

Ballyhaunis Community School



Class of 2007

Maura Kilboyle

~~AW~~

Matthew Keane

Keth

Helen (aka Gobby) x x

Ailish Greeng x x

Noema Pulkkan

David Lillig

Maria

ergay

boy

Real

Monika Gabrisova

Flores

Isobel Morrissey

Kieran
up Rosy

Calce

Paddy
McNamee

Kath Gogan

Maria Page

James Brennan

Kevin Lynch

Adrian

Adrian Maurice
Feeney

Sue

Timmy Ronan

Lyon

Elena

David Devaney

Robert Wegg

Fiona Loftus

Carol

Harriet
Crispin

CHM

Caulfield

Message from our Principal

Summer is just around the corner, I know this because last Sunday I noticed that the swallows had returned again to our shed at home and then on Monday Ms Hayes gently reminded me that my article for the Year Book was bordering on being overdue. It is a lovely time of the year with nature really bursting back to life. It is also the time when we begin to say good bye to our Leaving Certificate and P L C students. They have been with us for the past five or six years for the most part and we have watched them grow from innocent first years to the sophisticated young people we see before us now on the verge of adulthood. I would like to wish all our graduates this year the very best of luck in their future lives. It is a stressful time for all in schools at this time of year but it is important to remain focused for the next month or so and then you can all relax for three long months.



As is always the case the School has been a very busy place all year long. The spirit of good will and co operation which have been the hallmark of our School since its foundation 30 years ago is still alive and well. The range of extra curricular activities is too extensive to outline in a short article like this. Everyone knows that teachers give above and beyond the call of duty in ensuring that the students attending here have as wide an experience as can be given in any school. Students too for their part can always be relied upon to give full support to any new venture we undertake.

Again this year we bid adieu to two colleagues who in their own unique way each made an outstanding contribution to the education of thousands of young people during their careers in Ballyhaunis. Mrs Mary Neenan and Mr Vincent Healey have each decided to take their leave of us this year. It will be very difficult to replace these two fine teachers and we will remember them with fondness for many years to come.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the fact that for the past few months all of the staff and especially Ms Eileen Byrne have been a huge support to me during the absence of Ms Moran. I have spoken previously of the enormous amount of work Ms Moran does here in the school and it was daunting for Ms Byrne to take on the mantel at short notice. I can happily report that she has excelled in her own unique style with the whole hearted support and goodwill of the entire school community. Ms Moran for her part is making a speedy recovery and we wish her well. We look forward to having her back amongst us.

I have already mentioned Ms Colleen Hayes who has been responsible for the production of this Year Book, I want to thank her and her team for their many hours of work. I want to also acknowledge the Bank of Ireland for their generous sponsorship and I want to thank you the reader. I hope you enjoy this years offering and we would welcome articles from former students in this our 30th year of existence.

Pat McHugh
Principal



Mr. David McConn
(Manager Bank of Ireland)
presenting Mr. Pat McHugh
(Principal) with sponsorship
cheque towards School Yearbook

Teaching Staff



Back Row: Ms Hargaden/Whyte, Mr McDonagh, Ms Byrne, Ms Troy, Ms Lally, Mr Coleman. Middle Row: Ms Monaghan, Ms Lennon, Ms Mooney, Ms Meehan, Ms Daly, Ms Lyons, Ms Flynn. Front Row: Mr McGarry, Ms Reaney, Ms Brogan, Ms Finn, Ms Keehan



*Back Row: Ms Henry, Ms Keane, Ms Mulroy, Ms Macken, Ms Osgood, Ms Egan
Middle Row: Ms Comer, Ms Phillips, Mr Brennan, Mr O'Dwyer, Ms Joyce, Ms Keane
Front Row: Ms Whelan, Ms Hayes, Mr McHugh, Mr Noone, Ms White.*

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Teaching Staff



Ms Devine, Ms Raftery, Mr McHugh, Ms Mannix, Ms Waldron, Mr Pratt, Mr Laffey, Ms O'Loughlin.

Administrative Staff



Ms. Cleary, Ms. Gaughan, Ms. Lyons

Teaching Assistants & Caretakers



Teaching Assistants: Ms M Woods, Ms K McDonnell, Ms Rogan, Ms Lyons



Centre, right:
Caretaker – Con Boyle

Above, left:
Caretaker – Eileen Jennings



Break Supervisors: Eileen Nestor and Cait Webb

Retirements

Saying 'Goodbye' to Ray Charles

Ray was a member of the original teaching staff of B.C.S. since its establishment in 1977. Previous to his Community School days he was a handsome teacher at the Convent. This did not go unnoticed by the female student body; who played a request for him on Popcall Radio 1 "I can't stop loving you" sung by the other Ray Charles.

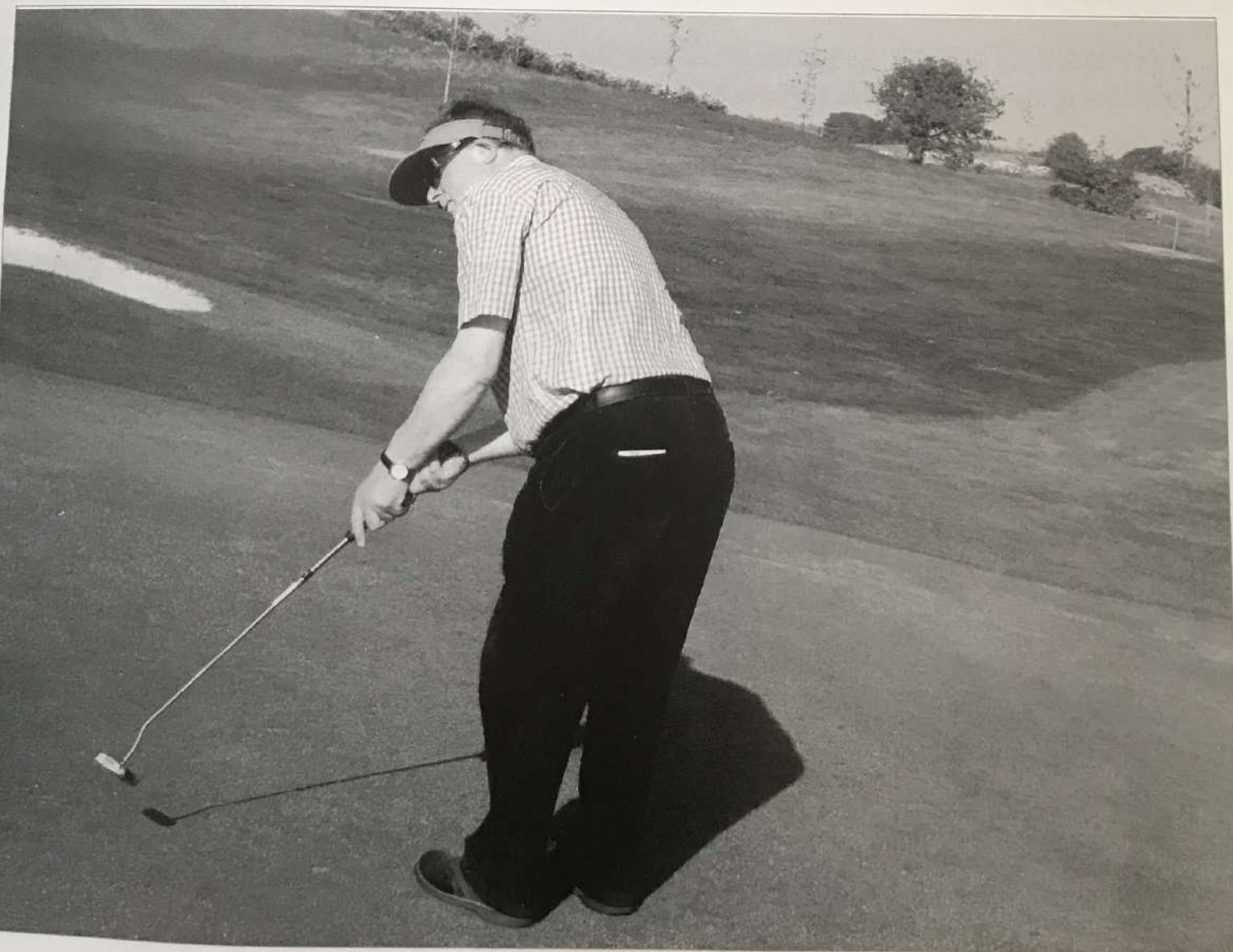
Ray was a most knowledgeable Geography teacher with one of his students achieving a gold medal for coming 1st in Ireland in Leaving Cert. Geography. He was also gifted in the field of sport. In his own student days in St. Jarlath's College Team, he was on the Senior football team for three years in the 60's, winning an All Ireland medal in 1964. He was an exceptional athlete with many Connaught titles to his name. His excellence and achievements on the field of sport were acknowledged when he was presented with the accolade of "Best All Round Athlete" and received a gold watch – the most prestigious of awards.

Ray brought sporting talents to the Community School where he coached many basketball teams, reaching and winning All Ireland finals in the 80's.

Ray enjoyed a round of golf, and on the teachers' golf outings Ray's true character and wit shone through. When it came to the 19th hole, Ray was a most brilliant toastmaster. His humorous "ad lib" speeches were always the highlight of the evening and are sadly missed now. If Ray wished to take up a new career, after dinner speaking would be an ideal choice.

Since he retired we hear that he is having good fortune with his canine friends and we wish him luck in this field.

Geraldine O'Loughlin
Eva Brogan



Dedicated to Mr. Charles...

I had the pleasure of having Mr. Charles for my final two years of BCS. All I can say is I enjoyed going into that Geography class everyday. Ray would put you in good form if you weren't and always had a funny word to say if you ever met him out of class. It is quite peculiar now that I am following his footsteps teaching geography at present. Even more so it seems funny that I have now taken over from some of his classes which he had the year before he retired. I have followed in the footsteps of the Geography Professor and thank Ray for guiding me into the geography world which I enjoy teaching. On a last note..."High is dry, Low is wet"!

Ms A. Keane

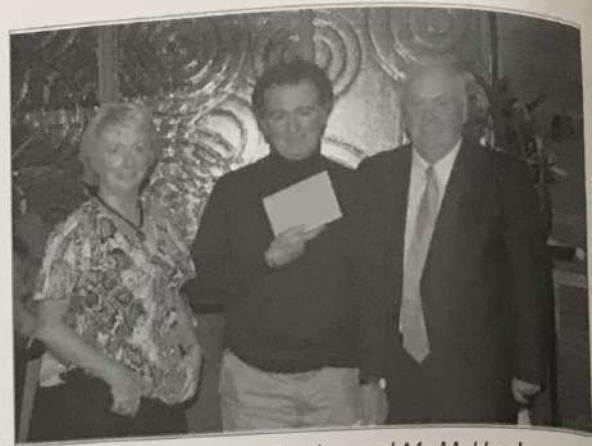
Ray was my Geography teacher and basketball coach during my time here as a student. His genial approach and classic catchphrases are still recited among many of his past students – "High is Dry, Low is Wet", "Wow!" and of course your anthem "Bye Bye Ms. American Pie, drove my Chevy to the Levy but the Levy was dry...."

Ray had a turn of phrase that added humour to any situation. I remember being in 1B, we all used to love heading down to B4 to 'Charlie'!

As a girls basketball coach, Ray always showed great enthusiasm and had a very positive attitude, this was reflected by the numbers that showed up for training during lunch time and after school. "Reach for the peach", "Hey guys, let's go!"

As a colleague Ray was warm and epitomised cool. A legend on the 19th hole and one who is fondly missed in the staffroom. Best wishes to you on your retirement.

