



RST

Community
Newsletter

RATHFEIGH/SKRYNE/TARA

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presents

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at Rathfeigh Church

on

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December, 2022

at 6.00pm

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RST Community Centre

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Wednesday
7th December
@ 8pm

All Welcome

Notice from Editor

Yet another Christmas is almost upon us and perhaps you would like to send in something festive for our December edition of the newsletter.

Perhaps you have a favourite Christmas memory or anecdote, maybe you have some seasonal photos from this time of the year, family, landscape or events

We are always very grateful to the people who regularly send in articles, photos and interesting features and look forward to your future contributions.

Our next newsletter will be out Saturday 17th December, please submit all articles for publication by Sunday 11th December.

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Skryne Community Alert

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

Please take the time this weekend to check all your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Firstly, check the expiry date on your alarm. Alarms become less effective after their expiry date and should be replaced. The installation or expiry date should be marked on a label on your alarm. Useful life is typically 5-10 years depending on the manufacturer.

Secondly, if your alarms are battery powered, test that the battery is still working. This is done via the test button on the smoke or carbon monoxide alarm. If the battery needs replacing, please do it without delay.

Remember these alarms can save lives if they are properly maintained. They are inexpensive – please consider installing a smoke alarm in each habitable room of your house, and at least one CO alarm per floor. Combined smoke/CO alarms can be a good option to consider.

Another thing to remember is an out of date or non-working smoke alarm could affect your home insurance. If it's discovered your smoke alarms weren't working properly or that batteries hadn't been replaced at the time of a fire, insurers may reduce your pay-out or reject your claim in full.

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The Schools Collection, 1937-1939

National Folklore Collection

A strange ring.

More than thirty years ago when Johnny Halligan and his men were digging a hole in one of his fields to bury a defunct animal they found a ring embedded in the soil.

It must have lain there a great number of years and had suffered in consequence. Its one large stone or diamond was missing but judging from the space in which it was set it must have been of considerable size.

There is no doubt that the ring belonged to a Bishop or more likely to a mitred abbot as there is the outline of a serpent right round it, its head touching the stone one side, and its tail the other, and on it are inscribed the words Ave Maria, gratia plena.

Near the place where the ring was found there was a Mass rock. In 1798 a priest was shot by the English soldiers. The land belongs to Mr. Halligan.

Rita Sheridan,
Macetown,
Tara.

Night Sky December 2022

by Tony Canavan

Phases of the Moon:

Full moon: 7th December, **First Quarter:** 15th December, **New Moon:** 22nd December, **First Quarter:** 29th December.

Sunrise: 0822 am

Sunset 1619 pm 1st December

December is a great month for astronomical observations due to dark skies and an abundance of celestial objects to observe.

1st December Evening:

At about 9 pm rising in the ENE are the Heavenly Twins, **Castor and Pollux**. Orion is visible in the ESE with Mars directly above. Mars is near to opposition (opposite side of the earth to the sun) and is best viewed this month. Very close to Mars, and slightly to the right, is the constellation Taurus with the star **Aldebaran** (similar colour to Mars) in the Hyades Cluster region of Taurus. Further to the right is **The Seven Sisters**. In the West the moon sits just to the south of the planet **Jupiter**. The **Milky Way** is running from the East to the West. **Saturn** is setting at this time.

2nd December 0200 hrs:

If you can brave the cold at 2 am and you have a view to the south, as I have, then you will be rewarded by a very beautiful sky. High up will be the beautiful star **Capella** (altitude 80°), and below Capella is **Mars**, altitude 60°, (six-inch telescope will pick out its southern ice cap and some of its markings). **Pleiades** to the right of Mars and **Orion** to the South. At 20° altitude you will see the brightest star in the sky **Sirius**.

If you want to see **Cassiopeia**, **Perseus** and our sister galaxy **Andromeda** then turn to the north. Andromeda has an altitude of 37° currently. It is 2.5 million light years away and it is the most distant thing we can see with the unaided eye. It is very faint, and you need to be outside for about 30 mins to allow your eyes to be accustomed to the dark.

December 8th 4 am:

The Full Moon eclipses Mars as the latter disappears behind the Moon, re-emerging at about 7 am just before dawn.

