



SKRYNE & RATHFEIGH PARISH

CEMETERY DEVOTIONS 2022

Sunday 10th July

11.00am

St. Colmcille's Church, Skryne

6.00pm

Hill of Tara

7.00pm

Hill of Skryne

Monday 15th August

7.30pm

The Church of the
Immaculate Conception,
Rathfeigh

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When my father was going to school there were not many toys to be had. Top spinning was a great game then, and the boys used make tops out of a spool or a lump of wood. They would spin these tops with cords. Flails were used for threshing and were made at home. The part that struck the corn was

called the bolseer. Spoons were also made of little pieces of wood. Pipes were made from hazel, and soles for wooden shoes called clogs were made from the Roflar tree.

James O'Brien

The June Duchas extract, covering Homemade Toys, was written by James O'Brien from Skryne School.

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Skryne Community Alert

With the fine weather here at last, and a lot of the kids off school, please be aware of extra pedestrians and cyclists on our roads. Many of our roads are just wide enough for a single vehicle, yet we see many rubber skid marks from cars, jeeps, tractors and trucks where someone has failed to anticipate oncoming traffic or pedestrians and had to jam on the breaks.

Please respect other road users and travel at a speed appropriate to the road and conditions, slowing down when you meet others on our narrow roads.



Rathfeigh Choir to Sing at Knock

Rathfeigh choir has been invited to sing at the Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock on **Sunday 17th July at 3.00 pm**. You can tune in to the Mass live on the Knock website. www.knockshrine.ie

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SKRYNE BADMINTON CLUB 2022

As the competitive adult season draws to a close we want to congratulate all the players involved across all teams on a great year's play and enjoyment. *Skryne Adult Badminton Club* currently has over thirty members and this year saw nine teams competing at league level. It was an unusual year as games had to be played within a short time frame and without a Cup or Championship this year, the league was the only focus of competition. There were many close contests and a few long drives but everyone survived! Those who made it to finals were as follows.

Skryne, Grade 8B defeated Skryne 8A in the final.



Grade 8B- (left to right)- Caoimhe Govern, Anna Copeland, Emma Loftus, Aoife Breslin.



Grade 7B team- (left to right)- Caroline Mc Aniff, Martina Finnegan, Claire Brennan, Jenny Cusack.



Grade 8A- (left to right)- Brenda Grealley, Sinead Markham, Leanne Crinion, Noeleen Grealley.



Grade 7A team- (left-right)- Mary Ellen Sheridan, Karen Dessain- Gelinet, Lisa Horan, Pamela Lydon.

Skryne, Grade 7B defeated Skryne 7A in their final in a very close contest!

Skryne's *Grade 5* team beat Wilkinstown in the final but were defeated in the Grade 4 semi-final by Athboy/ Kells.



Grade 4/5 (left- right)- Patrick Fitzsimons, Angie Keeley, Teresa Mangan, Fergus Meharg.

Subs- Sonia Borgnolo, Jackie Crinion and Pat Field.

Teresa Mangan and Angie Keeley also won the ladies doubles Grade 6 in a Leinster Open Competition and Patrick Fitzsimons and Angie Keeley won the Grade 7 mixed doubles. The women's grade 5 team, men's grade 7 team and two grade 7 mixed teams unfortunately didn't reach any finals.

Badminton is the fastest racket sport in the world and is a total body work-out. It is also a team sport and therefore very sociable. Games are also played in the evenings during the week which is convenient for many. Meath Badminton has a very long history in the county and is slowly regaining a decent following. Skryne had a huge juvenile club in the 90's with over a hundred members who trained in Warrenstown College, Drumree. Many were also Gaelic players! Many still live in the parish! Skryne achieved many accolades in its day, from Meath leagues to Meath championships with many players representing the county under-age in provincial competitions.

This year the *juvenile* club trained in Claremont, Navan on Fridays from 7pm. A big thank you to all the parents volunteering to coach and supervise them- Paul Copeland, Garret Gogan, Carol Pentony, Annmarie Lynch, Jenny Shanley, Brenda Govern and Teresa Mangan. Thank you for giving up your time to do this worthwhile job. Lastly Teresa Mangan ran a *Women in Sport Initiative* with the help of Lisa O' Dowd and Meath Sports Partnership which was a great success.



The season recommences in September- practise is on **Monday** and **Friday** nights, 8-10 pm in Skryne Hall. Anybody From Rathfeigh, Skryne, Tara or close by who has previous experience playing badminton or wants to find out more please contact *Teresa Mangan* on 087 2989347 or *Angie Keeley* on 087 6444702. We look forward to growing our club and winning more competitions!

Angie Keeley

Skryne Golf Society

Skryne Golf Society held its third outing of the season in Mullingar Golf Club on 14th May.

Winners were Willie Rogan in category 1 and John Neville in Category 2

Runners up were Noel Gallagher in category 1 and Eddie McManus in category 2.

Thanks to Gerry Reynolds for sponsorship on the day and to Wille Rogan for the previous outing to Headfort.

Next outing is to Hollywood Lakes on 25th June.



Scoil Cholmcille, Skryne

Tom Brennan

Scoil Cholmcille, Skryne NS

And so, we come to the end of another school year. It has been a challenging one but thankfully the days have become brighter in every sense. Our covid restrictions have lifted, the sun is shining and we're back amongst our friends, sharing and taking part in school activities like old times. A huge thanks to the entire school community of Scoil Cholmcille for all the work you do in making our school the special place it is.

