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## What a day for Cross Country running last Sunday at Ras na hÉireann in Oldbridge.

Congratulations to Eoin Smyth, Tara Athletic Club who won the 2022 Ras na Éireann at Oldbridge last weekend.

Well done to **Micheal Gallagher** who won gold in the Boys under 11 - fantastic run. Well done to **Tagdh Purcell** and to **Harry Murry** making his cross country debut.

We had some great running from **Rosie Cheshire** in the Under 9s and both **Aoibhinn Laverty** and **Ella Fitzsimons** in the under 11s.



Micheal Gallagher on the winners podium



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€15,000	€70.06	€3,144.16	€18,144.16
€20,000	€71.66	€6,012.40	€26,012.40
€30,000	€107.49	€9,018.60	€39,018.60
€40,000	€111.34	€17,782.41	€57,782.41
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# Skryne Ladies GFC

by Ruth Moore



Best of luck to the Minor Skryne girls in the Final on Sunday 27th at 12.15 in Dunganny. They face Seneschalstown in the final decider! All support appreciated!

## The RST Community Centre AGM

will be held on  
**WEDNESDAY**  
2nd March @ 8 pm.

**You are cordially invited to attend.**

There will be no pressure on anybody to take jobs or to join our committee – come along and get an update on how the Community Centre is doing. We greatly appreciate the support we get from the Rathfeigh-Skryne-Tara community.



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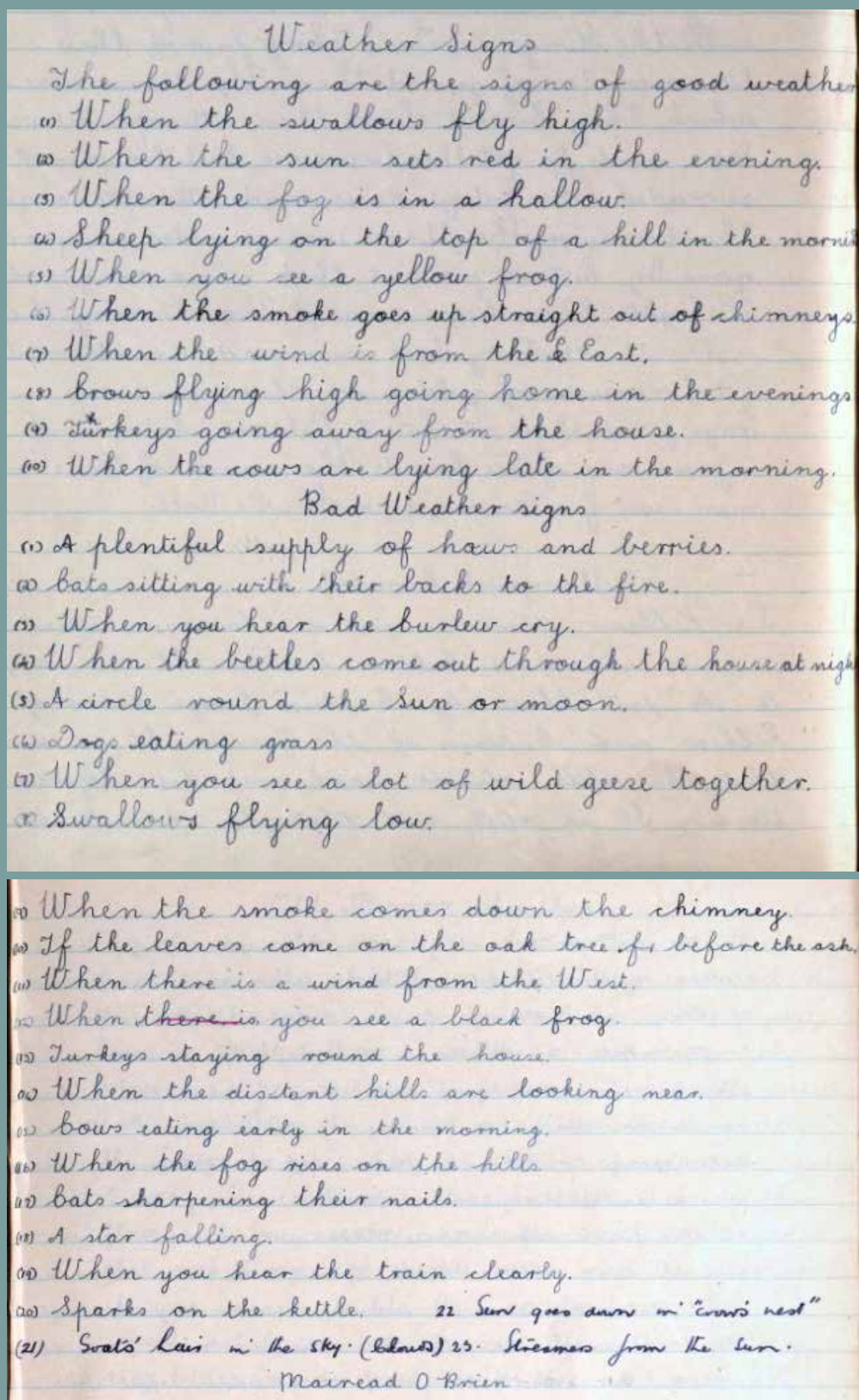
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This month's Dúchas article is from Mairead O'Brien in Skryne School