Bernie Osgo



Ms Brogan, Mr Charles and Mr McHugh



L to r: Mr. Tom Grogan, Mr. Christy Ruane, Ms. Áine Whelan and Mr. Ray Charles



L to r: Mrs Sally Higgins, Mr. Ray Charles and Mr. Christy Ruane

Retirements

Saying 'Goodbye' to Christy Ruane

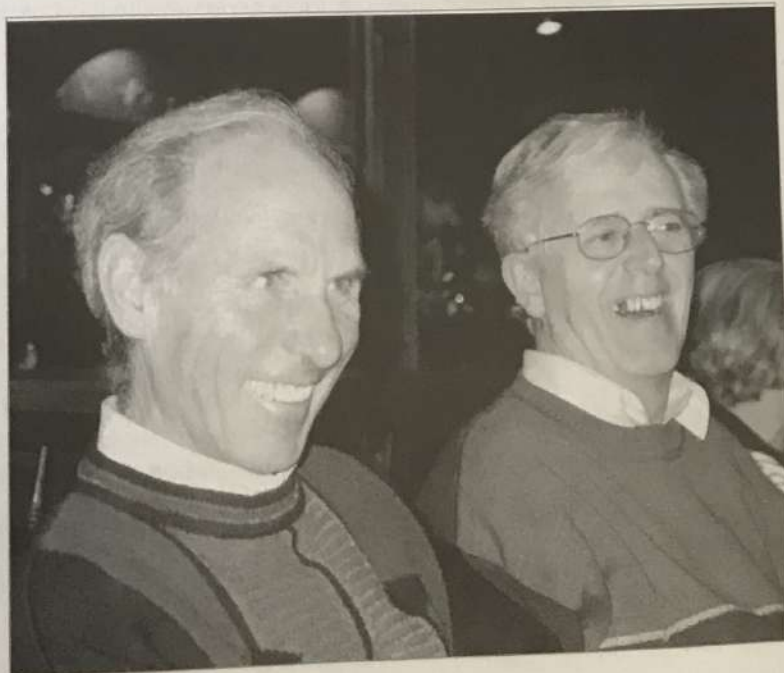
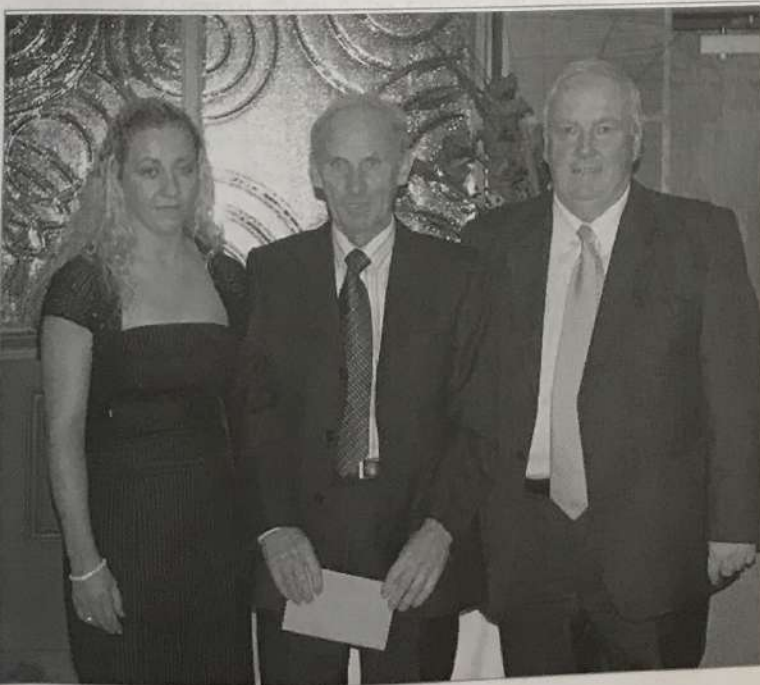
It was a privilege and a pleasure to be a friend and colleague of Christy for over 30 years. I first met Christy when I became an employee of Mayo V.E.C. working in Ballyhaunis Vocational School in 1973. It did not take long to find out that Christy was totally dedicated to the success of his students. He was a diligent worker and left nothing to chance when preparing for class. He played a major role in the coming together of the three secondary schools in Ballyhaunis to become Ballyhaunis Community School in 1977.

As a senior teacher he was aware of the need for total cooperation and commitment to the demands of our new environment within the community school. His support for every aspect of our new school set-up was second to none, and he considered every new development as an opportunity to promote our school. Christy was our examination secretary for the past number of years and his professional approach to that task ensured every detail was looked after well in advance of examinations, ensuring that every Leaving Cert. and Junior Cert. student was catered for.

Christy has a keen interest in all sporting activities and in his youthful years played hurling and football. He was a top class badminton player with Ballyhaunis Badminton Club in the 70's and early 80's, a keen competitor on the golf course and a top class basketball player on our teacher's team in the 70's. He liked to socialise in his native Galway and danced the night away in Seapoint Ballroom and various other dancehalls on many occasions. In Dublin too Christy frequented the National Ballroom and other popular centres

Christy was a well-respected member of Ballyhaunis Community School and his advice was always of the professional kind. Like many other good servants of this community Christy has completed this phase of his life and can be satisfied with a job well done. I would like to wish him many years of happy retirement.

Hugh Rudden



Mr. Christy Ruane and Mr. Matt O'Dwyer

Yearbook Committee



L to r: Maria Moran, Thomas Brennan, Sharon Kirrane, Ciara Lyons, Carol Freyne, Fiona Loftus, Micheál Lyons, Colm Caulfield.

The inaugural meeting of the school yearbook committee got off to an enthusiastic start in January 2007. A jovial group had assembled to produce a year book like no other! Fiona Loftus, Colm Caulfield, Carol Freyne, Thomas Brennan, Ciara Lyons, Michéal Lyons, Sharon Kirrane and Maria Moran were ready to put their various skills to work.

Some months later after much hard work and many laughs along the way the yearbook was ready for the printers. The committee would like to thank Ms. Hayes, Ms. Finn, Mrs. Waldron, Mr. Tynan and Ms Byrnes for their guidance along the way. A special thanks must be given to Ms. Lennon who has been so enthusiastic and has put in so much time to the yearbook in her own unique pleasant manner.

We have taken every possible precaution to ensure the accuracy of all articles contained within and we accept no liability whatsoever for any omissions or inaccuracies.

Enjoy the read!

A Word from our Chaplain

Reflecting back over the school year it never ceases to amaze me how quickly it goes by but also how much takes place within the walls of our school community. As we draw to the end of this year with the state exams fast approaching attention is focused on points, college places and doing well – but let us not forget about the experiential learning that has taken place during this year. Here is a little reminder.....

In September there was a notable absence of long serving staff members Mr. Ruane, Mr. Charles, Mrs. Neenan and Mr. Healy. We welcomed the many new faces both staff and students to our school. One of the notable additions to our school this year was the provision of English language classes in F4 for adults from Pakistan, Poland, Latvia, Ethiopia and Somalia, truly adding to the multi-cultural flavour that is our school. Mayo reaching the All-Ireland final, was a high point of September, but the dream was dashed once again by our rivals in the 'Kingdom'. We are proud of our achievement and proud of our past student Keith Higgins who is currently a member of the panel. We have high hopes for September 07!!



Orla Macken

The first term rolled by with many activities and events like the annual trip to Achill for 4th years, the Junior Cert Results, opening of the School Year Masses for each year group, T.Y. trip to Killary as well events like 'Trick or Treat for Temple Street', Cake Sales and Charity Soccer games as well as the 2nd year SPHE Day. A new venture this year was the hosting of a 'Mind your Health Day' for 3rd years. The aim of the day was to educate, inspire and empower students to make healthy choices about their own health and safety. Following on from this day some of our students co-ordinated by Ms. Flynn compiled a project on Road Safety, titled 'Don't be another statistic – THINK ROAD SAFETY! This was a very shocking but imaginative and creative display, that we can all learn lessons from.

First term also brought the much anticipated Leaving Cert two day Retreat with Gerry Glennon and Fr. Benny McHale. They were not disappointed, one student described the retreat 'as the highlight of their entire time at school'. Training in the many sports were well underway, this year saw the addition of Golf to our sporting curriculum where some budding 'Tiger Woods' strutted their stuff on the fairways! Our Transition years embarked on the difficult and challenging task of climbing Croagh Patrick as part of their T.Y. Retreat. They were guided on this spiritual journey by the very capable Mrs. Brogan and Mr. Cleary. It was a very rewarding day, something always to be remembered!

Some of our 4th years were awarded the bronze Gaisce medal after completing six months of various challenges. BCS Bank got off to a healthy start with early reports of a healthy flow of customers using this new service in our school. Our T.Y.'s began a new module in their transition year programme called Y.S.I. (Young Social Innovators). This is a year long programme challenging students to deal with social issues within their community. Our T.Y.'s chose to promote cultural integration in our multi-cultural school. This involved meeting with representatives from each of the 17 cultures in our school, hosting a flag day, cooking demonstrations, multi-cultural day as well as attending the speak out forum in February highlighting their project. The high point of this programme is the Showcase exhibition which is held in Dublin over two days where prizes are awarded to schools who most embraced the challenge. Well done to Ms. Murray and all of the T.Y. students on a very successful year.

The doom and gloom of returning to school after the mid-term break was lifted with L.C.A.1 treading the boards with their play 'Love to Google' written and produced by the students as part of their Drama task.

With Christmas around the corner, our students did not forget those who are less fortunate. Many students took part in the Concern Christmas Fast raising a generous €3,765. Class Tutors organised the 'Shoe Box Appeal' with their tutor groups. 170 'shoe boxes' of gifts were produced for children in need in Eastern Europe and Africa. Our Snooker/Pool table raffle raised €2,000 in aid of Galway, Mayo and Roscommon Hospices. It is reported that Barry Waldron (winner of pool table) is in serious training for the World Championships and intends to give Ken Doherty & co a run for their money!!

The Christmas Carol Service organised by the School Folk Choir and Gerry Glennon was held in the Parish Church on Dec. 10th. The Choir combined with the voices of Gerry Glennon and many of our international students and the candlelit church helped to make this a very special occasion. Mid West Radio recorded the Carol Service and it was broadcast on Christmas night. The Student Council organised a bucket collection on the night and raised €746 for Galway, Mayo and Roscommon Hospices.

We returned after Christmas to the wonderful news that Ms. Byrnes had got engaged during the Christmas Holidays. Love is definitely in the air in the staff room, Ms. Meehan announced her engagement after the mid-term break and Ms. Singleton became Mrs. Mannix during the summer holidays. Ms. Moran departed us for a while and we wish her a speedy recovery. The population was also contributed to this school year...congratulations to Ms. Murray on the birth of her daughter Saoirse and to Mr. Noone on the birth of his daughter Aisling. The term continued at a fast pace. The usual routine of class was complimented by 'Tag rugby' training sessions, field trips, visits to various enterprises, Ski trip to Norway, a visit to the Point Depot to see the hit musical 'Mamma Mia', Marking of Lent with all class groups through Masses or prayer services, Daffodil Day which raised €320 for the Irish Cancer Society, T.Y. Talent Competition, Tea Day in aid of the Alzheimer's Foundation which raised €160, Car washing, Easter raffle sponsored walk, launching of the 'Green Committee' to care for our school environs and the wonderful success of our Irish Quiz teams on scooping the 'Feachtais Trath na gCeist' competition, the school band winning their category in the 'Build a Bank Competition' and the T.Y.'s on winning the regional prize in the Mission Alive competition. Our 2nd years went on retreat to Knock and the 3rd year went on retreat to Ballintubber Abbey while the 4th years had a special experience with the NET Canada retreat team.

The last term brings the usual examination fever with the French and Irish Orals, Music, Home Economics, Construction and Engineering practicals, C.S.P.E. action projects etc.... Last term also brings the Leaving Cert Graduation, the Transition year graduation, the first sports day and school tour, summer tests for non-exam classes and the build up to the longed for summer holidays. This school year has been an eventful and busy one and at this stage we all deserve a much needed rest until we meet again in September. For all the Junior and Leaving Cert students our thoughts and prayers are with you as you begin your state exams on June 6th. Let us part this school year with some inspiring words from Pope Benedict XVI....

*'No one is on this earth by chance, each of us is the result of a thought of God.
Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary'*

Happy holidays

Student Council 2006-'07

This was yet another highly successful year for the student council within the school. Throughout the year we have played a very active role in helping the students and teachers with any issues that were brought to our attention.

We have undertaken many projects since the start of the year and continue to do so for the remainder of the school year. One of our highlights this year was the charity football match in aid of St. Vincent de Paul, which is a very worthy organisation. We raised an amount of €525 and would like to thank all that participated in making the event a success.

The student council also organised a 1st year table quiz to raise funds for some much needed school benches, which will be purchased by the end of the school year.

We also raised money for the deserving "Irish Cancer Society" by selling daffodils on "Daffodil Day". A very sincere thank you to all the students and staff, who are always very generous in supporting these worthy causes.

We hope to host the annual sport's day for the first years later this month. Again this year the student council will be helping with the hospitality for the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass. This is the most important event in the year for the 5th year students and we are privileged to be part of it.

We welcome all the students' suggestions through our class meetings and we are doing our best to bring about positive changes to the student's life at school. We also encourage each class group to organise small fund raising events within the class.

Our sincere gratitude to Mrs Reaney and Ms Raftery who helped and supported us with our work throughout the year. Also we would like to thank Mr McHugh, Ms Moran for their co-operation and assistance over the year.

Finally we would like to wish all the students the very best in their upcoming exams.

Amy Regan



Back Row: Tommy Finn, Amy Regan, Niall Hynes, Paul Caulfield, Kevin Nestor, John Leneghan, Thomas Brennan, John Swanick, Paul Carney.

Middle Row: Patrick Ryan, Shane Boland, Michelle Keane, Ruth Walshe, Kenneth Carrick, Sara Leneghan, Evelyn Kearns, Brian Waldron, Cathal Lenaghan, Declan McNamara, Aidan Richardson, Damien Keadian, Ciaran Robinson.

Front Row: Kenneth Feeney, Ciara Dee, Joanne Cregg, Eimear Flatley, Eimear Walshe, Robyn, Martina Mullarkey, Sheraz Ul-Hassan, Ryan Wardon, Keith Grogan.

