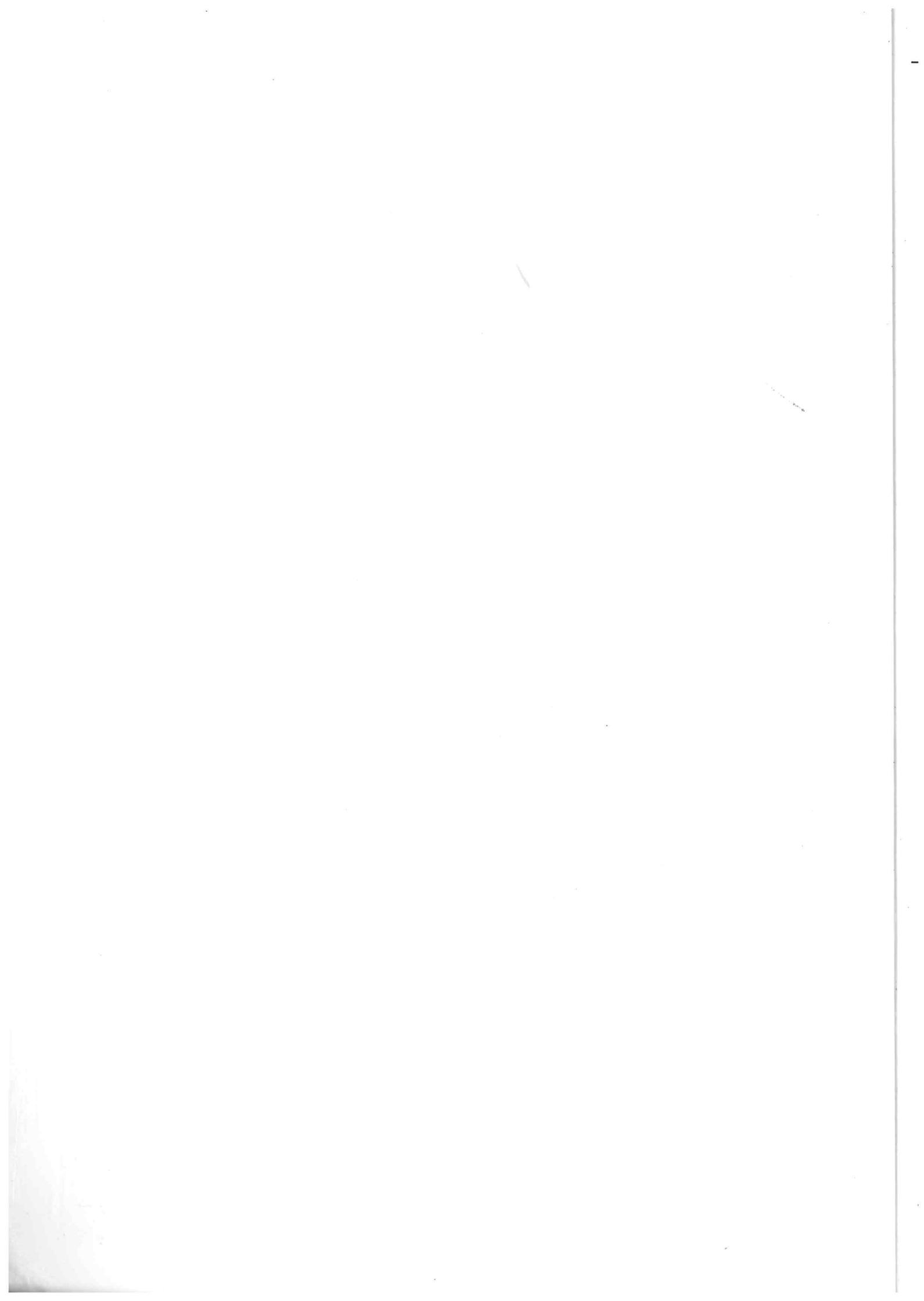


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Edmund Ignatius Rice.*



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The year 2002 is particularly significant in the history of the Irish Christian Brothers. It is the bicentenary of the opening of the first Christian Brothers' school by the founder Edmund Rice in Waterford. Many events have been organised this year throughout the world and the school has organised its own and participated in many others. I wish to thank all those pupils and teachers who have done so and who intend being involved in other events between now and December. In particular I congratulate the teachers and pupils involved in the resurrected Rice Games and those involved in producing the commemorative mural currently on the front of the school.

Our best wishes are extended to three teachers who retired in summer 2001 -Mr. S. Bennett, Mr. T. Whitehead and Mr. F. Dynan. As we go to print we are also celebrating the contribution of two very long-serving members of the office staff who are retiring this summer - Ms Anne Fitzpatrick and Mr. John Donnelly.

All of these staff contributed greatly to the life of St. Mary's and the school has been greatly enriched by their contribution.

Mr. Brendan Rasdale left us to take up a teaching post in his old alma mater, St. Michael's, Enniskillen.

Welcome to Ms. U. Maginn and Ms. A. Madden who have been working in the English and Geography departments respectively. Ms. M. Mc Girr has been with us in the music department and we wish her well in her new permanent post in Our Lady of Mercy School, Ballysillan.

Our congratulations goes to members of staff who added to their families within this last year - Ms L. Cleary, Mr C. Mc Cann and Ms. J. Mervyn.

Within this last year or so we were saddened by the deaths of two ex-principals of St. Mary's - Br. J.M. Murphy and Br. F.D. O'Neill and the deaths of three long-serving retired teachers Br. W. D. Lynam, Mr. Eddie Fearon and Mr. Dan Cashman.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a n-amanacha dílse.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the pupils for all their achievements since our last publication and to thank the staff who have given so much of their time and expertise, not only during school hours, but in the many and varied extra-curricular activities. As we go to press I also wish to congratulate the Summer 2002 A Level students and teachers who have produced the school's best A Level results on record. Well Done.

And, finally, I wish to sincerely thank all those who have contributed to this Simmarian, including those who submitted articles, our sponsors and all those who were directly responsible for producing this magazine, in particular, Mrs Donna Tohill.

Guím gach beannacht ar phobal na scoile, na daltaí, an fhoireann agus tuismitheoirí. Go n-éirí go geal libh an bhliain seo chugainn agus, le cuidiú Dé, sna blianta atá romhainn.

Mr. K. Burke
Principal

In Remembrance

Br. D.F. O'Neill (Ex-Principal of St. Mary's) R.I.P.

Brother Francis Dermot O'Neill was committed to living the Gospel as a Christian Brother and worked with enthusiasm and diligence in Ireland and Africa.

Br. O' Neill attended Dundalk CBS as a pupil. He began his teaching in primary schools in Carlow and Kilkenny. He then graduated from University College Galway in the 1950s and was posted to the North where he taught Maths, Irish and Religion and was Headmaster in CBS Omagh and in St. Mary's, Barrack St. Belfast.

In 1974 Br. O'Neill headed for Zambia where he was Headmaster and was in charge of the formation of young Brothers. He also produced mathematics textbooks which were used in schools throughout the country. He returned to Ireland in 1991 due to illness.

Br. O'Neill had a keen interest in music. He also produced a book of alternative forms of prayer based on the scriptures and was very active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

He spent his last years in St. Patrick's, Baldoyle where he died on the
2nd February 2002.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam dilís.

Br. David Lynam R.I.P.

Brother David Lynam was a devoted religious who had great devotion to Our Lady. He helped organise, and participated in, many trips to Lourdes with the IHCPT.

Brother Lynam was born in Streamstown, Co. Westmeath in 1925. Down through the years he gained many university degrees and qualifications. He ministered during the forties in St. Patrick's, Marino and Oxford Street, Belfast and in the fifties and sixties in Omagh, Derry and Newry. He joined the staff of St. Mary's in 1976 and retired in 1991.

He is greatly admired by his past pupils and staff. He was a very able mathematician and was very generous with his time and teaching talents, both within and outside of school. He was particularly fond of Airfield House and Belfast.

In December 1997 Br. Lynam became seriously ill and, for the remainder of his life, was lovingly cared for by the staff of Louisville Nursing Home on the Glen Road. He went to his eternal reward on Wednesday 24th October 2001 at 7.15am in the Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

Brother JM Murphy RIP

On hearing of the death of Brother JM Murphy, the Most Reverend Patrick Walsh, Bishop of Down and Connor, sent the following letter of condolence to the Christian Brothers' community:

I wish to offer to Brother Murphy's relatives and to the Irish Christian Brothers my very sincerest sympathy on his death. The Diocese of Down and Connor owes an enormous debt of gratitude to him and it was indeed most appropriate that his name in religion was the name of our Diocesan patron. He spent virtually all his teaching life in the diocese and on his retirement he gave himself with great commitment to our Diocesan Education Committee and then to the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools.

His experience, his wise advice and his sound judgement were invaluable to all who worked with him, and most especially to Monsignor Colm McCaughan. He was highly respected in the whole field of education and he was an outstanding representative for Catholic schools on very many educational bodies.

On a personal level I am hugely indebted to him. For me he was an inspirational teacher and when I was teaching in St. MacNissi's College I certainly modelled myself on him. Later, as President of St. Malachy's College, I often turned to him for advice and, indeed, for encouragement. He was a true, genuine friend.

He was a powerful witness for the values of consecrated life, living out at all times the charisma of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice. He was a witness not alone for his pupils and former pupils but also for very many people whose only contact with a religious would have been through contact with JM.

I would intend, in consultation with the Brothers in Belfast, to arrange a Requiem Mass for him which will allow his many friends in Belfast and, indeed in the Diocese, to show their respect and regard for him and to pray that God will grant his peace to his generous soul.

Of him it will certainly be true that *"they who instruct others will shine like stars for all eternity"*

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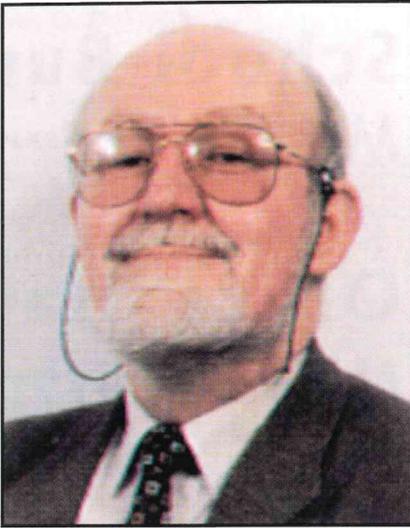
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Seamus Bennett - An Appreciation

Any discussion of Seamus Bennett is apt to become reminiscent of the debate between John Cleese's character Reg, leader of the Peoples Liberation Front of Judea in Monty Python's 'Life of Brian', and his supporters.

It was raucous Reg it will be recalled who demanded rhetorically: 'What did the Romans ever do for us? only to be reminded diplomatically by his cohorts that, well, they did build the roads, the sewers and a host of services which just about added up to the total sum of civilisation. 'All right, all right, but apart from those, what did the Romans actually ever do for us?' continued to be Reg's refrain. Similarly, there is a tendency for the ill-informed to demand, apart from his compassionate teaching, excellent results, charity work, managerial and pastoral expertise, leadership role as a HOD and SMT member, the years of service in Barrack Street and the Glen Road, what exactly did Seamus Bennett do for St. Mary's?.

Seamus seemed an austere figure but that was merely the popular perception, which was of no great concern to him. His concern for and interest in the welfare of the pupils was deep and real. The need for popularity came low on his list of personal priorities. His qualities were old-fashioned integrity, low-key leadership by example, and the application of rigour and high standards to everything he undertook.

It would be impossible to think of Seamus in the same terms as Otto Braun diminished his co-politicians in the Weimar era:

'A small generation unequal to its task'.

Now like a great football team in transition, the formidable 20 year History team of Bennett, McCann, Conlon, McClean and Sheerin is clearly no more. 'Slasher' / 'Smiler' Bennett has retired to enjoy the company of his wife Grace, his children and his friends.

We wish him a long and full retirement.



Finbar Dynan

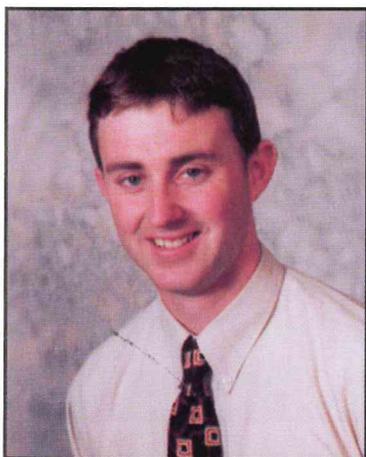
Summer 2001 saw the retirement of Finbar Dynan after 32 years as a teacher. Finbar began his teaching career in 1969 as a Mathematics teacher in La Salle Secondary School, Belfast and moved to St Mary's in 1978 where he spent the next 23 years as a valued colleague in the Mathematics Department. In doing so he was following in the footsteps of his illustrious father who taught in St Mary's for many years.

Although he also taught some Computer Studies and Religious Education in his time, it will be as a Mathematics teacher that he will be best remembered. There are numerous students who learnt the finer skills of Geometry and Calculus in his classroom. Outside of this he had many other interests – his love of the Irish language was well known, he took a great interest in the Third World countries and did a lot of work in support of Trócaire, he organised the Pioneer Association in the school and encouraged many of his pupils to join it and of course there was golf. When not teaching he found relaxation on the golf course and was a very accomplished member of Ardglass Golf Club.

As a member of the Mathematics department I always found him to be a gentleman and one who always gave me his full support. His retirement left a void in the department because of his vast experience and although he still had much to offer in the classroom, his poor health in recent years helped him to decide to call it a day. As a result he will now have more time to spend on the fairways improving his golf handicap.

Finbar, we wish you all the best in your retirement.

Maurice McGrath / Head of Mathematics



Mr Brendan Rasdale

Mr Brendan Rasdale began his teaching career in St. Mary's in 1996 and spent five years teaching German and English. His unfailing good humour was valued by the whole school community.

He showed great dedication to academic work in the classroom and established an excellent rapport with the pupils. His teaching was always of the highest standard.

Outside the classroom he was enthusiastically involved in coaching year 8 pupils in Gaelic football. He helped to organise the year 8 interclass tournament and also to prepare them for the Antrim Schools' Blitz and the Ulster Colleges' Blitz.

His commitment to the German language and the culture was clearly seen in his involvement in the annual Deutschfest, where year 10 pupils participated in a German quiz and experienced the culinary delights of German delicacies.

Brendan returned to his beloved Fermanagh and in July 2001 Resha and he celebrated their wedding. Brendan took up a teaching post in his old school, St. Michaels, Enniskillen.

We wish him every happiness and continued success in his new post.

THE BLANK CANVAS



Last years saw the school and in particular, the Art department, lose the Head of Department Mr Tony Whitehead.

Mr Whitehead, or Tony as he was affectionately known by staff and students alike, joined St.Mary's in 1976 after teaching art in St.Peters Secondary School. On many occasions in the subsequent years, he commented on the more relaxed and less formal atmosphere that he found between staff and students in St.Mary's. Tony taught at every level and his examination results were second to none. Artwork adorns every wall of the school and serves as a testimony to his excellent teaching abilities. Tony was responsible for raising the standard and high profile the Art department now has in St.Mary's. However it will be his dedication and hard work in the classroom, that he will be best remembered for, as he was an excellent and very successful teacher. I taught with Tony for twenty-five years and he made those years worthwhile as he taught and guided me. Tony is irreplaceable; I miss his humour, his practical jokes and most of all his talent. He was a touch accident-prone at times, and sometimes I felt I would be without a Head of Department on many occasions.

Mrs B Woods.
Head of Art.

Anne Fitzpatrick



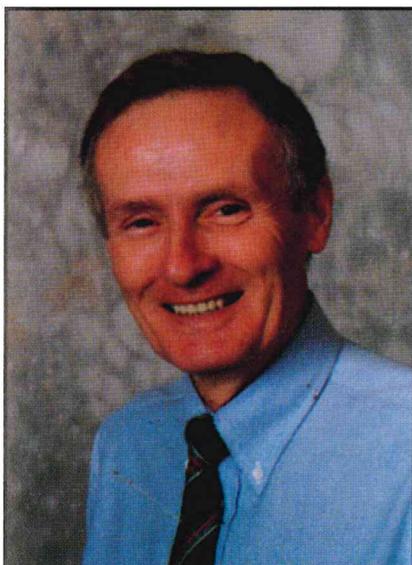
Anne has worked in the school since August 1968. She has been the Personal Assistant to seven Principals, not including acting Principals, over this last 34 years. Coming from Barrack Street on the opening of the Glen Road site Anne has been here for the entire life of the present school.

Anne's quiet and pleasant disposition endeared her to all members of staff. Her openness was exemplified by the manner in which she carried out her duties in particular she ensured that new teachers were made feel welcome in the office.

Her contribution and dedication to the school has been tireless and exemplary throughout those years and her work as Secretary and Office Manager has been thoroughly appreciated by each Principal and staff alike.

We wish her every happiness as leaves St Mary's to engage in new challenges.

John Donnelly



John has worked in the office, bookstore and canteen in St. Mary's since April 1972. For those 30 years he has been known as Mr. Donnelly or John but usually as JD. John is renowned for his efficiency, hard work and as the trickster who played cunning practical jokes on almost all members of staff at one time or another.

It is said that if you want a job done you should ask a busy person, often that person was JD. As he had daily contact with pupils he was known by almost every student who went through the school on the Glen Road.

His unstinting generosity in deed and spirit, his unfailing good humour, a good faith quietly practised – made him the epitome of a Christian gentleman.

John's contribution to the school is greatly appreciated by all. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Ad Multos Annos.

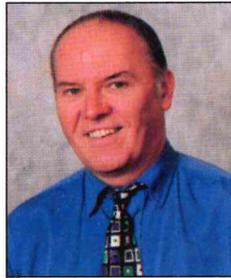
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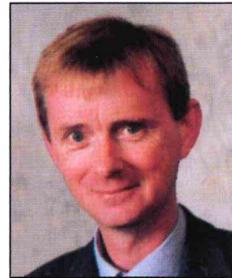
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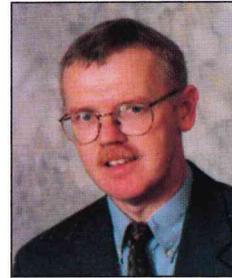
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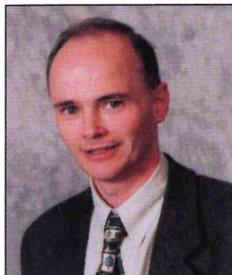
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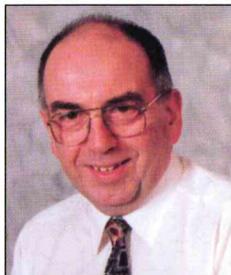
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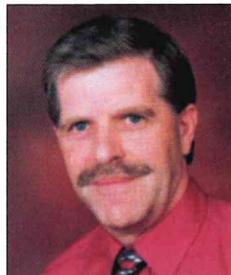
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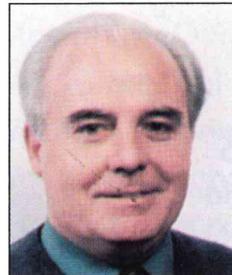
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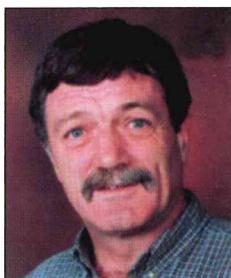
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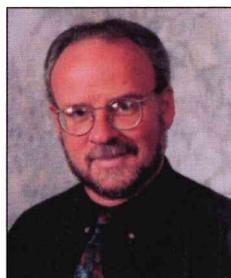
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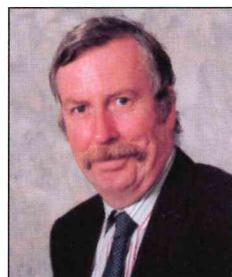
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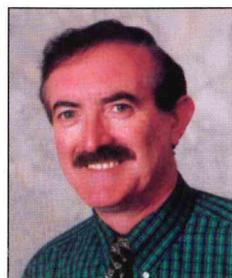
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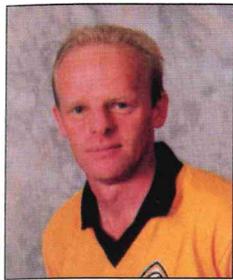


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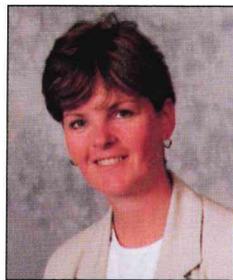
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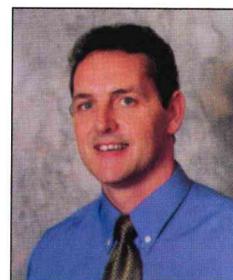
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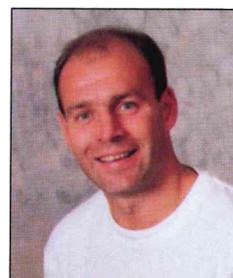
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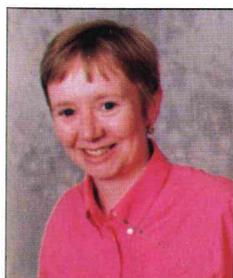
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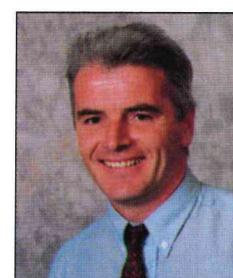
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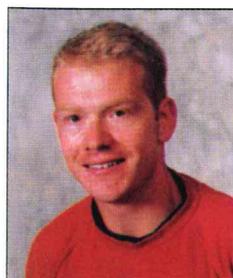
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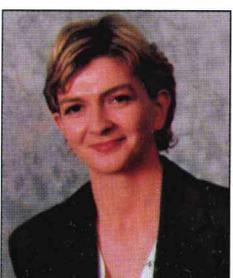
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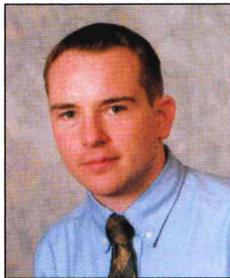
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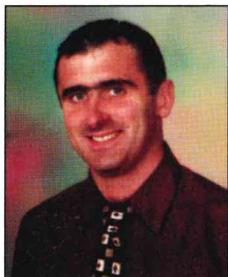
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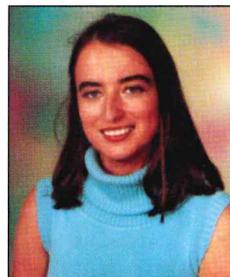
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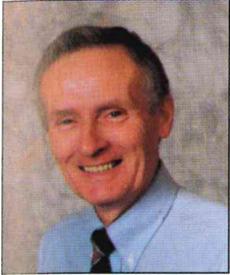


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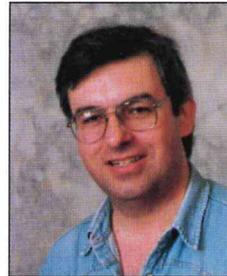
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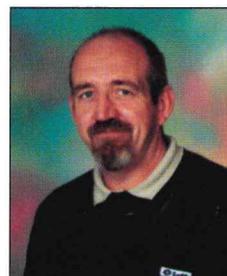
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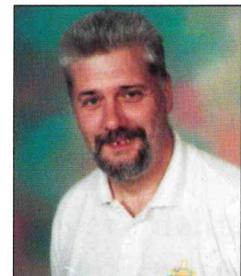
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Grounds Maintenance

Junior Prize-winners. Subject Awards.