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# March Winds

Anne Frehill

One of my favourite proverbs as a child was: “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” Growing up on a farm the weather was a focal point of my parents lives and this weather saying from folklore while not based on any scientific evidence offered hope. March being such a fickle month it may bring weak but welcome sunshine, gale force winds or worse still a blanket of snow. I can still recall clearly when I worked in Donegal several years ago, being snowbound in Donegal town for three days at the end of March and with Easter only days away. No matter what March throws at us there is something infinitely restorative about this month as we enter meteorological Spring in contrast with the Gaelic calendar when Spring was regarded as starting on St. Brigid’s Day- February 1st.

Again, in childhood with my head full of fairy tales I used to wonder what would happen if night did not follow day or if Spring did not follow Winter. Yet, it is precisely the rhythm of the seasons that as an adult I find energising. Earlier this week I did what has now become almost a ritual for me every year, I checked in a sheltered part of the garden to see if the buds had appeared on the camelia bush, and I was not disappointed! While in other areas of the garden there are snowdrops and early narcissi in pale colours like a watercolour, the deep pink of the camelia buds resemble a glorious oil painting executed by nature itself.

It gladdened my heart to see at least 8 buds scattered throughout this hardy shrub and I thought of lines from the poet Margaret Elizabeth Sangster-

“Never yet was a springtime when the buds forgot to bloom.”

This year Lent starts on Wednesday March 2nd. And I was thinking recently how growing up there was always some form of a prayer said in our house either before or after meals during Lent, no matter the cares of each day or how busy our lives were. It was not necessarily the traditional Catholic grace before meals, but it always served to remind us that there were others not just in Ireland but across the globe who were less fortunate than ourselves. We came to realize that everything which we took so much for granted including our very lives was a gift from the Divine Creator.

We are so blessed to live in this little country on the edge of Europe despite all its shortcomings and a growing sense of entitlement, among those who are already in the “haves” group as opposed to the “have-nots.” Only yesterday, I spoke with a lovely young couple from a country bordering Russia, who decided ten years ago to make Ireland their home, along with their children. They are both hard-working individuals who contribute a lot to their local community. Yet to hear from them about the harsh regime and inherent injustices in their own country is heart -breaking.

So, this year, I shall strive to do one thing not as we used

to say as kids “for Lent,” but during Lent. I hope to be mindful at mealtimes and consider those around the world who are literally starving to death. And others who are so marginalised that they are forced to dig or rummage through filthy rubbish heaps infested by rats, while we in highly developed economies have a voracious appetite for consumerism. A quote from Mahatma Gandhi still resonates in our time.

**“Live simply so that others may simply live.”**

*And to conclude this piece, from Benedictus*

**(A Book of Blessings) by John O Donoghue:**

**Grace after Meals**

**We end this meal with grace**

**For the joy and nourishment of food**

**The slowed time away from the world**

**To come into presence**

**with each other**

**And sense the subtle lives**

**behind our faces,**

**The different colours of our voices,**

**The edges of hunger we keep private,**

**The circle of love that unites us**

**To change the structures**

**that make others hunger**

**And that after such grace**

**we might now go forth**

**And impart dignity**

**wherever we partake.**

# Night Sky March 2022

by Tony Canavan

## Phases of the Moon:

**New Moon:** 2nd March, **First Quarter:** 10th March, **Full Moon:** 18th March (Worm Moon), **Last Quarter:** 25th March.

March Moon is commonly known as the Worm Moon. This is because of the earth worms that wriggle out of the ground as the earth thaws in March.

## Early March:

This is a good time for observations as there is no moon visible. Sky is still dominated by Orion to the south. Look for the star Procyon altitude  $50^\circ$  and azimuth  $134^\circ$  (SE). At a distance of only 11.4 light years it is bright and radiates with the power of 7 suns. It is in fact two stars that orbit each other. With Sirius and Betelgeuse it forms an equilateral triangle in the sky (Winter Triangle).

## Early March Morning:

at 5 am in the East the sky is dominated by the Milky Way with Antares to the right and Venus and Saturn rising to the left. Spica is to the SW, the only very bright star that marks the constellation Virgo. Arcturus (Leo) is setting in the West.