Leaving Cert. Class of 2007



**Niall
Walsh**



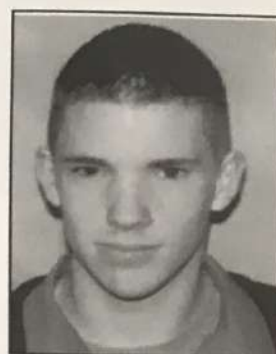
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**Fiona
Loftus**



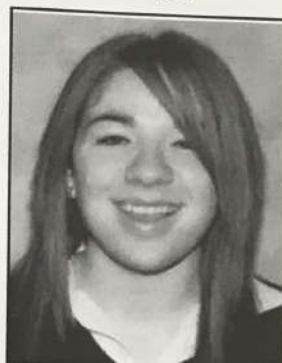
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Brennan**



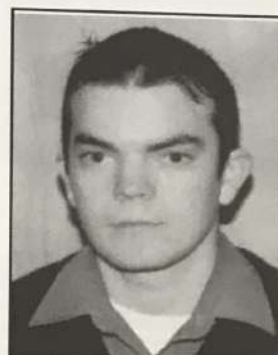
**Aoife
Fitzmaurice**



**John
Leneghan**



**Ashling
Moran**



**Keith
Kenny**



**Ciara
Lyons**



**Noel
Byrne**



**Lydia
Biesty**



**John
Crinnigan**



**Ailish
Cregg**



**Micheal
Lyons**



**Orla
Mulcahy**



**Matthew
Keane**



**Isobel
Morrissey**



**Arslan
Afzal**



**Anneliese
Murphy**

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**Jessica
Ruane**



**Paul
Walsh**



**Norma
Mulkeen**



**Mark
Page**



**Ciara
Devaney**



**Kenneth
Judge**



**Ruth
Walsh**



**Jonathan
Brereton**



**Margaret
Stenson**



**Sean
Markham**



**Mary
Mullarkey**



**Zaheer
Javaid-Iqbal**



**Michelle
Brennan**



**Kevin
Lynch**



**Maria
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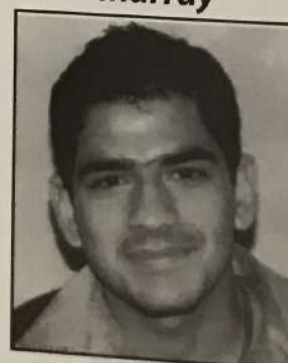
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Kenny**



**Billy
Rochford**



**Lisa
Keadian**



**Zia
Shafique**



**Samantha
Caulfield**



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Vezelis**



**Margaret
Cribben**



**Kenneth
Noone**



**Maria
Krasovska**



**Colm
Caulfield**



**Alisha
McLoughlin**



**Josh
Sloan**



**Kerry
Bann**



**Patrick
Egan**



**Maria
Moran**



**David
Lilly**



**Aoife
O'Boyle**



**Barry
Waldron**



**Lisa
Regan**



**Jason
Plunkett**



**James
Quinn**



**Robert
Frayne**



**Elena
Feeney**



**John
Swanick**



**Mary
McGuire**



**Shane
Cunnane**



**Sharon
Kirrane**



**Keith
Grogan**



**Maura
Kilboyle**



**Paddy
Mulrennan**

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**Colleen
Waldron**



**Aiden
Fitzmaurice**



**Edel
Egan**



**Hayal
Salimov**



**Kieran
Gallagher**



**Jack-Daniel
Dempsey**



**Brian
Waldron**



**Stephen
Hoban**



**Monika
Gabris**

5th YR. Awards

Male

Female

BEST PERSONALITY	THOMAS BREANNAN COLM CAULFIELD	NORMA MULKEEN LISA KEDIAN
BABE OF THE YEAR	KEITH GROGAN PAUL WALSH	DEARBHLA MURRY MARIA MORLEY
COMEDIAN OF THE YEAR	MICHÉAL LYONS BRIAN WALDRON	FIONA LOFTUS CIARA DEVANEY
BIGGEST CHATTERBOX	JOHN LENEGHAN BRIAN WALDRON	MARGARET CRIBBEN CIARA DEVANEY
BEST HAIRDO	KEITH GROGAN ROBERT CREGG	ANNELIESE MURPHY MARIA MORLEY
MOST LIKELY TO BE A STAR	MICHÉAL LYONS SEÁN MARKHAM	JESSICA RUANE ASHLING MORAN
SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR	JOHN LENEGHAN AIDIAN FITZMAURICE	AOIFE FITZMAURICE RUTH WALSH
BEST DRESSED	KEITH GROGAN JOHN CRINNEGAN	MARGARET STENSON DEARBHLA MURRY
DRAMA QUEEN/KING OF THE YEAR	TIMMY RONAN MICHÉAL LYONS	MARA KROSO MICHELLE BRENNAN
MOST DISTINCTIVE LAUGH	DAVID LILLY SEÁN MARKHAM	CAROL FREYNE MICHELLE BRENNAN
MOST TALKATIVE	BRIAN WALDRON MATTHEW KEANE	FIONA LOFTUS MARGARET CRIBBEN
BEST SINGER	SEÁN MARKHAM MATTHEW KEANE	ASHLING MORAN JESSICA RUANE
COUPLE OF THE YEAR	JOSH SLOAN & THOMAS BRENNAN	SAMANTHA CAULFIELD MARIA KROS
FLIRT OF THE YEAR	BRIAN WALDRON MICHÉAL LYONS	MARY MCGUIRE ANNELIESE MURPHY
FIRST TO GO ON BIG BROTHER	BRIAN WALDRON KENNETH NOONE	MARIA KROS LISA KEDIAN
FIRST TO BE A MILLIONAIRE	ROBERT FREYNE JOSH SLOAN	ELENA FEENEY ISOBEL MORRISSEY
FUTURE PRESIDENT	SEÁN MARKHAM	LISA KEDIAN

Class of '07 - as they used to be!



1. Hey cutie!



2. Come on!!!



3. Peg me!!



4. Superstar wannabe!!



5. I'm too sexy for my hat!



6. Back combed is best!



7. Wait for me Daddy!!



8. The best man for a job is a woman!!



9. Watch out Beckham!!



10. I'm a lady!!

11. Let's play ball!!



5th Year Retreat to Knock

We had a two day retreat in Knock last October. We were greeted by Gerry Glennon who had us all laughing within 5 minutes!! He told us about his experiences when he was young- the fun, and the not so fun! We then met Fr. Benny McHale. We all enjoyed his stories. He gave us great advice about life - he is a true inspiration. The Samaritans told us about their hard work to help people in need. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to the Religion teachers for organising it.

Sharon Kirrane.

5th Year Trip to Mountbellew

On the 27th of March, the two fifth year Agricultural Science classes under the supervision of Mr. Laffey and Ms. Comer headed off for an enjoyable day out. We were told in plenty of time to bring wellies but not white runners, (Niall Walsh and Fiona Loftus!). When we finally arrived Patrick Egan and John Swannick thought they had reached heaven and all their dreams had come at once. We put on our wellies and headed off, one had to admire Ms. Comer's pink fluorescent jacket.

We were met in the yard by our guide, Peter. He talked to us for half an hour about Mountbellew and in that half an hour we got a Geography lesson, a Science lesson and of course an Ag. Science lesson. We then headed off to see the calving unit and two pure-bred limousine bulls, one of which can only be described as a monster. After that we headed to the lambing unit where we saw all the different types of ewes and their lambs. We then headed two miles down the road to their dairy. We then saw the milking parlour and Peter showed us how it worked. Later we headed to the cubicle housing where the dairy cattle are held. After that we went to the silage pit.

Peter then took us back to 'the pasture'. There were a few cows in it, if only he had remembered to shut the gate. Of course cattle being cattle decided to wander and thanks to Ailish for raising the alarm. Not to worry, Patrick Connolly saved the day and rounded up all the cattle. After that we headed for a bite to eat back at the college where Peter told us that Mountbellew Agricultural College is the best college and why we should come to it. After this speech we headed for home. Many thanks to Mr. Laffey and Ms. Comer for bringing us on the trip. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

John Leneghan



*Ms Mooney, Ms Brogan (above)
Ms Brogan, Ms Joyce (right)*

Jersey Day 2006



Snippets of 5th Year



Student Teachers



Student Teachers: Darren McHugh, James O Toole, Alan Horan, Conor Freeman

Repeat Leaving Cert Class '07



*Back: Wahab UL- Hassan, Danny Regan, Neil Kelly, Kevin Gallagher, Mohammed Nazir, Seamus Morris.
Middle: Alan Donnelan, Patrick Connolly, Marion Kelly. Front: Maria Connolly, Lisa Connolly, A. M. O. Kelly*

LCA Classes

THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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LCA2

From Left to Right: Robert Freyne, Kieran Gallagher, Kevin Lynch, Maura Kilboyle, David Lilly, Keith Grogan, Matthew Keane



LCA1

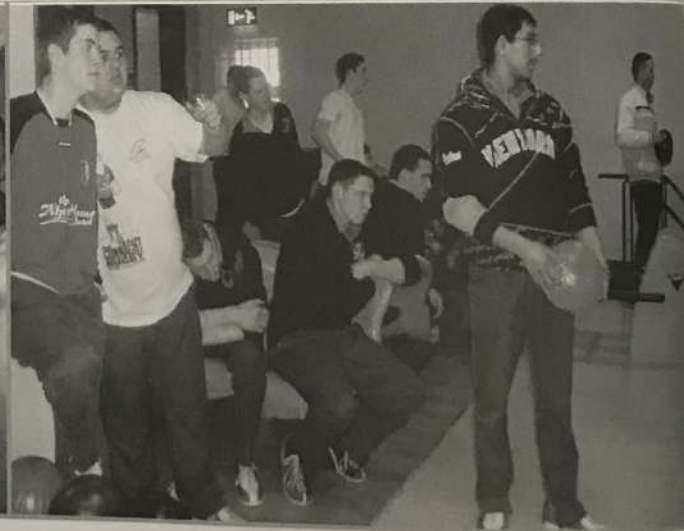
*Back row: Joseph Lyons, Ciaran Robinson, Rachel Nolan, Kelan Kenny, James Egan
Front Row: David Hussey, Mudassar Amin, Gemma Harris, Ashti Haji Taha Barwari, Gavin O'Connor, Darren McGarry*

LCA1 – Our Experience

September saw the start of a very interesting year for LCA1 students a wide range of subjects awaited us like: English and Communication, Maths, Social Ed, French, Religion, Drama, and Construction. We had work experience every Friday, which was a great experience for us all working in different types of jobs. There were many tasks for us to complete and alot of hard work trying to get them all done on time. This year wasn't all hard work we did have a lot of fun. The play "Love To Boogie" that we produced and performed for 1st years, LCA 2, and Transition year was a great hit. We raised €100 euro for Temple Street. This was an experience we will never forget. It was such a success we decided to perform another play for Western Care which was also enjoyable for everyone.



We managed some time out to go on a few trips we went to the National Museum of Country Life in Castlebar, the Carmelite Convent and Cenacolo Community in Knock and Henaghan Heritage Centre in Killasser in Co. Mayo. These trips were part of our tasks in Social Ed. which was very interesting. Not all of our trips were purely educational – last year we went on a trip to Dublin with LCA 2, we went on a tour of Croke Park, we went ice-skating in Liffey Valley and then shopping after wards. It was a great day for everyone and we also went to Castlebar to the cinema and bowling which was great craic.



LCA has been a wonderful experience. It is an opportunity to become involved in practical tasks which are highly educational and enjoyable. We also started up our own mini company for our Enterprise Task. We were all split into three groups and we had to create a company. One group came up with the idea of a car wash which was very successful and all the teachers were happy with the way their cars turned out. This company made €125 euro. My group decided to do an indoor soccer tournament for 1st year on the 15th of March which was enjoyable for everyone. It was also very successful, we raised €100 euro for Temple Street. The last group did a raffle which raised €80 euro for Temple Street. The companies combined raised a staggering €305 euro for Temple Street Children's Hospital.



LCA1 was a great experience and I am glad that I did it. But the most memorable parts were the outing we went on and taking part in our plays "Love To Boogie" and "Not Another Carry On".

If there are any of you 3rd years out there finding study a struggle, I highly recommend LCA as it is both an educational and an enjoyable experience.

Rachel Nolan LCA 1

School Crest

Last year, as part of the senior Art class, we were asked by Mr. Pratt to enter a competition. We were asked to design a new Ballyhaunis crest.

It was organised by the Art Department in B.C.S. They were looking for a new design to put on their club jerseys. After searching for a winner, they decided on mine. It was a great achievement.

About a week or two after, Mary Prenty and Ann Shanaghy presented me with the new club jersey. It was an honour and a privilege.

Maria Moran



4th Year

On Friday the 1st of September the 4th years returned complete with new and improved Navy Jumpers! There was an exciting atmosphere as last years Transition year students joined this wonderful year. Before we were able to settle in we were whisked away to Achill for three days of excitement in the outdoor adventure centre. In November the 4th years took part in the music, drama and dance workshops. Everyone agreed that it was a very worth while experience.

During March we headed to Knock for our 4th year Retreat, where we had the N.E.T Canada Group entertain, inspire and influence us in many ways. Thank you to the R.E. teachers who took time out of their busy timetables to organise the day for us. The music class went to Dublin to see the musical "Mamma Mia!" being performed. The Biology class went on a trip to Birr as part of their Leaving Cert course. Thanks to the teachers who organised the day for us. Our last outing involved us walking 10km in a sponsored walk for the Henry Madden Tanzania Fund.

Hope that everyone has a good summer and best of luck to all the Exam students. We'll be thinking of ye.