Spanish
German

Eamon O'Neill 11E
Declan Mc Kiernan 11G
Joseph Ward 11G



Eamon O'Neill receiving awards for Spanish and Geography.



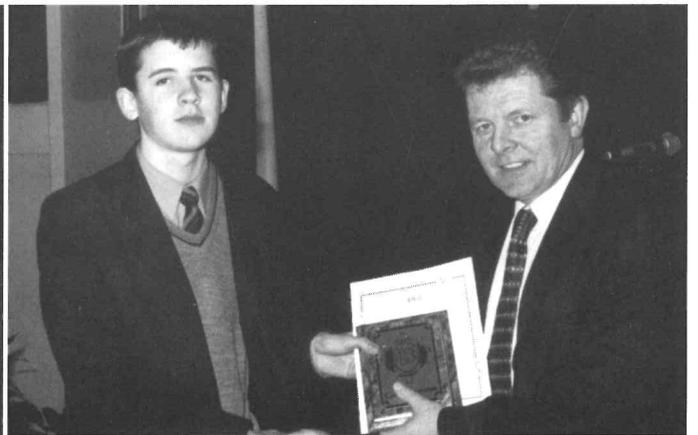
Italian award winner Ciaran Hagan is congratulated by Mr Burke.

Irish
Italian
French
Geography

Conor Herron 11H
Ciaran Hagan 11E
Christopher Floyd 11F
Eamon O'Neill 11E



Conor Herron, Winner of the Bobby McCargo Trophy and the Irish award.



Christopher Floyd, the winner of the French award.

English
Theatre Studies
Music

Joseph Scott 11G
Damien Magee 11C
Conor Smith 11D

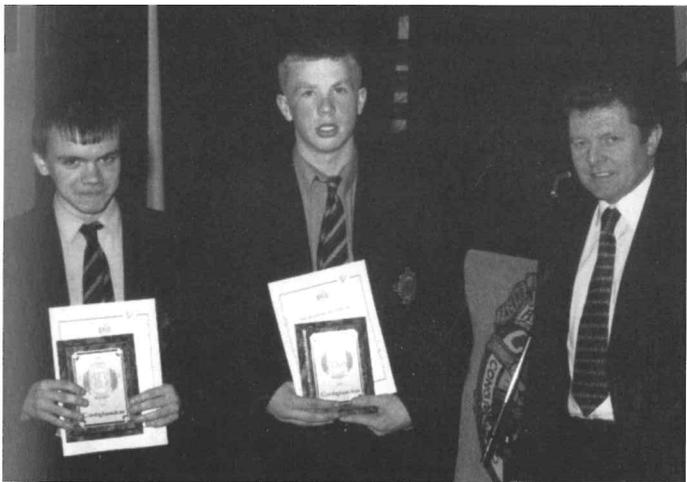


Joseph Scott, Winner of the English award.

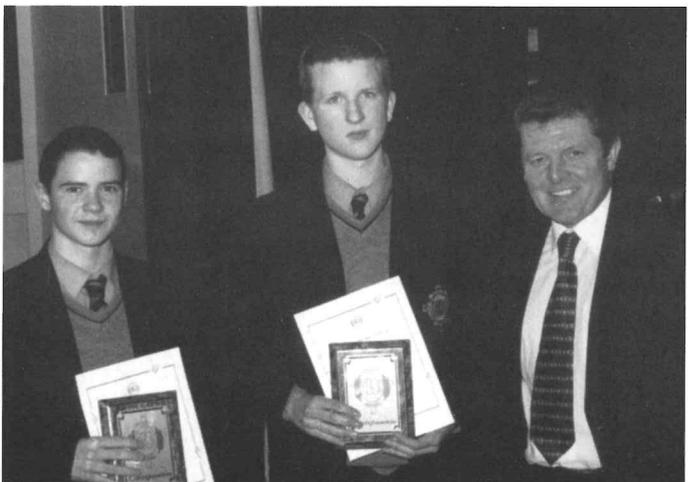


Damien Magee, Winner of the Theatre Studies award.

Extra Curricular Music	Nathan Morrisson	11I
Art	Anthony Craig	11G
Religion	Malachy Mc Mahon	11E
Science	Kevin Mc Comb	11H
Maths	Stephen Curran	11F
Technology	Joseph Caddell	11H



Joseph Ward and Declan McKiernan share the German award.



Conor Smith received the Music award and Nathan Morrisson secured the Extra - curricular Music award

History	Joseph Ward	11G
Sport	Liam Knocker	11F
Hurling	Ciaran Quinn	11H
Gaelige	Patrick Davidson	11E
Information Technology	Stephen Curran	11F



100% Attendance

David Steenson	11F
Laurence Claxton	11G
Paul Egan	11G
Conor Scullion	11A
Conall Maskey	11H
Patrick Laverty	11C
Damien Magee	11C
(Pictured Left)	

Best Overall Junior Student

Conor Herron

11A

Outstanding Students.

Pictured L-R

Aaron Hagan	11E	13A's
David Steenson	11G	13A's
John Toal	11E	13A's
Stephen Flynn	11F	13A's
Conor Herron	11A	14A'S
Paul Egan	11G	13A's
Ciaran Hagan	11E	13A's



Most Consistent Students.

Christopher McParland	11A	12A's
Malachy McMahon	11E	12A's
Conall Green	11F	12A's
Gerard Crossan	11G	12A's
Piaras Duffy	11G	12A's
Daniel McKiernan	11G	12A's
Conor Scullion	11A	11A's
Stephen Curran	11F	11A's
Michael Maguire	11F	11A's
Sean Hamill	11G	11A's



Anthony Craig, the winner of the Art award.



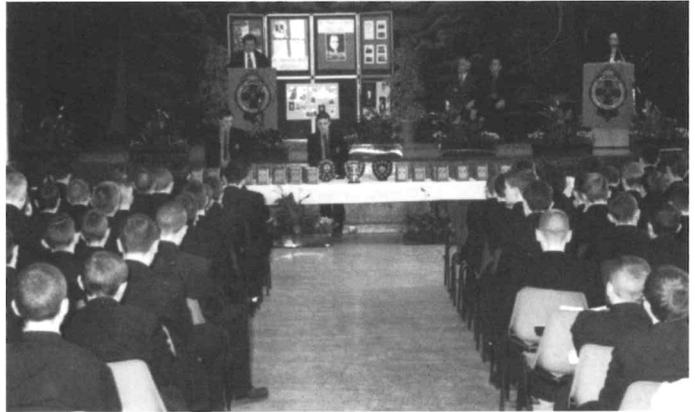
Liam Knockner - Sports winner, Patrick Davidson - Gaelige award and Ciaran Quinn - Hurling award.



A group of happy and successful year 11 students.



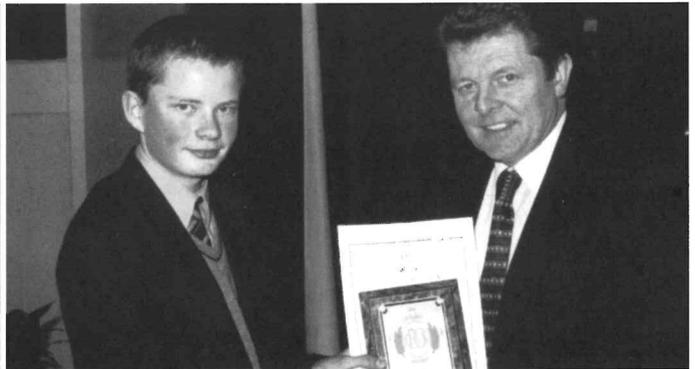
Mr Burke addresses the year 11 students at the prize-giving ceremony.



Year 11 students eagerly await the distribution of prizes and certificates.



Kevin McComb, winner of the award for Key stage 3 Science.



Malachy McMahon, the winner of the Religious award.



Stephen Curran, Maths award winner.



Joseph Caddell, the Technology Prize winner.

We dedicate this prizegiving to the memory of Padraig McBride

We wish our congratulations and best wishes to all our Year Thirteen pupils who completed their G.C.S.E. examinations in 2001

<i>ACHESON Paul</i>	<i>FORRESTER Michael</i>	<i>McCARTNEY Ciaran</i>
<i>ANDREWS Eamonn</i>	<i>FRENCH Christopher</i>	<i>McCLOSKEY John</i>
<i>ARMSTRONG Eamonn</i>	<i>GALLAGHER Aodhan</i>	<i>McCOMISH Gabriel</i>
<i>AUSTIN Mark</i>	<i>GAMBLE Fionntan</i>	<i>McCULLAGH Ailin</i>
<i>BELL Christopher</i>	<i>GILLEN Christopher</i>	<i>McDONNELL Kevin</i>
<i>BELL Ciaran</i>	<i>GILLEN David</i>	<i>McELWEE Patrick</i>
<i>BLACK Andrew</i>	<i>GOUGH Sean</i>	<i>McERLEAN David</i>
<i>BLACK David</i>	<i>GREEN Sean</i>	<i>McFALL Patrick</i>
<i>BLACK Gerard</i>	<i>HAGAN Christopher</i>	<i>McGARRIGLE Padraig</i>
<i>BONNER Michael</i>	<i>HAMILTON Gerard</i>	<i>McGARRITY Patrick</i>
<i>BRADLEY Ciaran</i>	<i>HAMILTON Pol</i>	<i>McGORAN Martin</i>
<i>BRENNAN Neil</i>	<i>HEANEY Ryan</i>	<i>McGOWAN Chris</i>
<i>BUCHANAN Martin</i>	<i>HERDMAN Stephen</i>	<i>McGRATH Gerard</i>
<i>CALLAGHAN Christopher</i>	<i>HERRON Michael</i>	<i>McGUINNESS Sean</i>
<i>CARVILLE Christopher</i>	<i>HUGHES Declan</i>	<i>McHUGH Donall</i>
<i>CHAPMAN Ciaran</i>	<i>JOHNSTON Ciaran</i>	<i>McILWAIN Stephen</i>
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<i>CONNOLLY Kieran</i>	<i>KELLY Steven</i>	<i>McMORROW James</i>
<i>COOGAN Thomas</i>	<i>KEOWN Edward</i>	<i>McMORROW Peter</i>
<i>COOLEY Ciaran</i>	<i>KERR Eamon</i>	<i>McNEILL Paul</i>
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<i>CUNNINGHAM Garret</i>	<i>LAVERY Damien</i>	<i>McPARLAND Liam</i>
<i>CUNNINGHAM Patrick</i>	<i>MacPARLAND Conor</i>	<i>McSHANE Conor</i>
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<i>DONNELLY Christopher</i>	<i>McATEER Conor</i>	<i>MURPHY Donnchadh</i>
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<i>DOWNEY Stephen</i>	<i>McCABE Colm</i>	<i>O'DONNELL Padraig</i>
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<i>RICE Brendan</i>	<i>TOAL Christopher</i>	

Comhairdeas

We offer a special welcome to our new students who joined
Year Thirteen in September 2001

Michael Boyle
(CBS Glen Road)

James Byrne
(CBS Glen Road)

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(CBS Glen Road)

Eamonn Campbell
(CBS Glen Road)

Neil Gallagher
(CBS Glen Road)

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(CBS Glen Road)

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(St. Patrick's High School)

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(Corpus Christie College)

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(Corpus Christie College)

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(St. Malachy's College)

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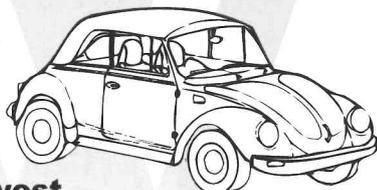
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G.C.S.E. Art (Murphy Associates Medal)

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- Stephen Downey
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G.C.S.E. Business Studies

- Kieran Connolly
(St. John the Baptist P.S.)

G.C.S.E. English

- Michael Herron
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)

G.C.S.E. English Literature

- Andrew Black
(Holy Trinity P.S.)

G.C.S.E. French (Bro. Nannery Memorial Medal)

This medal is dedicated to the memory of Bro. Nannery, a distinguished past teacher who gave significant service to pupils in St. Mary's throughout the '60's and '70's

- Paul Acheson
(St. Anne's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Gaelge

- Michael Herron
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)

G.C.S.E. Geography

- Andrew Black
(Holy Trinity P.S.)

G.C.S.E. German (The Billy Adams Medal)

- Christopher Seenan
(St. John the Baptist P.S.)

G.C.S.E. History (The Oliver McCann Medal)

Named in honour of a highly respected former Head of Department

- Paul Mulligan
(St. Teresa's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Information Systems

(The Staff Memorial Medal)

- Garret Cunningham
(St. Teresa's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Irish (The Joe Devlin Award)

- John Keatings
(St. Teresa's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Italian

- James McMorrow
(St. John the Baptist P.S.)



James McMorrow was the winner of the award for Italian.

G.C.S.E. Mathematics (Rev. Bro. L. F. Ennis Medal)

- Terence Sheppard
(Holy Child P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Music

- Sean O'Kane
(St. John the Baptist P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Physical Education

- Michael Herron
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)

G.C.S.E. Religion

(The Kevin Dunne Memorial Medal)

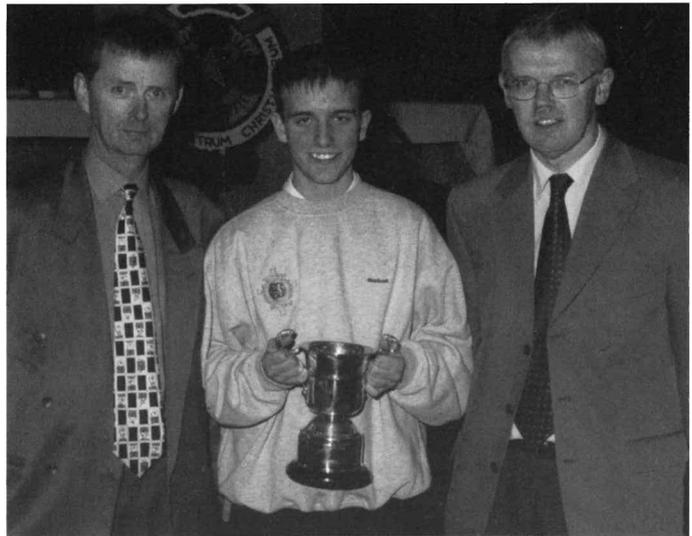
This medal is dedicated to the memory of a pupil who died tragically in 1988 during his Year Eleven in St. Mary's.

- David Black
(Holy Trinity P.S.)

Father Sean O'Neill Memorial Cup

Presented by the Mervyn Family of Tornaroy whose son Thomas earned the highest marks in Religion in the inaugural year of the G.C.S.E. examinations.

- David Black (Pictured below.(Holy Trinity P.S.)



G.C.S.E. French winner Paul Acheson is congratulated by Mr J. Sheerin.



Andrew Black winner of the English Literature award, is joined by his History and Geography teachers.

G.C.S.E. Science

- Conor McShane
(St. Gall's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Spanish

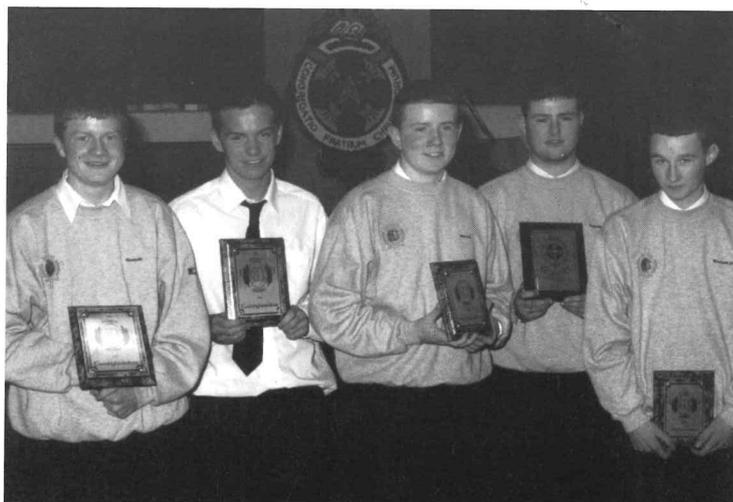
- Paul Acheson
(St. Anne's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Technology & The Ford Perpetual Trophy

- Breandan McParland
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)

Outstanding Performance at G.C.S.E.

Gerard Millen (St. Gall's P.S.)
Ciaran Bradley (Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)
Aodhan Gallagher (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Neil Brennan (St. Anne's P.S.)
Christopher Gillen (St. Teresa's P.S.)
Donal Magennis (Holy Child P.S.)
Gabriel McComish (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Fionntan Gamble (Bunscoil Phobal Feirste P.S.)
Mark Austin (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Christopher Maguire (St. Colman's P.S.)
Finnbar Christie (St. Joseph's P.S.)
Mark McAtackney (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Paul McNeill (St. Mary's P.S.)
Michael Bonner (St. Teresa's P.S.)



Recognised as outstanding performances at G.C.S.E.were (L-R) Michael Bonner, Neil Brennan, Gerard Killen, Paul McNeill and Christopher Maguire.

Attendance Awards

Padraig McGarrigle	(St.Teresa's P.S.)
Andrew Black	(Holy Trinity P.S.)
Michael Herron	(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste P.S.)
Colm Darby	(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)
Christopher Maguire	(St. Clomans P.S.)
David Ramsey	(Holy Trinity P.S.)
John Webb	(St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Finnbarr Christie	(St. Joseph's P.S.)
Aodhan Gallagher	(St. John the Baptist P.S.)
Desmond Egan	(St. John the Baptist P.S.)



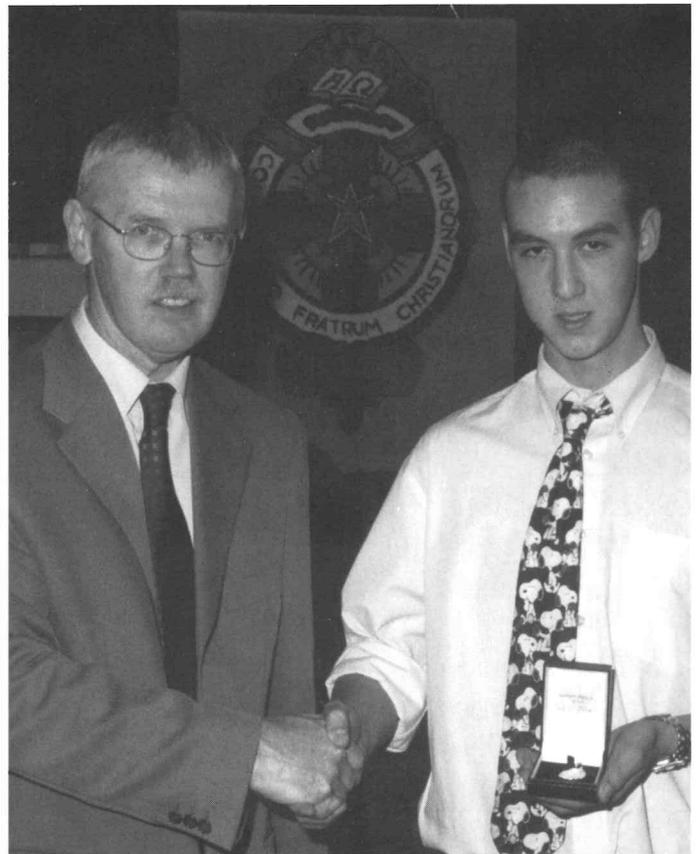
Gerard Millen, winner of Outstanding Performance Award celebrates with his parents.



