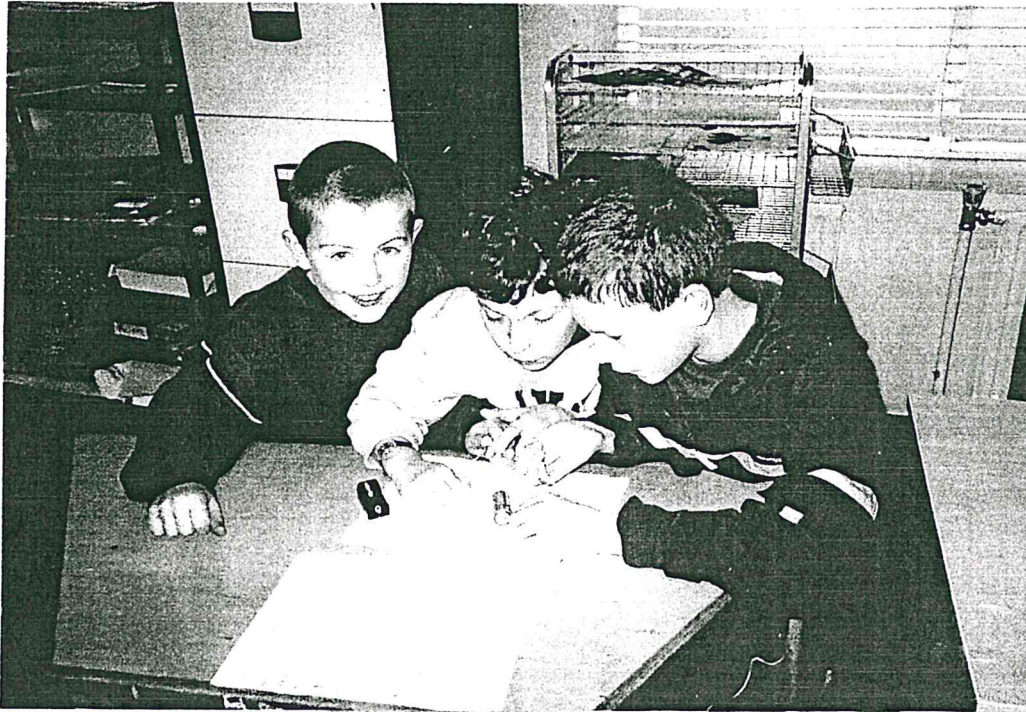
My class and I would like to thank – Mrs O'Sullivan, Mrs Buckley, Bishop Murphy, the children that participated, people that drove us to choir practice and anyone that helped out in the Confirmation.

Science Week



Some 2nd and 3rd class pupils carrying out science experiments during science week





Delight as Brendan Fuller, Killian Treacy & Killian Buckley are the first to light up.

*Below
Not to many "light years" behind were
Brendan O'Shea, Sean Coppinger & Niamh O'Donoghue*



Feis Maitiú

On March 28th 2003 I took part in Feis Maitiu in Cork. My dad, my friend, his dad and I went together to the Father Matthew hall. There were twenty other brass players in the competition. I played the Baritone and I had to play two contrasting pieces. The adjudicator was from England and was very encouraging to everybody. I was Highly Commended and I hope to go back again next year.

By Killian Buckley.

Memories of our Christmas Play

By Meadhbh Daly and Rebecca Galvin

On December 17th 2002 fourth and fifth class performed a play for our parents and grandparents at twelve o'clock noon. The name of our play was "Star of Wonder with a difference". Our teacher Mrs. Hickey produced it. Kelly Ann Ryan and Rachel O'Donoghue designed the programme. We sold the programmes and gave the money to mothers who fasted for the poor. Killian Buckley and Meadhbh Healy typed the programme and Rachel Foley made a poster. Mrs. Healy made the angel's costumes. We were rebellious teenagers in the play and wanted to go the 'disco' Christmas night. All our parents thought we were outstanding. We were very excited. After the play Fr. John Kerin gave us his blessing. We gave out sweets to the parents and actors. A photographer came and took pictures. We would like to thank our parents, our teacher Mrs. Hickey and all the teachers for making our day a success.



IV & V Class proclaim the Christmas Spirit



Prize winners Rachel O'Donoghue & Julia Buckley (on behalf of Killian) in joyful mood at Our Lenten Raffle



Tree Planting Day at Scoil Bhríde 2003



Ok, Niamh & David this is what you got to do—it says it here in the book

The Tree Planting Ceremony

By: Claudia Carroll & Katelyn Murphy

A tree planting ceremony took place in the school grounds on March 5th, 2003. The last time a ceremony took place was in 1987 when an eucalyptus and an oak tree were planted in the front lawn. They have now grown to be tall trees. The school got the trees from Coillte. The trees were sponsored by Hegarty's Spar, Muckcross. Patrick Mullins and Patrick O'Shea planted the trees and Larry Kerry was there from Coillte to tell the pupils of Loreto about the trees. Frank Lewis also came as he was doing a project on the environment. Michelle Cooper-Galvin, the photographer, was there and she took photographs of the children around the trees. David Naughton and Niamh O'Sullivan were lucky as they were picked to hold the trees as they were the youngest students in the school.

ME & MY PIANO...



On the 29th of November 2002 I did my piano exam. I was both nervous and excited as the exam morning dawned. I had practised a lot and I hoped to do well.

I was pleasantly pleased on the day and all I could do then was wait anxiously for the results. I was delighted...I was awarded ninety three points out of a hundred...I had earned a distinction! I was very proud of myself. I have just done my next grade exam now and I hope to do well again!

by **RACHEL FOLEY.**

Our Trip to Muckross

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On the 27th of March Mrs. Hickey and our class went to Muckross, Mr. Dan Kelliher was our guide. First we went to the weather station. There were soil thermometers of various lengths there and we saw an evaporation tank. He showed us what it did and he told us that records were kept and sent to Met Eireann. Later that day we went to play football after playing football, Dan Kelliher, our guide took us to the nursery. He showed us a mercury-powered light that reacted like a mini sun. Then we had a race up to the hedge and back. At Muckross House, Mr. Kelliher told us all the history surrounding the house; that the stone used to build the house had to be imported from Bath in England and the paving stones are Portland stone. On our walk to the Abbey, we saw a tree planted by Queen Victoria and also a tree planted by the former Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds. Mr. Kelliher showed us the Dungeon and the other rooms of the Abbey. On our way to the car park we saw a red wood and some other trees. When we got back to the school our teacher Mrs. Hickey gave us no homework because she had no time. Special thanks to Mrs. Buckley and Mrs. Foley who accompanied us and to Mrs. Breeda O' Donoghue and Mrs. Galvin who drove us.



"4th class Branch out"

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Weather Station*