## March 8th Evening sky:

lovely viewing of the Pleiades (seven sisters) Aldebaran (Taurus) and in between a crescent moon. Uranus is setting in the west. Above the red star Aldebaran is the very bright yellow/white star of Capella.

## March 12th -13th:

At about 10 pm the moon will pass through the constellation of Cancer just under Pollux and Castor and above Procyon and Alhena in the SW.

## March:

For much of February and March Cassiopeia the Queen, descends from her throne in the Northwest after nightfall. The constellation has a distinctive **W OR M**. It is home to five bright stars that form the shape. If you can find the pole star it has the plough/Big Dipper on one side and Cassiopeia on the other side. It never sets in our latitude. A good pair of binoculars will allow you to explore this part of the Cosmos. Close by in Perseus there is a Double Cluster of stars still moving together from the primordial cloud of gas and dust that gave birth to them.

## Milky Way Centre:

For much of the month the image below (enhanced) is the morning sky in the East just before sunrise. The dotted line is the ecliptic (the path of the sun and

planets across our sky). On the Milky Way, just above the horizon, is where the centre of our galaxy lies, with a super-massive black hole at its core. There is a red blotch just on the dotted line called the Lagoon Nebula. It is created by ionised gas (loses electrons, similar effect as the **Northern Lights**) caused by high energy ultraviolet photons emitted from nearby hot stars. Most stars within the Milky Way form from within this dusty disc. The MW is believed to be as old as the universe itself. In March April and May it is just above the eastern horizon. Best seen better in more southern Latitudes.

## March:

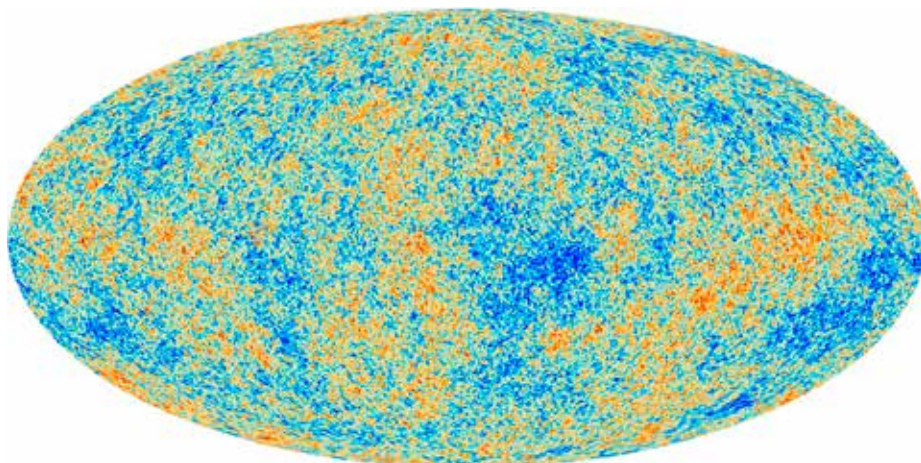
Any evening in March you can of course view the great constellation of **Orion**, but it is moving more to the west in the evenings signifying the arrival of spring. We will lose it completely by the end of April into May signifying the arrival of summer.

**You can see  
Venus and Mars  
rising, Mercury  
is just below  
the horizon and  
then sunrise.**

This makes the DART mission this year to try and deflect a small asteroid very important and is the beginning of our asteroid earth defence.



# Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation:



When images start to be available from JWST (**James Webb Telescope**) in a few months you will hear references to the **Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation**. (as in the image below). This is the oldest image ever taken as it records the **Epoch of Recombination** (electrons, protons and neutrons could join together to form atoms, mainly Hydrogen and Helium). It is to all intents the image of the birth of the universe.

The universe went from the size of a hydrogen atom to about 1 light year across 370,000 years after the BB (Big Bang) and it was opaque. When it cooled to 3000 °C around this time everything changed. Protons, neutrons, electrons could now combine and photons (light) at last could escape out into space (first light). In 1948 Ralph Alpher & Robert Herman believed that the imprint of this first light should be detectable in the cosmos. They had no way of testing this theory.

Because the universe had expanded and cooled over billions of years the temperature and frequency of the CMB was calculated allowing for this expansion where temperature had cooled and the wavelength stretched. Using modern satellites many images of the CMB have been recorded, the latest of these being with the Planck Space Telescope as in the image above. The calculations, for example the temperature, was accurate to a high degree (prediction of  $-2.7^{\circ}$  Kelvin was found to be  $-2.72548^{\circ}$  Kelvin with a variation of 1 in a 100,000 in the temperature) and these calculations were a huge validation of the Big Bang theory. The variation in temperature (blue and red in image) represents differences in densities of the structure on both small and large scale shortly after the universe had formed. These variations are the reason for the stars, planets, galaxies we see today and constituted the scaffold on which the universe was built. The CMB has confirmed, to a high degree of accuracy, the theory of the state of the universe when it was in its infancy.