December 14-15th:

Geminids is one of the most active meteor showers of the year between 4 – 20th but at its maximum on 14-15th with a peak rate of around 100 meteors per hour (time to make a wish!). An asteroid known as **Phaethon** is responsible for the Geminids. We have a last quarter moon at this time so that will not help. Most meteor showers are caused by comets. A comet is effectively a 'dirty snowball' with a solid nucleus covered by ice. An asteroid is a rock, and its orbit is much more circular than that of a comet. The **Ursids** meteor shower will also peak on 23rd December, very dark skies, the radiant point being 'The Plough'.

December 21st

The Winter Solstice: The Winter Solstice this year occurs on Wednesday, December 21st at 948 pm. It is the moment when the sun reaches the Tropic of Capricorn, and we have the longest night of the year. It signals the start of astronomical winter. The sun reaches its lowest position at noon in the sky, with little change for several days, before climbing again.

Many cultures looked on this as the rebirth of the sun. The prehistoric monument of Newgrange, built around 3200 B.C. is older than Stonehenge and is associated with the Alban Arthan festival with the inner chamber being lit up at the solstice. This was a time of fear for ancient people, as the sun moved lower and lower in the sky. This ritual was to help change the course of the sun. The stones and burial chambers were used to measure the course of the sun.

December 24th & 25th 10 pm:

Christmas Eve: In the SSE we have a beautiful sky with **Jupiter** and **Neptune** setting in the SW, **Mars** is bright to the south, with the **Pleiades** just to right (beautiful through binoculars) and the constellation of **Orion** to the south. **Sirius** is low in the SSE (151° with altitude 16°).

On Christmas morning, appropriately, the star **Regulus ('Little King')** is rising in the East. It marks the end of the '**Sickle of Leo**' that outlines the head of the constellation Leo. It is only 80 light years away and is a rapidly rotating star at 317 kilometres per second, distorts its shape to an oblate spheroid. Regulus is one of the brightest stars in the night sky and has four companion stars, one with an orbiting period of 125,000 years.

Artemis 1 Launch:

Fifty years after the final Apollo mission to the moon **Artemis 1** was launched from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on Wednesday 16th November. **A historic day for human spaceflight.** A last-minute glitch with the **Flight Termination System** (located in the nose cone) delayed the original launch time. This mission has been built on the shoulders of the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs.

A major objective of the flight is to test the durability of the heat shield on Orion. When the spaceship is returning to earth on December 11th it will hit the earth's atmosphere at 40,000 kph, 32 times the speed of sound, increasing the temperature to 2760° C. We sadly remember the Space Shuttle '**Columbia**' that disintegrated on re-entry in 2003 because of a fault with the heat shield, killing all seven astronauts.

This mission is unmanned but all future missions of Artemis will be manned with Artemis 3 landing astronauts on the Lunar South Pole. This area contains ice and other resources, and water is critical for long term exploration. The missions will set up a permanent base with a long-term robotic presence. There will be an orbiting space station (**Gateway**) to service the requirements of the missions. Spaceships will dock and undock at the space station allowing astronauts to shuttle back and forth to the moon's surface.

Space X launch: Space X has now indicated its first orbital launch for December. NASA has a stake in its success as it has picked '**Starship**' for its first crewed landing in 2025/2026 on the **Artemis 3** mission. A successful orbital mission by '**Starship**' would reinforce the recent **Artemis** success.

Although these missions cost billions of dollars the spin off benefits are massive from innovation and job creation running into trillions of dollars. There is a need to develop more industries in Europe (including Ireland) that can service the requirements of the space industry.



Irish Satellite: The satellite known as **EIRSAT-1 (Educational Irish Research Satellite 1)** will be Ireland's first satellite and will be launched in January /February from French Guiana. Professor Orla Feely, UCD vice-president of research, innovation and impact, believes that this endeavour will deliver outstanding fundamental research and develop talent. It was put together over a period of five years by various professors and Ph.D. students. The satellite contains three experiments from Irish industries that will be tested in space for the first time.

- The first is a detector of gamma ray bursts, which happen when stars die.
- Second is a thermal coating for space crafts to protect them from extreme temperatures.
- Third is an algorithm to control the orientation of the satellite.