The Black family celebrate the achievements of David and Andrew.



Stephen Downey, winner of the G.C.S.E. Art Award with a proud Mrs Downey.



Mr E. McFlynn, Head of Year Thirteen, congratulates Garret Cunningham upon his Information Systems.

'A' Level Year Group 2001

Prizegiving

Wednesday 19th December 2001

Guest Speaker

Michael Ryan, B.Eng.

(Vice President and General Manager of Operations in Shorts Bombardier)

We wish God's blessing on and every success to our 'A' Level and
G.N.V.Q. students of 2001

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AULD Barry
BANNON Conor
BARR Paul
BARRONWELL Peter
BLACK Darren
BRANNIGAN Connor
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CAMPBELL Brendan
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CARMICHAEL John
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COLLIGAN Peter
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CONLON Colm
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CREANEY Conaire
CROOKES Barry
CUSHNAHAN Anthony
D'ARCY John
DICK Peter
DICKSON Eamonn
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DORNAN Gary
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DUFFY Martin
FARRELL Gearard
FARRELL Paul
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FORTE Antoni
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GARLAND Stephen
GEORGE Paul
GILLEN Martin
GORMLEY Pierce
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GRIEVE Edward
HALL Patrick
HAMILL Martin
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MacFARLANE Padraig
MADDIN Peter
MAGUIRE Paul
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'A' Level Art

(The Graham Harron Medal)

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- Patrick Hall

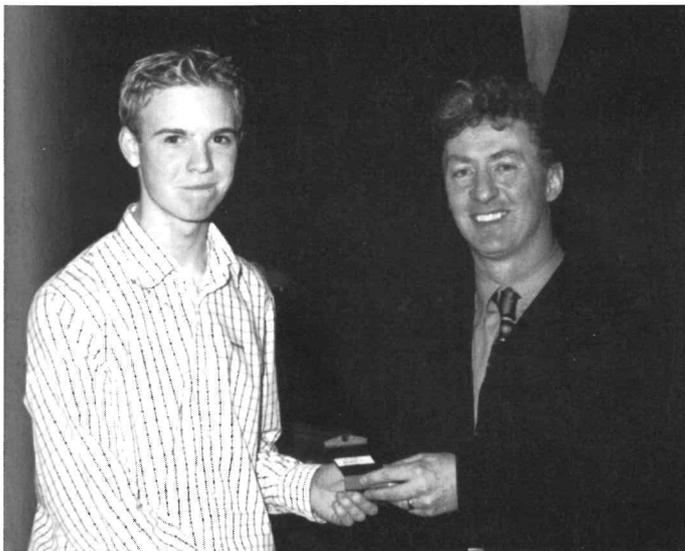
(St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Architectural Technology at U.U.J.)

'A' Level Biology

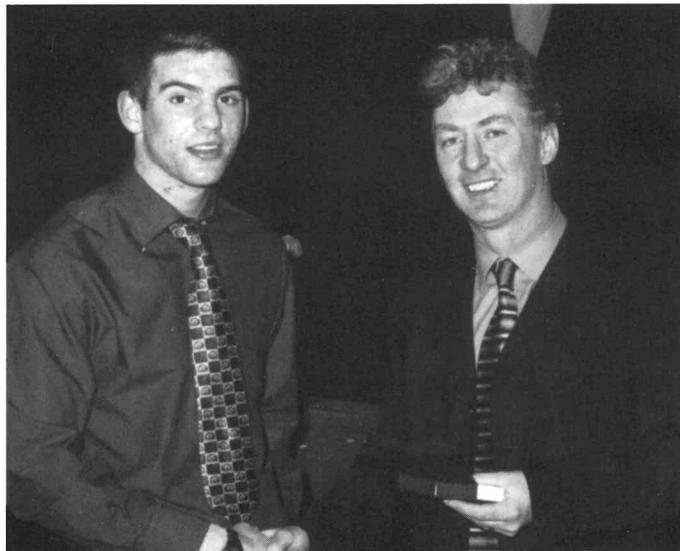
(The McClure Medal)

- Brendan Herron

(St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Physiotherapy at U.U.J.)



Patrick Hall receives the Graham Harron Medal for Art from Mr M. Ryan.



Winner of the Biology & Physical Education awards, Brendan Herron is congratulated by Mr. M. Ryan.

'A' Level Chemistry

(The Northern Bank Medal)

- Colm Scott

(Holy Child P.S. - now studying Engineering at Q.U.B.)

‘A’ Level Computing
(The Kevin Jennings Medal)
Sponsored by St. Mary’s Auditors

- Antoni Forte
(St. Joseph’s P.S. - now studying Computer Science at Q.U.B.)

‘A’ Level Economics
(Ulster Business Equipment Medal)

- Hugh Mullan
(St. Galls’s P.S. - now studying Law at Q.U.B.)

‘A’ Level English Literature
(The Serridge Medal)

- Malachy Costello
(Holy Child P.S. - now studying English at Q.U.B.)



Antoni Forte receives the Jennings Medal for Computing.



Malachy Costello receives the Serridge Medal for English from Board member Mrs Crossan.

‘A’ Level French

- Christopher Morren
(St. John the Baptist P.S.- now studying Law & Spanish at Q.U.B.)

‘A’ Level Spanish

- Christopher Morren
(St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Spanish & Law at Q.U.B.)

‘A’ Level Geography
(The Francis Rice Memorial Medal)

- Hugh Mullan
(St. Gall’s P.S. - now studying Law at Q.U.B)

‘A’ Level German
(The Rory O’Prey Medal)

- Paul McKay
(St. Kevin’s P.S. - now studying Architecture at Q.U.B.)



Chairperson of the Board of Governors, Mrs McCool, presents Christopher Morren with medals for both French & Spanish.



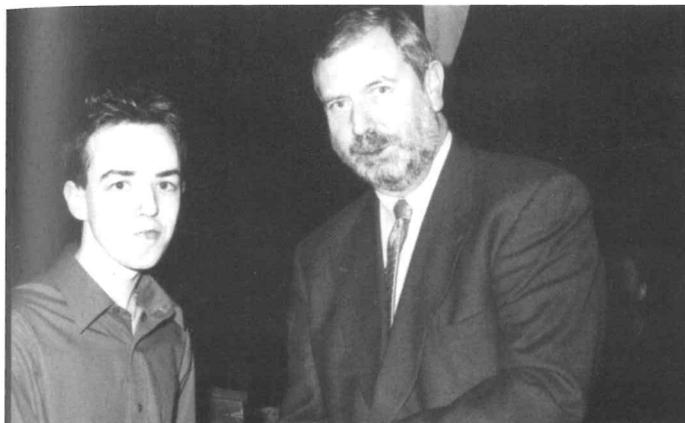
Mr. Michael Ryan congratulates Paul Mc Kay for his German achievements.

**‘A’ Level
Government & Politics**
(First Trust Bank)

- Sean Grego
(C.B.S. Glen Road - now studying Law & Politics at Q.U.B.)

‘A’ Level History
(The Bank of Ireland)

- Sean Grego
(C.B.S. Glen Road - now studying Law & Politics at Q.U.B.)



Board of Governor member Mr. J. Cooley is delighted to present Sean Grego with his awards for Religion, History and Government & Politics.

Bro. Carlin offers Colm Scott the Mc.Greevy Medal for Mathematics.

‘A’ Level Irish
(Cumann Gaelach Scoil Mhuire)

- Brendan McCartan
(St. Gall’s P.S. - now studying Celtic Studies & French at Q.U.B.)

‘A’ Level Italian

- Stephen Rice
(St. Anne’s P.S. - now studying Government & Law at U.U.)

‘A’ Level Mathematics
(The Rev. Bro. McGreevy Medal)
The name of Brother McGreevy was synonymous with the teaching of Mathematics in St. Mary’s in the ‘50’s.

- Colm Scott
(Holy Child P.S. - now studying Engineering at Q.U.B.)

**‘A’ Level
Physical Education**
(Glenn O’Hare Memorial Medal)

- Brendan Herron
(St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Physiotherapy at U.U.J.)

‘A’ Level Physics

- Paul McKay
(St. Kevin’s P.S. - now studying Architecture at Q.U.B.)
- James Montgomery
(St. Kieran’s P.S. - now studying Computer Science at Q.U.B.)

‘A’ Level Psychology

- Paul Barr
(St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Psychology at Q.U.B.)

'A' Level Religion

(The Brother Mallon Medal)

Named after a distinguished former teacher and donated by an ex-pupil John Larkin, former Reid Professor of Criminology at Trinity College, Dublin.

- Sean Grego

(C.B.S. Glen Road - now studying Politics & Law at Q.U.B.)

G.N.V.Q.

(St. Mary's/B.I.F.H.E. Partnership Award)

- Thomas McNeill

(Good Shepherd P.S. - now studying Government & Law at U.U.J.)

The Brother Monaghan Cup

Presented to the outstanding pupil who entered Senior School from our associated Secondary Schools

- Damien Steenson

(C.B.S. Glen Road - now studying Computer Science and Management at Q.U.B.)

Bonn Sheamais Mhic Eachaidh

- Brendan McCartan

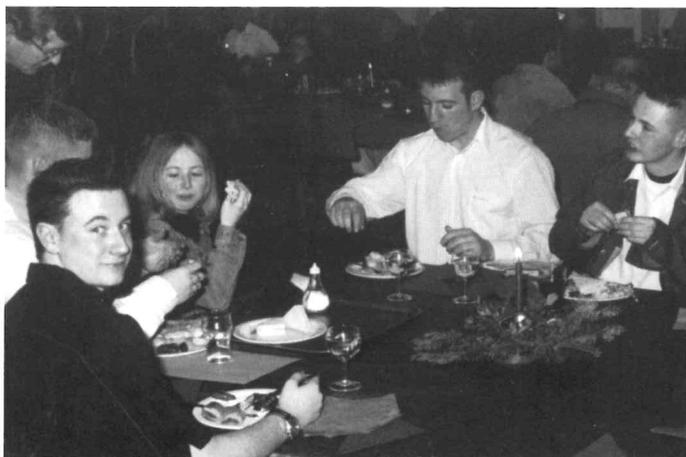
(St. Gall's P.S. - now studying Celtic Studies and French at Q.U.B.)



The Folk group entertain the audience before the ceremony.



The top table enjoy some refreshments.



Christopher Walker enjoys the festive spirit.



Staff members Ms. G. Curran, Ms. F. McKenna and Mrs. C. Gillespie lend a helping hand.

Outstanding Performance at 'A' Level

Paul George	(Holy Cross P.S. - now studying Media Studies at U.U.C.)
Brendan Green	(St. Peter's P.S. - now studying Commerce with Spanish at U.C.D.)
Darren Hamilton	(St. Teresa's P.S.- now studying Mechanical Engineering at Q.U.B.)
Cathal Kelly	(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste - now studying Government & Law at U.U.J.)
Conall Kelly	(St. Peter's P.S.- now studying Sports Studies at U.U.J.)
Gerard McArdle	(St. Peter's P.S. - now studying Accountancy at Q.U.B.)
Cormac Donnelly	(St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Psyc. at Q.U.B.)
Paul Farrell	(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste - now studying Architecture at Q.U.B.)
Antoni Forte	(St. Joseph's P.S. - now studying Computer Science at Q.U.B.)
Darren Hamilton	(St. Teresa's P.S. - now studying Mechanical Engin. at Q.U.B.)
Conall Kelly	(St. Peter's P.S. - now studying Sports Studies U.U.J.)
Kevin Mallon	(St. Peter's P.S. - now studying Computer Science at Q.U.B.)
Eoin McIlwee	(Holy Child P.S. - now studying Computing at U.U.J.)
Edward Smyth	(St. Teresa's P.S. - now studying Risk Man'ment at Glasgow Uni.)

Ancillary Staff Medal

(Presented for outstanding achievement on behalf of all non-teaching staff)

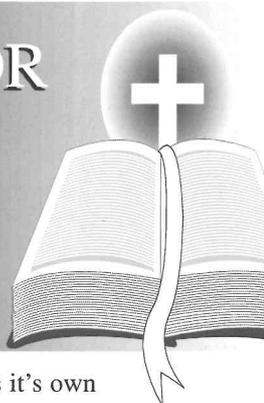
John is one of the five students to achieve three Grade 'A's at 'A' Level

John D'Arcy (*Pictured Right*)

(St. Bride's P.S. - now studying Medicine at Trinity College)



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Forresters' Medal
(Hurler of the Year 2001)

Brendan Herron
(St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Physiotherapy at U.U.J.)

Bank of Ireland All Stars Hurling Awards

Brendan Herron
(St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Physio. at U.U.J.)

Conall Kelly
(St. Peter's P.S. - now studying Sports Studies at U.U.J.)

Edmund Rice
Gold Medal

(Named in honour of the founder of the Christian Brothers)

Best 'A' Level Students 2001

awarded to

Colm Scott
(Holy Child P.S. - now studying Engineering at Q.U.B.)

and

Paul McKay
(St. Kevin's P.S. - now studying Architecture at Q.U.B.)

Prize Giving Valediction

December 19th 2001

As it said in the invitation to the Prize Giving, this is probably our last formal contact with the school. For many, if not all of us, there was a time when we longed to be done with school and books, and exams, however I believe you will find that most of the students who expressed such sentiments were eager to return here tonight, if only to see if they had won a prize!

When at school we find it wholly incomprehensible to hear that "school days are the best days of your lives" - when at university or work we start, in some way or another, to believe it. Everyone has at least one happy memory, a preferred subject or favourite teacher. In returning to St. Mary's many of us hope to relive those happy memories with the people who were there, or have a chat with that teacher who inspired us to learn.

The friendships we have forged at St. Mary's will, for many of us, be lifelong. The fond memories of the playground of Barrack Street or the pitches of the Glen Road will continue to bring smiles to our faces. The gift of education will be a gift that keeps on giving. And our connection with St. Mary's will never be broken.

As an example of this strong connection I would like to tell you about something that happened to me in Dublin a few weeks ago. I was out celebrating Ireland's success against Iran when I met a group of Belfast men in their mid-20s who were also, unsurprisingly, celebrating. When they discovered that I too had been educated here at St. Mary's they welcomed me into the group like an old friend and we had great craic discussing our common teachers, the changes in the school, and the successes of the school's teams they had heard about.

While the prize night focuses mainly on our academic success, I think it important to point out that there is far more to the vibrant life of the school than just exams.

The father of a friend from Sligo asked me, when he heard that I was from Belfast, what school I had attended. When I told him St. Mary's he asked was it the Christian Brothers' school on the Glen Road. I said yes and asked him how he knew of it. He told me that he had gone to school in Newry in the '70s and knew of the school for their supremacy on the playing fields.

Many in our year have carried on that torch. Students in our year who played on the team that secured a place for the Magean Cup in St. Mary's for 5 years in a row they even have the fleeces to prove it. Other students helped form the highly successful McLarnon Cup team. And indeed, many of our year represented Antrim in the minor teams of both disciplines.

Many of these students now use the athletic skills they developed here to play for their chosen universities. While others who perhaps regretted that they hadn't been part of the wonderful sporting tradition at St. Mary's have taken up sport at college.



Valedictorian
Brendan Green

Whilst sport is probably the biggest extra-curricular activity at St. Mary's, it certainly isn't the only one. Besides catering for those who want to know how things work in the world of business and banking, or those quizzers willing to take on the Schools' Challenge, the school provides an outlet for those interested in a wide and varied range of activities such as photography and botany, science and debating, choir and orchestra, the film and literary societies, not to mention the impressive response to the charity fundraising efforts of the staff and students, which, in raising £11,450 in 2000-2001, followed the example of our founder the Blessed Edmund Rice.

It's difficult to write a Valediction, even more difficult to write one twice! The problem is trying to be selective with what you say about your time at St. Mary's. In 7 years you gather a lot of your own happy memories, it's impossible to mention them all, let alone include the memories that your year group wants you to.

The easiest thing to write is the "Thanks" because we all know and agree about who it was who helped us through our time at school. I would first of all like to thank the caretakers, ancillary and cleaning staff who keep the school a clean and safe environment to learn in, and who do a very good job of hiding the fact that nearly 1200 people are working hard and playing harder here for 8 hours every day. I would also like to thank the canteen staff for keeping us fed and watered, and the office staff who deal with everything from dinner tickets and stationary, to nose bleeds and exam entries. All these people manage to carry out their roles with unfailing good humour and friendliness.

A special word of thanks has to go to our parents who perhaps at times resorted to locking us in a room with only our school books, but who appeared with that magical cup of tea that seemed to work wonders when we thought that our heads were well and truly melted! Their words of support and encouragement were probably what kept us going, especially in those final surreal months.

And of course I would like to say "Thank-you" to our teachers. From those teachers who welcomed us into the school in our first formidable year, to those who provided advice when it came to deciding on our G.C.S.Es, 'A'levels, university or career choices: those who met us outside the exam hall to ask us how it had gone, and those who gave of their time to provide extra-curricular activities and show us that there was more to school than just exam results. I would also like to sympathise with those teachers who, unfortunately, had to teach some of us for 7 years, which is enough to drive anyone to early retirement!

Finally on behalf of the year I would like to thank Mr. Burke for his stewardship of the school and ask that he pass our thanks on to the Board of Governors.

For all of us Simmarians, whether involved in the world of work, third level education, or further education, the Prize Night is a time to reflect on the achievements of the past, to take stock of where we are now, and to look with hope to the challenges of future years. In these future years what will undoubtedly sustain us will be the roundedness of the Catholic education that we received here. In conclusion I would like to quote from the Prophet Jeremiah:

*"Halt at the crossroads, look well, and ask yourselves
which path it was that stood you in good stead long ago.
That path follow, and you shall find rest for your souls."*

Brendan Green
Prize Giving Valedictorian
Class of 2001

Celebrated 'A' Level Achievements



Antoni Forte
pictured receiving his
award at Clarendon Dock
for:

*1st in
CCEA 'A' Level
Computing*

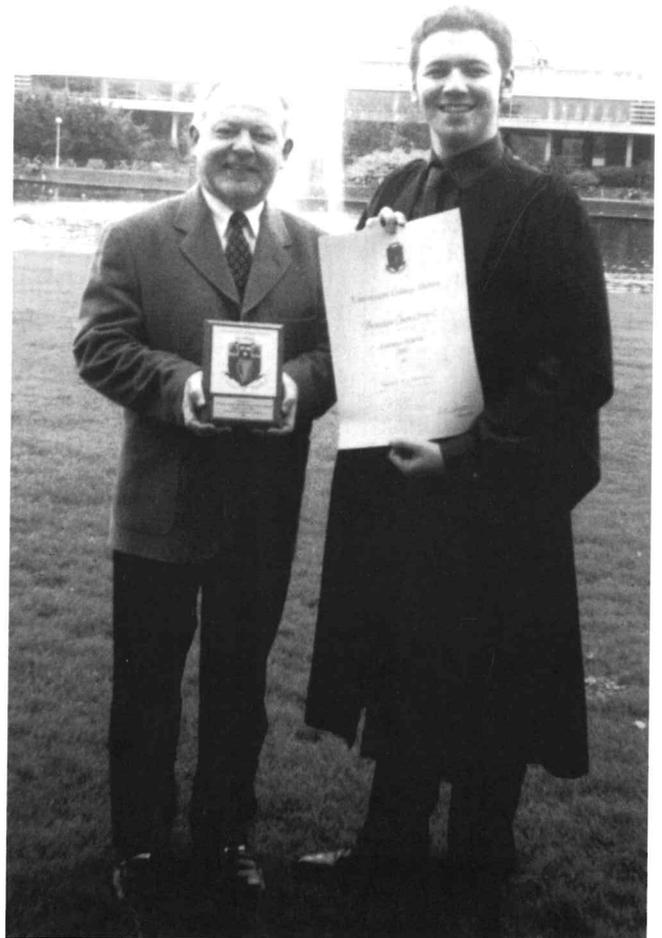
*Antoni is pictured with Mr.
Gavin Boyd, Chief executive
CCEA, Miss Oonagh
Convery (teacher), his
father, Mr. A. Forte and Mr.
K. Burke (principal).*

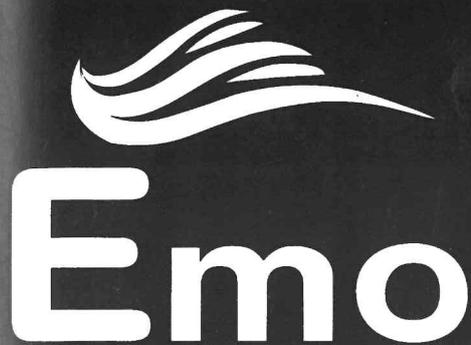
Brendan Green

*pictured with Mr. E. Collins (Head of Careers)
at U.C.D. having received an*

Entrance Scholarship

from the Dean for his 'A' Level grades.