## Asteroid 138971 (2001 CB 21):

On March 4th asteroid 138971 (2001 CB 21) classed as a near earth asteroid will pass about 3 million miles away from us. Asteroids at this distance are constantly monitored by NASA in case of any change in their trajectory. It is classed as potentially dangerous. The asteroid is travelling at 43,236 kilometres/hr. This asteroid (giant rock) is on its way to the sun as the gravitational pull of the sun pulls it round the sun and slingshots it back out into space. It orbits the sun every 400 days. It crosses the orbits of the planets on its way to the sun. Its next close approach is in 2043 being slightly nearer than 2022. Its closest approach will be in 2148 at 2.2 million miles. At this moment in time there are no known asteroids on collision with the earth.



## Jocelyn Bell Burnell

**Dame Jocelyn Bell, as a graduate student at the University of Cambridge, discovered pulsars (rapidly spinning, dense remnants of dead stars).**

Controversially, her doctoral supervisor and her collaborator received the 1974 Nobel Prize for Physics. In 2018 she used her \$3 million 'Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics', to establish the Bell Burnell Graduate Scholarship Fund to encourage greater diversity in Physics.

She was celebrated recently, with many others, during '**International Day of Women and Girls in Science**'.



**The Family of Michael Dunphy would like to thank everyone for their condolences following the passing of Mick on February 12th.**



Mick, originally from Kileen, spent nearly 60 years of married life in Skryne with his beloved wife Betty raising their family. Mick and Betty had many great Friends and neighbours. Mick had a great passion for sport, he loved spending his Sundays watching a good game of hurling or gaelic and was always a great man for a tip for a horse. Mick seldom missed a Sunday Mass. Even when he became ill he prayed at home every Sunday watching Mass on the television.

Mick spent many years working in Corbalton alongside his great friend Jimmy, who sadly passed away in recent months, amongst other places and always had a great story to tell of the good old days, like picking sprouts or chasing away foxes. After Betty's passing Mick spent his time recreating some of her recipes but Betty had hands straight from heaven so he never quite got it right, resulting in having to buy a new cooker. In his own words "there were good times and there were hard times but it was a happy life together".

Thank you to all who cared for Mick during his illness and to everyone for your loving messages.

Mick will be dearly missed by his Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and his many Friends and Neighbours.

RIP Mick.

## Skryne Community Alert

**Burglaries continue to be a problem around the county since our last update. Cash and jewellery are common targets. What can be done to prevent our homes from being targeted?**

- Report all suspicious activity in the area to Gardai. This includes those trespassing in fields with dogs, who may be casing out access to your home or the homes of your neighbours.
- Do not keep large sums of cash in your home.
- Take photos of jewellery of high monetary or sentimental value. It is a good idea to take photos of you wearing the jewellery as well as close up photos of the items. This can help prove ownership in the event of an insurance claim.
- Consider investing in a good safe, and have it secured to the floor or walls.
- Consider having high value goods and tools marked with your Eircode. This can deter theft and aid in recovery of stolen goods.
- Keep doors and windows locked when at home. Ensure your back door is locked before answering a call to the front door.
- If you have an alarm, please get in the habit of using it whether at home or away.
- Use timers to ensure your home is lit up if you are away during hours of darkness.
- Look out for your neighbours, especially if they are vulnerable or if you know they are away from home.
- Please get in touch with us if you or a relative would benefit from a Seniors Alert Scheme personal monitored alarm. See details in the January 2022 RST newsletter.



# Rathfeigh National School

Seamus Tansley

## Ní huasal ná híseal ach thuas seal agus thíos seal

This Irish proverb has been very apt over the last two years of Covid-19. It means that life brings high points and low points regardless of rank. It's a matter of coping with them. Everyone in society has been affected by Covid and we probably won't really know its real effects for years to come. Our children, in general, have coped very well and have been very resilient but of course some may have emotional scars for years to come. Well-being and mindfulness will be to the fore for schools in the months and years to come as we finally navigate ourselves away from Covid. The wearing of masks will no longer be mandatory in schools but I'm sure many teachers and children may take time to fully get their heads around not wearing masks. This is fully understandable and must be respected. With restrictions having been lifted in our society we will endeavour to have the last few months of this year as exciting as possible for the children –field trips, tours, computer classes, football and rounders training/games etc and we'll hopefully be able to have school life back to "Normal".