JWST The Birth of a Star:

The dark straight line in the bottleneck is the accretion disc where the new star is in the very early stages of forming. The surrounding molecular cloud is made up of dust and gas and it is being pulled onto the accretion disc. As material falls in it spirals around the centre. The more mass the protostar collects the greater the size of the star. The image allows scientists to watch the early process of star formation. The light from the cocooned star illuminates the cavities within the surrounding disc. The protostar also ejects material, and, in this way, prevents the formation of other stars 'in its patch'.

Scoil Cholmcille, Skryne

Tom Brennan

Term 1 is flying by and this week we celebrated Science Week. All classes were busy investigating all things Science sometimes in messy and slimy ways.

In the next issue we will have some pictures to show what we got up to. We had a visitor from Heritage Ireland who spoke to us about Biodiversity and the web of life.

Third Class took part in a Zoom call with Teagasc to explore the links between Science and farming. Very important for all our little farmers here in Skryne.



Halloween

What fun we had for Halloween. On the Friday before midterm, we had our now legendary Isabel Cup fancy dress parade.

There were all sorts of spooky and scary costumes on show. Well done to all the children for their creative and imaginative Halloween costumes, many of which were home-made.

A special congratulations to Chloe in 6th Class who took home the cup for her furbie costume which was over three years in the making!!

Later that evening the respective parents' Associations from both Scoil Cholmcille and Rathfeigh came together to host a special spooky Halloween disco for the pupils of both schools. The event took place in our hall and was a huge success.

A huge thank you to all who organised this for the children of the community. What a great way to reignite the excitement of Halloween after the last few years.

Silver Linings

Congratulations to our first Silver Card winners of the year! These cards have been awarded for outstanding achievements in academics, effort, improvement, kindness, positivity, inclusion and participation. Some of our winners have already won silver card in previous years while for some it's their very first. Well done to all!



Orienteering

Last Tuesday, our 5th and 6th Class boys and girls took part in the Leinster Schools Orienteering event in the beautiful surrounds of Corkagh Park in Clondalkin. It was a bright and sunny autumnal day and once again Scoil Cholmcille were to the fore. Well done to Ross and Aisling who scooped the 5th class prizes, while Louis was victorious in the 6th Class version.



Enrolment

A reminder that Scoil Cholmcille is now accepting applications for Junior Infants for the 2023/24 school year.

Application forms can be accessed at skryneschool.blogspot.com or

by emailing the school at our new email address

info@skrynenationalschool.ie

Family History

Maurice Daly

Family history is an extremely popular hobby. More and more records and genealogy websites are being uploaded onto the internet; courses and seminars are widely available and family histories and family trees are flourishing.

Where do you start?

Start with your immediate family. Leave the internet until later. Talk to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and perhaps a local historian who knows the family and local folklore. Look at old photo albums, even family gravestones and any documents with family information. Remember – **Record Everything!**

What are the best Records for family research? The principal sources are as follows:

Civil Records

State registrations of non-Catholic marriages began in 1845. In 1864, civil registration of **all** births, marriages and deaths, including Catholic records started. These records are held at the General Register Office (GRO), Werburgh St, Dublin 8. A free index to the records- births over 100 years, marriages over 75 years and deaths over 50 years – with images of the certs, is available on the [IRISH GENEALOGY](https://www.irishgenealogy.ie) website, free of charge.

Census Records

The first census in Ireland was held in 1821, and every 10 years afterwards. Only fragments of the 19th century censuses survive. Thankfully, the full 1901 and 1911 censuses are freely searchable on the National Archives of Ireland website – www.census.nationalarchives.ie – These census records are invaluable for genealogists and are the best place to start. They are free and have images of the original census forms. Find your grandparents/great grandparents and you're hooked! You may see the lovely handwriting of an ancestor. You will get considerable details about your heritage!

I'm attaching an extract from the 1911 census about **the Gould family** who lived in **Clowanstown** at the time. I wonder if anybody in the RST area knows anything about them. All the residents were Presbyterian, and they were a mix of English, Scottish and Norwegian nationalities. The head of the family, John Charles Gould was a Cotton Merchant.