We will close on Thursday, June 30th, We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children, parents and staff a restful and enjoyable Summer break. We will be back open on September 1st. See you all then!

Graduation

Congratulations to our 6th Class pupils who will graduate next Wednesday evening after 8 years with us. We hope that they will go on to achieve their dreams and carry the values they have attained in Scoil Cholmcille with them. Go n-éirí leo!

Sport

Our boys football team finished a fantastic season by reaching the Cumann na mBunscol final in Páirc Tailteann. Unfortunately, they lost out to a fantastic Bohernmeen side. Our boys kept fighting right up to the final whistle and these are all footballers with bright futures ahead of them in blue and white, and green and gold. Thanks to all our supporters who cheered our lads on. Despite the result, it was a super day out the whole school. A special mention to our girls football team who reached the semi-final also. They fought hard, in true Skryne style, in every game and were unlucky not to get more out of their season. We are immensely proud of both teams



Our Athletics team had a day to remember at the Cumann na mBunscol Track & Field Championships in Claremont. We managed to top the overall medal table bringing home a fine haul of medals: 9 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze. Well done to all members of the team who represented our school so well. We are extremely proud of all of them. A special word of thanks to Ms Uí Raghallaigh and Ms Morland for their fantastic work in organising and preparing the team. Thanks also to Tara AC for their work in developing these children.



What a year it has been for our 5th and 6th Class orienteering boys and girls. Scoil Cholmcille swept the board in both the league and championships. The four championship perpetual shields were all claimed by the 5th and 6th Class boys and girls from Scoil Cholmcille, a rare feat! Well done to all involved, their teachers and a special word of thanks to Mary Healy from Leinster Schools Orienteering for her hard work in getting the events up and running throughout the year in what were exceptionally difficult circumstances. The orienteering events made a huge difference to our pupils, especially this year. We were also lucky to have Mary visit our school to present the prizes!



Our 3rd and 4th Class Olympic Handballers had great fun on a sunny day at their blitz in the MDL in Navan. Great teamwork and handball skills were on display and a great day was had by all.



History

Mr Fanning's class have been busy finding out about famous Mayo woman Gráinne Mhaol. Check out these stories by Serena and Noah:

Grainne Mhaol by Serena S

Grace O'Malley grew up in Mayo in Clew Bay. Her father was a great sailor. Grace O'Malley wanted to be a sailor like her father more than anything. Her father said she couldn't because her long hair would get caught in the ropes, so that night in her bedroom she cut all her hair off. Her mother screamed when she saw her with no hair, so that's how Grace O'Malley got the name Grainne Mhaol meaning Bald Grainne. Her father let her come with him. A few years later Grainne met Donal O'Flaherty. Donal asked Grainne to marry him. They had three children named: Eoghan, Margaret and Murrough. A little while later Donal went into battle but luck wasn't on his side and he died. A few weeks later Grainne met another man. His name was Richard Bourke. They got married. Grainne had another child called Tibbot. By this time Queen Elizabeth ruled. She didn't like this so-called Pirate Queen. She decided to send Richard Bingham to be the Governor of Connacht. He was a very tough man. He'd put Grainne back in line. Richard did very mean things to Grainne, he murdered Eoghan her oldest child, stole her cattle and kidnapped her other two children. Richard Bingham tried to persuade her to stop raiding the Queen's ships. Grainne declined. She told Richard that she was going to go and talk to the Queen herself. When she tried to talk to the Queen but she couldn't. She didn't speak Irish, so Grainne Mhaol couldn't speak to the Queen. She kept raiding ships and became very rich. She died at the age of 73 and that's the story of Grainne Mhaol.



THE PIRATE QUEEN by Noah G

The pirate queen

The story of a notorious pirate called Grainne Mhaol. When Grace O'Malley was younger she wanted to be a sailor like her father Eoghan, so she cut all her hair off. When he was older, he made that dream come true. When Grace was older, she made a rule that any boat that sailed through Clew Bay would have to pay money. But Queen Elizabeth wasn't happy about this powerful person disobeying her rules. So she hired a man called Bingham. Elizabeth knew that Bingham was a very fearless man. So Elizabeth made him king of Connacht. The first thing he did to Grace was he killed her eldest son, stole all her cattle and kidnapped her other two kids. Grace was sailing over to the queen to talk about what was happening.

The queen surprisingly got on well with Grace and in the end made Bingham stop. Bingham was forced to give back the cattle and her kids. A while later she got married again to a man called Richard Bourke. But she wasn't really happy with her new husband and divorced him by standing in his house and yelling "I dismiss you" three times. She later died in 1603.



Sports Day

We had a tremendous day of excitement last Tuesday as we held our annual sports day. It was a day focused on fun, sun and laughter. All children took part in activities such as dress-up relay, wellie throwing, sack racing, three-legged racing and tug-o-war to name but a few. In the afternoon we relaxed, caught our breath and enjoyed a barbeque. Thanks to all the teachers for organizing the events and especially to Ms. Dowling for coordinating the event.