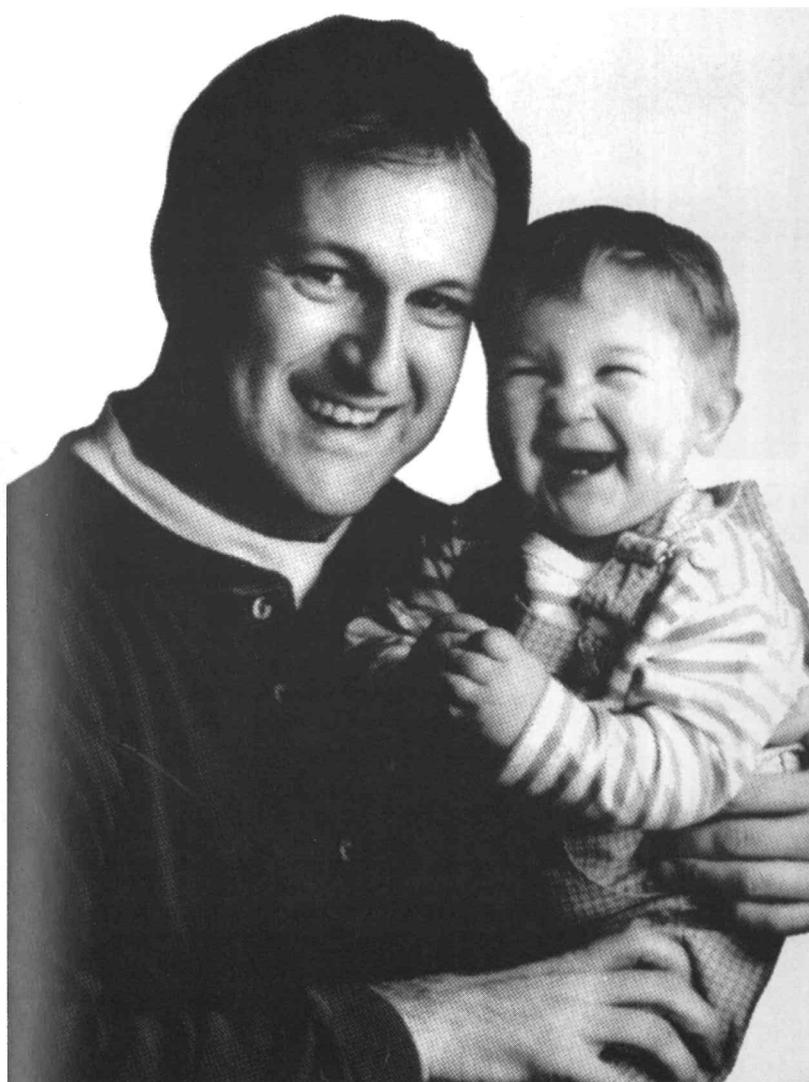


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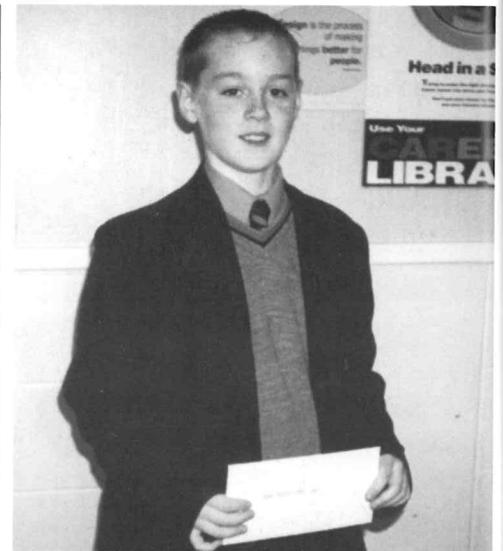
competition

The competition attracted a lot of interest from first year students and the quality of the submissions was extremely high.

The task of selecting winners from the eighty plus entries was very difficult but in the end the judges decided to award prizes to Jamie Massey 8A, Michael Allison 8B, Caelan Monaghan 8A and Ryan Muldoon 8C. Congratulations to all the entrants.

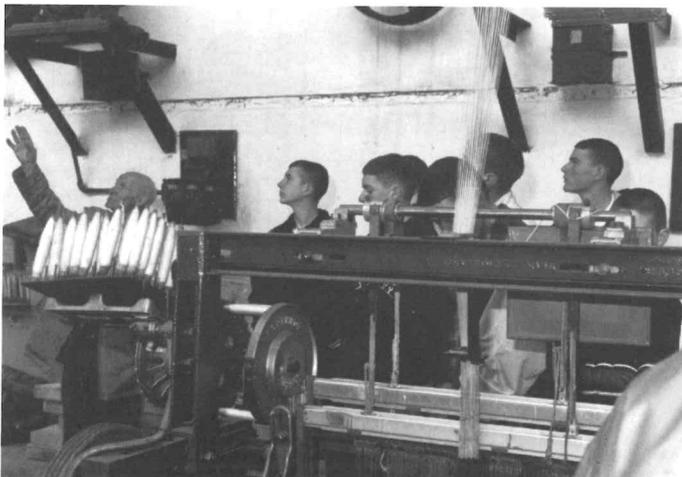


L-R: Jamie Massey 8A, Michael Allison 8B, Caelan Monaghan 8A pictured with Mr. Burke.



Ryan Muldoon 8C

Some Technology students and staff pictured during the departmental field trip to the old linen mill and modern water turbine at Benburb Co. Tyrone.



Reach for the sky!



Sitting on the fence is good training for later life!

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

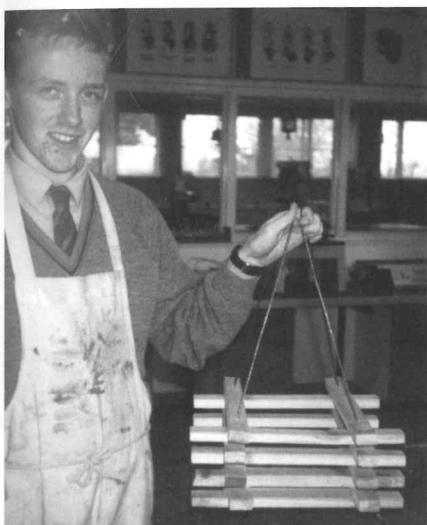
Japanese style hanging baskets proved to be very popular with pupils and parents.



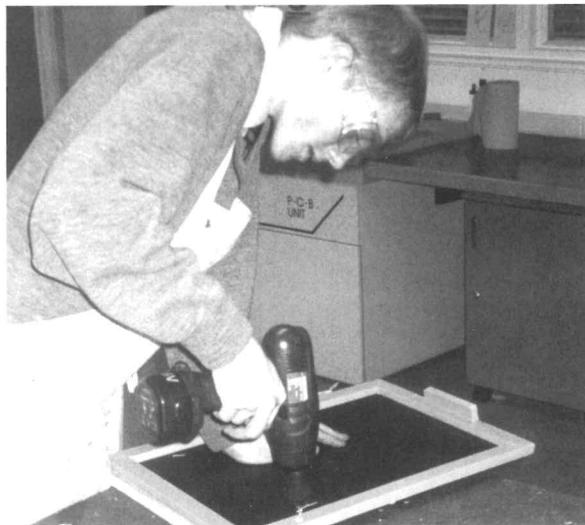
This is worse than MFI furniture!



Santa's little helpers!



Success at last!



Boring!

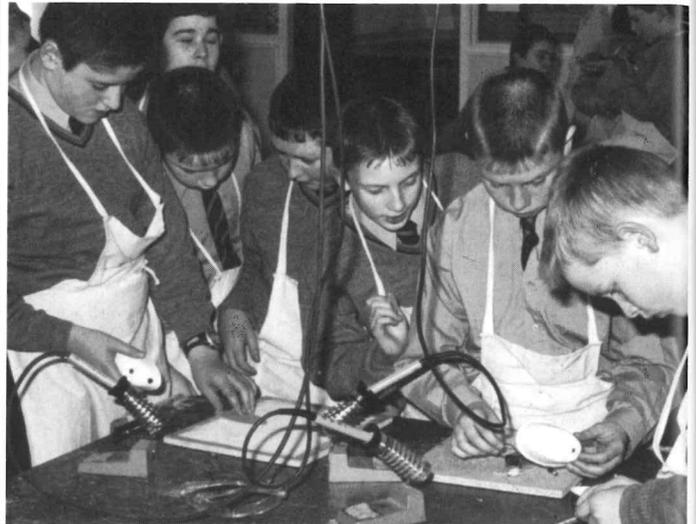
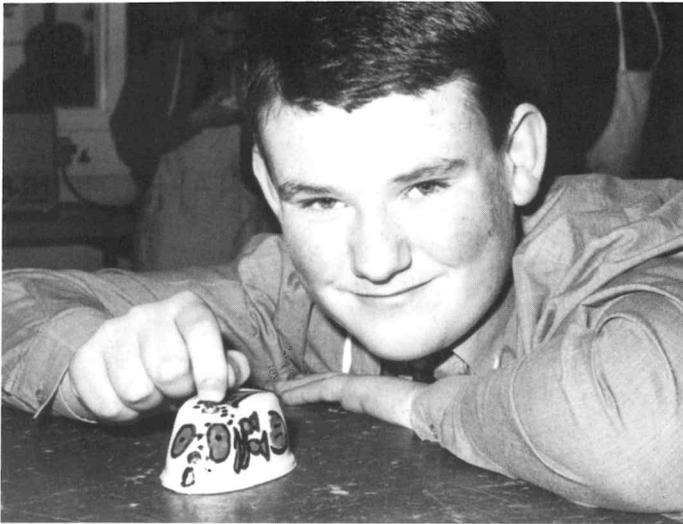


Yes - they are twins in the front row!



Homer and friend

SOME MEMBERS OF 8A WORKING ON THEIR TORCH PROJECT.



Flashing Badges
Mass production - St. Mary's style!

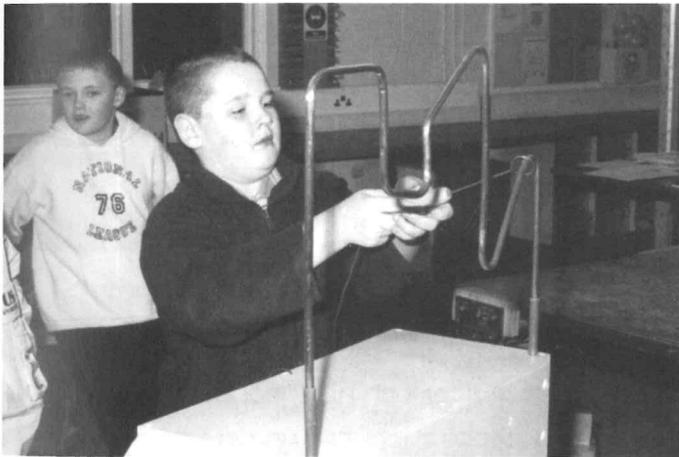
Birdhouse going cheep!

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Some visitors test their skills on the ever-popular
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Anticipation!



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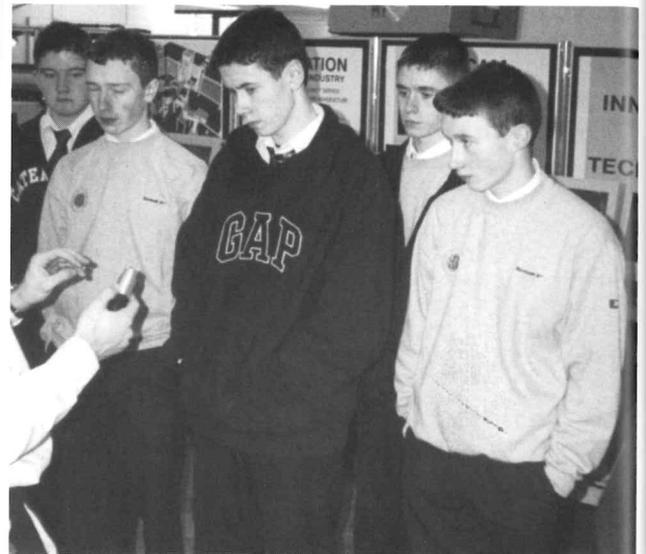
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HEALTH FAIR

A health fair held in the Assembly hall was organised by Ms. Gerlyn Curran, Dr. Aidan Donaldson and Ms. Maire O'Rourke the school nurse on Wednesday the 28th of February, 2002. Teachers and pupils had blood pressure checked and peak flow rates measured - spot the smokers! Cholesterol levels were also measured and those fond of their fries for breakfast were easily identified. The good news is that all assessed were pronounced fit and healthy!



St. Mary's boys show unusual interest in food.



Ms. Maire O'Rourke in discussion with Gordon Loughhead, 11D.

Displays were provided by a number of organisations who also provided a wealth of information and advice on various aspects of personal and social health issues.

We are grateful to the following organisations for taking part :-

West Belfast Parent and Youth Support Group.

Ulster Cancer Foundation.

NICAS

Community Dietitian.

Community Dental Clinic

N.I. Chest Heart and Stroke Assoc.

Red Cross.

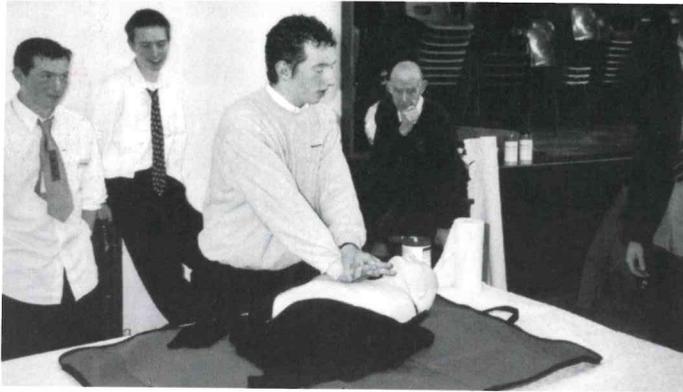
Sports Council.



Uncanny interest in Miss Morris's Cholesterol level.



Teaching Staff happily queue up for cholesterol testing.



Colm Darby demonstrates C.P.R.



Signing up for a healthy lifestyle.

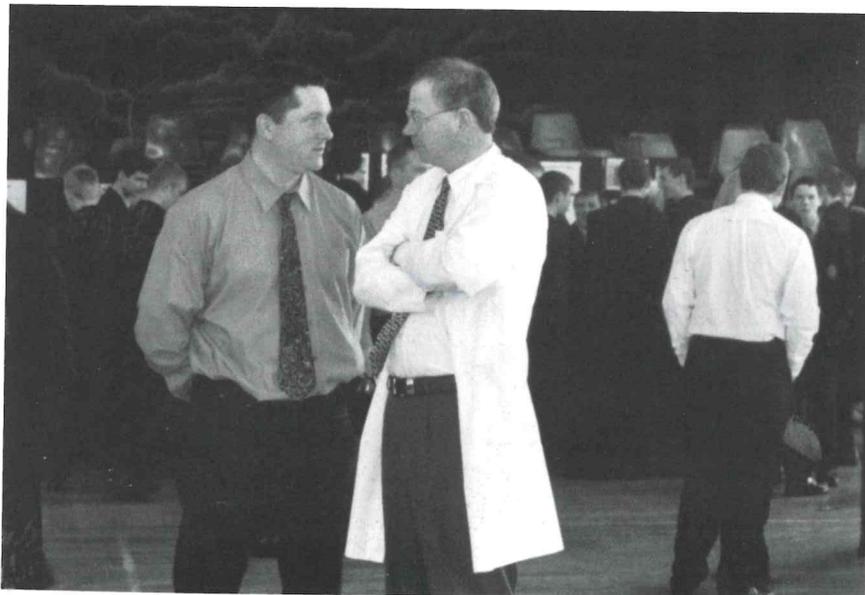
We must also thank the members of the senior school who took part in the First Aid demonstrations with the Red Cross, distributed information from the sports council and others who provided their own dubious health information!



Resident Health experts!



Celebrating the fact that Christoforo has discovered his pulse.



You mean you're not a Doctor?

YEAR 8A



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St Anne's P.S.



James Darragh
Holy Child P.S.



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Gavin Megahey
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Simon Milligan
St Colman's

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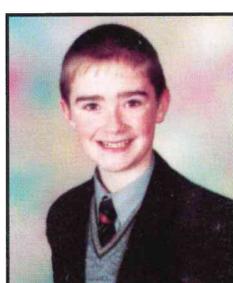
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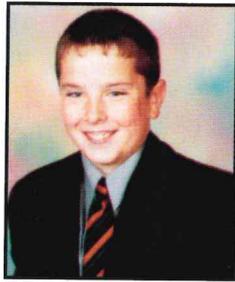
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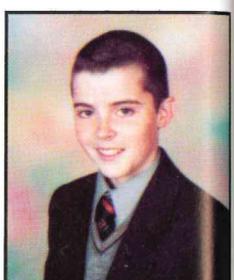
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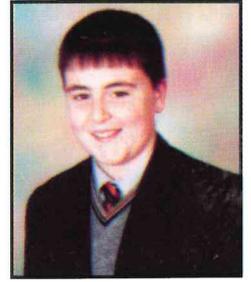
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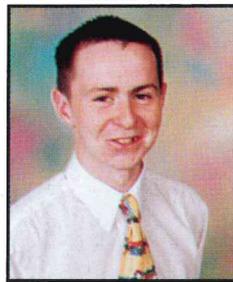
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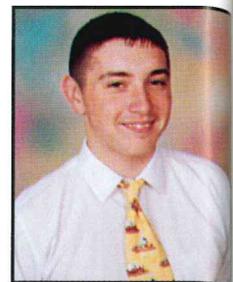
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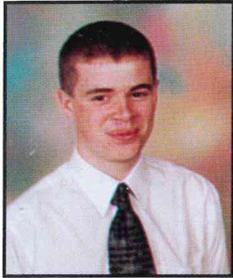
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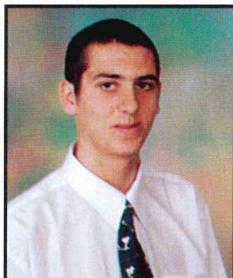
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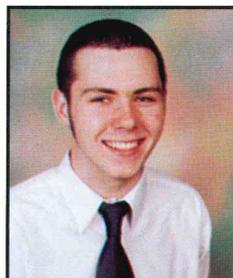
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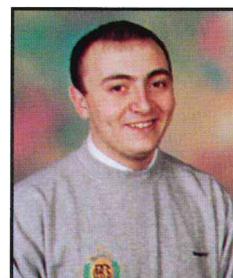
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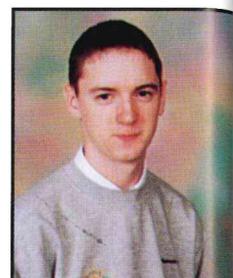
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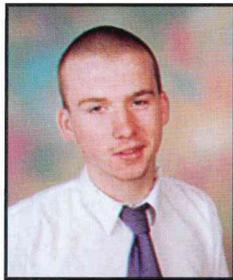
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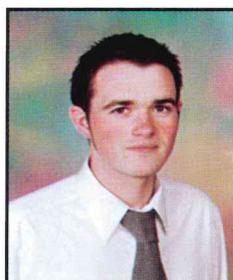
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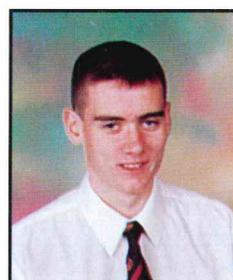
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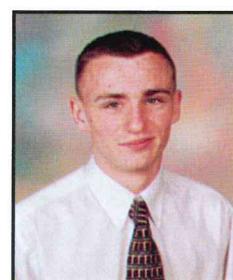
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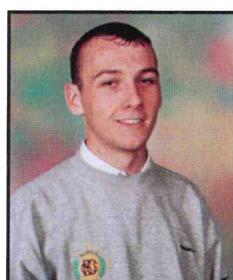
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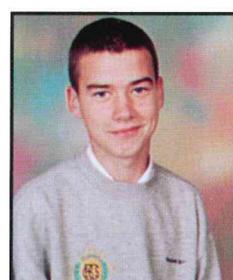
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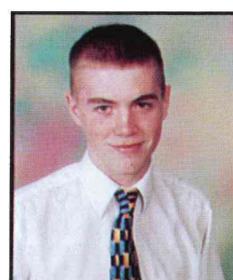
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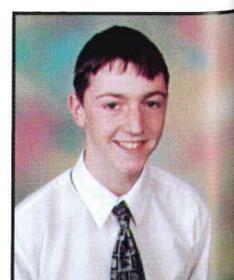
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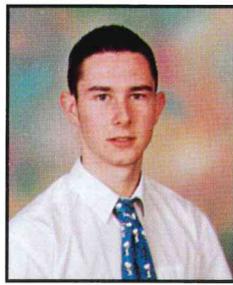


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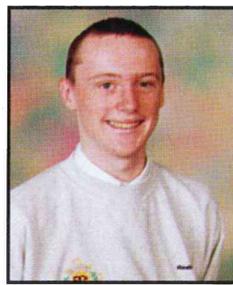


