



happy days





**“Bhí sceitimíní ar na daoine go leir”**

## an cluiche



**Bhí an sliotar ag eitilt san aer,  
Bhí sceitimíní ar na daoine go leir.  
Bhéic siad, “Buail”  
Isteach leis sa chúl,  
Léim me in airde san aer.**

Prionsias de Bhailis,  
Gaelscoil an Teaghlaigh Naofa



Picture - Lisa Cahill  
North Presentation Primary School

# autumn breeze

**Swiftly slowly to the ground,  
Children stamping on the leaves,  
They are blowing all around.  
Children running, jumping, playing  
In the autumn breeze.**

Aoife Ní Chochláin  
Gaelscoil an Teaghlaigh Naofa

**“They are blowing all around”**



Picture - Éilís Ní Bhriain  
Rang 2  
Gaelscoil Mhachan

# screen printing



They came to talk about turtles,  
They showed us pictures,  
They told us the turtles were becoming extinct.

We painted  
To get money  
To keep the turtles.

We took a trip to Fota  
We saw other animals that were becoming extinct.  
And all the schools linked together  
Making money for the fundraiser.



People here, people there  
In Tigh Filí.  
Generous, kind, buying our turtles  
That we drew down from our minds.

Happy faces  
Here and there. We all worked together  
And we made our share.

Now the turtles are free  
In harmony safe and sound  
Living on for years around.