**Niall Hynes
and Amy Conroy**



4A

Back row: Amy Conroy, Susan Lenehan, Lisa Tighe, Ursula Byrne, Lydia Concannon, Sarah-Jane Lynskey, Cliona Hensey, Aoife Co.
Middle Row: Grainne Glavey, Paul Higgins, Patrick Brennan, Darragh Sloyan, Nigel Waldron, Ronan Baggot, Aileen Kirrane,
Laura Melvin Front Row: Padraic Kearney, Niall Hynes, Enda Griffen, John Gallagher, Risteard Byrne, Brendan Caulfield.



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Back Row: Brian Waldron, Brian Finan, Keith Jordan, Tommy Finn, Paul Caulfield, Craia Hughes, L.
Middle Row: Sean McKay, Zanib Javid, Maria McGuire, Caroline C.

4th Year



4C

Back row: Michelle Waldron, Claire Meagh, Geraldine Egan, Nigel Gavin, Andrew Swaneck, Ellen Hynes, Emma Jenkins, Niamh Lyons
 Middle Row: Geraldine Clancey, Cillian Freeman, Derek Morley, Kenny Feaney, Shane Culliney, Katie Sloyan
 Front Row: Ayaz Ul Hassan, Suleman Almas, Fintan Crawley, Fergal Fitzmaurice, Joey Ganley, Brian Hunt.



4D

Back Row: Kevin McNamara, Kenneth Murphy, Patrick Flanagan, Kevin Moran, Niall Asilia, Jamie Tighe, Niall Prenty
 Middle Row: Darragh Macken, Sean Cunnane, Melissa Kenny, Amy Regan, Caroline Waldron, Siobhan Lyons, Kenneth Carrick, Kieran Culliney
 Front Row: Asad Mehmood, Donal Rochford, Frankie Daly, Eddie McNulty, Adrian Ruane, Damien Plunkett

Green Committee

Back in March, Spring was well and truly in the air, the days were getting longer, buds began to appear on the trees and a group of fourth year students decided that action was needed to improve recycling and create awareness about environmental issues in Ballyhaunis Community School. After the "Green Committee" was formed, the main aim of the group was to get the system of recycling in the school back on track.



4th year Geography, Mrs. Brogan

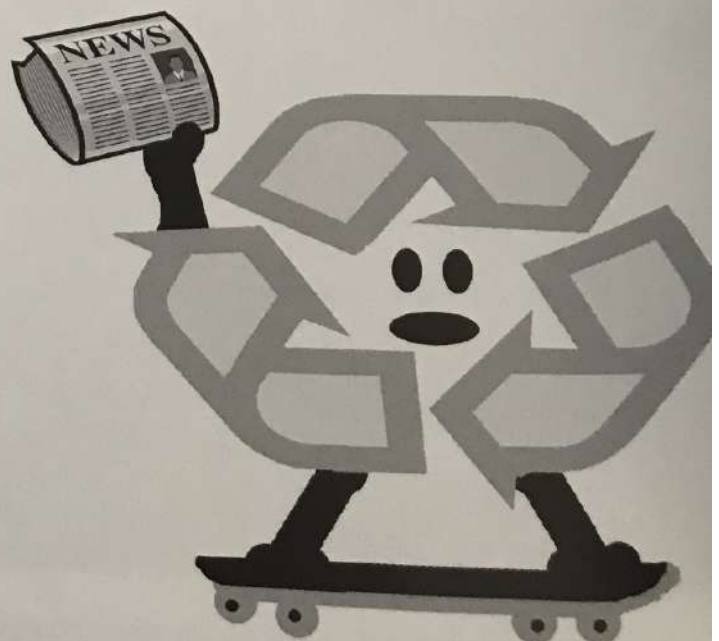
In April, a very informative talk was given to the "Green Committee" by Mary Forde, Environmental Officer with Mayo County Council. She outlined to us the many different ways in which we can reduce, re-use and recycle our waste. She also advised us on the many ways we can improve recycling in our school and the goals we should be aiming for in the future. Also during the month of April, we went to the different classes in the school to inform them of what they can do individually with their waste to play a part in the recycling in the school.

In May, we took a very interesting and informative day trip to Derranumera Recycling Plant outside Newport. There we got a first-hand view of recycling taking place and were spoken to on the necessity of recycling in today's modern Ireland. Future Plans for the school include achieving "Green Flag" status for the school. This is an international, environmental, educational programme, management system and award scheme that acknowledges long term whole school action for the environment. Currently, 895 schools in Ireland have been awarded "Green Flag" status.

In the pursuit of this, the help and assistance of every student and staff member in BCS is required to preserve our environment in a world where global warming is predominant and extremely topical.

Finally, we look forward to working with you all on making a positive difference on the environment in Ballyhaunis Community School. The whole team would like to say a big word of thanks to Mrs. Brogan (our very own Mother Nature) for the help in getting the team set up and for her assistance and enthusiasm in our efforts in preserving our environment for future generations.

by Mrs. Brogan



Reduce... Reuse... Recycle

Feachtas Tráth na gCeist

This year has been a very successful one for the Quiz teams in the School. For the first time we entered two teams into the Feachtas Tráth na gCeist in Castlebar. At best we hoped for one team to get through after last years result. However, in what was a closely fought competition, Ballyhaunis managed to come both first and second! This ensured that both teams went to the All-Ireland on the 10th of March in Dublin. The team members Niall Hynes, Cliona Hensey, Sharon Nolan, Seán O'Rourke, Danny Regan, Ellen Hynes, Gerard Finn, Maura Naughton and Sarah Lynskey.

After an enjoyable day in Dublin we headed to the Aisling Hotel on the Quays to take part in the Final. After eight rounds one of our teams was level in first place with four other teams. We won it in the last round by one point after dropping just four questions out of sixty. Winning the All-Ireland was a complete shock to all concerned. The winning team members were Cliona Hensey, Niall Hynes, Sharon Nolan and Sean O'Rourke. Our other team finished in the top ten ahead of fifteen other teams. We would like to thank Ms. Finn and Ms. Brogan for all the help and support that they gave us. A special thanks is extended to Mrs. Joyce who provided us with so much of her time and support throughout the campaign. We would never have done it without her.

Niall Hynes & Cliona Hensey



Foireann Phobalscoil Beal Atha hAmhnais, Co Mhuigh Eo, a bhuaigh Craobh, Tráth na gCeist Feachtas, De Sathairn 10 Marta 2007, i mBaile Atha Cliath

From left to right: Sean O Ruairc, Cliona Ni Aongusa, Niall O hEidhin, An tAthar Micheal Mac Greil S.J., Sharon Ni Nuadhain, Is Oide Gaeilge; Bean Uí Seoighe. Bronnadh Corn Foras na Gaeilge orthu.

The second Ballyhaunis team who took part in the All Ireland Final of Tráth na gCeist in Dublin.

From left to right: Ms. Finn, Ms. Joyce, Gerard Finn, Danny Regan, Maura Naughton, Sarah Jane Lynskey, Ellen Hynes, Ms. Brogan, Mr. McHugh



Balla Tráth na gCeist

During Seachtain na Gaeilge two teams from Ballyhaunis took part in a Tráth na gCeist in Balla organised by Glór na nGael. Cliona Hensey and Sarah Lynskey were on the team that came second while Niall Hynes and John Gallagher were on the team that came fourth. There were over thirty teams competing in the competition.



From left to right: Ms. Joyce, Ms. Brogan, Sarah Jane Lynskey, Niall Hynes, Cliona Hensey, Mr. McHugh



From left to right: Ms. Joyce, Ms. Brogan, John Gallagher, Danny Regan, Ellen Hynes, Mr. McHugh

B.C.S. Banking

YEARBOOK 2007

The school bank opened last October after six 4th years were chosen, after an application/interview process, to fill the position of the school bank. The chosen students were:

Amy Conroy	Manager
Padraic Kearney	Assistant Manager
Lydia Concannon	Sales and Marketing Executive
Ellen Hynes	Auditor
Lisa Tighe	Teller
Geraldine Egan	Teller

The idea behind opening the bank came with the 'AIB Build A Bank Challenge', a competition designed to introduce all second level students to the world of banking. The school bank team were faced with dealing with the queries of customers as well as trying to run a bank branch within the confines of a school.



There were two stages in the competition. The first was also two fold. The school bank team had to write and submit two projects by April 2nd. The first of these projects was a business plan for the bank, stating the aims and the role of the bank within the school, target market and marketing initiatives that the bank team used throughout the year. The second project that was to be submitted was a project report on one of three topics -

- Student Banking Vision 2010
- Ethnic Banking in Ireland
- Emerging Technology in Student Banking

For our project we chose Ethnic Banking in Ireland, focusing particularly on the difficulties faced by ethnic minorities in accessing banking facilities and how this could be changed.

The second stage of the competition was to attend a regional final. On April 21st the school bank team accompanied by Ms Lally and Ms Waldron went to the Radisson Hotel in Sligo to give a presentation on the work of the school bank. As part of this we had also to create a presentation based on our activities during the year in the promotion of the bank. At our exhibit we were visited firstly by two adjudicators, with whom we had 10 minutes to present our bank, and secondly by the head adjudicator, who we had 5 minutes to impress.

Throughout the year we ran a number of promotional activities. The first of these was a raffle. The draw took place during our official opening, which was preformed by Tommy Marren of Mid-West Radio, and we thank him for giving up his time to officiate our opening. Other services included an exchange service for all students and teachers who travelled on the school tour to Norway. The next promotion was a 'Love Hunt' organised to coincide with St. Valentine's Day. The 14 heart finders all get the opportunity to hit the piñata before the end of term. Our year long promotion is a draw which will take place at the end of the year, for all those who used the bank during the year. This draw is for a mobile phone.

For all our promotions we won one of the prizes at our final. The prize we won was for Best Customer Sustainment. For this each member of the school bank team won a mobile phone, the school also received a digital camcorder and a TV/DVD combo.

On behalf of the school bank team I would like to thank Ms Lally and Ms Waldron for all their help.

Transition Year 2006-2007



It is so hard to believe that another year has flown by so quickly. It was only this time last year that 21 of us were writing our letter of application and having our interviews for the chance to do Transition Year.

As we entered the school in September '06 we weren't too sure what to expect. Our introduction day with Mrs. Keane will definitely be a day to remember. Let's just say our fashion show was one of a kind!!!! It was hard to see our friends going into 4th year without us. We thought over it though and now I don't think any of us can say we regret our decision to do TY. With all the outings, no fights (thank God!) and the fun times, we think Transition Year is well worth considering and in our opinion the most enjoyable year in our school lives. Thank you to all our teachers for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Sinead Fahy and Orla

T.Y. Retreat to Croagh Patrick

Early in the morning of the 6th of October the Transition Years set off on a pilgrimage to climb Croagh Patrick. We were accompanied on the climb by Ms. Macken, Ms. Brogan, Mr. Cleary and two members of the Order of Malta.

It was a terrible day! The rain was coming down in buckets and the wind was so strong that there was a real danger of being blown off the mountain!! Everyone could see that we had a real struggle ahead of us! But we took it one step at a time and a lot of breaks were taken to give us time to catch our breath. It was a tough climb but with the help and motivation of our classmates and teachers we managed to keep going until we had reached our goal.

Eventually, when each of us had reached the top, there was time for us to have a look around and enjoy the view (even though there wasn't much to see due to the fog). We ate our lunch and rested till we were ready to make our way back down the mountain.

When we had all made it to the bottom (a journey that was a lot easier than climbing up) we were soaked to the skin and shivering with the cold but we were still happy and proud that we had finally made it!

On behalf of all the TY's we would like to thank the teachers and the members of the Order of Malta for making our challenging but rewarding day possible!

Eimear Hill & Orla Shannon



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T.Y. Enterprise

As part of our Transation Year programme we were required to dabble in the delightful area of Enterprise. Under the guidance of Whyte, we dived into the cut-throat world of business.

Our first business venture involved rubbing shoulders with the top brass in the Christmas card world. We raked in the profits. Our next business outing saw us young whipper-snappers organise an egg hunt for the first years. Resounding success was had and profit made would make Bill Gates dive for cover in fear and terror.

Thanks sincerely to Mrs. Whyte for her wisdom and dedication to the cause.

Liam Mc Dermott
David Mc Nan

Y.S.I. Multi-Cultural Day

On Thursday 18th jan. the TY's organised a 'Multi-Cultural Day'. This day was initiated as part of our Y.S.I. (Young Social Innovators) project. Our project was entitled "Integrate, don't segregate."

With this in mind, we organised this day to promote education on the various cultures of our school. A lot of preparation and planning went into this day. Each member of TY was designated a culture to research and representatives from each culture were contacted if they would like to contribute. These representatives were also interviewed in a bid to learn first hand what their life was like. We set up four rooms in the E area for the day. The theme of the rooms was 1. The Arabian room 2. Eastern European room 3. African room 4. Saxon and Ireland room. Each room contained information and other items such as food, from the different cultures. In some rooms representatives from the different cultures gave speeches.

Great credit has to go to all the TY's for the effort they put in. A special word of thanks to Ms Murray for her guidance and assistance without whom; we would have not got very far. Also thanks have to go to Arfan Rafique for opening the day and also the local media for broadcasting the project.