Residents of a house 2 in Clowanstown (Kilcom, Meath)									
Surname	Forename	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion	Birthplace	Occupation	Library	Marital Status
Gould	John Charles	39	Male	Head of Family	Presbyterian	Liverpool	Cotton Merchant	Read and write	Married
Gould	Melina	34	Female	Wife	Presbyterian	Scotland		Read and write	Married
Smith	Charles	12	Male	Son	Presbyterian	Scotland		Read and write	Married
Smith	Marianne	32	Female	Servant	Presbyterian	Norway	Cook Domestic	Read and write	Married
Robson	John	20	Male	Servant	Presbyterian	Scotland	Domestic	Read and write	Single
Black	Gertrude	25	Female	Servant	Presbyterian	Norway	Domestic	Read and write	Single
Ellen	Susan	22	Female	Servant	Presbyterian	Norway	Domestic	Read and write	Single

Church Records

Catholic church records vary from dates at the beginning of the 19th century. Micro-film copies- usually up to about 1880- of most surviving Catholic Parish registers are available in the NLI. **For the parish of Skryne/Rathfeigh**, baptisms between Nov 1841 and Dec 1880 along with Marriages between Jan 1842 and May 1880 are available on micro-film. (I cannot verify if the dates have been extended). However, more comprehensive Church Records can be assessed on several websites that I

will cover in Part 2 in the December Newsletter.



Church of Ireland (Anglican) records

are more complicated. Many original records were destroyed in the 1922 fire in the Public Record Office in the Four Courts. The NLI will be able to help with C of I registers while the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (**PRONI**) holds many original and copies of records for Northern Ireland.

Presbyterian records' enquiries can be addressed to the Presbyterian Historical Society and for **Quaker records** contact the Library of Religious Society of Friends.

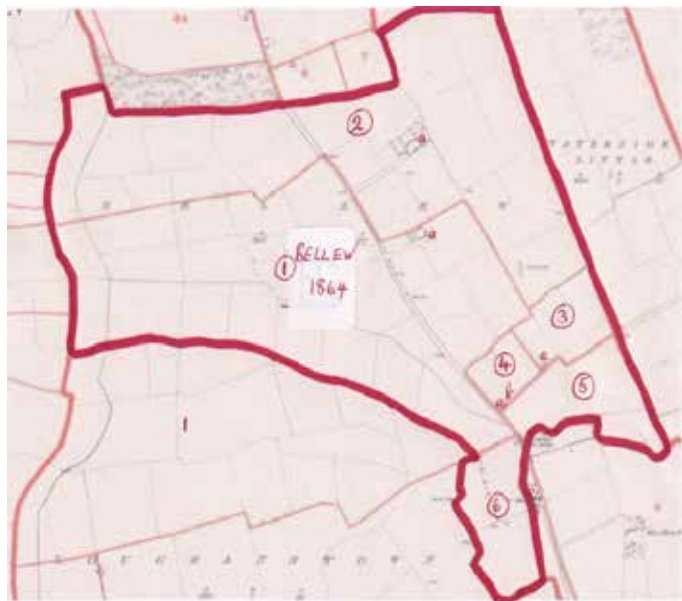
Land And Property Records

There are two important land property records: the **Tithe Applotment Books (1824-1838)** and **Griffith's Valuation (1848-1864)**. I would concentrate on Griffith's as it is the more recent and has amazing detail. It was really a property tax survey conducted in mid-19th century under the supervision Sir Richard Griffith. **It involved the detailed valuation of every taxable piece of agricultural or built property on the island of Ireland** and was published county by county. **Meath was published in 1854.** As mentioned it was used as a basis for local taxation and continued up to the 1970s. It was arranged by Poor Law Union (PLU) districts; then by civil parish with the townlands of each parish listed alphabetically. It is one of the premier genealogical resources.

I have looked over the section on the parish of Rathfeigh which had 7 townlands listed in 1864. I selected the townland of Bellew. Who lived there? It lists the occupiers and the lessors; it gives a description of the tenement (i.e., a piece of land or a house that was rented by one person from another -the lessor); the area of land rented and the rateable

valuation in £-s-d. The attached map shows the location of the property in Bellew e.g., Thomas Gough lived in Plot No. 2 and rented 147 acres 32 sq. perches from Sir C.Domville, Bt. and paid £83 rent.

The area of the townland of Bellew is 357acres. **Domville rented 337 acres (94%)** of the total!! Similar statistics were common in every county until the Land Acts and the Land Commission got down to business!



Genealogy is a step-by-step process and is ongoing. I have been dabbling into it for nearly 50 years and the jigsaw still has missing pieces. Information from one record will lead to research in another and you may find yourself exploring different archives and websites. I will write about family history websites and list some important addresses in the December Newsletter.