Text & Picture  
Tia MacMahon  
Scoil Ursula



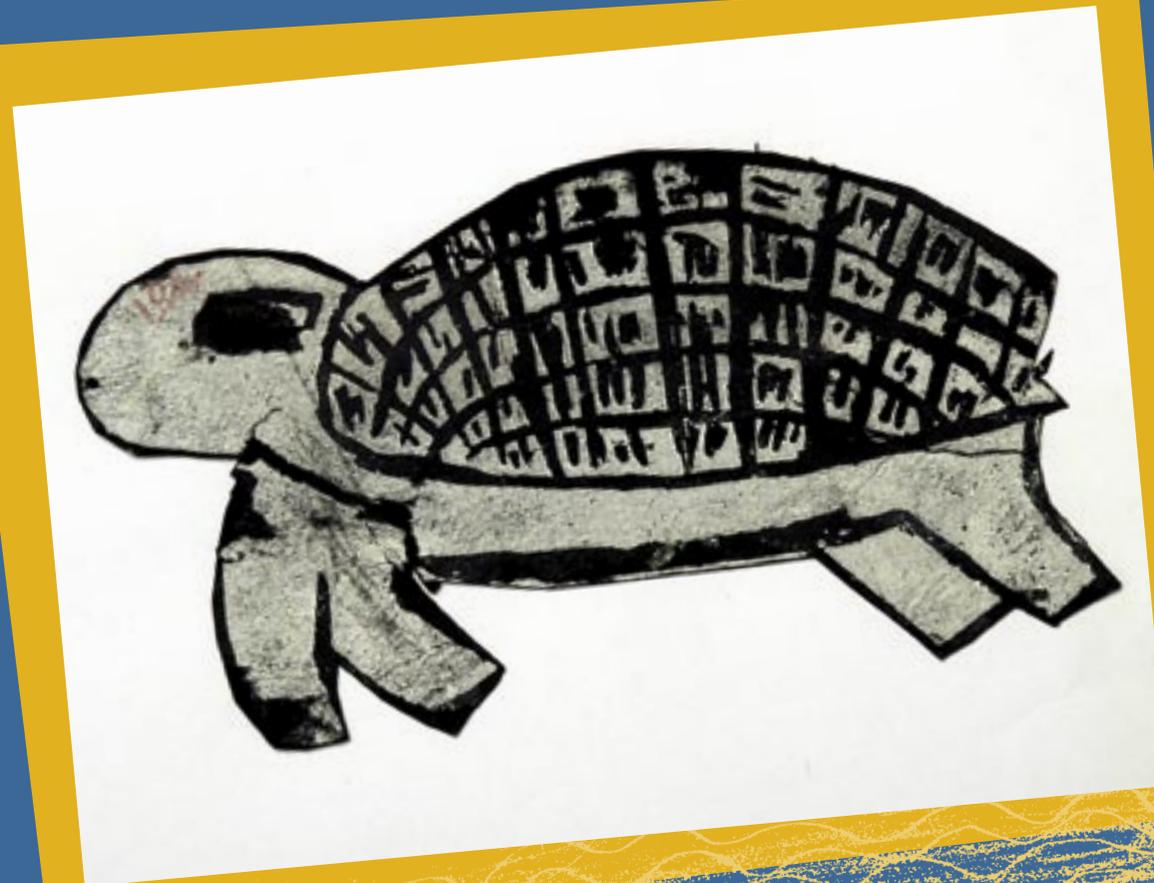
## turtle song

**Been here for millions of years,  
Swimming the seas and the oceans.  
Why can't we be left alone?  
Gliding along in slow motion.**

**This species don't want to die out,  
If we can we'll stay forever.  
So come along and help out,**

**To take our eggs, you must never.**

5th Class pupils from Sunday's Well BNS.



Picture - Tracey Fleming  
Scoil Ursula

## camogie final

**Clash, clash my head bangs against metal,  
Helmets and hurleys at the ready  
Blow from the whistle, I hear loud clapping,  
Our match against Mayfield has started.**

**My heart beats faster as we score our first goal,  
Our team are all cheering  
Smiles on their faces,  
Show their determination.**

**Despair and disappointment as their sliotar  
Bounces off the back of our net,  
But instead of frowning we push on with passion.  
Soon all was finished and jerseys in the wash.**

**We hadn't won the final,  
But true companionship and team  
Work on the day,  
Had shone through.**

**Winning isn't everything  
We still have our pride  
Next time we will run out on the field  
With our heads held high.**