Skryne GFC

U10 Blitz

On Sunday afternoon Skryne GFC hosted 15 teams of U10 girls team from all over Meath!
It was a fantastic day for all the girls and their wonderful supporters! Each girl got to participate in 6 thrilling games of football and from the displays witnessed- the future is bright !
A big thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped pull off a great day for everyone!



Skryne GFC

Donaghmore/Ashbourne 1-15 Skryne 3-05

A League Division 1a – Round 8

Skryne struggled to cope with the lively Donaghmore/Ashbourne attack in the first half of this Division 1a game and but for two fine goals from Niall Finnerty, Skryne's only scores in the first half, they could have been much further behind.

Skryne burst out of the traps and with their opening attack, a sweeping move forward which culminated in Niall Finnerty receiving the ball before moving across from right to left on the outside of the Donaghmore/Ashbourne penalty area before smashing the ball left-footed, low into the bottom right hand corner of the goal, evading the outstretched hand of the Moore's keeper. After such a bright start, Skryne retreated into their shell and looked heavy legged for most of the first half. Meanwhile the Donaghmore/Ashbourne forwards were quicker and slicker in possession, picking off points at will. Indeed, they hit seven points without a reply from Skryne and looked to be in cruise control. However, Skryne almost got in for a second goal on the 19th minute with their best move of the game which saw Mark Battersby and Niall Finnerty swap passes before Finnerty found David Carroll near the right hand side endline. Carroll made a beeline towards the goal before handpassing over the advancing

Donaghmore/Ashbourne keeper towards Oisín Keogh who had made a run into the Donaghmore/Ashbourne penalty area. Carroll's pass was just too high for Keogh and the ball flew over his head to safety. Three minutes later Mark Battersby found Niall Finnerty on the right hand side and he again made a run across the face of the Donaghmore/Ashbourne penalty area from right to left before firing another low hard shot into the bottom right corner of the net leaving the keeper with no chance. This left just the minimum between the sides. Donaghmore/Ashbourne added a point and then hit a goal of their own when they attacked in from the left hand side of the Skryne penalty area. A shot across the face of the Skryne goal was deflected into the Skryne net. Two more points from play from the Moores saw them lead by a healthy seven points at half time. Donaghmore/Ashbourne 1-10, Skryne 2-00. The second half was a bit better from Skryne although Donaghmore/Ashbourne did extend their lead with the first two points of the half. However, Kristoffer Kinsella struck Skryne's third goal after he strode upfield before receiving the ball on the 21 metre line. He hit a superb shot into the bottom left corner to drag

Skryne back into contention. A Mark Battersby pointed free narrowed the gap further. Donaghmore/Ashbourne added a point before Harry Rooney and Ciarán Lenehan chipped in with two more points for Skryne to leave just four points between the sides midway through the half. A pointed free on the seventeenth minute edged the Moores further ahead but a point each from Niall Finnerty and Mark Battersby left only a goal between the sides with five minutes remaining. However the grandstand finish never materialised and the game largely petered out with Donaghmore/Ashbourne sending over a pointed free in the last minute of normal time to secure victory. Full-time: Donaghmore/Ashbourne 1-15, Skryne 3-05

Skryne – Ian Gillett; Kristoffer Kinsella(1-0), Ciarán Lenehan(0-1), David Carroll; Timmy Lennon, Andrew Moore, Frank Carty; Harry Rooney(0-1), Stephen O'Brien; Patrick Fox, Neil Burke, Conor O'Brien; Niall Finnerty(2-1), Oisín Keogh, Mark Battersby(0-2, 2fs).

Subs used – Padraig Finnerty, Tommy Carpenter, Niall Morland, Jack O'Donnell

Rathkenny 3-16 Skryne 2-08

Premier Football Championship, Division 5 – Round 6

Rathkenny's second team proved to be too strong for Skryne's third team in this Premier Division 5 Competition played in wet and blustery conditions in Rathkenny. It seems rather odd that Rathkenny are still in Division 5 having won it last year and were able to call on a number of their first team panel whereas Skryne were made up of just third team players.

Having said that Skryne gave as good as they got in a very competitive first half and actually led by six points half way through, courtesy of two well taken goals from John Morley and Mark Jordan. The first of the goals resulted in John finishing brilliantly after great work from Ronan McCabe and Aidan Gill in the lead up. The second one was fisted to the net by Mark after James Keane had soloed down the wing and crossed superbly from the left.

But then Rathkenny came more into the game and had two goals themselves – one good finish and one of the lucky variety. Jason Fox, although the victim of some overly strong challenges, kept Skryne in touch with three lovely points. A very evenly contested first half ended level at the break on a scoreline of Rathkenny 2-5 Skryne 2-5.

The second half was a completely different affair with the red and black brigade overrunning the blues and outscoring them by 11 points to 3. Their third goal came from a simple mistake in the Skryne defence.

Although Rathkenny were a much stronger team and able to call on a full complement of substitutions, the final score flatters them a little as two of their goals could have been avoided which would have left

the final score a better reflection on the overall game.

All 18 players who turned out for Skryne and their Manager Des Finnerty can be justly proud of their performances in this competition. Unfortunately 12 other players were unavailable for one reason or another making the managers job very difficult to say the least.

There is still one game left to be played against Nobber – no time or venue available yet.