## Admissions for 2022/23 School Year

We are still accepting applications from parents/guardians for children starting school in September. The school will cease accepting applications on March 1st. If you are still undecided where to send your child to school in September please send in an application as soon as possible and you can make a final decision at a later date. If you would like to make an appointment to view the school at any time and talk to the principal please e-mail ([rathfeighns@outlook.com](mailto:rathfeighns@outlook.com)) or phone (041-9825156). Please check the school website [rathfeighns.org](http://rathfeighns.org) if you would like to find out more about the school. We would love to hear from you.

## Mindfulness

The Mindfulness Zoom session conducted by Una Curran on February 2nd was very well attended by parents/guardians. Una has years of experience in the field of mindfulness and she had great advice for parents/guardians - relaxation exercises, dealing with anxiety etc. I'm sure everyone who attended the session took something positive from it which can only benefit our children in the future.

A number of weeks ago the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee, visited the school to see our new sensory room "The Hideaway" and her advice on funding for well-being initiatives was very beneficial. We will shortly be getting a visit from the Minister for Special Education and Inclusion Josepha Madigan. We look forward to

her visit and I'm sure her experience and knowledge in the area of Special Education and well-being can only benefit our school

## Confirmation

Congratulations to our sixth class pupils who received their Confirmation on February 10th. I'm sure the children and their families all had an enjoyable and spiritual day. Thanks to Fr.Thomas and Bishop Deenihan for organising the ceremony and to Ms.Reynolds for preparing the children so well. A big thanks also to our Parents' Association for organising the food and refreshments in the hall after the ceremony.

## Happy Heart Day

To coincide with Valentine's Day we celebrated Happy Heart Day on February 14th. It was a non-uniform day and the children in all classes participated in the skills of Gaelic Football with Teresa Mangan. We thank Teresa for giving of her time on one of the coldest days of the year! Teresa's enthusiasm for sport is infectious and it was great seeing the children return to class with red cheeks! The 5th/6th class pupils were delighted to see Teresa return two days later for badminton lessons. Hopefully, we'll have Teresa back with us in a few weeks.

## Chinese New Year

The children in all classes really enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year over the last few weeks. The customs and traditions associated with the Chinese New Year always fascinate the children and they are intrigued by the beautiful art work and superstitions associated

with the festival. This year is the Year of the Tiger. The Tiger is known as the king of all beasts in China. The zodiac sign Tiger is a symbol of **strength, exorcising evils, and braveness**. Many Chinese kids wear hats or shoes with a tiger image for good luck. **Ox** and **Goat** are the luckiest zodiac signs in the year of 2022. For those born in the years of the **Rat, Snake, Monkey, Pig** and **Dog**, you will need to make comparatively more effort in order to make achievements. **Rabbit, Dragon, Horse,** and **Rooster** people are destined to enjoy a smooth life and good luck in making money this year.

## Orienteering

Prior to Covid-19 the children in the senior classes regularly visited Balrath Wood to take part in orienteering activities. With restrictions in schools lifted we are now in a position to take part in activities outside of school again. In early March the children in 3rd-6th classes will be visiting Balrath Wood for their first ever orienteering session. Orienteering is a good test of children's map reading skills and fitness and I'm sure the children are really looking forward to it.

## Science-in-a-Box

Science-in-a-Box is nearing its conclusion with the pupils in 5th/6th class. They have learned a huge amount over the last few weeks which will really benefit them when they study science in secondary school. Ruadhán and Saoirse have very kindly written their accounts of Science-in-a-Box.



## Ruadhán

"Science-in-a-Box has been a pretty fantastic experience for me. I've enjoyed every single second of it and last week was no exception. Not only did we learn about all the different cells (human cells and animal cells) we did playdo models of them as well. It was an awesome activity that I hope we do again soon. Other fun activities we did over the weeks were creating working fingers out of straws, piecing together a human skeleton, super cool lung models and a whole lot more.. I really do love the science-in-a-box experience and I can't wait to do it next week. Thank you for reading!"

## Saoirse

"Over the past seven weeks 5th/6th class have been doing STEAM Science-in-a-Box with a DNA scientist. We've been learning the basics we need to know about science that will prepare us well for secondary school. We have covered the cardiovascular system, skeletal system, genetics and DNA. With every lesson there is an activity about what we're learning about. Science-in-a-Box has been real fun and I can't wait for next week."



## Pancake Tuesday

One of the traditions that the children in Rathfeigh always enjoy is the making of pancakes in school by our sixth class pupils on Pancake Tuesday with the children in all other classes being able to enjoy their culinary delights. Of course Covid-19 put a temporary stop to this so we are delighted to be in a position again to partake in this enjoyable activity. We will need a few parents/guardians to assist us on the day. We will be celebrating Pancake Tuesday on March 1st so please keep the date free in your diary if you are able to help out in the school.