SKRYNE GFC

**Sunday 11th December
Mass for deceased members**

at 11am in Skryne Chapel
followed by the Club AGM in Swans
Lounge at 3pm.



**Important to have a large attendance.
New members always welcome.**

SKRYNE LADIES (LGFA)

Congratulations to all our successful teams during the year particularly our Senior Ladies who won their first Meath Intermediate Football Championship and reached the Leinster Final where they were defeated by a very strong Longford Slashers team.

Full Report on the year to come in the next RST and in a hard copy which we hope to have printed and distributed before Christmas.

Points To Ponder

Don't Blame Bad Dancers

Not everyone can dance. But if you are the sort who awkwardly waves your arms about and steps on people, it is not your fault - here is some comfort.

It seems that the ability to move gracefully in rhythm and keep to a beat is not so much learned as inherited. In a recent study, American scientists found that the ability to stick to a rhythm is encoded for in 69 different genes.

So next time you stomp on someone on the dance floor, take heart and remember - you are probably just following in your father's footsteps.

Working best from where?

Are you more proactive working from home, or at the office? Who knows? A recent study at Microsoft found that while 87% of employees feel they were working as efficiently from home as in the office, 80% of their managers disagreed.

Whatever the truth, many experts believe that work places are unlikely to ever return to pre-pandemic numbers.

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Christmas Gifts

Anne Frehill

It's hard to believe, but Christmas is only a few weeks away. Recently, while sitting in the day ward of a private clinic in Dublin, at the ungodly hour of 6.30am, a fellow patient rushed in and took the bed next to me. She promptly announced that once her procedure was over that she intended to hotfoot it to Grafton Street to complete her Christmas shopping. I gave a monosyllabic reply, but she was determined to give me a little lecture on the importance of shopping early for Christmas.

Later, when I was back home, I began to research the custom of giving and receiving gifts at Christmas, which is an important part of our celebrations. Lest I sound like Ebenezer Scrooge, I do enjoy exchanging gifts with friends and family at this time of year. However, we try to keep the presents simple and if possible, funny. Instead of buying expensive unwanted presents, the surplus money goes to our own favourite charities.

When I attended a convent school in Navan, we were told that these gifts were first given to remind us of the gifts brought by the Magi to the infant Jesus.

However, there are many theories about when the custom of exchanging gifts at this time of year began. The Romans gave small gifts as part of their celebrations to mark the end of the year – the winter solstice festival of Saturnalia was a major event -in the Roman calendar. It was believed that partaking in this exchange of presents would bring them good luck in the coming year. Eventually when Christianity replaced pagan worship, the two festivals seem to have merged and gifts were indeed given to mark God's great gift to all humankind: his only son Jesus. Then in the fourth century, thanks to St Nicholas, bishop of Myra, the practise of making Christmas time special for children began. He was said to be a kind, generous man, who wanted to improve the lives of children and in particular those children at the margins of society: the poor, the sick and the social outcasts. He began by leaving out little treats and simple presents for them. The forerunner of our commercial Santa Claus.

In many countries, Christmas is specifically a religious festival and gifts for family and friends are not opened on Christmas Day but on other days. In Germany, the children receive gifts on two days: small gifts on December 5 and the larger ones on Christmas Eve. In other countries gifts are given on the eve of St Nicholas feast day, December 5 or on his "big day" December 6.

I like the Russian tradition where gifts are exchanged on New Year's Eve. And the Spanish tradition where gifts are exchanged on January 6: the feast of the Epiphany. A date on this island which also marks our own special day: Nollaig na mBan.

So, don't get too stressed over your Christmas shopping!

Finally, a few lines from:

Reason for the Season.

(Author unknown)

***"There's scarce else I'll be wishing,
Than this simple little prayer
Of peace and calm and blessings much,
On Christmas Day this year.***



Skryne Tara AFC

Congratulations to our very successful Under 15 team who have just won the NECSL (North Eastern County's Schoolboys League) Division 2.

This is their second League win in a row having won the Under 14 Division 3 last year.