Shannon O' Callaghan  
Scoil Ursula



# morning star news

compiled by 6th class

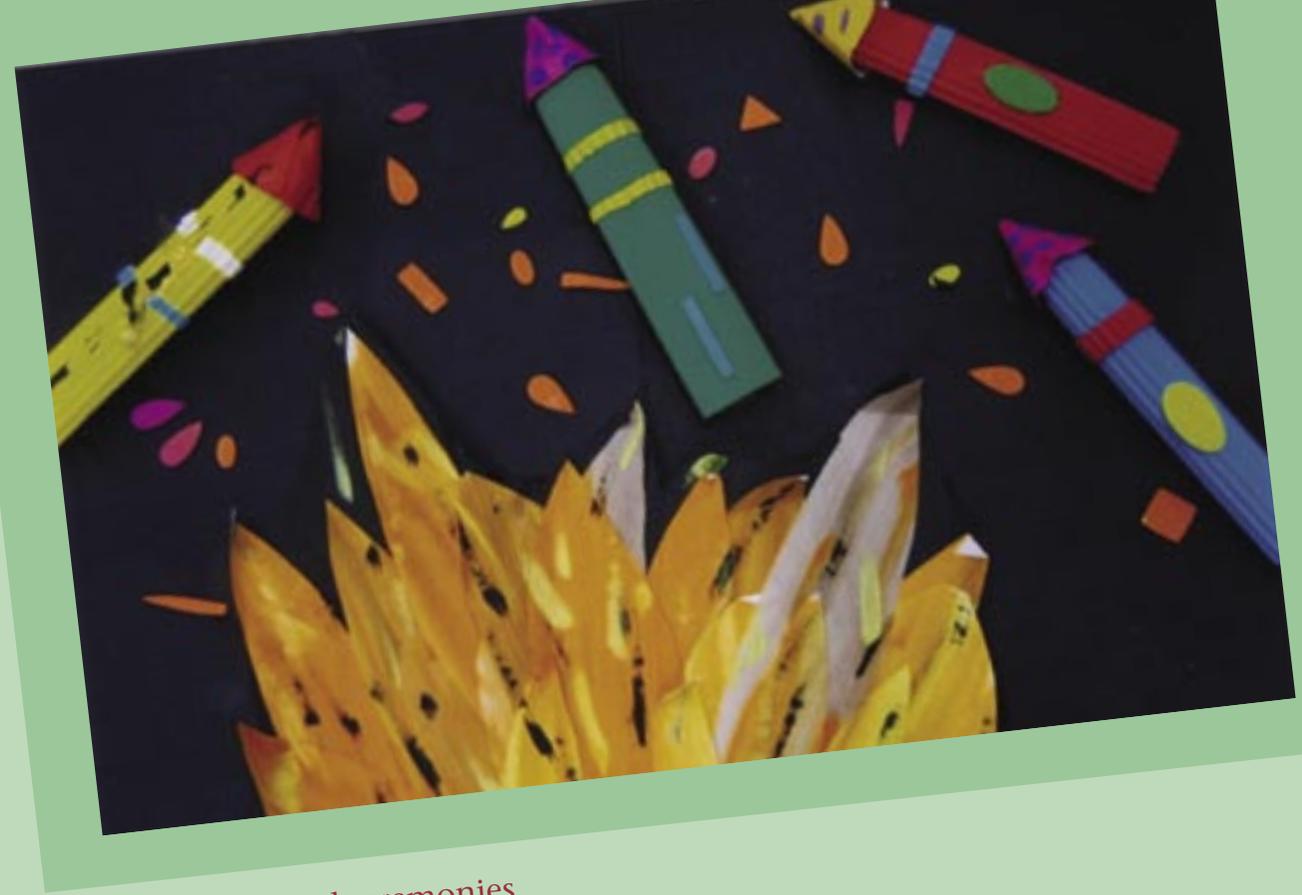
## morning star

OUR school is located on Connolly Road, Ballyphehane. We are an all-boys school and have classes from Junior Infants right up to Sixth Class. 'Ar scáth a cheile a fhásaimid' is our school motto, which means that we all work together under the one roof, so to speak. We're a busy school, and there's always something happening which we write about each week in the parish newsletter. - Keith Mc Carthy, David Quinlan

## assemblies

EVERY month we have an assembly in school. Each class takes turns to say a poem or sing a song for the rest of the classes. When it was our turn, we sang one song and said two poems. We practised a lot the week before but when the day came, I was a bit scared. I got over it though. First we recited our Irish poem, then we sang a song called King of the Road, and then our English poem. I was delighted when it was all over.

- Craig Dowling



## award ceremonies

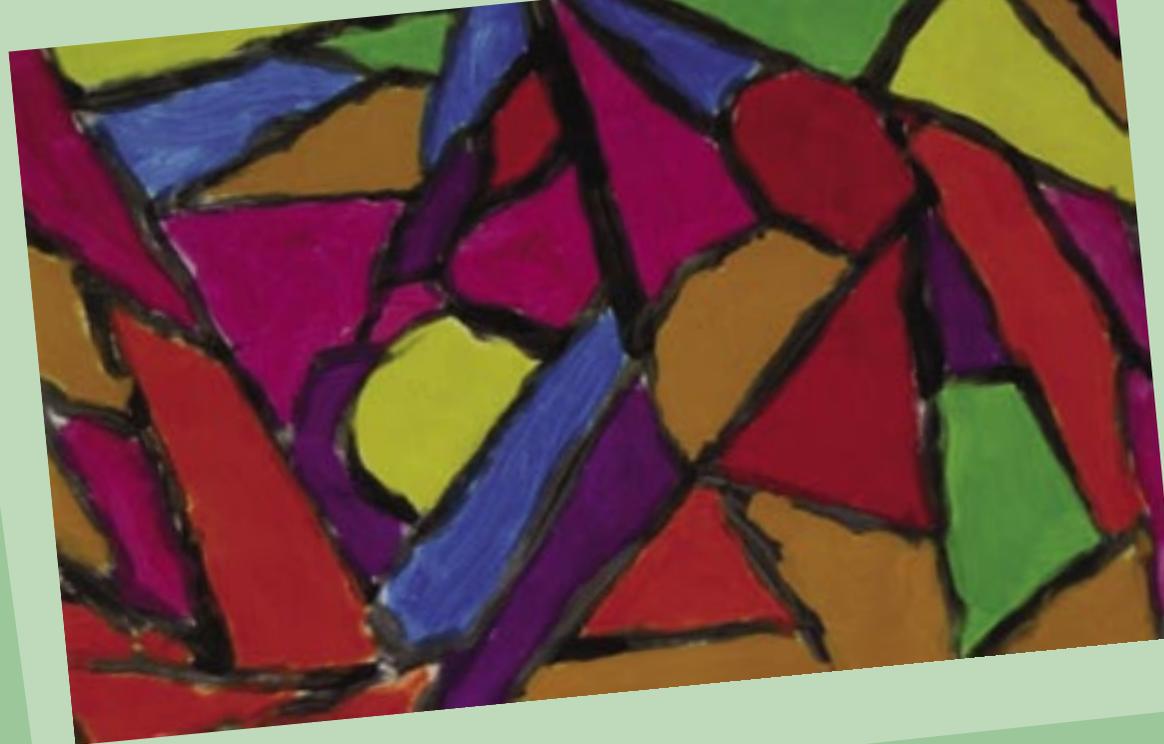
AT the awards, we all sit down in the halla. We must stay very quiet. Mr Burke, the principal, hands out the awards for homework, Irish, effort, attendance and punctuality. Whoever wins the award must stay back to have their photos taken, which are then hung up on the school walls. - Aaron Brothers and Ross O'Keeffe