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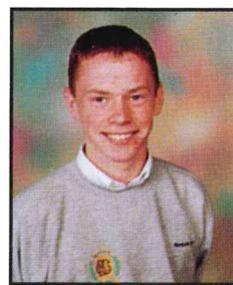
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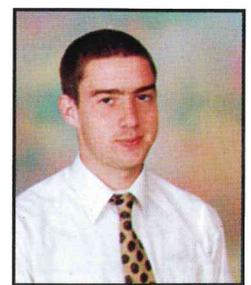
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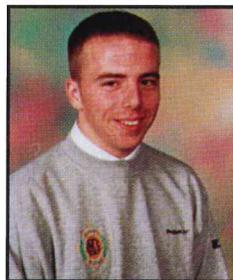
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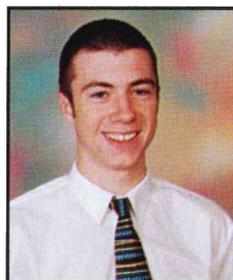
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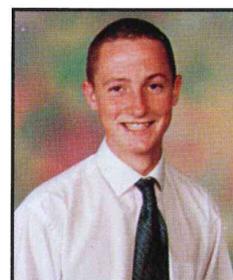
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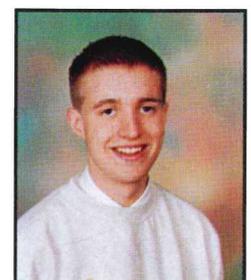
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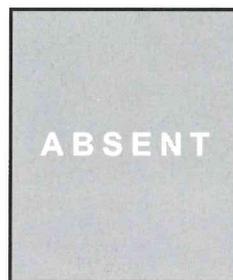
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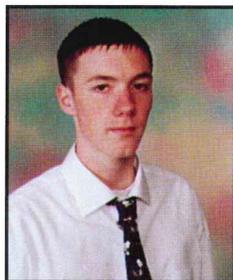
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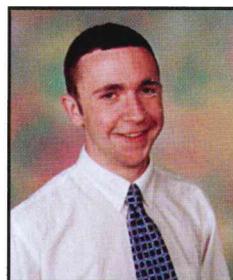
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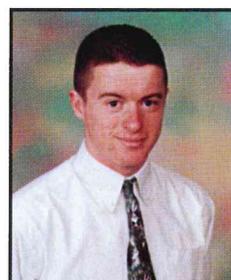
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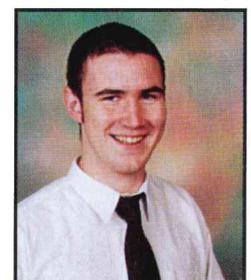
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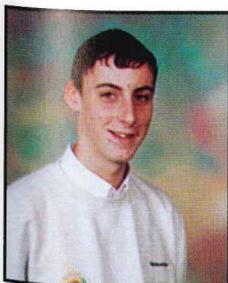
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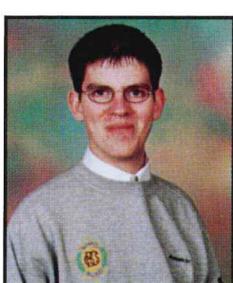
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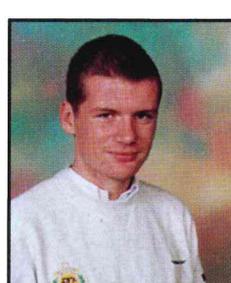
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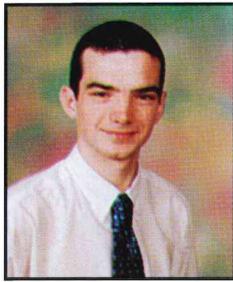


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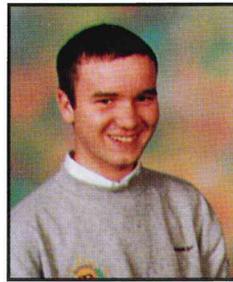


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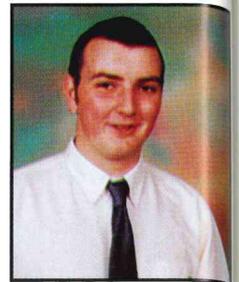
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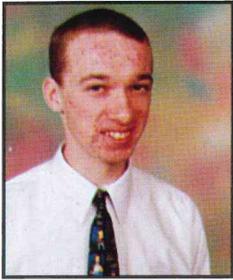
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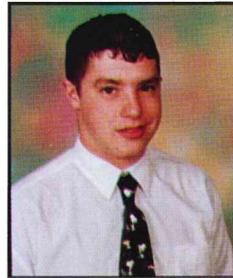
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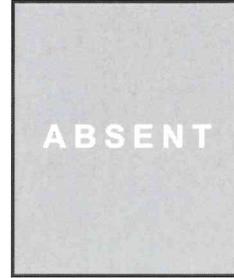
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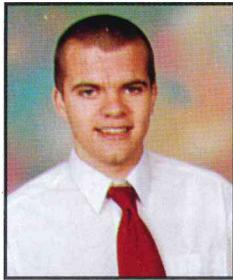
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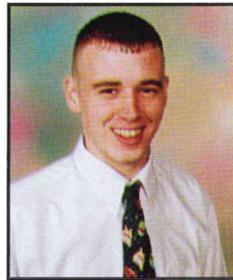
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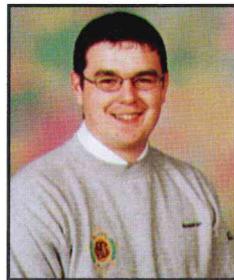
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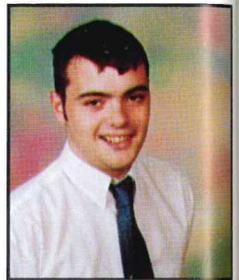
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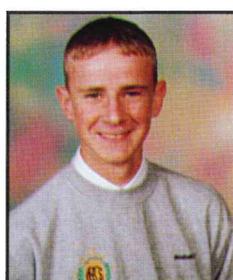
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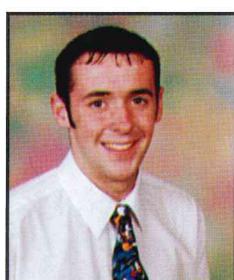
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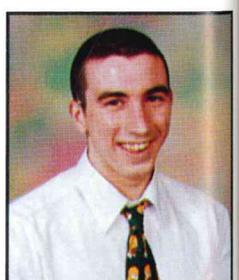
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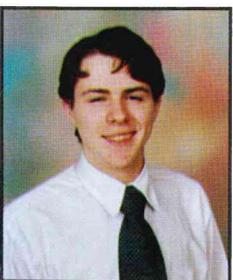
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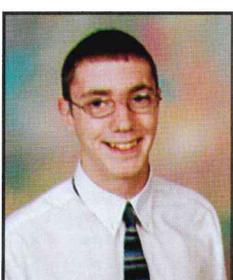
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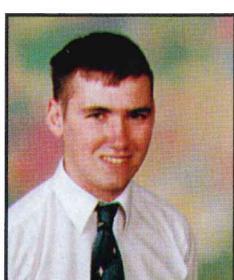
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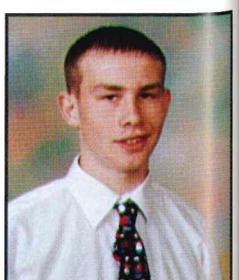
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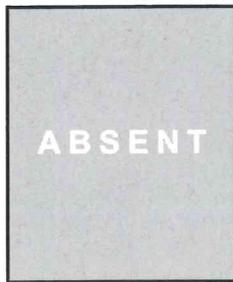


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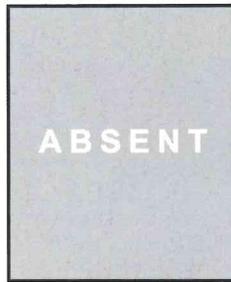
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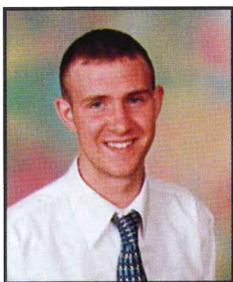
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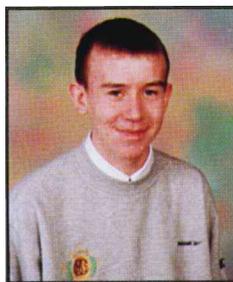
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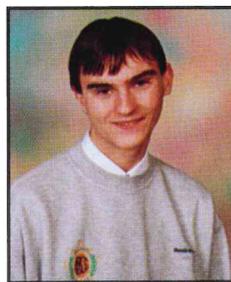
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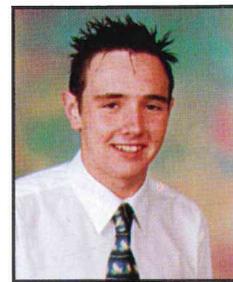
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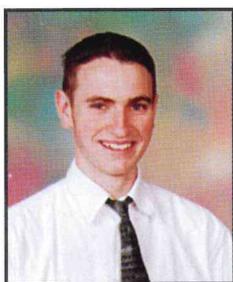
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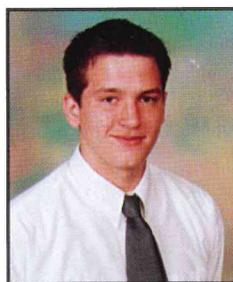
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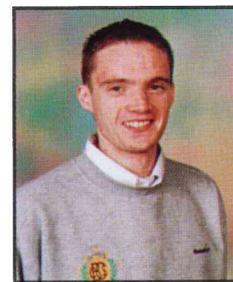
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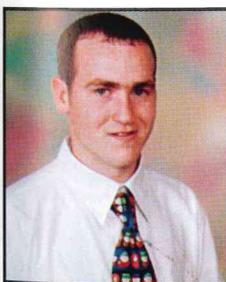
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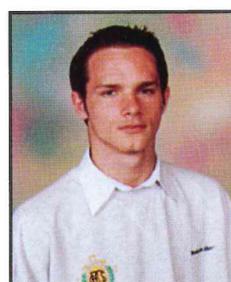
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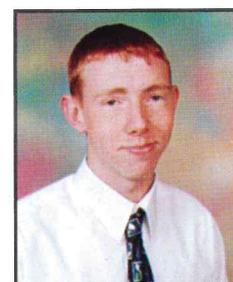
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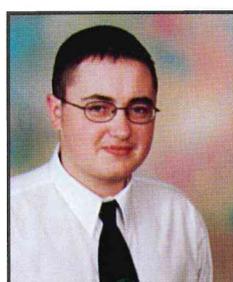
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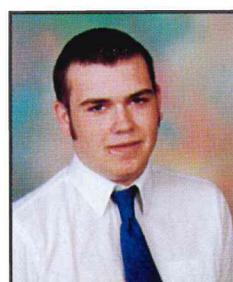
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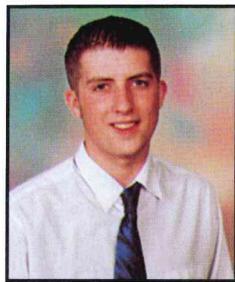
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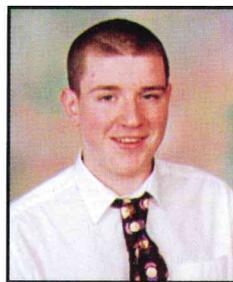
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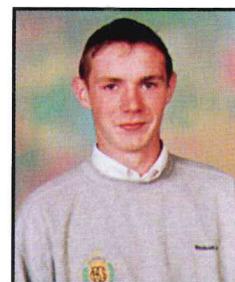
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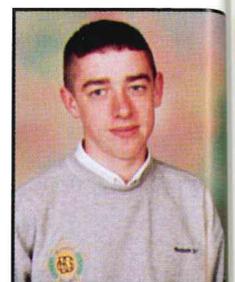
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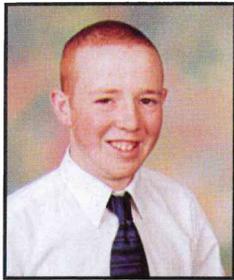
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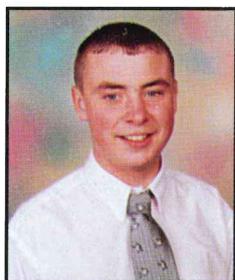
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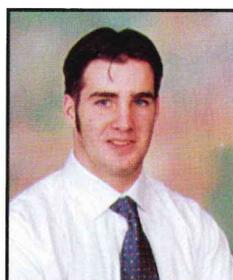
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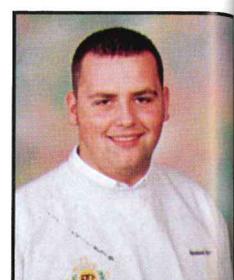
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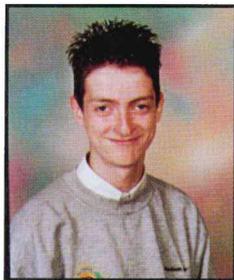
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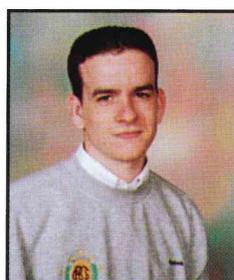
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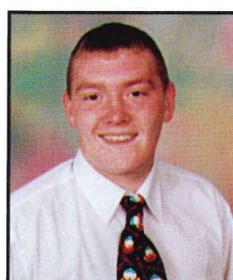
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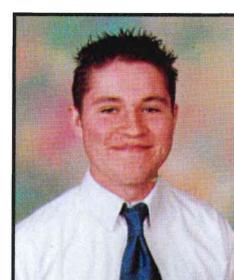
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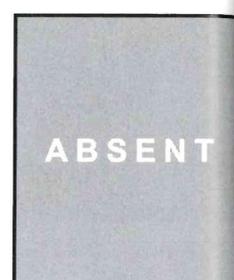
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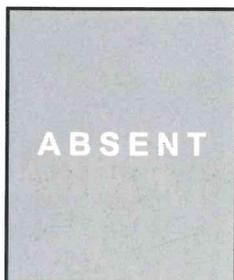
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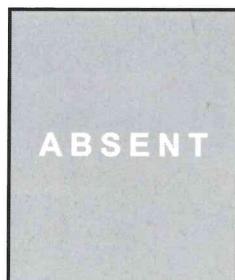
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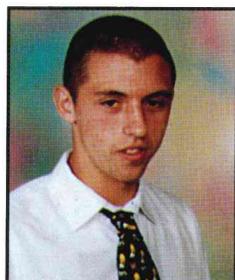
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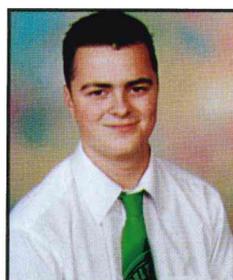
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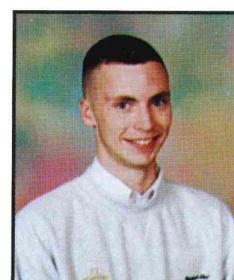
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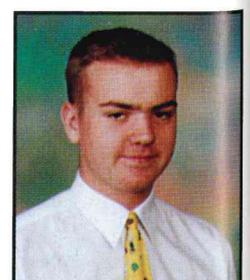
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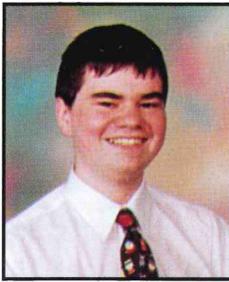


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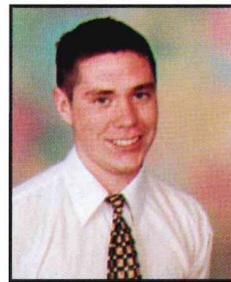
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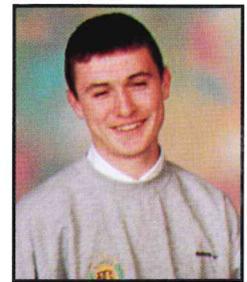
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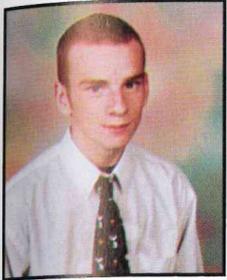
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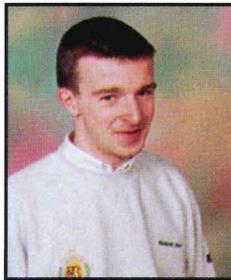
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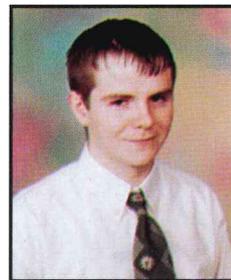
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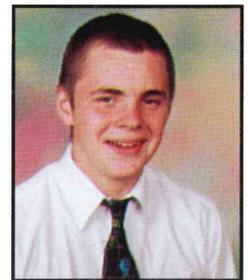
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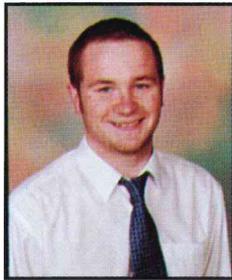
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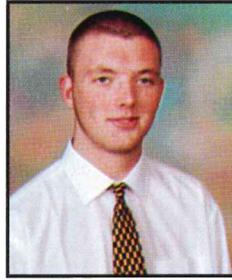
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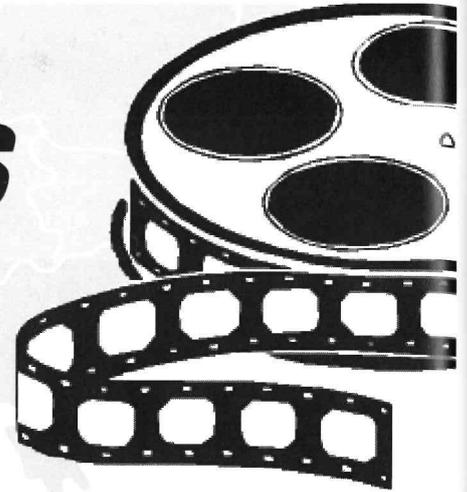


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Italian Students at the Cinema.



In December 2001, twenty-five Year 9 students attended Queen's Film Theatre to view

'La Vita è Bella', (Life is Beautiful).

The young students thoroughly enjoyed the film and found it useful for their language development. The film also provided them with an insight into the culture of Italy as well as Italy under Fascist rule.

In January 2002, AS and A2 students of Italian were invited to a screening, again at the Q.F.T., of

'Tea with Mussolini'

This was organised by Victoria College, Belfast and included an introductory talk by the film's co-producer, Mr Clive Parsons. Although widely regarded as a film more suited to female tastes, it provided insight into the history of Italy under the dictatorship of Mussolini.



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IRISHMEN IN ROME

Day 1: Thursday 15th March 2001, 28 pupils and 4 teachers, armed with cases, cameras and passports gathered at Belfast International Airport for the long-awaited trip to the Italian capital, Rome. Despite the early morning departure, tiredness was drowned out by the air of anticipation and expectation, and under the watchful eyes of Mr. G. Cullen, Mr. P. Cullen, Mr. McFlynn and Mr. Collins, we were on our way.

Following a transfer flight from London Heathrow, we arrived in Rome and Fiumicino airport. After a brief ride on the airport monorail, we collected our baggage, boarded our coach and continued our journey to the Hotel Corallo. We made our way to the small coastal town of Fregene, 15 miles from the centre of Rome, by the clear waters of the Mare Tirreno. After leaving our luggage in our rooms, the other sixth years and I decided to explore the surrounding area, finding the nearby, deserted beach. On the sandy shore, Chris Marsella found an unlabeled plastic container, put it on a tree stump in the sand and hit it with a big stick. It was then we discovered the bottle contained oil. We had been in Italy no longer than 20 minutes and several of us found ourselves covered head to toe in oil. Making our way back to the hotel, avoiding the teachers, to get cleaned up. Later, after the evening meal, we took a journey to the outskirts of Rome and visited the bowling alley and games complex in Ostia Antica. Returning to the hotel the weary travellers made their way to bed.

Day 2: After breakfast at the hotel, our coach took us to the centre of Rome where we began our tour around the historical sites of the ancient capital. Our first stop was to the church of Santa Maria Maggiore. Inside the massive structure, we viewed 12th and 13th century mosaics and a ceiling overlaid with gold that was a gift from the Spanish king to the Pope.

We eventually made our way to the Colosseum, after Mr. McFlynn (head of geography it should be noted) led us on a little detour after a "mix-up" in the map reading. The Colosseum was overwhelming; it was able to hold 50,000 spectators who would have viewed hundreds of gladiatorial battles. The 19th century English poet Byron referred to the Colosseum as "the gladiator's bloody circus".

Making our way from the Colosseum, our next stop was the Roman Forum, once the political, commercial and religious centre of the Eternal City. The marble columns and buildings of this epicentre of Rome are breathtaking. From the building where the Roman Senate controlled the city, to seeing the steps where Julius Caesar was murdered, the Forum is truly a magnificent site. We then had our lunch by the massive Vittorio Emanuele Monument, which is also the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; a building nicknamed "Rome's false teeth" because of its stunning white marble exterior.

After the evening meal at the hotel, we spent another evening in the games complex, where the teachers pitted their wits against one another on the bowling alley, with Mr. G. Cullen emerging victorious and his brother "Silver Fox" Phil giving him a run for his money.