Promotion in successive seasons means they will play in the Under 16 Division 1 next year. Playing in Division 1 has always been the aim of this very determined and talented bunch of players. Achieving that in such a short space of time shows just how good this team is. They are a credit to our club, their Management team, their Parents but most importantly to themselves. Playing against the 'Big Boys' in Division 1 will not present a problem to this confident group of players in the 2023 Season.

Behind every successful team has to be successful Management team therefore Congratulations is also due to the Manager, Gary Fagan and his two selectors Paddy Mullen and Louis Pentony.

Well done lads, the future is bright so keep the flag flying and we hope to see these boys playing adult football in the very near future.

The cup was presented to Captain Adam Morgan after their final game of the season at Ross Cross recently and the players received their medals at a Celebration function in the RST on the same evening.

The Club would like to thank everybody who helped out in any way over the last couple of years with this team. Particularly the Parents and Mentors who ferried the lads to away matches all over the North Eastern Counties. Without that help the club could not function and there would be no Trophy to present at the end of the season.



NECSL Official Paddy Mulreid speaks to the attentive Skryne Tara players and Mentors at Ross Cross. Adults in the picture - from left Tony Carolan (Chairperson) Louis Pentony (Selector) partly hidden, Gary Fagan (Manager) and Paddy Mullen (Selector).



Rathfeigh National School

Seamus Tansley

The three weeks since Halloween have flown by. The school has been exceptionally busy with the Book Fair, Science Week, Badminton, Tin Whistle, Gaelic Football, Mindfulness lessons and Parent/Teacher meetings keeping us all busy! We are only a few short weeks away from Christmas and of course the excitement among the children for the visit of Santa will increase week on week particularly after the "Toy Show" last night. It's a special time of the year and the most exciting for the children and teachers! We look forward to the build-up for Christmas and we hope it all goes smoothly for everyone in the Rathfeigh school community.

"Christmas magic is invisible. You don't see it. You hear it. You feel it in your heart".

Open Day

Our Open Day in Rathfeigh National School takes place on Saturday 26th November from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We look forward to welcoming parents/guardians and their children to the school where they will meet staff members, tour the school and receive information on the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. If you are unable to attend the Open Day please contact the school by e-mail rathfeighns@outlook.com or by phone 041-9825156 to make an appointment. You can also log into the school website to find out more information about the school rathfeighns.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Book Fair

Last week's Book Fair was a roaring success. As our Book Fairs over the last two years were curtailed, somewhat, due to Covid-19 there was great excitement last week with its return without restrictions. It was lovely to see parents/guardians with their children browsing books together with smiles on the children's faces. We had competitions during the course of the week with three free books given to the winners in each class. A big thanks to Mrs Campbell for coordinating the Book Fair and to everyone who purchased books as the school receives 60% commission on books sold.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our Parent/Teacher meetings took place on Thursday and Friday. It was the first time in a few years that these meetings took place face to face. If you were unable to attend the meetings please make an appointment with the class teacher to organize a date and time for the meeting.

Hillview Nursing Home

We are really excited to be liaising with Hillview Nursing Home as part of our Meta Grant application. In December our 5th/6th class will be visiting Hillview to perform a repertoire of songs and play a few tunes on the tin whistle for the residents. Our pupils are really excited about their visit and we hope we can bring smiles to the residents of Hillview coming up to Christmas. We thank Ailbhe Bannon for visiting our school last week to help us arrange the event. We hope this will be the start of our many visits to Hillview as the children are really looking forward to making a positive difference in the lives of the residents.

Science Week

We celebrated Science Week in the school from November 14th-18th. The experiments carried out by the children over the course of the week were varied and extensive e.g. lava lamps, refraction, the impact of salt on items floating etc. We thank the children for their enthusiasm in carrying out the experiments daily and for entertaining us with the large repertoire of experiments.

Gaelic Football

Our Boys' Gaelic Football Team lost their semi-final to a very strong Castletown team. Despite the loss the boys can be exceptionally proud of their efforts this year. Our girls' team lost narrowly in the quarter final. Despite the loss the future is very bright for the girl's team going forward.

Tin Whistle

The children in 1st-6th class have been making great progress on the tin whistle after just a few weeks practice. All their hard work is really paying off and they can now play tunes collectively and individually. A big thanks to Mrs Vaughan for teaching the children the tin whistle.

Badminton

Since Halloween the children in all classes have been learning the skills of badminton with Teresa Mangan. We thank Teresa for her huge enthusiasm, commitment and patience in teaching the children the skills of badminton.