## red & white day

WE had a red & white day this year, where we all wore our Cork jerseys. We had a competition for each class. Cian Long won it for Fifth. He had his face painted. We all came into the halla. Ronan Curran brought the Liam McCarthy Cup, and almost everyone got to touch it. He gave us all his autograph. I hope we win it again - come on the Rebels!

- Joey Duggan, Dean Mullins, David O'Sullivan

**“ I like art the best because it’s fun”**



Pictures by Morning Star pupils

### ceílí mór i mbaile feithean

WE had a ceílí in our school the day after St Patrick’s Day. We were all taught to dance in Irish, or should I say to Irish dance! We all had partners from different classes. It was hard to get the steps right, but most of us were very good. Keith McCarthy was given a special prize. The class had a very good time and we all enjoyed it. - James O’Sullivan

### arts & crafts

OF all our school activities, I like art the best because it’s fun. We build things with clay and paint pictures, as well as printing and drawing. I love working with clay: we make pots, cars, tiles, men and all sorts of things. When we print, we sketch a picture of something onto a see-through piece of plastic. Then we put ink on it and roll it onto cardboard. Art is so fun! - Cian Long & Kieran Higgins

### christmas party

WE had a great Christmas party, and we also had a disco. We had chips an’ all! The teachers sang lots of songs {badly!}. We were all limbo dancing. It was really good fun and we can’t wait for next year’s party. - Keith Aherne and Keith Sweeney



**“We had chips an’ all!”**

# the ballet



**Some ballet dancers came to our school last May**



**A girl wore a tutu**



**The dancers wore lovely boots**

**I had a nice time**

Ciara O'Connell  
Scoil Ursula



**Last year in the month of May  
We saw a new dance  
It was called ballet  
Small, tall whatever your height  
If you practised enough you'd get it right.**

**They stood up tall and pointed their toes  
Jumped around and wiggled their nose  
From Russia to France and Ireland too  
All different dances to see and do.**

**The dress they wore was called a tutu  
The tights, the hair and the shoes  
All the accessories you'd have to choose.**

Mollie Hurley  
Scoil Ursula



Sculpture - Natalie Buckley  
6th Year  
St Patrick's College

## eruption

**Crowds correspond to launch toe-tapping leaps  
As Corkonians take on Patrick's Street.  
Salute Father Mathew, on stone, yet keep  
To the pace to catch the frolicking fleet.  
Walked Lapp's Quay among thousands of others,  
Drizzle dared to dampen high occasion,  
The bridge overlooking the Lee waters  
Hid the non-known in snake like formation.**

**Sudden silence, distant banging of feet,  
Brittle spine receives rush of shivershock.  
Sudden occult, euphoria and heat,  
All postponed statues awaiting unlock.  
Hence, an eruption of rainbow-like light.  
The ashes weigh through a moonlit, midnight.**

Claudia Lee  
Presentation Secondary School  
Ballyphehane



*"Brittle spine receives rush of shivershock"*



## la iontach ag siopadóireacht

An tseachain seo caite, bhí an bua ag mo mhamaí sa Chrannchur Naisiunta. Thug sí 500 euro dom. Bhí an t-ádh liom. Chuaigh mo mhamaí agus mise go Mahon Point. D'fhágamar an carr sa charrclós. Dúirt mo mhamaí go raibh cead agam dul ag siopadóireacht i m'aonar.