Skryne – Felim O'Rourke. Dermot Brennan, Tommy Kelly, Liam Gill. Timmy Lennon, Ciaran Finnerty, James Keane. Ronan McCabe (0-1) Mark Harrington. Barry Clarke, Allan Carty (0-2), Jason Fox (0-4). Aidan Gill, John Morley (1-0), Mark Jordan (1-0).

Subs Used – David Rathbourne, Alan Tuite, Shane McEnroy (0-1).

Skryne 0-15 Navan O'Mahonys 0-11 A League Division 1a – Round 9

Skryne were minus a number of key players in this evening's A League encounter against Navan O'Mahonys with Darragh Campion, Pdraig Finnerty and Mark Batts away while the 2 Johnnies (O'Regan and Finnerty) were busy cramming for their Phys/Chem or Accountancy exams tomorrow. Nevertheless, Skryne put in a solid 60 minutes, staying tight in defence and picking off points up front with Niall Finnerty in particular in exceptional form in the forward line bagging a personal tally of nine points (3 from play, 2 marks and 4 frees). It took five minutes before scoreboard keeper Philip Kinsella's trigger finger was called into action when Evan Coffey hit a superb point from off the ground on the 45 metre line to notch up O'Mahony's first point of the day. Skryne replied a minute later when Conor O'Brien was fouled on the 40 and Niall Finnerty stepped up to fire over his first point of the day. O'Mahonys edged ahead again when corner forward Sean McConnell found some space and swung over their second. Oisín Keogh added Skryne's second point which began a run of four points without a reply, two more from Niall Finnerty who was tormenting his opposite number in the O'Mahony's full back line and the last from Conor O'Brien as Skryne raced into a three point lead. Oisín Keogh was unlucky to see a shot blocked

on the goal line when he fetched superbly from behind the O'Mahony's full back and turned and shot low but was denied by the O'Mahony's keeper Niall Devlin. Skryne and O'Mahonys traded three points each during the remainder of the half with Niall Finnerty pointing a free for Skryne before Neil Burke fired over one from play and then another, a superb long range free in injury time in the first half to ensure Skryne maintained a three point gap at half-time. Half-time score: Skryne 0-8, Navan O'Mahonys 0-5. Skryne were forced to substitute their keeper Ian Gillett with a suspected groin strain at half time. He was replaced by the big man, Ian Davis who lined out in goal for the second half. He was called into action almost immediately when the O'Mahonys lofted in a high ball into the square and Davis punched it away to safety. His kick-outs were excellent throughout the half and with the defence playing well in front of him, his goal wasn't severely threatened throughout the half with full back Andy Moore in particular disrupting the O'Mahony's attacks as they piled forward in search of scores. Skryne forced several turnovers, one where O'Mahonys looked certain to score but for a brilliant diving block from Harry Rooney which epitomised the effort that was being put in by each Skryne player. O'Mahony's Jake O'Regan was the

dangerman up front for the Brews Hill men. He opened the scoring in the second half with a pointed free. Niall Finnerty, who always makes great use of the mark, fetched another long pass and immediately threw his hand in the air to call the mark. He nonchalantly tapped the ball over to leave three between the sides. O'Regan and wing half back James O'Reilly added two for O'Mahonys to narrow the gap to a single point in the third quarter. Two pointed frees from Niall Finnerty and a fine point from Paddy Fox inserted a buffer between the sides. O'Regan hit three points in a row (2 from play) to drag O'Mahonys back to within a point with only three minutes remaining of normal time. Skryne didn't panic though and it was that man Niall Finnerty who converted another free before capitalising on a poor kickout from O'Mahonys to fire over his last point of the day. Ciarán Lenehan made a foray forward with the last attack of the game and hit a piledriver of a point from out around the 45 metre line to ensure Skryne took maximum points in what was an entertaining encounter.

Skryne: Ian Gillett; Kristoffer Kinsella, Andrew Moore, David Carroll; Tommy Carpenter, Ciarán Lenehan(0-1), Frank Carty; Harry Rooney, Stephen O'Brien; Jack O'Donnell, Conor O'Brien(0-1), Neil Burke(0-2, 1f); Niall Finnerty(0-9, 2 marks, 4 fs), Oisín Keogh(0-1), Patrick Fox(0-1)
Subs Used: Ian Davis, Timmy Lennon

Skryne GFC Horsepower Draw

Skryne GFC held the first of our early bird bonus draws on Sunday 29th May 2022 in Swans Pub. The prize for the lucky winner was an annual pass for Tayto Park for 6 people plus 5 free tickets into the Horsepower Superdraw. The winning ticket, ticket number 2318 belonged to Breda O'Connor from Dublin 20. The ticket was sold by Pat O'Dowd.

A special thanks to local business Tayto Park for sponsoring the prize.

2nd Bonus Draw

Skryne GFC will hold the second of our early bird bonus draws on Tuesday 29th June 2022 in Foxs Pub at 10pm. There are two prizes up for grabs as follows

- 1st Prize – 2 Nights Bed and Breakfast and 1 Dinner for 2 people at the beautiful 5 star luxurious Castlemartyr Resort which is nestled amid the East Cork woodlands.
- 2nd Prize – 5 tickets in the Horsepower Superdraw in October where you could win a John Deere 6120M tractor or €100,000 in cash.

Buy your ticket for the Horsepower Draw for just €50 **before 27th June** and you will be entered into the 2nd Bonus Draw.