## Kilmainham Jail

Back in 2020 we were due to visit Kilmainham Jail with our senior classes. It had taken us ages to book it due to the exceptionally high demand of school visits there. With a week remaining for our visit schools were closed due to Covid. The disappointment among our pupils was huge. Almost two years later we can now confirm that our current 5th/6th class pupils will be visiting Kilmainham Jail on March 28th. They will also be visiting Glasnevin Cemetery. We hope the children have an enjoyable experience in Kilmainham.

## Laya Super Troopers

Our 5th/6th class pupils have been engaging very positively with the Laya Super Troopers health homework programme over the last few weeks. It is Ireland's first ever health homework programmes designed to increase children's physical activity and improve nutrition. They have been enjoying the various activities at home with their family members and I'm sure they'll be already reaping the benefits. Thanks to Ms Reynolds for co-ordinating the programme in our school.

With the end of Covid-19 in sight we can all look forward with optimism to a great 2022. We wish everyone in the Rathfeigh and Skryne school communities a happy, safe and memorable 2022.



## In Scoil Cholmcille, the month of February has seen us celebrate the feast days of some of our saints.

On February 1st we celebrated St. Brigid's Day. Throughout the school, artwork, stories and St Brigid crosses were on display as the children learned about one of Ireland's patron saints. However, February also sees us celebrate St. Valentine whose feast day occurs on the 14th. In the modern world, 'Valentine's Day' is synonymous with love, romance, cards and gifts. We all know about this famous day but who exactly was St. Valentine? Mr. Fanning's class have been finding out:



## Saint Valentine

by Michael (4th Class)

*In the third century, a long time ago, there lived a priest called Valentine. The leader of the Roman Empire, Claudius, had a weak army. All of his soldiers were getting married and they were always staying at home. So, Claudius made a new law, that no one was allowed to get married. But that didn't stop Valentine, he started getting people married in secret. Soon Claudius found out and Valentine was sentenced to execution. While Valentine was in prison he became friends with the jailor's daughter, Julia. Julia was blind but soon Valentine healed her and she could see! Julia and Valentine fell in love and just before he got executed he wrote a note that said "from your Valentine". Valentine was executed on the 14th of February and that was how St Valentine's day started.*

### Enrolment for September 2022

Scoil Cholmcille is now accepting applications for Junior Infants for the 2022/23 school year.

The closing date for applications is March 1st. To get an application form please visit our website at [skryneschool.blogspot.com](http://skryneschool.blogspot.com)

You can also get an application form by phoning the school on (046) 9025003 or through email at [skryne.n.s@gmail.com](mailto:skryne.n.s@gmail.com)

### Confirmation

Congratulations to our 6th Class girls and boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, February 10th.

It was wonderful to have this special celebration back in our parish church after two years. Bishop Tom Deenihan confirmed our pupils as well as the Confirmation candidates from Rathfeigh NS.

There was great style and glamour on show as pupils, parents and sponsors celebrated this joyous day.

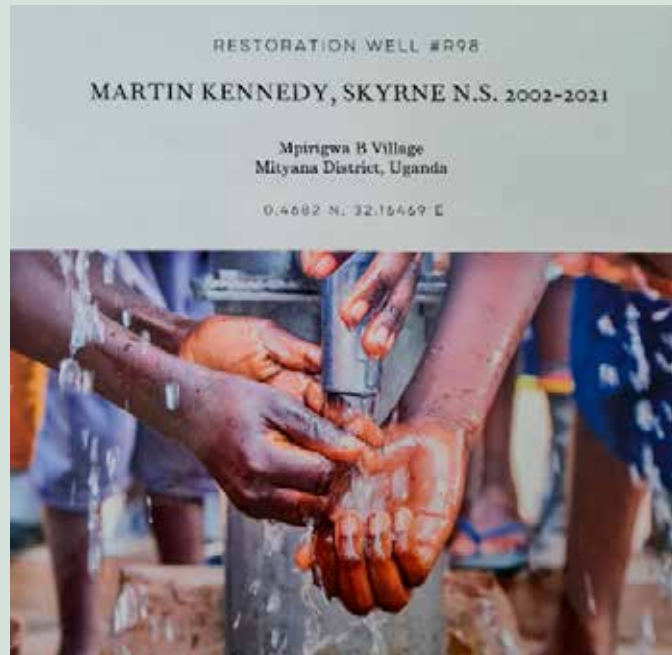
A special word of thanks to Ms Sheridan for all her work with our 6th Class children.

Thanks also to all our singers and musicians whose fantastic performance put a special gloss on proceedings.

# Wells of Life Charity

**This week, Scoil Cholmcille has been presented with a book from the Wells of Life charity. This book documents the restoration of a well for a primary school in Mpirigwa B Village, Uganda.**

The project was funded by the parents of Scoil Cholmcille as a tribute to Mr. Martin Kennedy for the occasion of his retirement as principal of the school back in September. The Wells of Life charity is very close to Martin's heart, and he has done fantastic work with them as they aim to bring clean water supplies to villages in Uganda. The restoration of this particular well has brought clean, safe water back to 1,180 people. We hope Mr Kennedy will come back to speak to the children about his work with the charity in the near future.