Y.S.I. – Young Social Innovators

At the start of the year we began our Y.S.I project. We decided on a social issue in our community which is "Cultural Integration". Our aim was to integrate the different cultures in our community by holding events which would promote integration.

The first event we held was a "Flag Day". This involved painting all the national flags that represent the school and placing them around the Ballyhaunis crest which showed unity within the school. This was our first step towards integration.

After Christmas we decided to hold our main event for the project, a "Multicultural Day" in the school. We transformed four classrooms into "Virtual Tours" of each culture to be viewed by first years. The cultures were divided as follows:

- Room 1: Arabic Room (Azerbaijan, Kurdistan, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan)
- Room 2: Eastern European Room (Slovakia, Latvia, Russia, Poland, Croatia, Lithuania)
- Room 3: Anglo-Saxon Room: (England, Ireland, Australia, America, the Traveling Community)
- Room 4: African Room (Kenya, South Africa)

Ski Trip to Norway

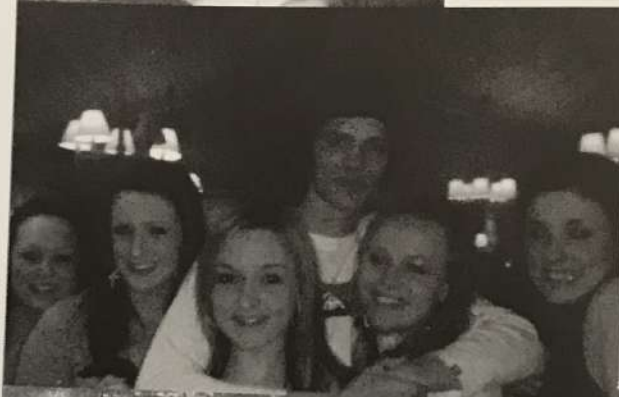
It was Friday February 16th finally! We gathered in the Bus Park at 10.30am and loaded up for the long-awaited Ski Trip to Norway. There were suitcases of all shapes, sizes and colours! We eagerly waved goodbye to BCS and to the remainder of Mammy's who stayed to wave us off. Everyone was so excited! We landed in Oslo at 10pm Norway time (as they're one hour ahead) and were greeted by what you could only describe as "fairytale snow".

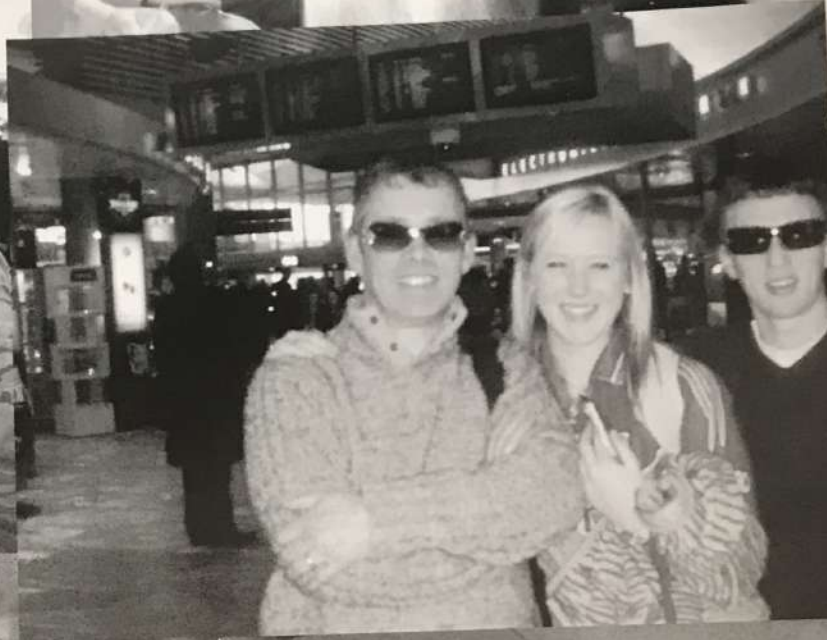
A day for us in Norway consisted of an early breakfast around 7.30-8.00am, a twenty minute bus journey to the slopes and we were changed and outside for lessons at 10am. We were split into various groups, each with an instructor, with whom we put our entire trust for the week. By 4pm, generally, we were ready to go back to the hotel. As we found out that week, skiing is a very tiring sport!

During our stay in the Birkebeineren Hotel, we enjoyed the odd sauna, developed our skiing skills (after many a tumble) went to an ice-hockey game, relaxed while swimming, shopped 'til we dropped' and enjoyed some chill-out evenings in the hotel itself.

Fair play to the teachers for their good spirit, participation and encouragement throughout the week. Thanks to the parents and also a big thank-you to Mr. Pratt for bringing us on this unforgettable school trip.

by Grainne Glavey





3rd Year Retreats

BALLINTUBBER ABBEY

On Jan. 16th, 17th & 18th, 3rd year students went on Retreat to Ballintubber Abbey. We began the day by learning about the different masks that people wear and also watching Fr. Fahy dance! Later in the day we trudged through the fields on a mini-pilgrimage, I was one of the unfortunate ones who didn't bring waterproof footwear! However it was a great day out. We learned a lot & had some fun!

Brendan Waldron 3D

On arrival to Ballintubber Abbey Fr. Frank, Siobhan and Lisa who were our mentors for the day greeted us. Everyone enjoyed a cup of tea & some chocolate biscuits before we got down to the serious task of talking about the masks we sometimes wear to cover up who we really are. The lunchtime entertainment was provided by some of the lads who will remain nameless, displaying their golfing skills and some antics on the pitch & putt course on the Abbey grounds. After our scenic 2-mile walk of the Tohar, the day ended with a short prayer service.

Hannah Donegan 3B

On our arrival in Ballintubber, we met our facilitators for the day Fr. Frank Fahey, Lisa and Siobhán. We helped ourselves to tea and biscuits. The day started with Siobhan and Lisa telling us stories and Fr. Frank giving us some fine imitations of stereotypical teenagers. The day was about people wearing masks to cover up who they really are. The break time entertainment was spent by some of the lads 'revealing' their true colours!!!! (Ye know who ye are) After our 'revealing' break, we took a two mile walk of the Tohar (thank God for wellies!)

Overall we all enjoyed the day and it will be one some of us will never forget. With many thanks to Ms. Macken, Ms. Phillips and Ms. M.

**Emma L
and Laura I**



S.P.H.E.

SPHE is one of the few classes we look forward to in the week. In September we learned study skills and how to revise and this proved to be very useful in the lead up to our mocks. We also learned about the environment and how we need to protect it.

In December a SPHE day was held for all third year students. This day was very enjoyable and we learned a lot about road carnage, the effects of drugs, unplanned pregnancy and healthy eating. Everybody participated in the discussions and we all enjoyed the experience. SPHE is a very useful subject and has taught us a lot about healthy eating, the environment and other aspects of life.

Nessa Doherty,



3A

Back row: Paul Carney, Kamran Afzal, Sean Brennan, Stephen Cregg, Aurimas Brazauskas, Rory Collins. First Middle Row: Corrina Byrne, Michelle Connell, Richie Crinnigan, Nessa Doherty, Grace Cribben. Second Middle Row: Rebecca Creighton, Niall Cribben, Shane Cleary, Louise Cullinane, Aisling Caulfield. Front Row: Emma Brereton, Sinead Byrne, Mohammad Cherbatji, Sara Cherbajti, Millie Daniel-Dempsey.



3B

Back Row: Sean Durkin, Christopher Flanagan, Neil Kearney, Gerard Finn, Stephen Keane, Gerard Grogan. First Middle Row: Danielle Hynes, Margaret Egan, Kevin Fitzmaurice, Roisin Fitzmaurice, Aisling Forde. Second Middle Row: Loreta Grybraite, Hannah Donegan, Shaima Haji Taha Bawari, Lisa Finn, Laura Henry, Avril Feeney. Front Row: Fiona Freyne, Mairead Griffin, Lisa Folan, Charlotte Donne, Lorraine Hickey, Rowshan Haji Taha Bawari.

3rd Year



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Back Row: John Francis McDonagh, Aidan Richarson, Kevin Morley, Patrick Morris, Sean Ronayne, Damien Maloney, Emma Loftus. First Middle Row: Daniel Mangan, Edg Row: Michelle Keane, Maura Kelly, Aisling Horan, Ruth Judge, Naureen Iqubal, Sharon Nolan. Second Middle Row: Daniel Mangan, Edg Sean Kearsey, Jennifer Lyons, Jessica Kelly, Edele Lyons. Front Row: Sinead Byrne, Alma Mannion, Caroline Leonard, Aderine Kenny, Leann



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Back Row: Ethan Toal, Faraz Ul-Hassan, Pdraig Waldron, Stephen Waldron, Faizan Yousaf. First Middle Row: Brendan Waldron, Jake Walsh, Laura Waldron, Kathryn Waldron, Adena Morley. Second Middle Row: Michelle McDermot, Emma Barr, Shirley McGowan, Nicole Niland, Roisin Murphy. Front Row: Lisa Walsh, Aisling Robinson, Riona Murray, Stacey Murray, Michelle O'Connor.

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Fund-raising

FRIENDS OF TEMPLE STREET

We kicked off this year's fundraising by selling Temple Street "Trick or Treat" keyrings and badges at Halloween. We sold them at breaks and got a big response to it. This helped to raise over €500 for the hospital.

In February we held a Cake Sale. Each of the members baked something for it and other students donated cakes to sell. This helped to raise €150 for the hospital.

In March we had a Giant Easter Raffle. This was a huge success as we raised €825 for Temple Street. It was a special day, as all the tickets were drawn by Ms Osgood's daughter Rebecca.

On behalf of all the Committee we would like to thank all those who contributed to our Fundraising events over the course of the year. We would also like to thank all those who sponsored prizes. A big thank you is needed for Ms Osgood, Ms Meehan and Ms Troy for the help they gave to us during the year.

By Niall Hynes and Amy Conroy



Concern Christmas Fast 2006



Presentation of Cheques to Hospice (pictured above and below)



Shoe Box Appeal

T.E.F.L. Course



Ballyhaunis Community School established an English Course for Speakers of other languages project to cater for the influx of non-speakers in the Ballyhaunis area. The project was established as there are a lot of people living in the Ballyhaunis area with little proficiency in the English language. The activities in this course are intended to make everyday situations and conversations a lot easier for the students.

In addition to addressing the development of literacy and numeracy where necessary, some of the appropriate thematic areas include:

- General conversation.
- Filling in forms.
- Working A.T.M machines
- Going shopping.
- Food & Clothes.
- About the House.
- Reading bus/train timetables.
- Using the local library.
- Using mobile phones e.g. how to buy and put in credit.
- Using a computer.
- Using a computer.
- Employment rights.
- Learning about the Irish Educational System.
- Parent/Teacher Meetings.
- How to write a cheque.
- Booking flights online
- E-mail.
- Finding a Job.
- Health & Medicine

Grammar is incorporated on all these lessons. Familiarity with these basic themes will support confidence and allow communicative interaction.

The classes are provided for adults with all levels of English from beginner to advanced. There are numerous classes provided e

Group 1:	Monday morning	9.00 – 10.20
	Tuesday morning	9.00 – 10.20
Group 2:	Tuesday evening	3.30 – 5.00
	Thursday evening.	4.50 – 5.20
Group 3:	Thursday morning	9.00 – 10.20
	Friday morning	9.00 – 10.20

*Courses are run throughout the school year
There is no charge for attending this course*

*Please contact Ballyhaunis Community School
for further information or inquiries.*

2nd Year

September arrived and to our dismay, it meant one thing.... getting up early again after a long, enjoyable summer! Immediately, we started back into the hard schoolwork and homework but we were soon rewarded with the very enjoyable Arts Festival in November. We had an excellent SPHE day where we learned about bullying and respecting others. We would like to thank the following teachers Mrs. Byrne, Ms. Byrnes Ms. Flynn, Ms Troy, Ms. Lally, Ms. Meehan, Ms. Finn Ms Lyons and Ms. Hayes. Our retreat to Knock in February was one of the many highlights of second year. Everyone has loved every moment of the year and we hope the remaining years in the B.C.S. are just as good

Robyn Gallagher.

2nd Year what can I say...It has been enjoyed by all! We settled in to our new classes and got stuck in for the year ahead. Most of us were glad to move on and not be the new comers any more. It was an exciting year. The Transition Years held a talent show, cake sales, raffles and much more. We had an SPHE Day in November and a Retreat in Knock in February. They were both very enjoyable and provided a welcome break from the books. As the year comes to a close we would like to say 'Happy Holidays' and good luck to all those participating in exams!!!

Michelle Lenehan

S.P.H.E.

SPHE is now a normal subject in secondary schools today. My class have SPHE every Friday. Our teacher is Mrs. Byrne. SPHE ranges from Modules like nutrition to friends. It is a very broad subject and it has huge relevance with students today. It can be great for improving your self esteem and it can teach you the discipline to be a good person.