Blotto Results

19 June 22 Jackpot: €2,200

Numbers drawn: **01, 09, 20, 22**

No Jackpot Winner. Lucky Dip Winners: Jenny Banks, Jim & Patricia Conroy, Marie Pentony, Kathleen Carty

12 June 22 Jackpot: €2,100

Numbers drawn: **03, 04, 18, 25**

No Jackpot Winner. Lucky Dip Winners: Emma Dardis, Bridget Kiernan, Jenny Banks, Dolores Tobin

05 June 22 Jackpot: €2,000

Numbers drawn: **03, 04, 07, 16**

No Jackpot Winner. Lucky Dip Winners: Paddy Ryan, Catherine Hanley, Sean Russell, Des Manning

29 May 22 Jackpot: €1,900

Numbers drawn: **16, 17, 25, 26**

No Jackpot Winner. Lucky Dip Winners: Ciara Mulvany, Felim O'Rourke, The Rafter Family, Michael Gaynor

Night Sky July 2022

by Tony Canavan

Phases of the Moon:

First Quarter: 7th July, **Full Moon:** 13th July, **Last Quarter:** 20th July, **New Moon:** 28th July

1st July : **Sunrise** 5:03am **Sunset** 9:42 pm

July:

The Summer Triangle: For centuries star gazers have celebrated the return of the summer triangle. This distinctive triangle is formed by the stars **Vega, Altair and Deneb**. In Skryne, **Vega** is almost overhead and it is the fifth brightest of all stars. It was used in Carl Sagan's novel 'Contact' and in the movie of the same name starring Jodie Foster. Vega was the source of the message and Jodie Foster's quest was to find the sender of the message.

Altair: Altitude 34°, Azimuth 129°: Altair is lower in the east in the constellation of Aquila the Eagle. It was also used in a 1956 movie called 'Forbidden Planet' and it was home to an ancient civilization and to an eccentric earth scientist and his beautiful daughter, starring Walter Pidgeon and Anne Francis.

Deneb: Altitude 55°, Azimuth 81°: No movie for Deneb and although it is fainter than the other two from earth, it is actually a giant star, it is 200,000 times brighter than our sun. while Vega and Altair are 25 and 17 light years away respectively, Deneb is 2,600 light years from Earth.

July 2nd:

0200 hrs from East to West: The planets line up Venus, Uranus (difficult to see), Mars, Jupiter and Neptune and Saturn. In the west the Milky way starts at Sagittarius and moves up across the sky passing between Vega and Altair and through Deneb.

July 3rd:

A waxing Moon passes 5° north of the bright star Regulus.

July 4th:

The earth is at aphelion, i.e. the earth is at its furthest position from the sun, 1.016715 AU = 152,098,455 km. The sun is furthest away in the summer due to the earth's elliptical orbit.

July 13th:

Full Moon and the moon is at perigee (closest of the year) = 357,264 kms. This moon is known as the 'Buck Moon' named after the new antlers that emerge from a buck's forehead around this time of the year. It is also a 'Supermoon' because it is at its closest approach to the earth due to the moons elliptical orbit around the earth.

July 19th:

Moon and Jupiter: At 4 am **Jupiter** is just 2° north of a crescent moon in the Southeast.

July 21st and 22nd:

4 am: If you want to know the ecliptic i.e. the path of the planets and the Moon across the sky, then it is marked out by a procession of planets from east to west i.e. East- **Venus Uranus, Mars , Crescent moon, Jupiter, Neptune and Saturn** in the west.

July 22nd:

This is a good time to see **Scorpius, with deep red star Antares**, altitude 9° in the southern sky. Although part of the constellation is still hidden Antares still has a reasonably viewable altitude. It has a colour similar to Mars hence its name 'Ant-Ares' which means like Mars. Its low temperature and high luminosity indicate that this star must be huge giving us a radius of 3 Astronomical Units (an astronomical unit is the distance from the earth to our sun). It is so big that astronomers can easily measure its radius at 550 light years away.

July 26-27th:

In the early morning, a faint **crescent moon** rises at 330 am followed by **Venus** at 430 am in the constellation of Gemini with **Castor, Pollux and Alhena** nearby.



News:

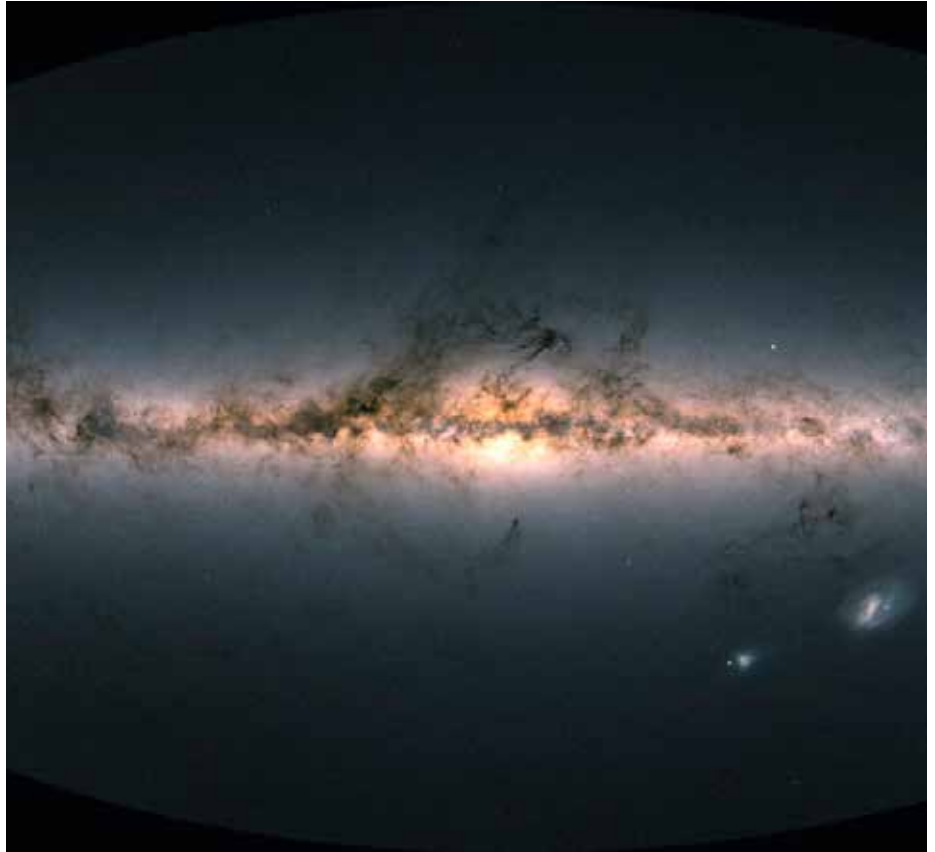
James Webb telescope mirror was hit by a tiny meteoroid, a tiny rock fragment.

This of course was discussed during the design stage of the telescope and redundancy was built into the system. The first views of the cosmos taken by JWST are to be released on the 12th July. NASA has said that the images will be no less stunning because of the hit.

Gaia Mission:

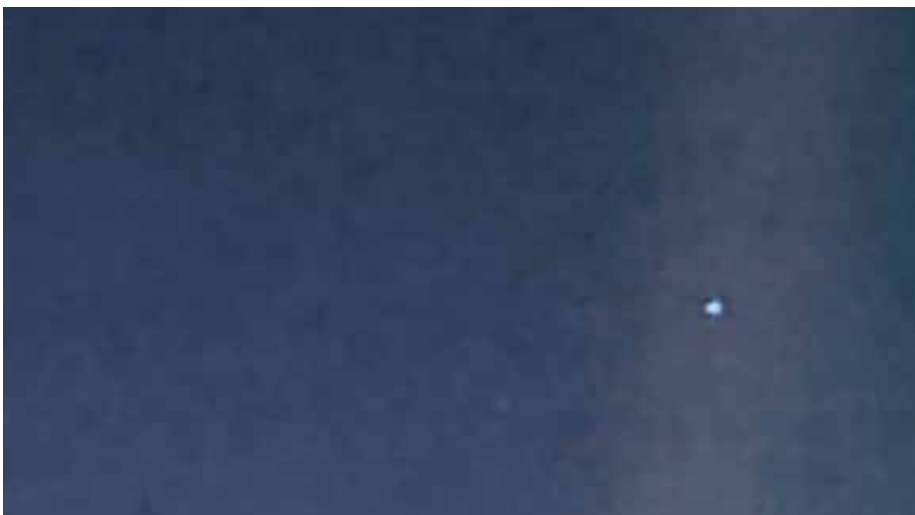
Launched in 2013 the Gaia satellite's main mission is to study the composition, formation and evolution of our Galaxy. It has scanned and measured the position and characteristics of 2 billion stars in our home galaxy providing clues to the origin and evolution of these stars and the Milky Way. The survey includes asteroids and moons in our own solar system, binary stars and exoplanets, quasars and galaxies outside our Milky Way. It is completing an all-sky three-dimensional survey of our galaxy which will show the position and velocity of all objects down to 20th Magnitude (extremely faint). It will also be able to determine the formation history of all stars in our galaxy including the merger of the Milky Way with other galaxies as happened 10 billion years ago.

You can see the central bulge, home to a super massive black hole, and the line of dust where most star formation takes place. James Webb telescope allows us to see through the dust clouds as never before because of its infrared capabilities.



30th Anniversary of 'The Pale Blue Dot' image:

On February 14th 1990 Voyager 1 probe, launched in 1977 along with Voyager 2, snapped a now iconic image of the earth from a distance of 4 billion miles from earth.



The 'Pale Blue Dot' picture shows us just how fragile our planet is. In August 2012 Voyager 1 entered interstellar space. Its next encounter is with star AC+793888 in about 38,000 years.

Voyager 1

has continued to send information back to earth. However, it will run out of power in 2025. It will continue on its journey travelling deeper into space. In case Voyager 1 should encounter alien life there is a golden disc onboard with information about the earth and humanity.

July Evening

Anne Frehill



In our tumultuous world, despite the constant buzz of social media many are searching for spiritual nourishment as there is a sense of disconnection, fragmentation and alienation.

Patrick Kavanagh is one of the greatest Irish poets of the 20th century and it has been said that “the foundation stone of his poetry is spirituality.”

There is always in his poems a sense of the Divine in nature even amidst the “stony grey soil of Monaghan.” So, I give you one of my favourite poems from Kavanagh.