Day 3: St. Patrick's Day in Rome. We were early to rise on this Saturday morning for our coach trip to Pompeii. When we finally entered the ancient city of Pompeii, I was astonished to see the ancient buildings that had been preserved in the volcanic ash. The city was covered with ash and pumicestone following the eruption of nearby volcano Vesuvius, and excavations since the 18th century have uncovered most of the great city. We were given a guided tour of the ancient city by a local guide. We also encountered some of the local wildlife, seeing some lizards on the steps of the ancient amphitheatre. For me the most magnificent site in Pompeii were the preserved bodies of the dead citizens of the ancient city. We

had time to explore the area ourselves and some took this opportunity to play football and baseball with the local girls, while others just sat and enjoyed the scenery.

We returned to the Hotel Corallo late that evening and as the rest of the tired travellers made their way to bed, the sixth years and Mr. G. Cullen stayed awake to the small hours playing poker. Despite his many many many more years experience and cunning tactics, Mr. Cullen was promptly parted from any lire he put on the table.

Day 4: It was Sunday so we attended mass in the magnificent and awe-inspiring St. Peter's Basilica, the largest Roman Catholic Church in the world. Outside, in the fantastic St. Peter's square, crowds had started to gather and at 12 midday, Pope John Paul II appeared at the window of a nearby Vatican building and gave his blessing.

Leaving St. Peter's, we went to the Pantheon. There was a blues band playing in the street and it was here that we met Francesca, an Italian student who struck up a conversation following the abuse of Gerry McDonald's video camera.

We were then given the opportunity to explore the streets of Rome on our own, discovering sites such as the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps, and visiting many of Rome's shops. Meeting back at the Trevi Fountain, we went to our coach and travelled to the Stadio Olimpico to see the much awaited football match between Lazio and Juventus. It was agony for David Doyle, as he saw his beloved Juventus lose 4-1 to an overpowering Lazio side and shocking for Kev O'Riordan, who, following Lazio's third goal, was promptly set upon by a young Lazio fan and his granda, and gave a battering of kisses from the over-excited fans.

Day 5: The Final Day. We awoke to have our last breakfast in the Hotel Corallo and then we caught our coach ride to the Mercato di Via Sannio/Mercato di Piazza Vittorio for some last minute shopping at the open-air markets. Somewhat disappointed at the prospect of going home, we left the market for the airport. Following another transfer flight from Heathrow, we arrived back at Belfast International late in the evening. Delighted at being home we all went our separate ways, talking of nothing else but the adventures of Irishmen in Rome.

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Year 8 Microclimate Study



Ciaran Magee & Mark McCallum discover how to read the thermometer while Mark McGrann & David Rogan check the wind direction.



So just which way is north?



Stephen McKeever & James McGuinness check the temperature and wind direction as Colin Stewart records the information.



8C find out that the All-weather pitch isn't just for playing football.

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12G Sand Dune Study

September was a busy month for year 12 Geography students. 12G headed to Tyrella Beach on a sunny morning in September to carry out a sand dune investigation.

Although the fieldwork took up quite a bit of time and effort the class enjoyed the days activities and even had time to relax in Newcastle on the way home.



Pearse McCusker leans on Matthew Leonard and Matthew Leydon after a hard days work.



This is Darren O’Kane lost in the marram grass.



John O’Reilly does his Steve Backley impression.



Darren O’Kane relaxing on the ranging poles while Matthew Leydon looks for help.

Guffaw at Geography

During November last year, our class 10G, embarked on a geography field trip to Colin Glen Forest Park. We were going on this field trip to study the Colin River. At first I thought that it would be a waste of time but I couldn't have been more wrong. It was a very enjoyable field trip and it also proved to be very educational.

Our guide, Mr Dermot McCann, gave us a very detailed walk and talk about the river. We were all shocked when we found out that there were fish in it as it was very polluted. The river contains trout and salmon. We all thought that the river could not support such fine fish because it was extremely dirty looking but there you go.

The river was not very wide but it was fast-flowing. The river was also very shallow but in some places very deep. Due to the water being very brown, the river bed was only visible at the shallow parts. All the other parts were totally obscured by the brown water. The brown water is caused by the overflowing sedimentation tanks in the quarry through which the river runs.

The Colin river has many meanders that slows down its flow. This causes a lot of erosion and problems but these are easily sorted out by the park managers. Rock armour can be installed. Rock armour is basically very strong rocks placed along the river's banks. It stops or slows down erosion and can make a very big difference to the river banks and the course the river follows.

I think overall the class enjoyed themselves and there was a very positive feeling at the end of the trip, If I could go again, I would. It was the best geography field trip that we ever went on.

Daniel O'Neill, 10G

The River Runs Rapidly

It was a cool November afternoon when we embarked upon our field trip to Colin Glen Forest Park. The excursion was greatly anticipated by most and although a cold, wintry day we ignored this. The school minibus was full of twenty three rowdy year ten students.

As we pulled into the car park and the engine stopped moaning, we jumped out. Our guide, Mr. Dermot McCann, showed us to a room with murals of wildlife on the walls. He gave us a brief pep talk about the park and we were off.

The pathway was narrow and muddy. Tree saplings flanked us on either side as we moved at a rapid pace. We stopped at various sites as he explained the three main river processes we were taught in class: erosion, transportation and deposition. The river meanders its way through the park and consists of stone boulders, silt and mud. The river acts as a boundary between Belfast and Lisburn. It hasn't stopped flowing in its long existence and although it looked dirty and polluted, it is one of the cleanest rivers in Northern Ireland.

The trip was worth the tired feet at the end. Ninety per cent of the facts told to me were new. I live close to the river and I thought it was just another smelly river. But it is so much more!

Joseph Carlin, 10G

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGES HANDBALL 2001 – 2002

The year started in earnest with pupils throughout the school battling with each other in order to represent the school in the forthcoming colleges championships. St. Mary's was represented at the Ulster senior singles and doubles finals by Kevin Holmes (yr14), Fionntan Gamble and Gerard McGrath (yr13) and also the under 17 doubles pairing of P. Flannagan and D. Hartigan. Conor McParland (yr13) went down to a strong challenge from the St. Malachy's representative Enda Monaghan after a titanic battle in the under 17 singles at Gortnamona.

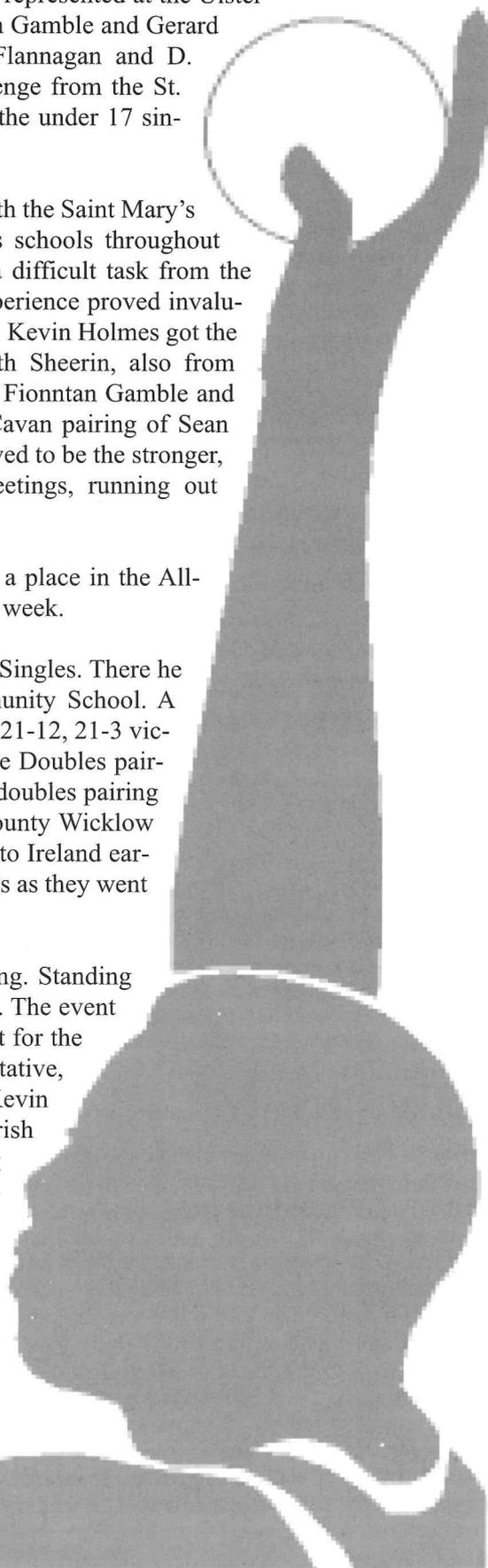
The various Ulster finals were staged in Saval, County Down with the Saint Mary's lads all well prepared and ready to do battle with other various schools throughout Ulster. The under 17 doubles pairing were first up. They faced a difficult task from the much more experienced Saint McCartans side. In the end this experience proved invaluable as the Monaghan boys ran out comfortable winners 2-21, 3-21. Kevin Holmes got the ball rolling for Saint Mary's with a comfortable win over Keith Sheerin, also from Monaghan 21-9, 21-10. In what proved to be the game of the day Fionntan Gamble and Gerard Mc Grath went to a tiebreaker with the Saint Patrick's, Cavan pairing of Sean Johnston and Paul Fitzpatrick. In the end the Saint Mary's lads proved to be the stronger, as they had undoubtedly proved in previous championship meetings, running out deserved winners 2 1-19, 16-21, 2 1-9.

In winning the Ulster Finals the Saint Mary's lads had booked a place in the All-Ireland semifinals scheduled for Croke Park, Dublin the following week.

First on court for Saint Mary's was Kevin Holmes in the Senior Singles. There he faced Meath challenge of Donnacha Maguire from Kells Community School. A great display from the Scoil Mhuire lad resulted in a well-deserved 21-12, 21-3 victory. After a fantastic and professional performance from Kevin the Doubles pairing set out to hopefully do the same. There they met a very strong doubles pairing of Richard Walsh and Johnny Willoughby from FCJ Bunclody, County Wicklow who had taken the world under 17 doubles title, in Chicago, home to Ireland earlier in the year. This outlined the task ahead for the Saint Mary's lads as they went down valiantly 8-21, 12-21.

The All Ireland Senior Singles title was now there for the taking. Standing between Kevin and the title was Damien Martin from Roscommon. The event was staged in Kilbeggan, County Westmeath and proved a great hit for the handballing contingent. Damien, who is a current Irish representative, proved the undoing of the Saint Mary's challenge even though Kevin had previously defeated Damien in the Waterford Crystal Irish Nationals. Even so Damien was the deserved winner after playing some textbook handball he cruised to a comprehensive victory 12-2 1, 5-2 1.

Even so, a successful year for Saint Mary's on the handball front with two Ulster titles and so nearly an All Ireland title



Editor's Foreword

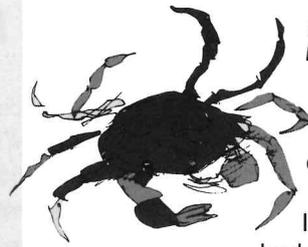
I would like to extend my thanks to all those pupils and teachers who contributed in any way to this year's Literary Section. Mr. Quigg and Mr. Green and their panel of enthusiastic sixth year judges were particularly helpful in organising this year's creative writing competition. The winners and runners up from years 8-10 have kindly contributed their stories to "The Simmarian". Congratulations to all those who took part - the standard of entries was obviously impressive.

A special word of thanks to Miss Maria Morris for her invaluable assistance in the production of this section.

After much debate the following boys emerge as this year's Simmarian prizewinners for their impressive short stories.

Congratulations to both boys who will be awarded a £15 book token: Ciaran McAteer 10 C (Junior)
Ronan McClean 12 H (Senior)

Maureen Jennings
Literary Editor



As if by Magic

As if by magic I was transformed onto the soft seabed. I didn't have my soft delicate skin but a hard shell. I was no longer a human but a crab. I had two big pincers and four pairs of legs, which made it easier for me to walk about.

There were many fantastic colours right in front of my eyes. I could see lots of other crabs and there were also lots of colourful tropical fish floating by me, like leaves blowing on a windy winter's night. I got a glance at one of my pincers. It was a rich sandy colour, which camouflaged me against the small sand grains, which lay at the bottom of the light blue sea. It stretched for miles and looked never ending. It was like paradise, so relaxing.

All other creatures waited anxiously for the next thing to snap at them. A few hours must have past but I was still amazed with all the colours and creatures and their movements. I began to get hungry so I rapidly snapped a wee fish.

I was walking, which was different because I walked sideways when all of a sudden I saw a net moving towards me swiftly. I couldn't run fast so tragically I was at the end of my adventure. It all happened so quickly. I was trapped in the biting meshes.

Mak McCallum 8C

As if by Magic



Everything stopped and went back to normal! It all began when we moved to our new house. I thought nothing could get any worse, going somewhere I've never even heard of with strange people. When a month had past I started thinking that maybe I should try to make new friends. I was about to go out when the phone rang. I thought nothing of it. It was my old friend Jay from my old neighbourhood. He just phoned to see how I was getting on. It was good talking to him again.

Later I went outside with my football. A boy asked if he could play. He seemed quite friendly.

A week later I had made a few friends. I was actually starting to like this place. All my new friends seemed normal, right up until that night when it happened.....

That night in bed, I had the weirdest dream. I was led to an old cottage surrounded by marsh land. A strange force took me through a door, down to the basement. I lifted the rug and opened some kind of trap door. There they were, ghostly figures with the faces of all my friends, all floating around. Suddenly the dream ended and I woke up in the darkness breathing rapidly. I got out of bed and ran to my parents' room. They said, "Go back to bed, dear. It was just a dream." I knew it was ridiculous but it seemed so real. The next day I did some investigating. I noticed my friends seemed drained and lifeless. I went looking for the cottage. That night I found it.

It was exactly as it looked in the dream except the door was opened, the rug was moved and I I was standing there. I started to lose energy. Then it hit me - they were souls. It explained everything the lifelessness of my friends. Suddenly my energy came back. My friends also returned to normal. It was so strange. I ran and when I looked back the cottage was gone.

Well a year has passed and I still don't know why or how it happened but I'm glad it's over. Or is it?

Gerard Mooney 8C



Edgar Troggle woke up, like he did every morning, by falling out of his hammock (which had swung him to sleep ever since he was a baby). As he rubbed his well-bruised head he spotted his grandmother, singing, as she made his breakfast. Elgar got up and sat at the table, where his grandmother placed in front of him a plate of Quail - which consisted of hot milk, sugar and thinly ground corn and of course Elgar's favourite - apple slices. He soon tucked in, but got only half way through when a loud explosion shook the small house. Elgar ran outside and saw the streets in chaos. As he looked towards the Aquatorium, (a large building that housed the city's power source and the elders of Armiton) he saw a huge dark creature hovering around the tower, which then flew into the air and away from the city towards the Dark Lands. After a few minutes the elders emerged in frenzy, their small blue faces almost turned violet. They announced that the power gem had been stolen, and that Dracorus was behind it. "Did you hear that, Elgar?" Elgar's grandmother said.

"Yeah but who is Dracorus?" he replied but his grandmother pretended to ignore what he said.

One of the elders stepped forward. His robes shone silver like the sea when moonlight strikes it at night. "We must send a person to recover the gem and vanquish Dracorus' forces once and for all," he boomed with a husky rasp of his old voice, tired from overuse, "I will now release a killer witch bird and it will land upon the shoulders of the chosen one." With that he blew a gold-coloured whistle and a small yellow bird with short feathers, flew out from the tower and began to circle the city. It got lower and lower and then dived toward the ground. The bird made its way to the inviting young shoulders of Elgar Troggle.

The little bird stared deep into Elgar's eyes for a period that seemed forever before leaping down and beckoning him. Elgar quickly hugged his grandmother before hesitantly running after the bird and stopping in front of the seven elders. Their blue faces were darker than the deepest ocean and they all towered above Elgar. The look of pity upon each of their faces as they stared at this boy was striking. "What is your name boy?" asked the elder who released the bird, which had returned to the tower.

"El.. Elgar Troggle Sir," replied the boy.

"Well Elgar, you are very special. You, my boy, must go on a journey and find our jewel then stop Oracorus, who was once an elder like me but was evil and corrupt. He was banished to the waste lands which have now grown as dark as his heart," he explained, "Now take this satchel and leave the city. Good luck my boy." The elders swiftly went to the tower and Elgar turned towards the gates and left the city, his head bewildered and confused.

As he moved further from the city a mass of plants confronted him. Elgar moved them away with his hand. A clear path led him through an assortment of creatures big and small and all the colours of the rainbow. One small fat creature with two legs and blue skin plodded along the path ahead. Elgar could see the lands ahead, but before this a small egg rolled in front of Elgar. Quickly it hatched and a small brown fluffy creature that resembled a monkey leapt out upon Elgar's back and into the satchel.



Armiton's Jewel

Elgar smiled and was rather a lad of the company. Straight ahead the dark wall stood. Elgar took a deep breath and walked through it.

On this side only the stars lighted the way and the only clear thing that he could see was the mountain ahead. As Elgar neared this ominous sight he reached into the satchel to find the small creature. Sleeping. He felt something hard and pulled out a large crystal board that he dropped because it weighed a ton. Elgar cried out in shock as he realised that it was floating. He placed both feet upon it and it rocketed up in the air. It seemed like a split second but they were soon at the top. A large entrance stood ahead. The board stopped, Elgar got off and proceeded down a bloodstained hallway. He could hear voices and came to a stop when he reached a room. Yes, the voices came from within. A large man, with long black hair and a pure red face sat upon a throne, which stood upon a river of blood. This was obviously Oracorus. The gem hung from the ceiling but a voice beckoned Elgar in.

"So, it seems those treacherous dogs thought that a mere boy was strong enough to defeat me. Do you know that below us ten thousand dark creatures wait for my work to attack that hell you call home?" shouted Oracorus. The small creature leapt from Elgar's seat and walked up the wall unnoticed. Oracorus fired a beam of light from his hand, but it missed Elgar who leaped about as Oracorus continued to fire.

Now the creature had reached the gem. It had many sides and was long with every colour possible shining from it. The creature broke it free and dropped down with it into Elgar's arms who just noticed what had happened. The creature leaped into the satchel but Elgar held the gem out and a beam of light hit Oracorus and he flew back and into an abyss screaming. There was a loud explosion and Elgar fled with the gem tightly in his arms. As he made his way back the way he came, a scorching wall of fire was hot on his heels. Elgar jumped and landed on the board, which shot away from the mountain as it violently exploded. The gem shone brighter than ever and lit his way home. The city of Armiton was in darkness. The people cluttered the streets, each singing ancient songs of hope with a candle in their hands.

Elgar soared over the city and was visible to all now. He heard a large cheer as he threw the crystal into the tower. The city filled with light, as did the Dark Lands. Elgar swooped down to the elders, whose faces were almost sky blue, each wearing a smile. The creature emerged from the satchel. "I think I'll call you Fissle-wig," beamed Elgar, at which the creature showed great enthusiasm. He knelt down in front of the elders and one stepped forward with a sceptre. Just then his grandmother stepped forward and knelt down beside him. "Arise Lord Elgar Troggle, Sir Fissle-wig and Lady Troggle - Protectors of the great city of Armiton," he said reverentially. The crowd cheered as they turned towards them.

Ciaran McAteer 10C

Winner 1st prize

(Year 10) Creative Writing Competition 2002

Alone

I sit in my room thinking,
As the stars twinkle like a cave of diamonds.

And the moon glows like a child's face
On Christmas morning.
I sit in my room thinking,
All alone, ever more.

I sit in my room thinking,
As time flies by like a bat
at night.

I sit motionless like a
statue,
towering above the
world.

I sit in my room
thinking,
All alone, ever
more.

I sit in my room
thinking,
Why must there
be so much hate
and anger?
Is there anything I
can do to help?
I sit in my room
thinking
All alone, ever more.

Mark Lennon 9B



A RAINY DAY

A rainy day; - what a price to pay,
For the tranquillity
Of the world today.

Raindrops fall
Upon the Plain,
From the duck's feathers,
To the lion's mane.

If we can't find time to stand in the rain.
Can we be known
As sane?

The beads from the heavens
Envelope us in perfection.

It really feels,
Like a pleasant injection,
Of calm and peace.

All wars should cease.
There is unity

For friends and family.
Swords will be dropped,
Armies will be stopped,

If only they learned to stop and stare -
At the rain - so pure; - a maiden fair.

What does an umbrella do?
Shield from water, or serenity?
From damp, or sensibility?

Do we try to avoid?
Does it really cause us to be annoyed?

Through the gallows,
And through the grass,
Everywhere -

The rain does pass.
What place is this,
If we cannot stare?
The rain of beauty
Is always there.

Eamonn Walls 9B



What's That Behind You?

"And the last thing they heard was the chilling scream that came from the bathroom of the bathroom of the house in 63 Haunting Avenue," said Tom very pleased with himself that he had terrified all his mates!

"Whoah, that was a good one Tom! I don't think anyone will get a better one than that," said Annette. Tom had two friends. Their names were Annette and Paul. They had been good mates ever since first grade.

"I bet I could!"