Mindfulness

The six weeks of mindfulness lessons with Una Curran finished this week. We were delighted to be able to avail of Una's expertise in the area of well-being and mindfulness over the last few years and the children in all classes have really benefited from the lessons.

Parents' Association Christmas Raffle

Our Parents' Association are well under way in organising the annual Christmas Raffle. This is a huge undertaking but worth all the effort as the proceeds from the raffle will go towards the creation of a Sensory Garden at the rear of the school.

Each family will get a few books of tickets to sell and there may be prizes for the children who sell the most books. We hope everyone in the Rathfeigh and Skryne parish support this great event.





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Notices:

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Regular mat based Pilates continues Thursday mornings 10am.



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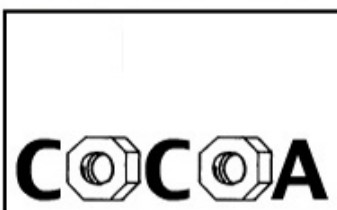
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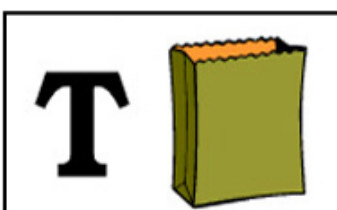
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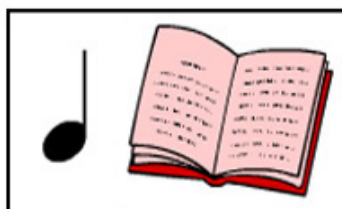
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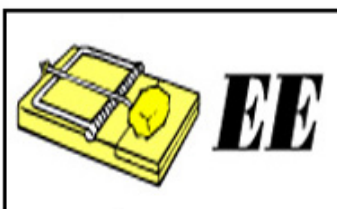
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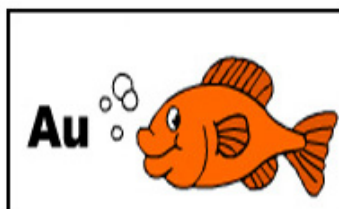
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Answers to Dingbats challenge

1 Fairytale, 2 Goose Bumps, 3 Coconuts, 4 Greetings Card, 5 Horse Box, 6 Rattle Snake, 7 Tea Bag, 8 Drum Stick, 9 Note Book, 10, Stop Cock, 11 Trapeeze, 12, Goldfish



AWFUL JOKES

Literary position.

Years ago, my grandparents took me on a holiday to Disneyland. Grandma was excited for me when we boarded the plane, she exclaimed that I was lucky, because I got the Shakespeare seat.

"Why is it the Shakespeare seat Grandma?"

"You are in seat 2-B, so it's the Shakespeare seat."

"Don't be silly Grandma. All the seats on an airplane are Shakespeare seats."

"How do you figure that?"

"Well, it's either seat 2-B or not 2-B."

A man is walking home alone late one foggy night...

when behind him, he hears
BUMP... BUMP... BUMP...

Walking faster, he looks back and through the fog he makes out the image of an upright casket banging its way down the middle of the street toward him.

BUMP... BUMP... BUMP...

Terrified, the man sprints toward his home, the casket bouncing quickly behind him

FASTER... FASTER...

BUMP... BUMP... BUMP...

He runs up to his door, fumbles with his keys, opens the door, rushes in and slams and locks the door behind him.

However, the casket crashes through his door, with the lid of the casket clapping-clappity-BUMP...

clappity-BUMP... clappity-BUMP...

on his heels, the terrified man runs.

Rushing upstairs to the bathroom, the man locks himself in. His heart is pounding; his head is reeling; his breath is coming in sobbing gasps.

With a loud CRASH the casket breaks down the door.

Bumping and clapping toward him.

The man screams and reaches for something, anything, but all he can find is a bottle of cough syrup!

Desperate, he throws the cough syrup at the casket...

and.....

The coffin stops



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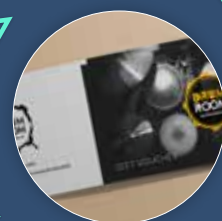
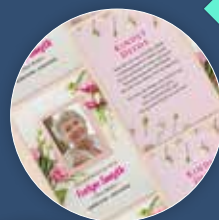
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