Chuaigh mé suas an staighre beo go dtí an dara úrlar go dtí siopa éadaí. Fuair me cóta nua. Bhí se go h-álainn. Bhí dath bán air. Ní raibh aon chochail air. Chuaigh me suas go dtí an tríú iúrlar agus isteach sa siopa spóirt. Thosaigh me ag féachaint ar na bróga reatha. Bhí gach dath ann-bán, glas, dubh, corcora, bándearg, dearg agus gorm. Bhí na cinn corcora uaim. Chuir mé ceist ar an bhfreastalaí. Cén praghas a bhí orthu. Dúirt si go raibh siad 40 euro. Cheannaigh me iad.

Ansin thosaigh me ag féachaint ar eadaí eile. Chuaigh me ar ais go úrlar a h-aon. Bhí mo mhamaí ann. Bhí sí tar éis dhá fistéip a cheannach dom. Dúirt me 'go raibh maith agat' léi. Chuir me an t-airgead a bhí fágtha agam sa bhanc. Beidh me ag dul ag siopadóireacht lá eile arís.

Saoirse Wanglin  
Rang 5  
Gaelscoil Mhachan

# birthdays

**Monday's child is lovely and sweet,  
Tuesday's child is beautiful and neat.  
Wednesday's child is friendly and good,  
Thursday's child does what she should.  
Friday's child is honest and caring,  
Saturday's child is thoughtful and sharing.  
But the child who is born on the Sabbath day  
Is humorous and kind in a gentle way.**

Mandy Krause, Andrea Moynihan,  
Hayley O'Donovan and  
Lauren McDonnell  
2nd class  
Scoil Aiséirí Chríost



Picture - Izabela Orelok  
Junior Infants  
North Presentation Primary School

Picture - Megan McIntyre  
Age 6  
Maria Assumpta  
Infant & Junior School



# what i will be when i grow up!!!

**I will be beautiful.**  
**I will be tanned.**  
**I will be tall.**  
**I will be smart.**  
**I will be a hairdresser.**  
**I will be a tattoo person.**  
**I will get a parrot.**  
**I will get a puppy.**  
**I will go to Hawaii.**  
**I will live in a house in the country.**

Emma Ni Chearuil Rang 2

**I will be a soccer player.**  
**I will score lots of goals.**  
**I will train very hard.**  
**I will be a good player.**  
**I will buy a car. It will be red.**  
**I will go to China to play against their team.**  
**I will take my Mum and Dad on holidays to New York.**

Ciaran ó Conaill Rang 2

**I want to be a doctor.**  
**I want to help people.**  
**I want to make them better.**  
**I want to find new cures.**  
**I will give them whatever they need.**  
**I will have a good bedside manner towards the patients.**  
**I will tell the patients the truth.**  
**I will try to be good at what I do.**  
**I will have a lot of staff working under me.**  
**I will work hard to live up to my name.**  
**I will be big.**