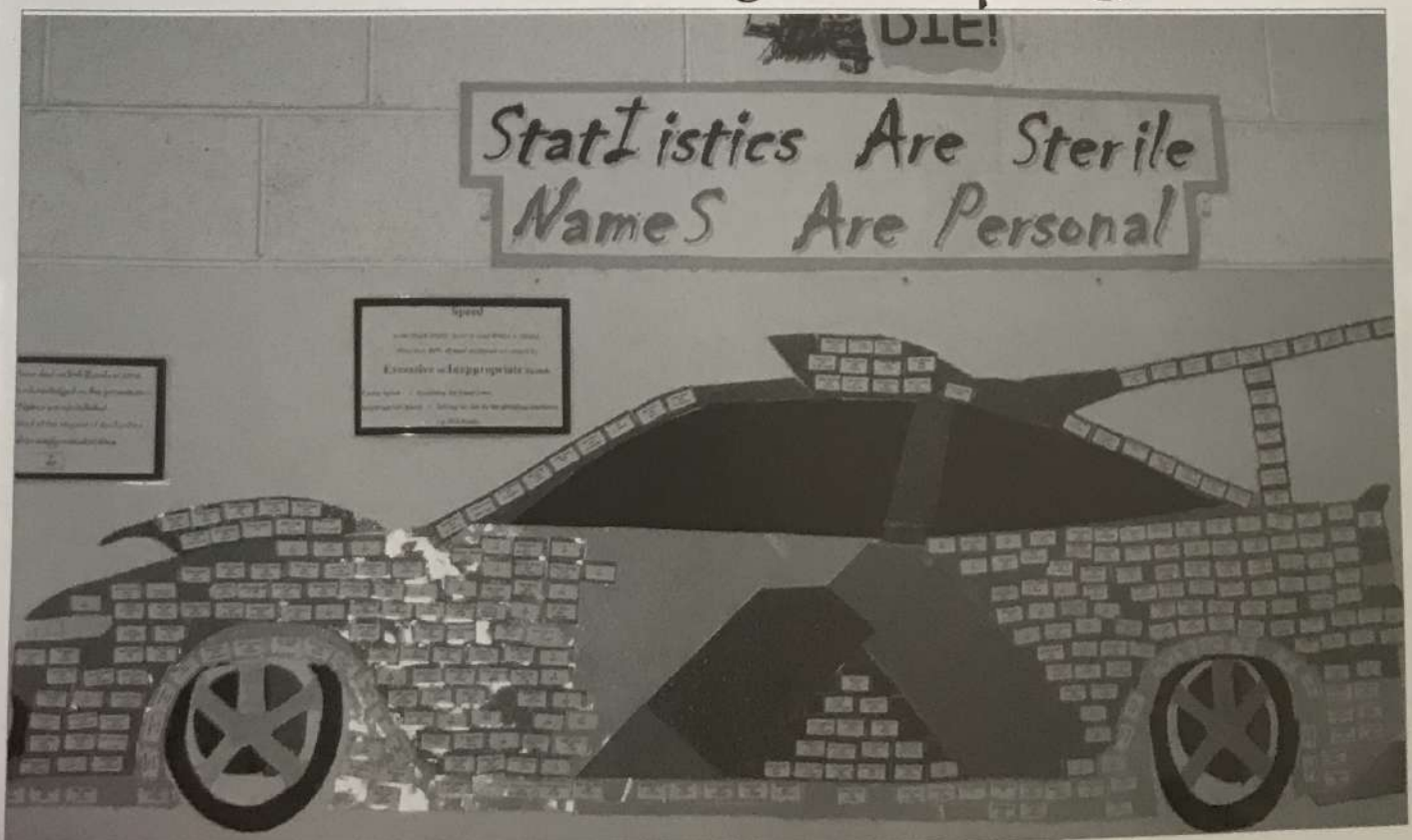
On 28th of November 2006 the 2nd years SPHE day took place. This was an enjoyable day and a nice break from the usual hectic working day. At the beginning of the day all the 2nd years were divided into groups at random. This was a day when we got to know our fellow students better. We did different activities during the course of the day and everyone really enjoyed it. SPHE is a very good subject it can be interesting and you don't get any homework. The majority of students prefer it to Irish, English or Maths. It's very popular, I really like it myself.

Brendan O'Gara

Second years have SPHE one class a week. It is a class where you don't get homework... which is a good thing!! It is different to other subjects too in the sense that you don't have to study for it or do an exam. This year we have focused on topics such as Bullying, Self Esteem, Hygiene etc. At the end of November we had an SPHE day, that day the main topic was bullying but we also talked about feeling and emotions and other various topics. We were divided into groups and one teacher took each group. Overall I think everyone will agree that it was a great day.

Sinead Kirrane 2B

2nd Year Road Safety Campaign



2nd Year SPHE Day 29th Nov. 2006



2nd Year



2A

Back Row: John Finan, Isaac Carroll, Ciarin Davy Middle back Row: Rachel Burn, Amy Brady, Katie Culliney, Emer Flatley,
Middle Front Row: Niall Cherbatji, Stephan Comer, Joanne Cregg, Diarmuid Finnegan, Gareth Carrick,
Front Row: Fatima Afzal, Audrey Costello, Siobhan Finn, Celine Brennan.



2B

Back Row: Caoileann Fitzmaurice, Harley Paine, Robyn Gallagher, Lisa Jordan, Joseph Flynn
First Middle Row: Lisa Cunnane, Laura Lynch, Martha Lyons, Emma Keane
Second Middle Row: David Finnegan, David O'Sullivan, David O'Sullivan, David O'Sullivan, David O'Sullivan, David O'Sullivan

2nd Year



2C

Back row: Kieran Kiely, Claire O'Dwyer, David Lyons, Olwyn Murray, Michelle Neenan, Scott Matthew.
Middle row: Emma Niland, Niall Freeman, Conor Kearney, Robyn Moran, Gearoid Keane, Ferzana Nazir.
Front row: Cathal Leneghan, Maura Naughton, Kieran McDermott, Sinead Morley, Declan McNamara, Siobhan Maloney.



2D

Back row: Vygintas Vezelis, Sean O'Rourke, Andrew McCormack, Ryan Worden, Thomas Morley, Brendan O'Gara.
Middle Back Row: Christopher McDonagh, Melanie Ronan, Emer Walsh, Laura Regan, Damon Paine
Middle Front Row: Michaela Webb, Lana Raftery, Ashling Waldern, Wensa Staszczuk, Cira Sloyan
Front Row: Isan Almas, Leanne Storie, Victoria Tighe Hayden, Laura Patterson, Ailee Webb, Chatel McGowan

1st Year

We started B.C.S in September 2006. It was a big change from national school with all the different teachers, subjects and classrooms. I can still remember going into the assembly area everyone was looking around nervously trying to see if they knew anyone, not realising after a few weeks we would be getting to know each other!

Overall, it was a great year! Behind the hard work we had fun with the Arts Festival (dancing, drama, rapping) and the multicultural day organised by the Tran years! Well that's all from me, this year has definitely flown and if the next four go as quickly, I will be 17 before I know it!!!

Edel Walsh

My first year has been great. Our first day was long and scary. The school looked large, empty and forbidding. As the weeks went on, we began to settle in. It was crack. The school that had once looked so big and scary now seems smaller. I have made great friends and the classes are great. It has been great fun and I hope the good times continue.

Louise Ruane and Sarah Caulfield



Mary and Tom Mc Donagh, students attending Ballyhaunis Community School



1st years enjoy a trip to Athlone and Clonmacnoise in June 2006



1st year Table Quiz Winners: Amy Regan (Students Council) Aoife Cassidy, Sharon Lynskey, Grace Lyons, Maria Lyons, Niall Hynes (Student Council)

1st Year



1A

Back Row: Stefan Danicic, Brendan Connolly, Sarah Caulfield, Elaine Egan, Sarah Deegan, Martin McDonagh, Ian Coyne

Middle Row: Sammy Asilia, Waseem Ashraf, Ciaran Brennan, Katie Conroy, Ann Folan, Ciara Dee,
Hannah Jumail, Stephen Brehony, Eoghan Collins

Front Row: Zaira Arshad, Shane Boland, Dermot Crinnigan, Seamus Burke, Niamh Cunnane, Aoife Cassidy



1B

Back Row: Grace Lyons, Laura Kilgariff, Sharron Lynskey, Sarah Grennan, Maria Lyons, Aoife Hill, Clare Kenny, Laura Haverty

Middle Row: Patrick Devany, Eugene Durkin, Luke Harris, Ivan Hynes, Colm Keane, Fintan Kearney, Daniel Folliard

Front Row: Anne Marie Henaghan, Dylan Lynskey, Sean Griffin, John Flynn, Darren Dennehy, Daniel

1st Year



1C

Back Row: Tara Plunkett, John McNeive, Melissa McLoughlin, Lisa Naughton, Shane Muldoon, Klarissa Murphy
 Middle Row: Gary Patterson, Niall Melvin, Oisin McDermott, Neil Lyons, John Kilboyle, Keiran McLoughlin
 Front Row: Martina Mullarkey, Louise McNamara, Eilis O'Gara, Saadia Nazir, Kelly Niland



1D

Back Row: Marie Staunton, Emily Worden, Kial Wallis, Paul O'Gara, Brian Neary, Aine Waldron
 Middle Row: Tracey Regan, Jennifer Rattigan O'Neill, Edel Walsh, Louise Ruane, Jennifer Waldron, Bronagh Walsh
 Front Row: Darragh Richardson, Brandon Peake, James Simcox, Jason Nolan, Sheraz Ul-Hassan

Sports Day



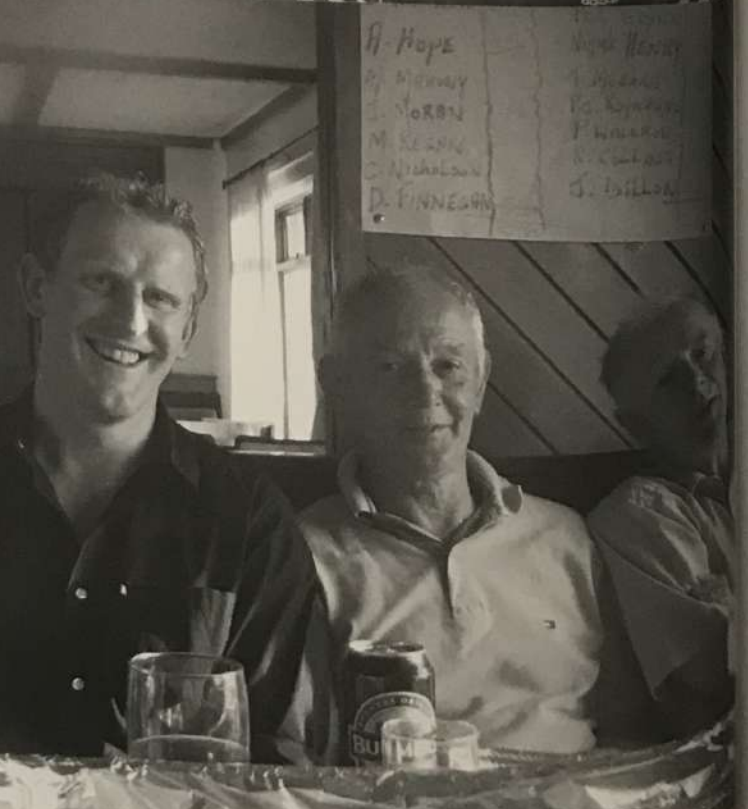
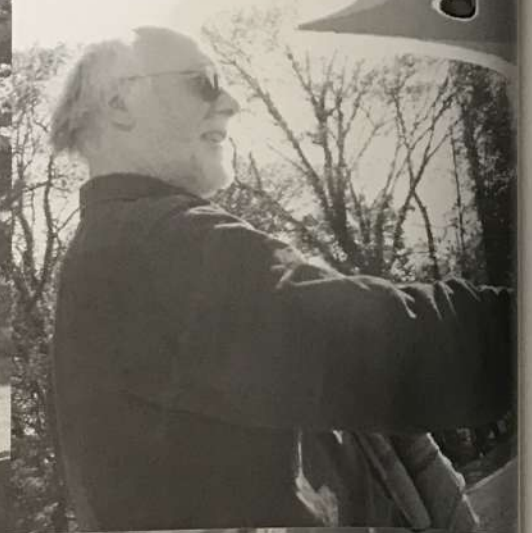
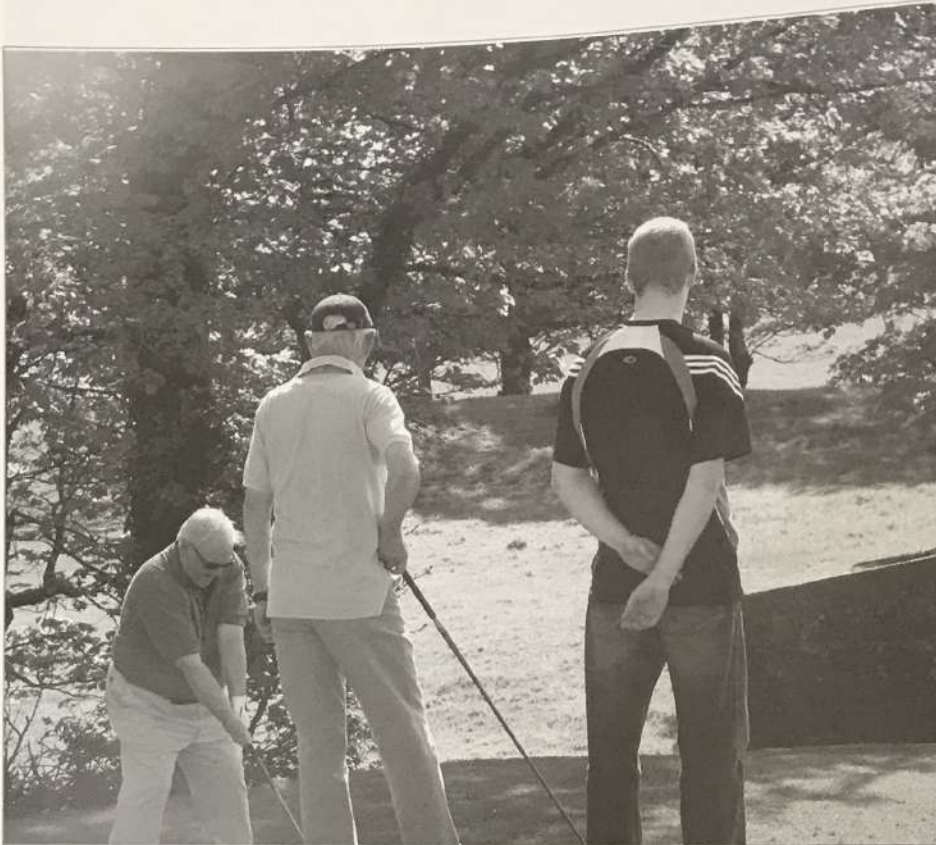
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SPORTS DAY
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Class of 1981 – School Reunion