## Sport

**There has been huge excitement amongst Scoil Cholmcille pupils this week as the news came through that we may soon be back in blue. Cumann na mBunscol have announced that football competitions will be back up and running after Easter with a mini sevens tournament to be run after St Patrick's Day. Our talented boys and girls will be resuming training shortly and are eager to get back on the pitch.**

Scoil Cholmcille participated in the second Leinster Schools Orienteering Event for primary schools in Cabinteely Park on February 9th. It was another strong performance from all our boys and girls who swept the boards in all sections. In particular, well done to Kacey-Lou (6th Class girls), Sean (6th Class boys), Chloe (5th Class girls) and Louis (5th Class boys) who won their sections.

Well done to all Scoil Cholmcille pupils who participated in the Leinster Juvenile Indoor Athletics championships in Athlone. We had numerous competitors from our school which is reflective of the level of talent. We are super proud of them all. A special word of congratulations to Finn who threw his way to gold in the U14 boys Shot Put. Oisín claimed gold in the boys U13 60m Hurdles while Ross won silver in the U12 version of the race. Well done to Tara AC and their coaches for preparing the athletes so well.



Look at all these

little lakes

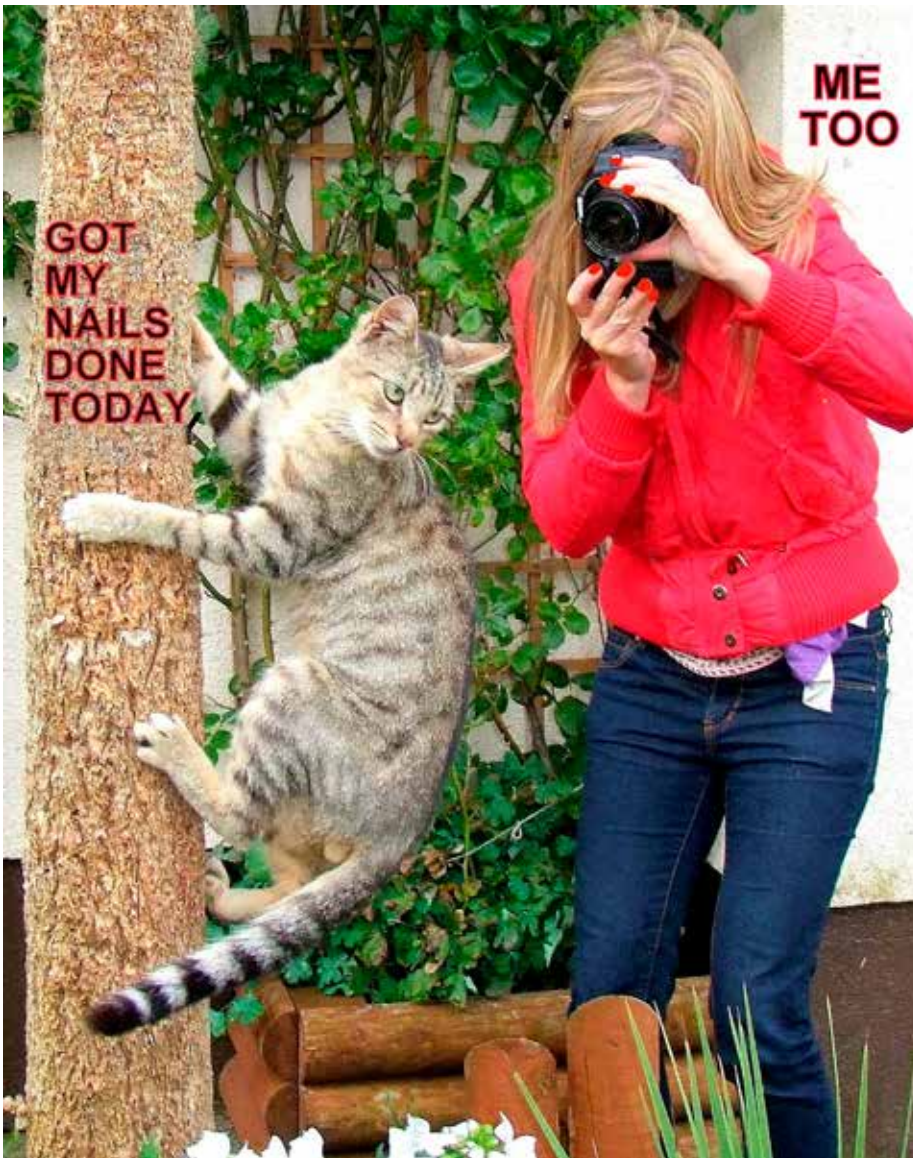


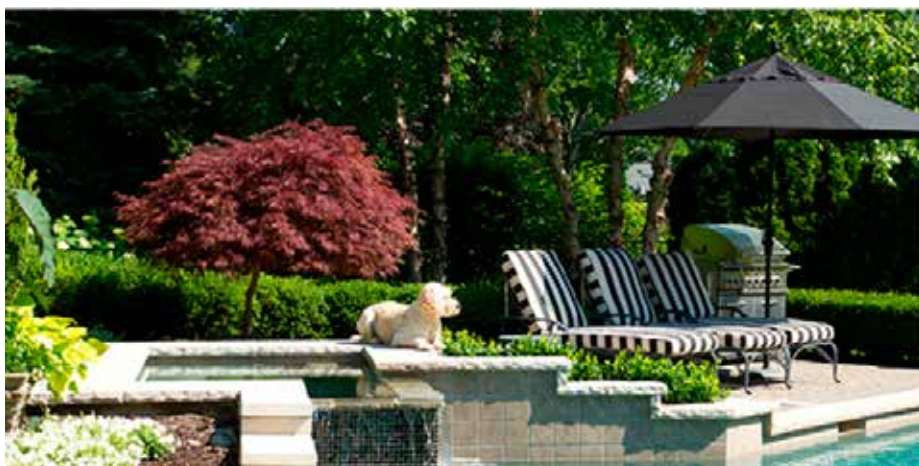
# RAPTOR PEST CONTROL



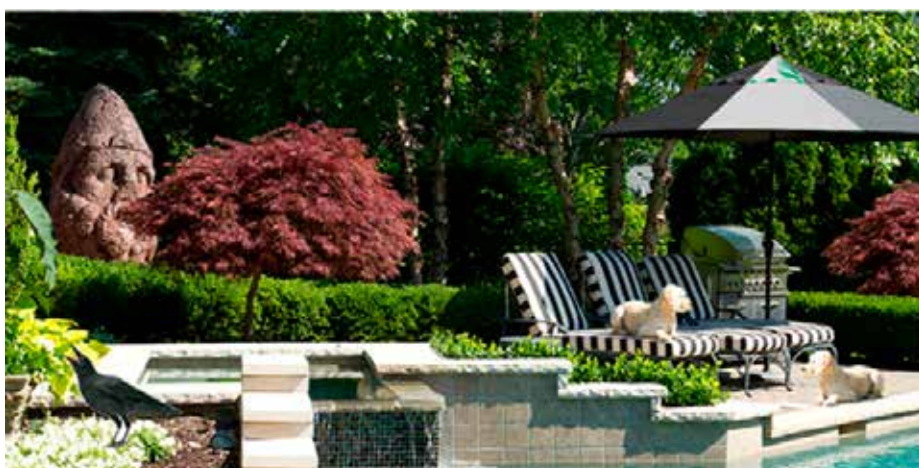
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### Answers to Dingbats challenge