Lauren Ni Iarlatha Rang 2  
All from Gaelscoil Mhachan

## my favourite memory

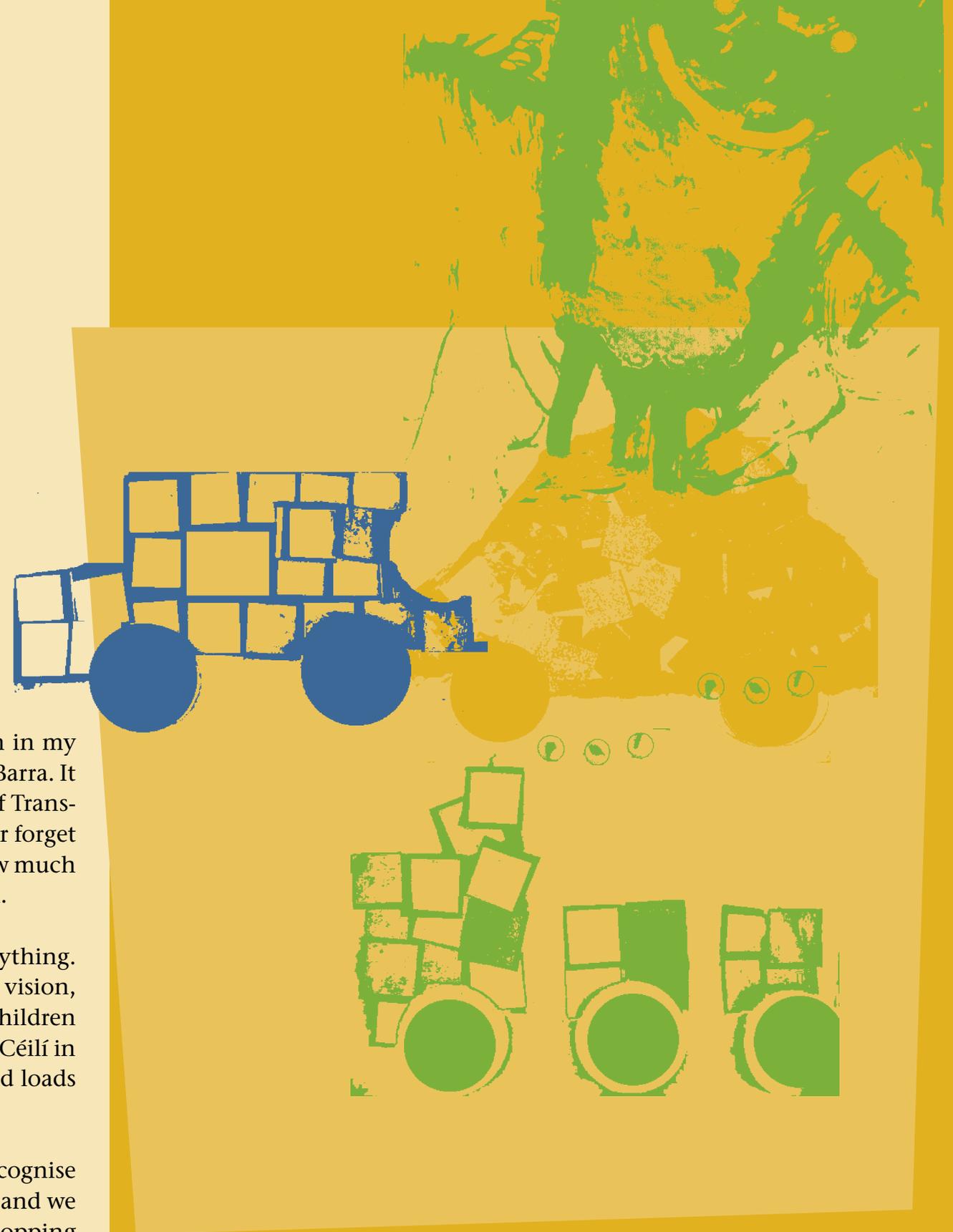
My favourite memory of fifth class was when eleven children in my class went to Scotland with múinteoir Caitríona, Mairéad and Barra. It was brilliant. We went to all sorts of places, like the Museum of Transport, the Science Centre and especially Hampden Park. I'll never forget our visit to Hampden. I learned so much. It was fascinating how much history there is in soccer. The view of the pitch was sensational.

The Science Centre was also fascinating. They let us touch everything. There were loads of experiments. There were experiments with vision, hearing, smelling, sound and touching. A few of the Scottish children went with us as well. I made lots of new friends. We also had a Céilí in the school with our new friends. We danced and sang and had loads of fun.

The hostel was spooky, as there were loads of sounds we didn't recognise but we had loads of fun all the same. There was a games room and we played a few games of pool there. On the Thursday we went shopping wherever we wanted. We had dinners at pizzerias and restaurants.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh a mhúinteoirí.

Kieran Ó Mórada  
Rang a 5  
Gaelscoil Mhachan



# Lough Boffine

It's got mountains and rocks, but fishing's the thing,  
With sparkling water and to hear the birds sing.

Not soccer this time but fishing I'll be,  
I don't care about you, 'cause the smile is on me.

Its seven o'clock the grass it is green,  
Lord! It's the most wonderful morning I have ever seen.

The sun has risen above the hill  
The rod dips down, oh what a thrill!!

What a beauty I've just hooked,  
When we get home he will get cooked.

A few more casts then head for home,  
Pack up our gear our day is done.

The sun fades gently in the west,  
It's time to go and have some rest.

Tonight in bed to sleep and dream,  
Of great fishing on Lough Boffine.