Inniskeen Road: July Evening

*The bicycles go by in twos and threes –
There `s a dance in Billy Brennan `s barn tonight,
And there `s the half-talk code of mysteries
And the wink and elbow language of delight.
Half-past eight and there is not a spot
Upon a mile of road, no shadow thrown
That might turn out a man or woman, not
A footfall tapping secrecies of stone.*

*I have what every poet hates in spite
Of all the solemn talk of contemplation.
Oh, Alexander Selkirk knew the plight
Of being king and government and nation.
A road , a mile of kingdom, I am king
Of banks and stones and every blooming thing.*

The End

Skryne Ukraine Support Fundraiser

We would like to thank everyone who very generously supported our fundraiser on Bank Holiday Monday. A total of **€3,875.60** was raised to provide support to Ukrainian families living locally and the Depaul Ukraine Emergency Appeal. Depaul are based in Ukraine and are working across the country providing life-saving food, shelters, and medication.

A special word of thanks to the following organisations for their support: John Cully, CPS Signs, Super value Dunshaughlin, Tara AC Skryne Parents Association. Sincere thanks to all for your time and generosity, Fundraising Team, Skryne Ukraine Support Group



Rathfeigh National School

Seamus Tansley

“His heart was going like mad and Yes I said Yes I will Yes”

The centenary of the publication of James Joyce’s book “Ulysses” took place on June 16th. Joyce wanted to finish his masterpiece with positive words hence the reason he finished “Ulysses” with the above words. After a few years of darkness as a result of the Covid pandemic we are all now appearing to use more optimistic words like “Yes” instead of “No” and “Maybe”. The last few months in school since the lifting of restriction on February 28th have been refreshing with smiles aplenty on a daily basis. School is back to normal and the children have been engaging in plenty of school activities but more importantly they are able to mix in their classrooms free of face masks and social distancing. Long may this continue but, as we all know, the only certainty in life is uncertainty! So, we look forward to the rest of 2022 with hope and optimism and hopefully be free from the clutches of Covid.

Sixth Class Graduation

Our 6th class pupils graduated from Rathfeigh last Wednesday. It was a beautiful occasion and one we will all remember as the children reminisced about their time spent in Rathfeigh. We all listened with pride to all the children speaking so eloquently about their memories. There was plenty of laughter on the night interspersed with a few tears from the children, parents and teachers alike. We thank Ms Reynolds for making their year so special and the children were particularly delighted to receive individualized framed pieces of art from Ms Reynolds which I’m sure they’ll cherish.

Over the last eight years I have seen the children engage productively with their school work, make friends and engage in numerous formative experiences in school. I’m sure the children will all have their own personal memories of their time in Rathfeigh – playing with their classmates, going on field trips/school tours, Gaelic football, rounders, orienteering, jumble sales, sports days, talent shows, ice-cream vans etc.. It has been great seeing the children enjoy these activities over the last eight years and they are now leaving Rathfeigh as mature, educated and well-rounded young adults.

Personally, I will miss them all as I taught them in fourth and fifth class. In those two years I saw them all mature greatly. I will miss their humour and laughter on a daily basis. I remember very fondly all the Gaelic football and rounders’ matches on the field at the back of the school but more importantly I remember the contributions they all made in making our school a better place.

I wish them all success and happiness for the future. The doors in Rathfeigh will always be open for them and I look forward to seeing some of them again in our school doing Transition Year Placements.

My advice for them – **Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart and strong enough to live the life you’ve always imagined.**

After the graduation ceremony on Wednesday our Parents’ Association provided all present with food and refreshments. The Graduation class got their choice of pizza which went down very well. It was a great night and we all wish the Graduation class the best of luck for the future.

Orienteering

The children in 3rd-6th class got their second taste of

orienteering this year in Balrath Wood on June 9th. They had an amazing day and they all coped really well with the challenges of the course. Well done to Thomas and Fionn (5th/6th) and to Nicola and Hayley (3rd/4th) for posting the quickest times in their classes. Thanks to Kathryn for setting out the course.

The children in Juniors-2nd got their first taste of orienteering also by taking part in an orienteering course at the school which was organized by Eileen. We hope that some of the younger children will progress to the challenges of the orienteering course in Balrath next year.

School Tour

Our school tour to Tayto Park took place on June 10th. Despite living in close proximity to Tayto Park the excitement and decibel levels went sky-high as we reached the Park. The children, and teachers alike, had a wonderful day. The only problem was trying to get the children out of the Park at closing time! A big thanks to Caren, Amy and Aleksandra for helping us with the supervision of the children.

Relay Marathon

Our Parents’ Association “ran” their fourth fundraiser of the year on June 17th. The relay marathon started at 10am and the children completed the 42,195 metres in the very quick time of 2hrs 48 mins. Our children loved the challenge and they were rewarded for all their efforts with the arrival of an ice-cream van organised by the Parents’ Association. Thanks to all the teachers for their patience in counting the numerous laps of the football field that was run over the course of the school day and to Ingrid and Mary for marking out the track. Thanks to all the parents/guardians who gave so generously to the fundraiser.

Jumble Sale

Our 5th/6th class organised a very successful Jumble Sale last Monday. Their organisational and creative skills were to the fore as they helped and entertained the children with games and challenges over the course of a few hours. The children got great value for money as they went home with their bags full of toys, games and treats. Thanks to everyone who made the day so enjoyable.