Tom, Annette and Paul jumped out of their skin as an anonymous voice came from the darkness in the corner of the old run down house, which gave all the other kids in the neighbourhood the creeps.

"Who said that?" said Tom barely getting the words out as there was a lump in his throat.

"I did," said the boy with a Halloween mask held tightly in his hand.

"What are you doing here? This is no place for kids like you," said Paul.

"This is where I live," said the boy. As the boy said that a cold wind blew through the house giving Tom, Annette and Paul a shiver up their spines. Tom noticed that the boy had a twitch in this eye and every so often looked behind his back as if somebody was going to be there. The boy looked as if he hadn't seen daylight in years as his face was pure white. Suddenly he broke the silence, "Will I tell you my story or not?"

"Go ahead," said Paul reluctantly.

"OK, it all started when I was a little baby. I was born on Halloween night but the nurse noticed that I had a bite mark on my back. For months doctors were trying to figure out what had caused it but they never did. They said that I was just born with it but they were wrong! My daddy shouted at me and told me to stop fighting and my mummy told me to stop climbing trees, but there were two things, I never fought in my life or climbed a tree. The only person that knew what was happening was me but I was too afraid to tell anyone. Every night at 12 noon evil spirits came and started attacking me for no reason. I was afraid of going to sleep. I was afraid of going outside. I was afraid of everything!

Eventually when I reached five I was experiencing Halloween on my own because my parents had died in a car accident the week before, and I noticed that the spirits didn't come for me that night. I wracked my brains out the next day trying to figure out why they didn't come, and I got the biggest brain wave. I figured that they didn't come because they were afraid of my Halloween mask. Ever since the I've got this Halloween mask by my side everyday and will never throw it away."

The story had both scared Tom, Annette and Paul and touched them, but before they could even ask him his name he had vanished!

The next day had gone the same for Tom, Annette and Paul but there wasn't the same buzz they usually had walking to school. Halloween was over but Tom and his friend went to the same place where they had met the boy and found a

note saying, "Sorry I ran off like that, felt a tip on my shoulder, freaked me out. My name is Andrew Branson..... bye." On the way home Tom and his friends took the shortcut way through the graveyard. What was about to unfold, was about to give them the fright of their life!!

"Is that what I think it is?" said Tom pointing to gravestone with lots of moss on it.

"Yes, I think it is," said Annette. The gravestone read: "Andrew Branson died 1753" but there was no comment from his mum or dad. Beside it there was a Halloween mask.

"That's it I'm off to see him!" said Tom.

"No! Just leave it, I don't trust that little boy", said Annette, but Tom just walked on.

"We just can't leave him on his own," said Paul, and so Paul and Annette caught up with Tom. They finally came upon the old shabby dilapidated house and walked up the footpath. Tom pushed the door and it gave an almighty creak. The noise made the three of them jump. Paul was the first to go in and signalled that the coast was clear, but before Tom and Annette could get a step into the house the boy appeared.

"So you found out my secret did ye'?"

"Yes, but it doesn't make sense. How are we talking to you? You're dead!" said Annette.

"Where you found me secret, look two gravestones up you'll find your answer."

Again the boy vanished without anybody noticing. Tom, Annette and Paul again took the shortcut home through the graveyard, and looked out for the headstone with the little boys name on it. Eventually they found it and looked for the headstone two up from the boy's and they got the fright of their lives!!

"Surely this can't be true!" said Paul.

"I don't believe it. Is this why we can talk to the dead boy?" said Annette.

"Yep, it sure is" said Tom in disbelief. The gravestone had read: "Tom McCann died 2001 18 October. God Rest your Soul." The next one read. "Paul McFadden died 2001 19 October. Rest in peace little child." The next one read "Annette O'Neill died 19 October 20. Rest in peace, our little princess."

"Maybe this is just a dream," said Paul, but everyone knew it wasn't.

"We need sometime alone, I think." said Tom and everyone else agreed. Tom walked home crying his eyes out. He didn't want to be dead. He had the rest of his life to live! He walked into the house and shouted, "I'm home!" but nobody answered. He must be on his own, but suddenly his mummy walked across the corridor, not taking any notice of him. Tom walked over to his dad and said, "Is there anything on the T.V.?" but his dad didn't answer him. Tom wept on the floor. He realised that he couldn't talk to the living.

I hope I have scared you in writing this story and I am away to do another one but there's one thing I have to ask you, who is that behind you???

David O'Neill 8G

Runner up

Creative Writing Competition (Year 8) 2002

Teachers

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People are fooled by the way they act!
 But teachers are monsters
 and that's a fact.
 In the class they are cruel,
 horrible and mean,
 But the parents think they're the friend-
 liest people they've ever seen.
 They say they're smart,
 funny and wise
 But everyone knows
 that's just a disguise.

Joseph Guiney 8D

Tea in the staff room,
 Eating a cream pie.
 "Are the homeworks done?"
 "Yes," we reply.
 Coming up the corridor shouting
 at us boys,
 He's acting like we're his little toys
 Even when we're good we still get
 shouted at,
 Rules are written out
 while the teachers relax.
 School is out at 3.25
 so take it to the max!

Jospeh Shortt 9C

Bullies

Bullies truly are nature's freaks,
 Who beat you up for being a geek.
 Bullies who are stupid and dumb,
 Who push your around,
 And give you a kick in the tum.

But sometimes it makes you happy,
 When they beat up the kid -
 Who's extremely yappy.

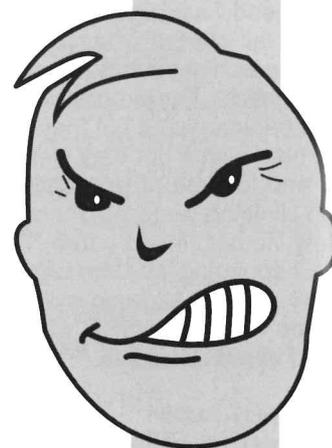
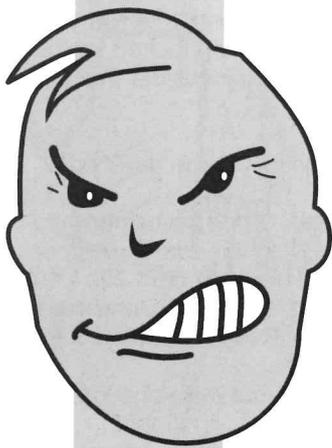
You know bullies -
 The ones that knock you out,
 When they're finished punching you about.

"Never tell a soul
 They'll only tut,
 When your eye is swollen,
 After that headbutt."
 Then they'll beat you up even more,
 When they're using your head to clean the floor.

All the nerds should reunite,
 And punish those menaces in the dead of night.
 We should teach a lesson to those jerks.

As we've learned before -
 Action works!

Shane O'Neill 9C



The Prince and the Wizard

In mid summer a family of five moved into a new house in London. The families name was Smith, John, Mary, Joseph and their parents Peter and Sarah. John was eleven years old, Mary thirteen years old and Joseph fifteen years old. The family had moved from Scotland.

After they all finished unpacking the children asked their parents if they could go out and explore. The parents had no objection and said yes they could. The three children went out the back way to explore and found an old wooden shed. "Let's see what's inside," said John.

"OK," replied Mary.

As soon as the children opened the old shed's door they were sucked into something. They all closed their eyes and started shouting for help. Mary even began to cry. In a blink of an eye they all went quiet and found themselves somewhere else. Not near the house. They walked back into something hard. It felt small. Then the three of them turned around and saw a huge statue of a man with a sword.

"Hey what are you doing to the children?" shouted a man from a guard tower in a stone castle,

"Guards seize those three immediately!"

The children were brought before the Prince and confronted by him.

"Are you spies for the evil wizard, my father?" shouted the Prince.

"No, no were not spies we're just children," explained Mary, nearly crying.

"We'll if you are not spies who are you?" asked the Prince.

"I don't know what you are talking about. All I know is that we opened the door of an old shed and then we were here. By the way where are we?" asked Mary.

"You are in the New World which is ruled by the evil wizard, who is my father. For years we rebels have tried to kill him, for it is I who was the ruler before him, but he got jealous and used his powers to control animals and let them talk. The animals protect him and go into battle for him. The only way to break the spell is to kill the evil wizard. We only kill the animals if it is our last option. After all they don't know what they are doing."

"How can we get home?" asked Joseph.

John interrupted saying, "Can we help you before we go home?"

"Only if you want to," explained the Prince, "if you want to go home just go through the statue."

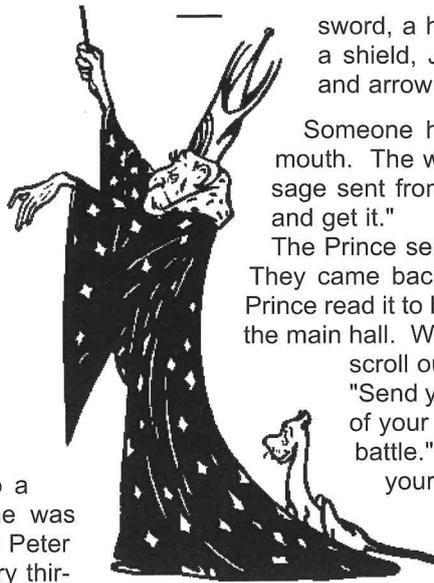
"No we want to help you," the children all said together.

"OK, what are your names?" question the Prince.

"I'm Joseph. This is my sister Mary and this is my brother John."

"Soldier get these people weapons and shields right away!" ordered the Prince.

The soldier came running back with a bow and arrow, a



sword, a hatchet and three shields. They each got a shield, Joseph got the sword, Mary got the bow and arrow and John the hatchet.

Someone had spotted a wolf with something in its mouth. The wolf stopped and shouted, "This is a message sent from my master. I will leave it here. Come and get it."

The Prince sent two of his soldiers out to get the scroll. They came back with it and gave it to the Prince. The Prince read it to himself and called all his commanders into the main hall. When they were all sitting down he read the scroll out to them.

"Send your army to the field, ten miles to the north of your castle in two days. This shall be the final battle." The Prince continued, "Round up all of your men, get them fully armoured and armed.

We shall win this battle if it is the last thing I do."

The commanders all cheered together and were shouting "Kill the wizard!" They

all ran out to get as many men as they possibly could. The Prince pulled the three of the children to the corner.

"You three will come with me to the wizard's castle to kill him along with twenty other men." The children all nodded in acknowledgement.

The following day was all about tactics on the battlefield and how to approach the castle when the battle is commencing. Every man was getting ready for battle by sharpening the weapons and shining their armour. When dusk had settled every soldier was dressed and ready for battle. The Prince gave a final speech and then sent his men marching to the field where the battle was going to take place. After the Prince's men were sent marching to the battle field, the Prince, children and other men went to the wizard's castle.

"I know a secret way in. It leads you to the wizard's room." said the Prince when they reached the castle.

In silence they followed him to just outside the wizard's room. Suddenly about forty lions, tigers and wolves came out of nowhere. The Prince ordered his men to stand their ground while he and the children went into the room. The four of them scrambled into the room and found that the wizard was getting dressed. Within an instant Mary had aimed an arrow and shot him in the chest. John had chopped off his arm with his hatchet. Joseph had driven his sword right through his stomach and the Prince had chopped off the wizard's head with one swift blow.

"At last we have done it. Now we can go home."

When he reached his castle the Prince noticed that his men were all there and not at the battle.

He went to his chief commander and asked him "What is going on here?"

He replied, "The animals ran off. They must have got scared."

"No, they ran off because we killed the wizard. Now I am King again."

After he was crowned the King said thanks to the children again and just before they went he shouted, "Please come and visit us."

Joseph shouted back, "We will!" and the children regretfully returned to the world of mundane reality.

Gary Shaw 9E

Runner up Creative Writing Competition 2002



THE TURBO Kids

Once there were two boys called Alex and Max. Alex is like a whizkid. He is into spying stuff. Max is into books and his Gameboy. He is hardly ever out. They have an enemy called John. They do missions on him. They have a club called the Army Boys' Club. They have a base called Battle Base. That is where they get their weapons-like sticks and stones.

Once there was a mission where John and his pal Neil made a machine that took money out of the Bank Link machine but Alex and Max stopped them. Alex got on to his scrambler and gave Max a backer and started to squirt them with supersoakers 2000. It broke their machine and they didn't get any money. John and Neil came running after them. Alex and Max went flying down on Alex's scrambler to their secret base, Battle Base.

John and Neill didn't know where Battle Base was. Alex and Max ran down to Alex's house and went into Alex's tree house. They said that they would do a mission on them next Sunday. They got sticks and stones and they made a path in Battle Base so they would find their way. They cleaned it up pretty well.

Max said that he could build a machine that is like a video camera so they could see what they were doing. Max worked on it all night but finally he built it and it was brilliant. They set it up on a lamppost near John's house. They watched it from Alex's pocket T.V. John and Neill came round to Alex's street and rapped his door and RAN away. Alex and Max got on the scrambler. Alex and Max had water bombs on the scrambler. They bought their pocket T.V. so they could see what John and Neill were doing. They went up to Battle Base and started to launch the water bombs from the water bomb launcher. One water bomb hit John right on the face. Then John and Neill spotted Alex and Max. Alex and Max ran out of the Battle Base.

They went to another base called Mega Base. John and Neill didn't see where they were. John said to Neill, "Just some on. We will beat them up tomorrow." Alex and Max ran into Max's hut to make another plan up!

Alex and Max made up a plan. It was to make John and Neill follow them and try and make them fall into a big hole in Battle Base. They tried it the next Wednesday.

On Tuesday they found a new base and it was called Mega
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Base. They moved all their weapons and their stuff. Mega Base was also near Neil's house. John was always at Neil's house playing with his Gameboy. Neil is quite rich because his dad works in a power plant and he actually owns the place. Alex and Max tided up and they did it pretty well. It was finally Wednesday and Alex and Max were rushing to finish their homework. They finished both their homework at 4.00 pm. They changed into their camouflage and got their supersoakers 2000. Alex got his scrambler and gave Max a backer.

They went up to their new base MEGA BASE. John and Neil were very near Alex and Max. Max saw them and he quietly told Alex. Alex and Max climbed a tree and started to throw water bombs at John and Neil. John and Neil were so angry that they started to throw bricks at Alex and Max. One nearly hit Alex, but a branch of a tree hit it instead.

So Alex and Max got really angry then and threw their latest invention which was a tiny little box with a remote control and when the box is up in the air you press the button on the remote and out comes a net.

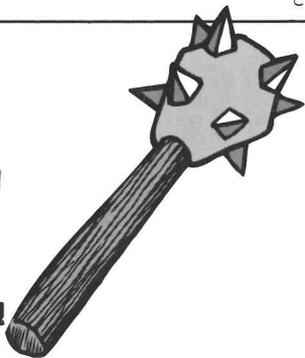
So John and Neil were tied up in the net and Alex and Max started to throw stones and water bombs at them and they started to cry.

Sean Flynn
8D

Winner (Year8)
Creative Writing Competition 2002



THE BATTLE OF THE FOREST



"Come on, Come on!" shouted Chris. "We must go up to the attic now or never!"

"Yeah, I suppose so seeing as your Granda's out today. It's our only chance to see what he's hiding in that attic of his." muttered Rebecca excitedly.

"But, you guys, we can't go up, Chris, your grandpa will crack up if we go up. You know he will!" moaned Daniel.

"Granda's out today. We are never going to get caught. Besides don't you want to find out what my Granda's hiding?" retaliated Chris.

"I do but"

"Fine then, let's go!" butted in Rebecca.

The children clambered up into the attic wondering what surprise would await them.

Chris's hand was trembling, as he flung open the trapdoor.

The children clambered in. Their jaws dropped in disappointment and shock. There was only one tiny object in the large darkened dusty attic. The object was a book.

It had a large black leather cover with gold words which read, "The Battle of the Forest."

Chris started to flick through the pages when without the shadow of a doubt he was in a forest. It wasn't any normal forest. The trees were about a hundred or more feet tall. Chris could hardly see where he was, the forest was so dark. Chris's mind was racing with thoughts and questions.

Chris jumped out of his wits as he stepped on a twig that snapped dryly. Something else snapped. Only this time it wasn't Chris and it wasn't a twig. It was a giant gorilla type animal with red gleaming eyes and a massive tail. It also had large steel like claws. Chris could see a million more red eyes. He also saw a pair of green shining eyes. He knew who these belonged to. These eyes belonged to Chris's enemy the man he envied most, the man who killed his family and forced him to live with his Granda. This man's name was Grunger.

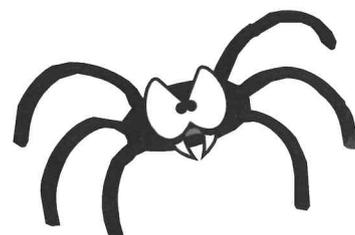
Only Grunger wasn't a man anymore. He was more like a ghost. Chris now realised what Grunger was. He was a Spirit. Grunger muttered something in the same old cackling voice. Chris made out what he said "Forest Explerrious!" All the trees shot up out of the ground and made a gigantic pile on the large green horse field at the edge of the forest.

A huge blanket of sunlight washed over him and pushed out the darkness.

Chris McBride 9F

Winner (Year 9)

The Game



In the village they were informed that Servian's castle was to the East. They took all the supplies Rottnus had taken from the shops and set off. They endured many cold nights and days as they travelled. After about a week from when they left Connor caught sight of a huge castle. They approached as fast as they could and when they were at the entrance they realised that they could not enter.

This was because a drawbridge was laid across a moat. In the moat was a giant crocodile. Titan fired a fire-ball at it but if had no effect. "It must have a reflect spell on it," he cursed. They were all wondering how to get in when suddenly the drawbridge dropped. It fell with a heavy clank and the grey, rotting walls of the castle seemed to shake. They all walked inside and looked around. They were in a great hallway with a luxurious carpet, ornaments and a well decorated layout.

It was a very bright room. The candlelight seemed to magnify the intensity of the colours. The red carpet glowed and golden walls shimmered. If this was not an evil place then they might have stayed. The group pushed on and took the corridor to the right. They walked until the end and came to a flight of stairs leading upwards. Connor was about to take a step forward when Rottnus ordered them to halt. He took a slice of bread and dropped it on the stair.

To Connor's surprise an array of arrows shot from both walls and destroyed each other. Rottnus walked on but Connor was completely astounded. As they climbed Rottnus stopped them from time to time again and the same thing happened over and over. When they reached the top Titan could no longer continue. Something was holding him back. It was like an invisible wall that only he could not pass.

Connor and Rottnus carried on without him. They entered a large hallway and when they passed through a giant spider dropped down blocking the doorway to the next set of stairs. Rottnus grabbed Connor and said to him, "I will hold off the spider and you will run past into the next room."

Connor could not protest because Rottnus was already distracting the spider. Connor ran and didn't look back. He climbed four sets of stairs until he came to a room lit with a log fire. There appeared to be someone in the room also, sitting in the large chair by the fire.

"Show yourself" shouted Connor.

"If you want me to," replied the voice. It was deep and cold.

The chair spun around. In it sat what looked like a demon. It had red skin with two enormous white wings swaying from side to side. Its yellow eyes were piercing and its long white hair glinted in the fire-light.

Michael Ferguson 10G

Runner up (Year 10) Creative Writing Competition

Where I Live



I close my eyes and I am home. This is where I live, a colourless, timeless void where I float as a lone figure within an empty world that yearns for an artist's

touch. The first thing I feel is moisture on my naked feet, seeping slowly and stealthily into my skin, cleansing them of their stain. I move slowly forward illuminating dew soaked grass, soft to my touch as it muffles the evidence of my arrival. I notice for the first time that a soft, furtive light has been creeping into my vision, exposing more of this strange place. I see a vast plain of lush green grass, glistening in the new light and periodically disturbed by short broken walls of small, stacked stones, lightly dashed with south searching moss. A tree, tall and proud against the blossoming blue sky is in full bloom at the height of its maturity. I scan the branches as they claw at the sky and find a struggling leaf, longing to break free of the tree's grasp. It rises with every suggestion of a breeze, gnawing away at the tree's grasp. It rises with every suggestion of a joy when an isolated gust of wind plucks it from its confines to carry it across the open plain of grass. I follow it first with my eyes and then my legs as it twists and turns, rises and falls in the brightening sky of the new dawn, bathed in the light of my world. This is where I live.