Graham Cooney  
Scoil Mhuire Fatima



Picture - Erica Andriuskeciute  
Age 7  
North Presentation  
Primary School

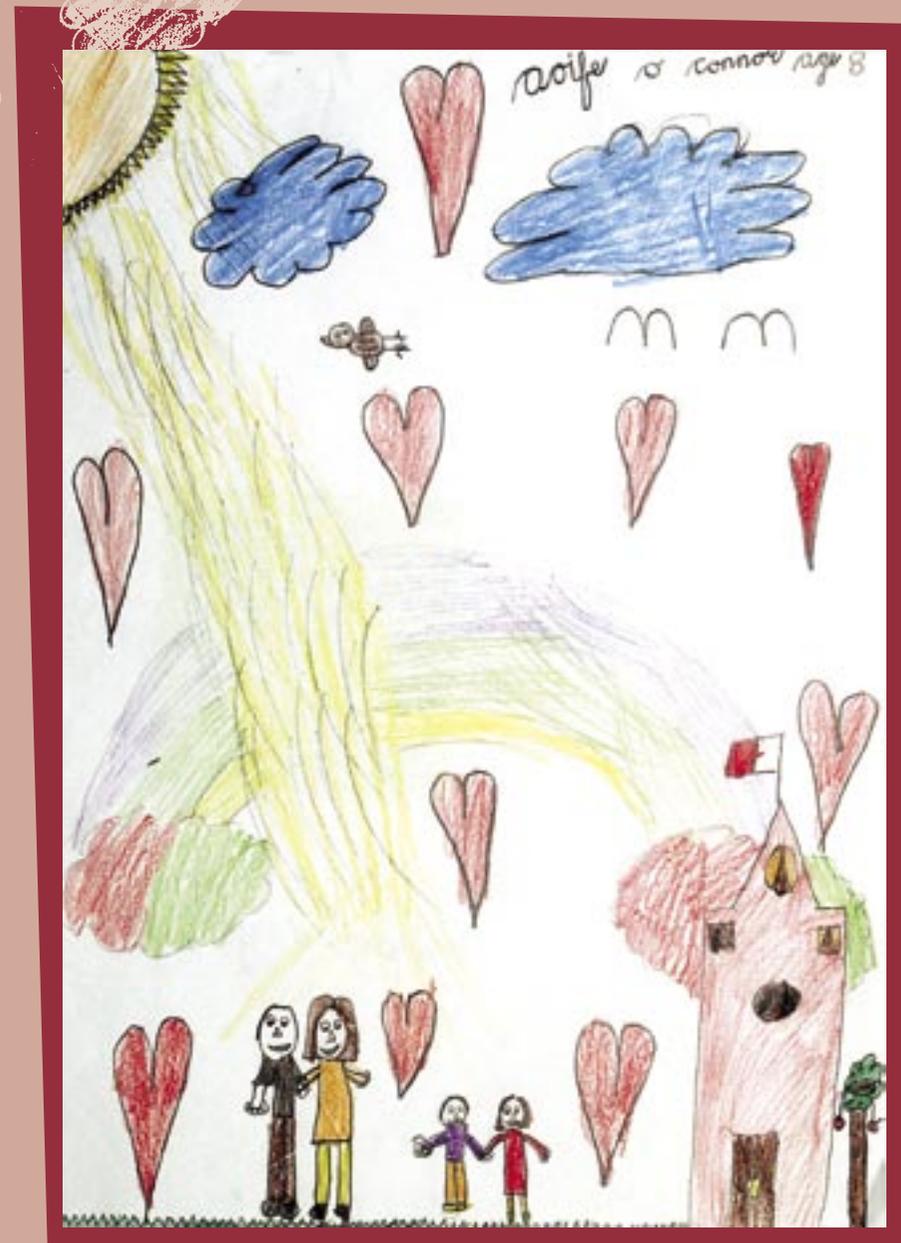
# the Cork princess

**Once, in Cork, there lived a good princess. Her name was Fiona. She was in love with a man called Seán Óg. She went to watch him play hurling matches. Cork won all the matches. She hoped he would see her in the crowd.**

**At last, Seán Óg saw Fiona in the crowd and fell in love with her. They got married and moved into a castle in Ardculen , Hollyhill. They had two children. And they lived happily ever after.**