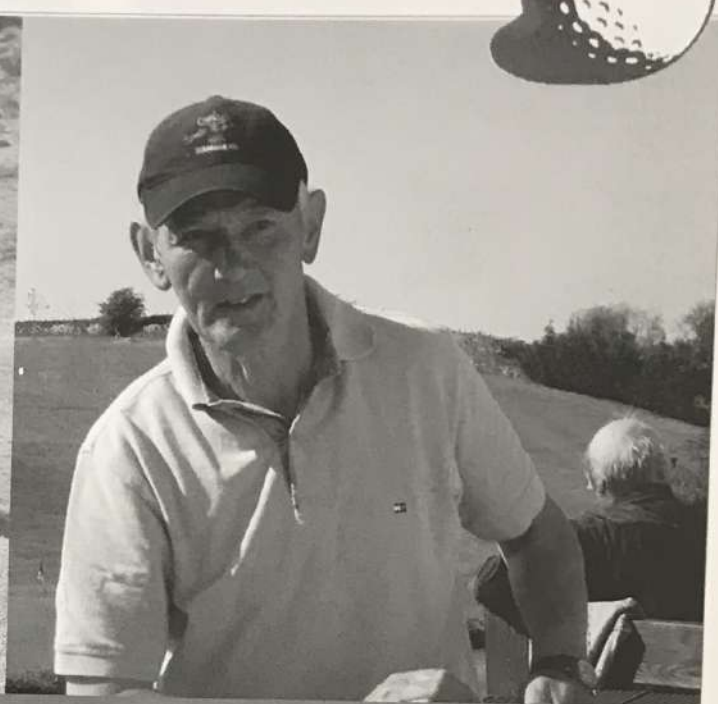
Teachers' Golf Outing



A Hope

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B. HENRY	T. HENRY
C. HENRY	P. HENRY
D. HENRY	R. HENRY
E. HENRY	S. HENRY
F. HENRY	T. HENRY
G. HENRY	U. HENRY
H. HENRY	V. HENRY
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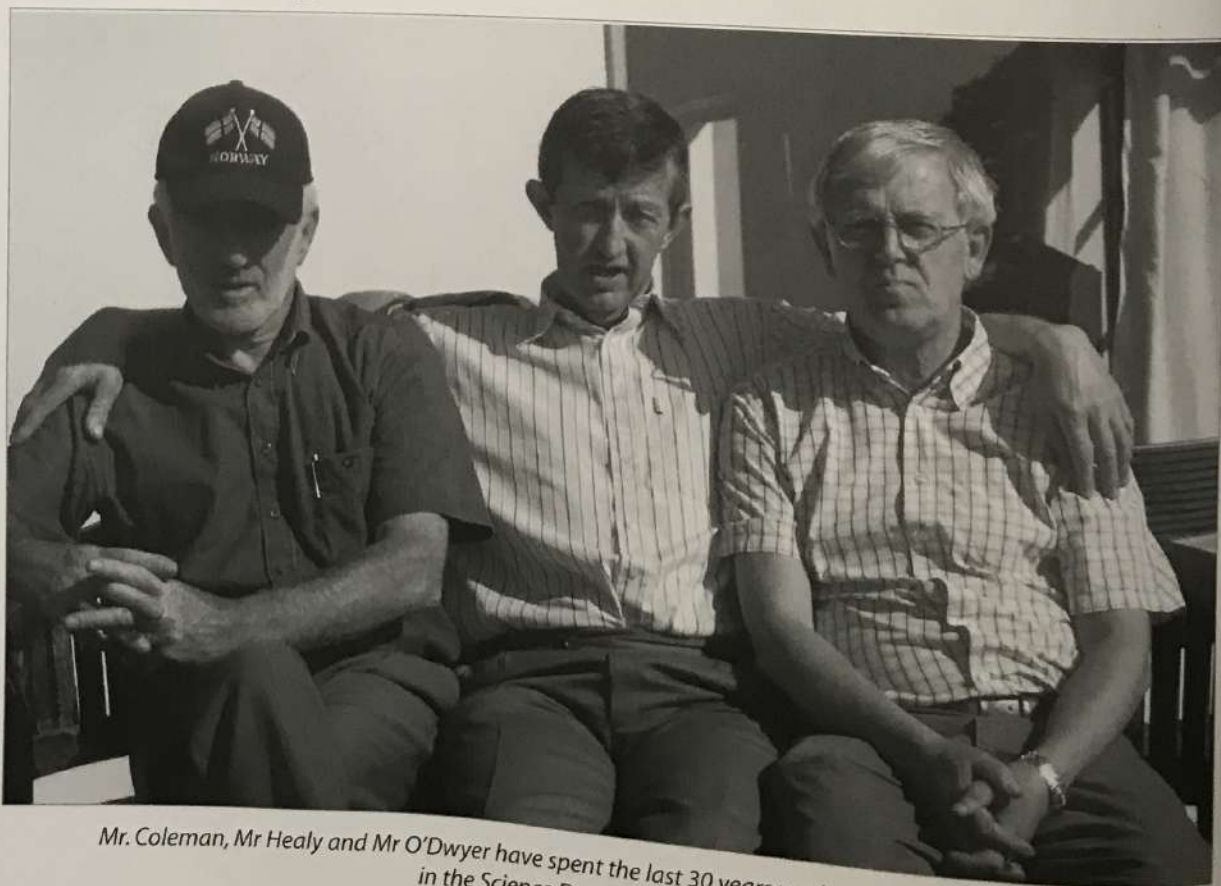
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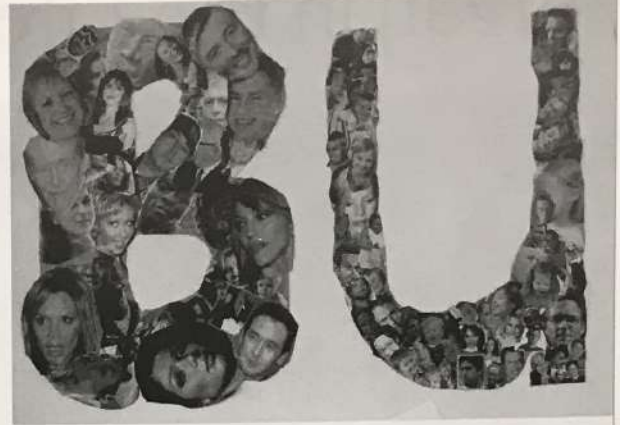
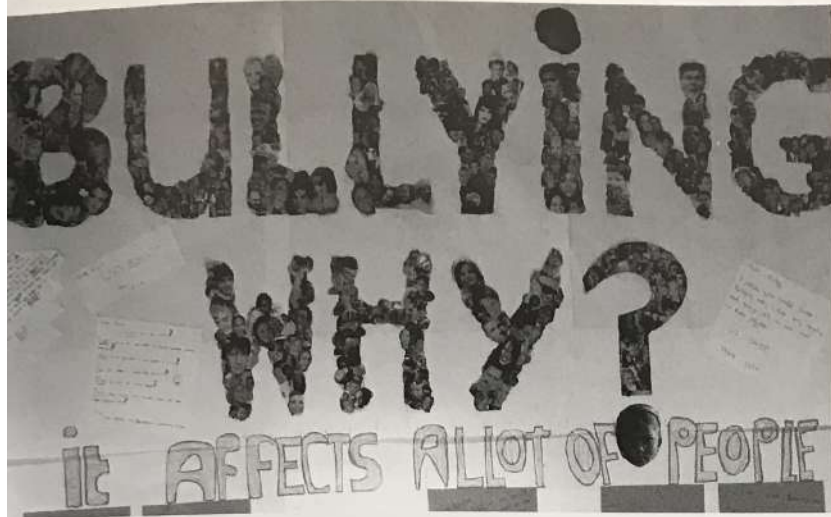
ARTWORK



30 Years Together...



Mr. Coleman, Mr Healy and Mr O'Dwyer have spent the last 30 years working along side each other in the Science Department at BCS. Here they are enjoying a staff day.



ART
WORK



Gaelic

U-14 Gaelic



Back Row: Joseph Flynn, Isaac Carrol, Cathal Fahy, Ryan Warden, Caoileann Fitzmaurice, Niall Freeman, Sean Brennan, Paul Freeley, Thomas Morley, Ethan Toal, Rory Collins, Steven Keane
Front Row: Brendan O'Gara, John Finan, Scott Matthews, Thomas Gallagher, Damien Keadan, Connor Freeley, Damian Maloney, Kieran Kiely, Gearoid Keane, Paul Carney, Stephen Comer.

1st Year Boys Gaelic



Back Row: John Flynn, Seamus Burke, John McNeive, Ivan Hynes, Sammy Asilia, Martin McDonagh, Daniel Folliard, Eugene Durkan, Dermot Crinnigan, Brian Neary, Paul O'Gara, Shane Muldoon, Eoghan Collins, Sean Griffin
Front Row: Fintan Kearney, Darren Dennehy, John Kilboyle, Shane Boland, Oisín McDermott, Ciaran Brennan, Gary Patterson, Niel Lyons, Daniel Harrison, Ian Coyne, Niall Melvin, Kieran McLoughlin, Luke Harris

Soccer

U-18 Boys Soccer



*Back Row: Kevin Gallagher, Craig Hughes, John Gallagher, Brian Waldron, Aidan Fitzmaurice, Paul Walsh, Kenneth Feeney, Mr McGarry
Front Row: Jack Daniel Dempsey, Stephen Hoban, Niall Prenty, Liam Groarke, Kevin Nestor, Jamie Tighe*

1st Year Boys Soccer



*Back Row: Darren Dennehy, Luke Harris, Neil Lyons, Sammy Asilia, John Flynn, Paul O'Gara
Middle Row: John Kilboyle, Oisin McDermott, Dylan Lynskey, Ian Coyne, Darragh Richardson, Martin McDonagh, Mr Pratt
Front Row: Kieran McLoughlin, Ciaran Brennan, Gary Patterson, Seamus Burke, Sheraz Ul-Hassan*

Soccer

U-14 Boys Soccer



Back Row: Cathal Leneghan, Kieran Kiely, Caoileann Fitzmaurice, Gerard Grogan, Stephen Comer
Middle Row: Mr Noone, Diarmuid Finnegan, Kieran McDermott, Neil Lyons, Sammy Asilia, John Finan
Front Row: Declan McNamara, Damien Keadin, Gary Patterson, David Lyons

U-16 Boys Soccer



Back Row: Paul Carney, Patrick Morris, Caoileann Fitzmaurice, Joseph Flynn, David Lyons, Isaac Carroll, Gerard Grogan
Middle Row: Mr Noone, Diarmuid Finnegan, Sean Brennan, Thomás Morley, Kamron Afzal, John Finan,
Thomas Gallagher, Kieran McDermott, Ryan Worden
Front Row: Declan McNamara, Adrian Gavin, Damien Keadin, Stephen Comer, Connor Freeley, Richard G.

Gaelic

2nd Year Boys Gaelic



*Back Row: John Finan, Brendan O'Gara, Joseph Flynn, Ryan Warden, Isaac Carroll, Caoileann Fitzmaurice, Thomas Morley, Cathal Fahy, Stephen Comer, Adrian Gavin, Cathal Lenaghan, Connor Kearney
Front Row: Scott Mathews, Thomas Gallagher, Damien Keadin, Niall Freeman, Kieran Kiely, Niall Murphy, Connor Freeley, Gearoid Keane, Kieran McDermott, Ihsan Almas.*

Golf



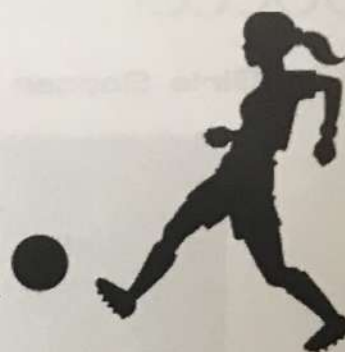
*Back Row L-R: Mark Potgieter, Rory Collins,
Front Row: Eoghan Collins. Missing: Padraig Waldron, Diarmuid Finnegan.*

Girls Sport

Ladies Gaelic Football

The 1st year girls championship campaign continued through March against Westport and Castlebar. On both occasions the opponents were stronger and defeated our girls by narrow margins. The girls must be commended for their commitment, hard work and dedication throughout the year. As the year draws to a close we would like to thank all the girls for their enthusiasm throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

by Ms. Osgood and Ms. Lally



1st year soccer

We started training in the second term. Ms Keehan brought us out for training regularly. We have had one match so far against Roscommon Community School, unfortunately on the day Roscommon were the better team. We tried our best but narrowly lost by two goals. On behalf of the first year girls soccer team we would like to thank Ms Keehan for all the work and support she has given. Thanks.