1 Splitting Headache, 2 Stretched Limo, 3 Quick On The Draw, 4 Step Ladder, 5 Bags Under The Eyes, 6 Last But Not Least, 7 Three Little Pigs, 8 Lazy Bones, 9 Milkshake, 10 Humpty Dumpty, 11 Growing Old, 12 Cheek To Cheek



## AWFUL JOKES



### Never Disappoint the Customer

A store manager overheard a clerk saying to a customer, “No, ma’am, we haven’t had any for some weeks now, and it doesn’t look as if we’ll be getting any soon.”

Alarmed by what was being said, the manager rushed over to the customer who was walking out the door and said, “That isn’t true, ma’am. Of course, we’ll have some soon. In fact, we placed an order for it a couple of weeks ago.”

Then the manager drew the clerk aside and growled, “Never, never, never, never say we don’t have something. If we don’t have it, say we ordered it and it’s on its way. Now, what was it she wanted?” The clerk smiled and said ...

“Rain.”



### New Boss

A business owner decides to take a tour around his business and see how things are going. He goes down to the shipping docks and sees a young man leaning against the wall doing nothing.

The owner walks up to the young man and says, “Son, how much do you make a day?” The guy replies, “150 dollars.” The owner pulls out his wallet, gives him \$150, and tells him to get out and never come back.

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- We extend our sympathy to the Dunphy family on the death of Michael, Oberstown
- To Ted Snowdon, Oberstown on the death of his sister Gertrude, Carlow
- To Eileen McEnroy, Greenpark, on the death of her sister, Mary.

## Skryne Cycle Club AGM

Wednesday 2nd March  
9pm in Foxs.

New members welcome.

€20 membership due on the night.  
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