**The End**

Text & Picture  
Aoife O'Connor  
St. Mary's on the Hill NS  
Knocknaheeny



*"But then there was a man of blood"*



*So that's why I, Kayleigh Murphy, am late for school!*

## the day I got lost

This morning I was waiting for the bus,  
These men were in a terrible rush.  
They grabbed me by the hair,  
And pulled me to the fair.  
I tried to run out of there,  
But there was water everywhere.  
Coming towards me in a rush,  
Pity it wasn't the bus.  
I ran away from the flood,  
But then there was a man of blood.  
I said to myself, "I'm going to be late"  
But I couldn't run that fast to the gate.  
The men caught up,  
I found a cup,  
And smashed it off their heads.  
They bled, and bled, and bled.  
The water caught up,  
I tried to collect it in a cup.  
There I was lying in a pool  
So that's why I, Kayleigh Murphy, am late for school!

Kayleigh Murphy  
5th class  
North Presentation Primary School



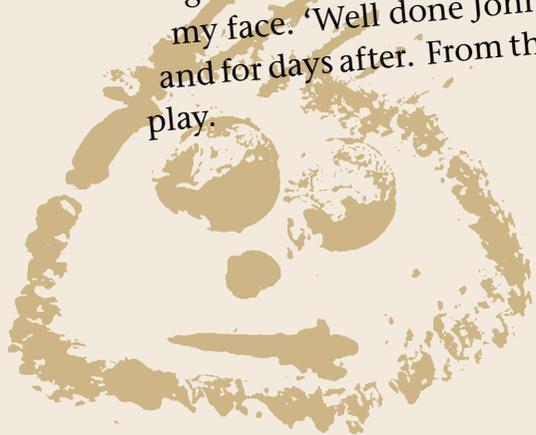
# Frank O'Connor – How are ya!



Mr. O'Sullivan, my English and Drama teacher approached me directly and said 'John will you take the part of Jackie?' 'I will, yeah' I replied as he handed me a script. I never thought I could have a future in acting, but boy was I wrong. The months went by and we worked late evenings and nights until we reached March 17, the big night. I waited in the dressing room, sweating and anxious. As the curtains pulled back I saw the school hall choc-o-bloc and heaving with parents and grandparents. I thought this is it, this is my time. When the crowd rose and gave us round after round of applause I had the biggest smile ever on my face. 'Well done John, 'well done John' was all I heard that night and for days after. From then on all I wanted was a part in every school play.

Parts in Ernie's Hallucinations, Julius Caesar, Oscar Romero, followed thick and fast after the First Confession. I remember filling out career questionnaires and dreaming of a future life on stage. However, the step from Deerpark's school stage to life as an actor seemed like one of Ernie's Hallucinations! So attending auditions, during the Summer holidays was like chancing my arm. When I was called for a second audition and offered a part in a local film I was over the moon. 'Mam,' I roared, as I ran in to the kitchen, 'I'm going to be an actor'!

John Crean  
5th Year  
Deerpark CBS



# after-school club newsletter

## **Gaelic football**

Third and fifth class are doing Gaelic football up in St Vincent's club. We go every Wednesday morning. We have a lot of fun. If we had a chance we would do it again. We play for the under 12 and under 14 teams. We enjoy it a lot!

## **Horse riding**

Sixth class and four people from fifth class are going horse riding in Waterfall. We have a lot of fun. We learned how to trot a horse. I had a white horse. We trotted the horses around the stable grounds. We are looking forward to next week already!

**Lisa Corkery**



**Line dancing**  
Sixth class have started line dancing lessons in the parochial hall. The dancing teacher is very nice. We learned a disco dance to the song Jamelia. We practised first, then we all did the dance with the music on.

**Yoga**  
In yoga you have to take off your shoes. We do deep breathing then we do some yoga moves. We had to do a lot of stretching and it was hard. To help us the instructor gave us belts. We also had to do a standing tree. People found it hard to do so they were allowed lean on the wall to balance. We also did the butterfly move. We all enjoyed yoga. We will be coming back next week to do different moves.

**Nicola Houlihan**

**6th class  
Scoil Padre Pio**



Picture - Sarah Louise Fowler  
Age 6  
Maria Assumpta  
Infant & Junior School