Jennie Waldron and Jenny O'Neil

Under-16 Girls Soccer

This year's league campaign started off great with three big home wins. On our first away match to Swinford we unfortunately lost (3:0) due to the absence of our goalie Nicola Kilkenny.

Our next match was the quarter final in which we beat Castlerea 4:2 which we could not have done without the three strong backs Kaitlynn Brady, Orla Lyons and Sinead Fahy. Our brilliant midfielder Lisa Walsh and our strikers Alma Mannion and Aideen Murray played a major part in the game.

Good luck to all the girls in the semi-final and we'll do Mr O'Dwyer proud when we get to the final!!!

Orla Lyons and Nicola Kilkenny.

Under-18 Girls soccer

Although we didn't get off to a good start. It was one of the many enjoyable experiences we enjoyed in BCS. Own goals coming from our own brilliant and talented Carol Freyne. Of course we can't forget our skilful backs and mid field with the exquisite sliding tackles (which got us into a few fights something we did win!!)

Also Nicola for supplying the music to sing along to. Id like to thank Miss Comer for her wisdom and advice which we took on board remember "girls ye are ladies". We also heard quiet a lot of "GIRLS" calm down and walk away. Although I tried to explain that Sinead Fahy, Orla Lyons, Carol Freyne and myself are ladies and don't fight!!

I would like to thank Mr. O Dwyer on behalf of the U18 girls team for his dedication and hard work throughout the year

Fiona Loftus, Captain

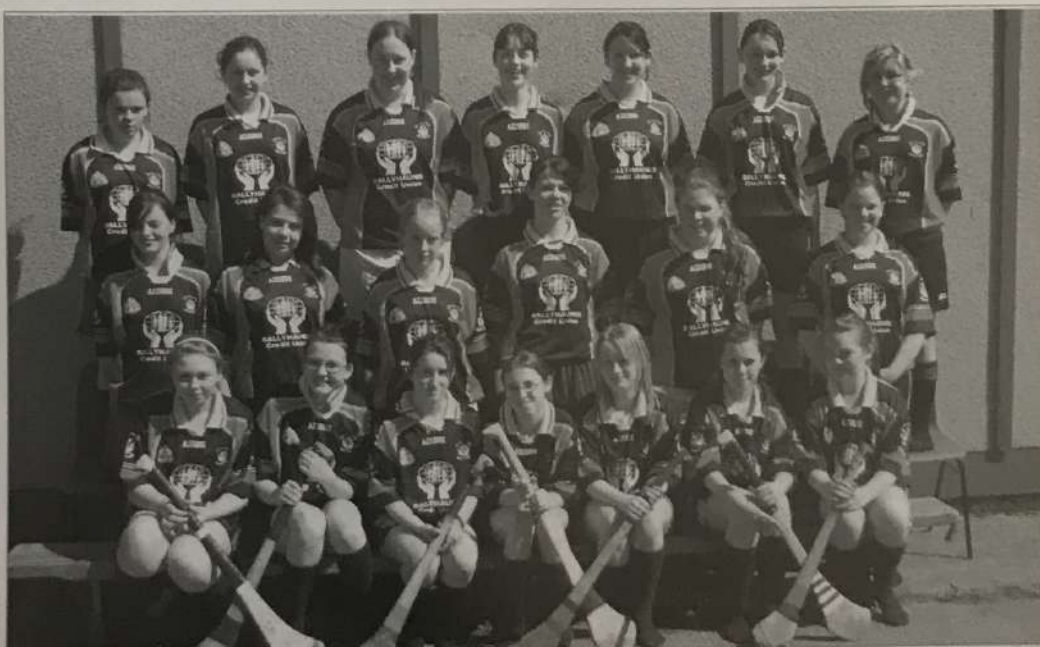
Camogie

1st year Camogie

Back Row L-R: Sharron Lynskey, Robyn Moran, Michelle Neenan, Edel Walsh, Lisa Jordan, Emma Niland, Aisling Waldron.

Middle Row L-R: Laura Patterson, Leanne Storie, Aoife Cassidy, Ailee Webb, Niamh Cunnane, Michelle Leneghan.

Front Row L-R: Melanie Ronan, Emer Walsh, Michaela Webb, Edel Lynch, Jennifer O' Neill, Jennifer Waldron, Louise McNamara.



Soccer

U-18 Girls Soccer



*Back Row: Emma Jenkins, Fiona Loftus, Ciara Horan, Nicola Kilkenny, Orla Shannon, Ruth Walshe, Carol Freyne, Siobhan Lyons, Sandra
Front Row: Aoife Coyne, Sara Lenaghan, Kaitlynn Brady, Amy Conroy, Sinead Fahy, Orla Lyons, Edel Egan, Eimear Tarpey*

U-16 Girls Soccer



*Back Row: Sinead Morley, Elaine Lilly, Nicola Kilkenny, Sandra Forde, Aisling Caulfield, Sinead Fahy, Orla Lyons,
Ruth Walshe, Alma Mannion, Harley Paine, Aideen Murray
Middle Row: Katie Culliney, Sara Lenaghan, Michele Keane, Kaitlynn Brady, Lisa Walshe, Orla Shannon,
Siobhan Finn, Joanne Cregg, Robyn Moran, Ashling Horan, Olwyn Murray
Front Row: Emma Loftus, Ruth Judge, Aisling Robinson, Amy Brady, Laura Waldron, Kathryn Waldron, Adena Morley*

Soccer

U-14 Girls Soccer



*Back Row: Amy Brady, Sinead Morley, Robyn Moran, Olwyn Murray, Sinead Kirrane, Michelle Neenan,, Harley Paine, Ciara Sloyan,
Middle Row: Siobhan Finn, Clare Kenny, Laura Haverty, Joanne Cregg, Klarissa Murphy, Sharron Lynskey, Katie Culliney
Front Row: Leanne Storie, Jennifer O'Neill, Jennifer Waldron, Anne Marie Heneghan*

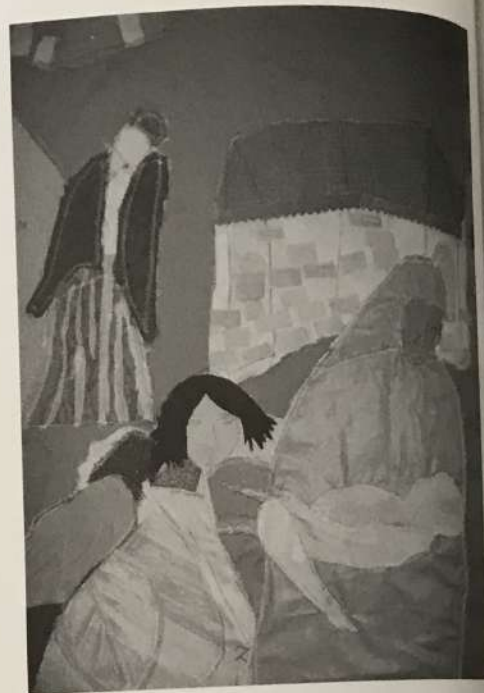
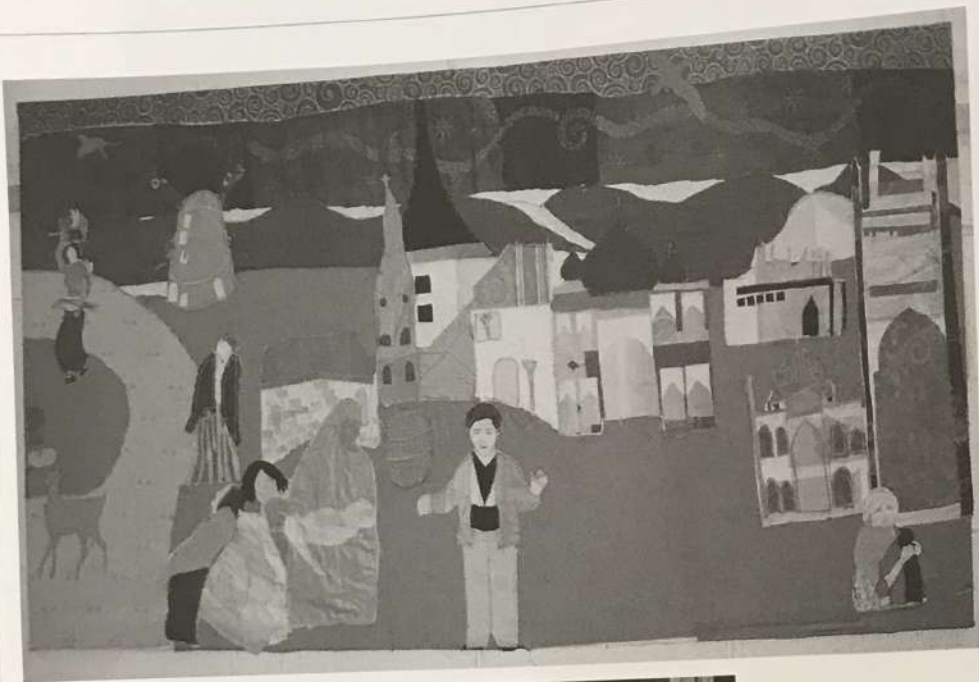
1st year Girls Soccer



*Back Row: Jade McDermott, Melissa O'Loughlin, Aoife Hill, Grace Lyons, Sarah Grennan, Sharron Lynskey, Siobhan Morley,
Laura Kilgarrieff, Klarissa Murphy
Front Row: Eilis O'Gara, Marie Staunton, Clare Kenny, Laura Haverty, Jennifer O'Neill, Anne Marie Heneghan,
Jennifer Waldron, Louise McNamara*

Multi-Cultural Project

Embroidered fabric hanging designed and created by a number of students.
The Artwork portrays various aspects of their different cultures.



Post Leaving Certificate Courses

Ballyhaunis Community School has been involved in the provision of quality Adult Education since its foundation 30 years ago. Hundreds of students have gone through the training offered and have been successful in their chosen careers. Some used the opportunity to repeat a Leaving Certificate subject while gaining lifelong skills. Others saw the value in learning skills that would be beneficial any where in the world and at any time in life. Many more use the opportunity of second chance education to resource and up skill themselves in this technologically oriented world. Many learners complete Post Leaving Certificate or Further Education and Training courses leading to FETAC awards with the specific intention of using their award to progress to 3rd level through a system known as the Higher Education Links Scheme. This scheme has been in existence for almost a decade and this year twenty-nine higher education institutions including universities, institutes of technology and private colleges, are offering places on a variety of courses to candidates who have successfully completed awards.

Students educated through our further education sector received qualifications from the RSA Examinations Board, The Euro Institute of Office Technology, The National Council for Vocational Awards (NCVA), City and Guilds and now FETAC – The Further Education and Training Awards Council. Awards are also offered in Information and Communication Technology Sector (ICT) by ICS Skills commonly known as ECDL Ireland. This provision of further education is expanding this year with the introduction of a series of new courses following on the successful achievement by the school of FETAC Quality Assurance Award. This enables the school to continue to provide existing and new courses leading to FETAC Certification. We are the only provider of further education in this region to have achieved this award.

The opportunities are greater than ever now at Ballyhaunis CS as we are launching a series of new training opportunities in September 2007 to compliment existing courses. These include the following:

FETAC Level 5 awards

1. **Art/Craft/Design with Portfolio Preparation**
2. **Computer Aided Design (CAD) with Construction Technology**
3. **Childcare/ Special Needs Assistant**
4. **Computers, Business & English as a second language**
5. **Computers for Beginners**
6. **Medical/Dental/Legal Receptionist plus ECDL**
7. **Office Administration Plus ECDL**
8. **Tourism & Travel**

ECDL CAD (Computer Aided Design)

EQUAL SKILLS CERTIFICATION

(Computers for Beginners)

ECDL CERTIFICATION (7 Modules)

ECDL ADVANCED (Word, Powerpoint, Access, Excel)

NETASSURE (Training on latest problems ie Viruses, Malware, Spam

*For further information please contact Ballyhaunis Community School
and ask for a member of the PLC Department.*

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Patrick Cogan

Sharon KERRONE

Mya

Carol Freyne

Anna Perchis

Kenneth Noone

Dearbhla Murray

Ruth Walsh

John Grimig

Harry Bann

Catherine KENNY

Yann

FLOTTUS

Barry Wallron

UP ROSS

Wife Fitzmaurice

ANNE LIESE MURPHY

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