Talent Show

The return of our Talent Show after a few years absence due to Covid was very welcome on Thursday. The talent was exceptional with an array of singing, dancing, playing

musical instruments etc. on display. We congratulate everyone who took part and entertained us as it isn't easy going on stage with the whole school in attendance in the audience. Congratulations to everyone who won small prizes.

Facebook Grant

We received a Facebook Grant back in early April to the value of £21,564. Our application was cross-generational which aims to provide digital learning for the children while also supporting our Cyber Seniors Initiative in the parish. We aim to have Interactive Whiteboards in all classrooms when we return in September. We will also be using some of the grant on chromebooks and for updating the computers in the computer room. We thank Facebook (Meta) for looking on our application so generously which will benefit the children and the elderly in the parish for years to come.

THANKS

The last few years have been difficult for everyone in society due to Covid and schools were no different. The hard work, dedication and resilience of everyone in the Rathfeigh school community got us through this difficult time.

The Rathfeigh staff have been phenomenal during this time for which I thank them all – Mrs Vaughan, Mrs Campbell, Ms O'Donoghue, Ms Reynolds, Ms Healy, Mrs Cooke, Nicola, Helen and Ingrid. A big thanks, also, to the numerous substitute teachers we had over the course of the year.

We thank the Rathfeigh Parents' Association for their continued support. Their four fundraising events this year

were all well supported and all the money will be pumped back into the school. We thank them also for their huge work at The First Communion, Confirmation and the Graduation.

We also thank all the people who had after-school activities in the school hall which is so important for the social and academic development of the children – Kate, Akash, Audrey and Ms Reynolds.

We also thank Colm for his IT lessons with the children in all classes, Kieran Hennessy for updating our school website, Una Curran for the mindfulness/well-being lessons, Damien for Gaelic football coaching and to Teresa for the many visits for Gaelic football, badminton and rounders..

We thank everyone in RST Newsletter organization for publishing information and pictures in relation to Rathfeigh NS on a monthly basis. This has really benefited the school community for which we thank them.

I thank the Board of Management for their tireless work in ensuring the school runs effectively and to all the parents/guardians for their great support.

Finally, we thank the children for their hard work, kindness, resilience and good humour. They are superb on a daily basis and they make our lives as teachers very easy. Thank You.

Wishing everyone in the parish of Rathfeigh and Skryne a safe, peaceful and happy Summer.





New arrival in Skryne recently!
Babycham the Shetland and her filly foal, Piper (named after Piper Heidsieck Cuvee Brut NV)!



MISSING
Black and White cat (Tommy) missing from Oberstown area 2 months. Neutered and Microchipped. He may be lost in the area. Any information please contact **Ruth 086 891 2083** Thank you



Finn Naughton secured a fantastic second place in the Leinster Championships in Tullamore, in the under 14 shot putt event with a great throw of 9.72m. Finn now qualifies for the All Ireland finals on the 10th of July in Tullamore.

Next time you take a selfie, don't worry about your nose
A recent study by scientists at the University of Texas has discovered that younger patients are booking unnecessary cosmetic surgery on their noses because selfies tend to distort features, making people's noses look longer and wider. The findings, published in the journal Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, reveal that noses can look up to 6.4 per cent longer in a selfie, as compared to a standard photograph. Professor Bardia Amirlak, the lead author of the study, explains: "There is a noted relationship between the increase in selfie photographs and an increase in rhinoplasty requests. As the popularity of selfie photography increases, it is crucial to understand how they distort features and how patients use them to communicate. Rhinoplasties are among the most common cosmetic operations in the UK and can cost up to £7,000.



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AWFUL JOKES

An honest seven-year-old calmly announced to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after church. “How did that happen?” gasped her mother. “Well, it wasn’t easy,” admitted the young lady, “but three girls helped me catch him.”

Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. The first says to the second, “I think I’ve lost an electron.” The second replies, “Are you sure?” to which the first retorts, “Yes, I’m positive.”

Two factory workers are talking. The woman says, “I can make the boss give me the day off.” The man replies, “And how would you do that?” The woman says, “Just wait and see.” She then hangs upside down from the ceiling. The boss comes in and says, “What are you doing?” The woman replies, “I’m a light bulb.” The boss then says, “You’ve been working so much that you’ve gone crazy. I think you need to take the day off.” The man starts to follow her and the boss says, “Where are you going?” The man says, “I’m going home, too. I can’t work in the dark.”



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Answers to Dingbats challenge

1 Three Wise Men, 2 Money Is The Root Of All Evil, 3 Hunch Back, 4 Box Clever, 5 Good For Nothing, 6 Bottomless Pit, 7 Bald Eagle, 8 Throw In The Towel, 9 Second Time Around, 10 Listen To Me, 11 Laminate, 12 Get Your Kicks On Route 66

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the bound bounding ocean,
Way back to that Old by Cottage
near Trim.*

*By God, teach me to receive
the sick in your name,
my efforts success for the glory
of your holy name,
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In that the sick you have
served in my care may be
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of them be lost because
my neglect on my part.
I come to overcome, every
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to the lives of those I serve.
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the saints and of those lives
I be influenced by them.*

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To mother you will return;
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- To Josie Duignan, Skryne on the death of her husband Jim
- To Roz and the Coyle family on the death of Ray
- To Peter Toole, Collierstown on the death of his father James, Dunshaughlin
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