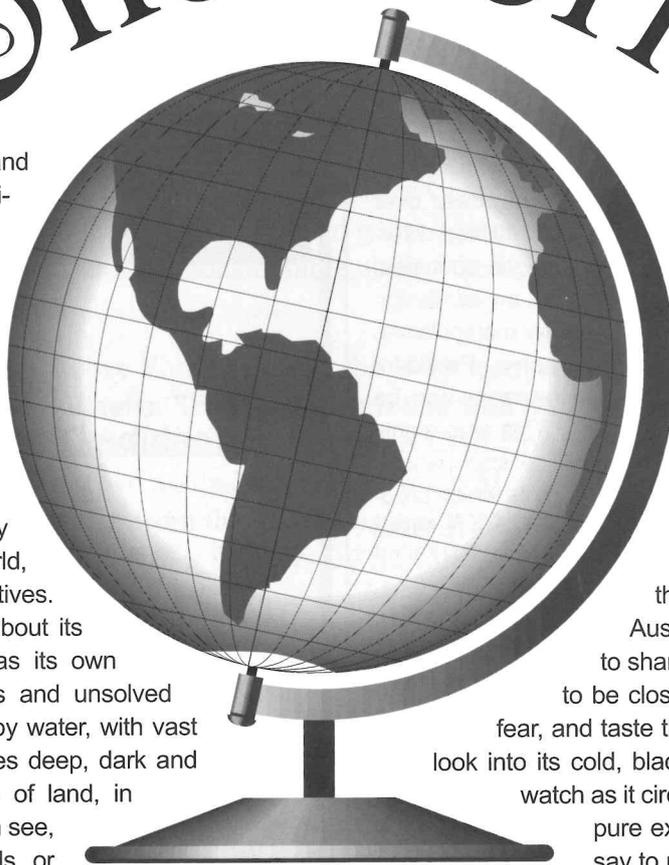
I run for hours towards the rising sun, rejoicing in the strength of my legs, and revelling in the beauty of my place, from the vast tumbling landscape to the distant mountains that stain the horizon. I soak up the beauty of what I have created and feel the cold touch of the air on my lungs and how the wind rushes around my strong legs. Slowly I see a body emerging against the horizon, growing larger with my every step. With a burst of curiosity I find myself looking across a large sheet of silver in the midst of the rolling green landscape. I look down and examine the face of a strange boy that is gazing up at me from the surface, leaning closer and closer, further and further down until my face meets that of the aquatic boy. Lying along the flat of the strange mirror I slowly descend into his face, greeted by cool cleansing clarity as every inch of my body is submerged in what must be water but appears more like glistening quicksilver. Below the surface I continue to sink and marvel at the strange tranquil beauty of my surroundings. Strange plants snake up from the lake's bed, swaying seductively in the small currents, twisting and twirling around each other to form a strange, dense mass of colours and shapes that map the lake floor. I glide forward, feeling the cool water spread before me as my arms and body thrust me onwards through this strange tranquil place. A shoal of brightly coloured fish

swims close by, some red with blue strips and others blue with yellow. Transfixed by their beauty I join the end of the graceful column and rejoice in the newfound feeling of belonging. We move as one through the broken grey ruins of once majestic cities that now lie in hidden solace, bathed in clandestine light that illuminate fallen pillars and nameless faces of once great kings, as they lie forgotten on this lake bed. Onwards we move as one snakelike row, twisting and gliding through the water as it parts before us, onwards to tranquil aquatic gardens of varied and vibrant rich coloured life, weaving through plants and under arches of stone as we breathe in the cool, clear cutting water. We race and dart around our underground playground while streams of light pierce the depths of our amusement. Deeper and further we go, as the water takes on a murky dark shade. Stealthily, we slide below the preying eyes of our enemy, moving further on, as the water becomes deathly silent, whereas before we knew only silence. Suddenly the mass of snaking sea life that coats the lakebed disappears and is replaced by a sheet of white. The small rays of light that penetrate this deep reflect off the surface only to be once again directed downwards, creating a faint and eerie white glow. As we dive closer to the bottom the white surface reveals itself as a mass of bones strewn across the great lakebed for as far as the eye can see. They lie in disorder and some in distributing order where fish have fallen and shed their skin, but most lie stacked in strange snakelike columns, rising from the surface at impossible angles towards the light of the lake surface. More and more all I see are skulls glaring with impossibly black eyes, following my every move, mocking with envy and amusement how I glide swiftly through the water. Everywhere I turn there are more, laughing with impossibly wide jaws at my childlike glee. I turn and run, my surroundings twisting and turning into a barren desert with waves of heat from the ground where once there were piles of bones. My lungs pound for oxygen as I run faster and faster, away from the hyena-like laughing that comes from inside. Slowly the desert becomes smaller as the blue sky grows on the horizon. I run faster with every step longing for an escape, until with the next step the ground disappears. I find myself falling down and down, with nothing to stop my fall but the cold cruel ground I see distantly below. Panicking I curl into a ball, and remember that cold harsh day when I fell before. As the wind whistles past my wailing body I wish the same wish that I had on that day, knowing that it is futile but longing for a way out of what I know is to come. Suddenly I feel a change and as I spread my arms I feel them catch the air and propel my body upwards. Looking only to the sky I beat my wings with fast ferocity, away from the fall, away from the ground, away from the life of a cripple.

And then I awake.

Ronan McClean 12H

The World



From a critical, or outside view, the world that we live in is quite a strange place. It has existed for billions of years, and during this time has been the habitat of a vast number of living things. These organisms have existed for many of the earth's years and have evolved and adapted to suit their environment, from single celled organisms to probably, the most advanced beings on earth: humans. Thanks to humans, their ideas and ambitions, they have effectively changed the world, both in good and bad perspectives. However, the world is not just about its inhabitants. The world itself has its own beauty and holds many secrets and unsolved mysteries. It is covered mostly by water, with vast blue oceans, thousands of metres deep, dark and dangerous. It has huge plains of land, in some cases as far as the eye can see, whether it is desert, grasslands or cities. These features, and the things that live on the earth add up to create the world we have created, the world that we live in.

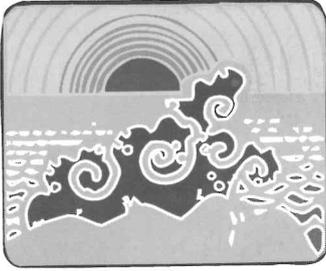
Another amazing geographical aspect of the world is the water that covers 70% of it. We are surrounded by deep seas and vast oceans, which have a lot to hide. The great depths of the ocean have amazed Man for years, and because of its size, there are so many things that Man does not know about it, and may never know. The water is immense. For miles and miles, all you can see is blue. Seeing it from the top is not so bad. We see it waving with varying currents. However, underneath, the water is deep, dark, mysterious and deadly. The ocean is thousands of feet deep, and in these depths, are some of the most bizarre and deadly organisms. As you move further down, you get colder and colder. You lose any sensitivity in your hands, and soon, you feel the cold reach your chest. To be in these depths is probably the most fearful of situations. You are far away from civilisation, without any form of protection against what lies in the dark ahead of you. It is because of this that the ocean will hold many secrets not to be discovered by man.

On land, we are faced with many more amazing animals. Lions taking control of the plains, giant snakes slithering slyly through the grass, wolves howling to the blue moon above and in the air, birds of prey majestically taking control of the sky. There are too

many to describe for this one essay, but to see some of these animals in real life instead of through television would be an amazing feeling. To watch a cheetah race across the grasslands of Kenya, or the top of a whale come up for air and flick its tail in the water, or to see a Red Admiral, one of the rarest butterflies land on a flower situated right beside you would be an amazing experience, one which few people get to enjoy. It makes a person feel almost special that he/she gets to see that type of thing. I would like to go to Florida or Australia to go shark caging. I would like to share the water with a great white shark, to be close, or to see it in real life, to feel the fear, and taste the danger of its presence. I want to look into its cold, black, evil eyes, for a split second and watch as it circles the cage. I would like this for the pure experience and also to just be able to say to myself that I had done it.

However, there are humans unlike myself, who do not care for such things and would prefer to dispose of these animals for their own profit or sense of achievement. Man is a common enemy to these animals. We kill even the most harmless of animals, so that extracts from their body can be used for our own needs. I find that I, being a meat eater, am as guilty as others, but I realise that it is outrageous to kill animals; especially those that are close to extinction. To wipe out species, will leave us with few of these exotic animals on the earth, and we will be left with farm animals, being used to produce food. Quite a cynical view to take, I know, but if hunters continue to kill like they do, then the variation of animals, that we take pride in sharing this earth with will be reduced to humans and chickens. I find that it is better to preserve these animals and keep them in a safe environment so that they may reproduce to bring their numbers back up.

The world and its animal inhabitants have a common enemy - Man. Man has ruined some aspects of the world, because of his ambition and greed. Humans pollute the earth without thought to the consequences. Because of pollution, the protective layer of gases surrounding the earth, the ozone layer, is now damaged and the earth will suffer global warming from the sun. I don't mean to give a "Save the Trees," speech, or be "anti-human" at all, but it does have to be said that it is our own fault that global warming is occurring. It is also our own fault that the world is the way it is today, both in good and bad aspects.



Humans are naturally power-hungry, like any animal. However, humans possess the knowledge to properly get what they want. This has been proven in wars that have occurred in the past. People or leaders responsible for wars

are greedy, possessed with ambition, and sometimes, even insane. However, they are highly intelligent. Adolf Hitler for example, was a sadistic, racist, prejudiced, power hungry madman. He was very smart though. His propaganda won him the hearts of many Germans and led to his reign of power over Germany. At the same time, he manipulated and tricked different governments into allowing him to take over the countries. This is not showing an admiration for Hitler, but an admission and proof to the point that these people are very manipulative. At the same time, some leaders can be quite naïve. President Bush, for example, was guilty of a clumsy remark when he called the good people of Pakistan, "Pakis". This was highly controversial, and positively offensive to the Pakistan people. He has made other controversial or stupid remarks which probably embarrassed him, but suddenly he is a hero when he takes "decisive action" to bomb a country.

Across the world, many people fight for the most trivial of reasons, such as skin colour, religion, nationality or ideologies. This prejudice degrades our civilisation greatly. To judge one another on these things is to act like children, as Gordon Sumner once said, "We share the same biology, regardless of ideology" These are wise words, which state that we are all human, and are of the same species, so anything like political opinions should not matter in how we get on. Close to home, we have the troubles between Catholics and Protestants, which have been going on for years. There is unnecessary violence and there have been many killings of people on both sides. This has been happening for years now, and there have been signs of some progress, but the violence still continues and the prejudice is still evident in both sections of the community.

We have good points to our evolution, from primitive beings as well as our bad points. However, no one is perfect. Perhaps our intelligence is both our weapon and our downfall. The world is a strange place, and we will never know all about it, but at the rate that humans have been working at recently, I think it will not be long before we will be able to know far more about it and create more things which enhance our civilisation.

Overall, the world has its beauty and its defects. Humans seem to be the main enemy of the earth as they have done so much to it but have also changed it for the better. We can fully appreciate the world's beauty without completely taking it for granted. We can also appreciate the animals that inhabit the earth and understand how we have evolved from them to what we are now. This is where I live, this is the world we have created, and this, is our home as we embark upon the challenges of a new millenium.

David Guiney 12H

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WATER POLO

2001-2002 has been quite a successful year. In early January the U-16 team captained by Eamon Kerr Year 13 retained the Bro. Murphy Trophy for Ulster schools. Then in February the team travelled to Claremorris Co. Mayo to contest the Irish U-16 cup, which the school won last year. The team won its preliminary round to meet old rivals St. Malachy's in the semi-final. St. Mary's won comfortably to face host school St. Coleman's in the final. After a closely fought contest St. Mary's lost by two goals to a Claremorris side that had the advantage of home venue and hometown referees.

In March the senior team retained the U-19 Ulster Championship the Canada Trophy, completing all their games undefeated. Although in their second game against St. Malachy's they almost faced defeat but strength of character and the considerable ability the team possesses enabled them to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

Later in March in the Grove Pool in Belfast the U-19 team came exceptionally close to retaining the All-Ireland Trophy (The Gallagher Trophy) which it had won last year. Winning through to the final on big scores, they once again met Connaught champions Claremorris in the final, but going into the last quarter trailed the westerners by two goals 2-0. Then Declan Mc Kerr levelled the scoring with two superb goals the second a back flip from the 12 metres and with two minutes play St. Mary's went ahead 3-2. However a poor pass led to a turnover by St. Coleman's. With their faster swimming skills they broke and scored to leave the game tied and seemingly heading for extra-time. However tiredness set in among the St. Mary's players and the stronger St. Coleman's team won possession to score the winner. A gallant effort from St. Mary's had ended on this score line 3-4.

The good news for next year is that the team only loses goalie Joe Nicholson and should contest the honours once again.

A big thank you to Joe for all the efforts he has displayed over the years. Joe is currently the best young water polo keeper in Ireland even if he is not recognised by such in the Dublin water polo establishment.

Congratulations also to Eamon Kerr another outstanding player who this year was selected on the Irish U-19 team which participated in France at Easter

The current U-16 and U-19 squad consists of:

- A. Devlin
- D. Mc Kerr
- D. Murphy
- P. Murphy
- R. Burke
- R. Mc Clean
- D. Raffo
- D. Black
- C. Meehan
- C. Kelly
- P. Armstrong
- S. Loughran



The junior U-14 squad under the expert guidance of Mr Watson is also very strong and they meet in the pool every Monday at 3.25. The seniors under Mr. Mc Clean meet on Tuesdays at 3.30. Anyone interested is very welcome.

• • LIBRARY NEWS • •

New Developments:

Since September 2001 a few noticeable changes have occurred within the school library:

- A selection of Daily newspapers are available: The Irish Times, The Irish News & The Guardian
- A selection of journals and periodicals, including Auto Express, Time, Newsweek & New Scientist
- 5 Internet terminals available (Senior students only)
- The Library is now open during break.

Student Librarians:

The four Student Librarians for the 2001/02 term were Desmond Egan, (Senior Librarian) Finbharr Christie, Peter McMorrow & Ciaran Bradley. All four have worked hard over the year and have devoted much of their time to the running and development of the school Library. Many thanks to the boys for their efforts over the school year. Oh, and thanks to Kevin McLean for turning up now and again!

Creative writing competition

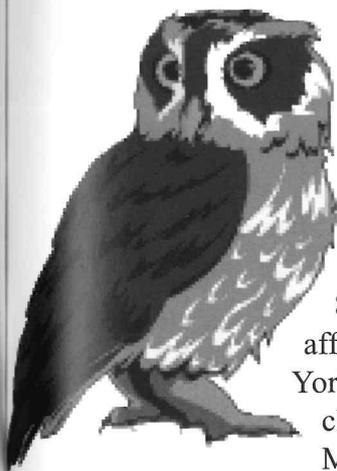
A creative writing competition jointly run by Mr Quigg and the Library took place during the months of December and January. Over 50 entries were submitted and were judged by the Student Librarians along with Stephen Kearney and Paul McErlane.

The winners were:

David O'Neill 8G
Chris McBride 9F
Ciaran McAteer 10C

Runners up were:
Sean Flynn 8D
Gary Shaw 9C
Michael Ferguson 10G

All three winners were presented with a plaque while both the winners and runner-ups each received a £10 book token for their efforts

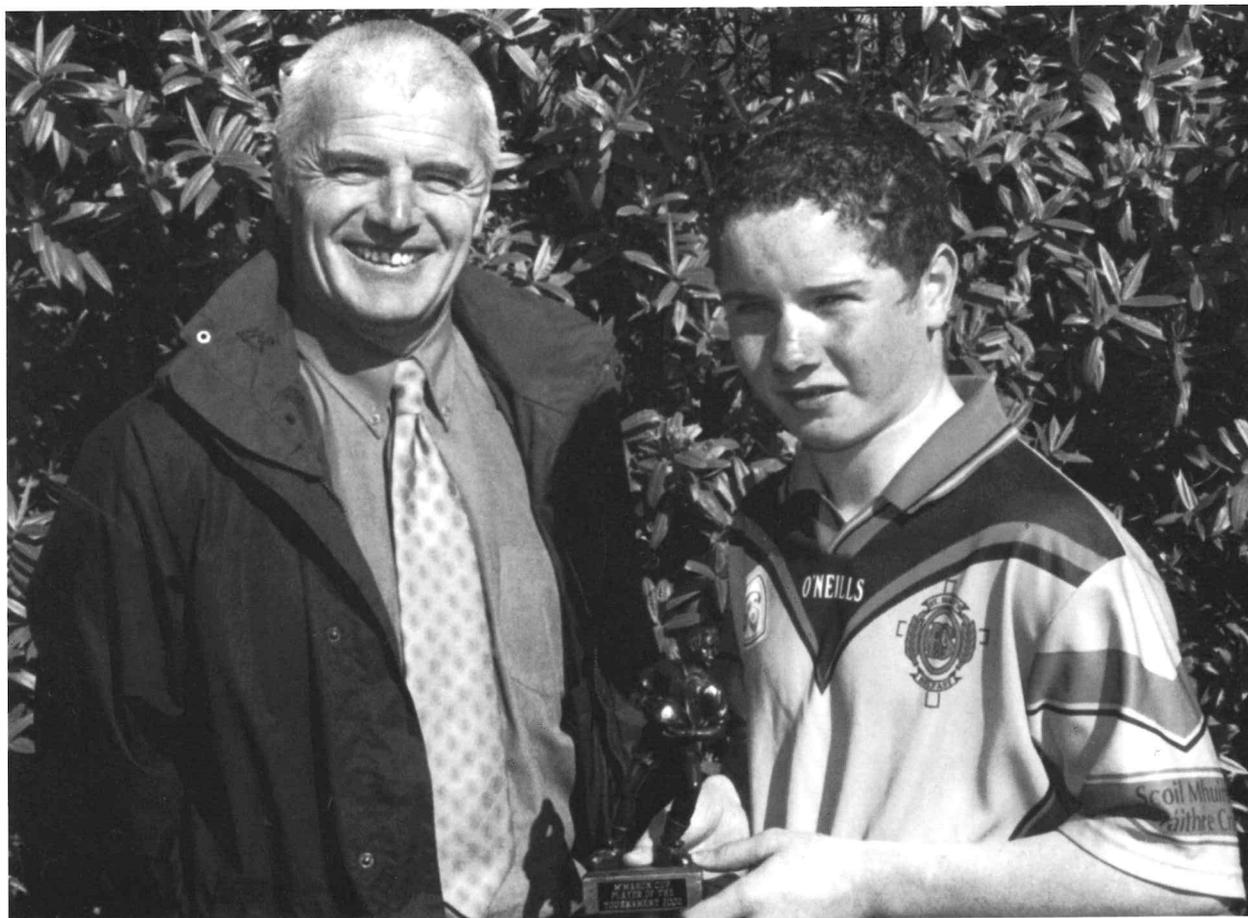


Harry Potter Quiz:

In October 8E won the “Harry Potter” quiz making it two years in a row for their English teacher Mr Laverty. The initial quiz ended in a tie between 8E & 8C with both scoring an impressive 28 out of 30. The tiebreaker was another close affair with 8E finally winning by 1 point. 8E were rewarded with a trip to the Yorkgate cinema to see “Harry Potter & the Philosopher’s Stone”. Accompanying the class on the trip were Mr P. Green, the student librarians and the chaplain, Mr Martin Curley. A great day was had by all and I should add 8E behaved impeccably.

• Mc Mahon Cup •

The Mc Mahon Cup was hosted by Abbey C.B.G.S. Newry.



Player of the Tournament, Peter McGarrity 9C, is pictured with Dr. T. Shannon

ST. BRIGID

Sing a song to Brigid
Brigid brings the Spring,
Awakens all the fields and the flowers
And calls the birds to sing.

Brigid comes in peace
To make a joyful speech,
She is beautiful and kind
And has a wonderful mind.

She can make the dead alive
Or in two seconds make a beehive,
She is nice in many ways
And always, always prays.

Jonathon Delaney 8E.

St. Brigid was a very kind person
Giving to the poor
She helped the wounded and the sick
Until they were better and fit.

She built Churches and Monasteries
All across the land,
Especially in Kildare
In the South of Ireland.

She died a very happy woman
With love in her heart,
And now is a saint
In Ireland, in all parts.

Eamann Herron 8E.

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CONKER TOURNAMENT FOR ZAMBIA.

In October 2001 Miss Kinney organised another conker tournament to raise money for Zambia. This followed a very successful event last year, so with previous experience behind them, this year's contenders had it all worked out.....or so they thought!! Needless to say some conkers had to be checked for giveaway signs of vinegar, nail varnish or any other "magical powers" which would potentially sway the match in their favour.

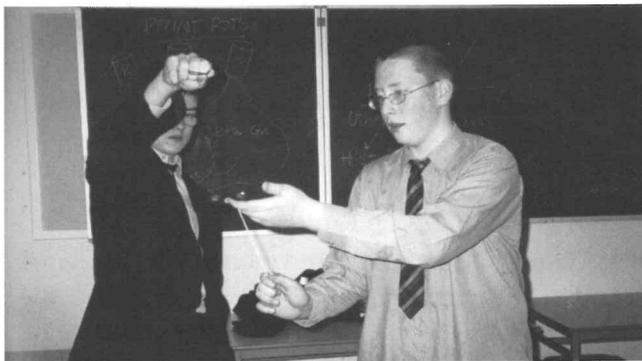
Fierce matches were fought as contenders notched up wins; the one with the most points at the end of the competition being the outright winner. This turned out to be Shane Mc Guckin (9C) who achieved some very dramatic victories to take first place. Congratulations and thanks to all who took part, making this another exciting tournament and for raising over £200 for Zambia.



O.Fitzpatrick & S.Dragonetti 8E



C.Black 9C & O.Fitzpatrick 8E



C. Bradley 10E & E. Kelly 10C



R. Madden 8A & M. Brownlee 8B



The Big Contenders.



C. Curran 10C & D. Adams 8E.
M. Brownlee 8B sweeping the floor.

Breandan Farrell:

“This mural will be put on show for years to come which will show how much Edmund Rice means to us as, without him, our school would never have come into being”.

Our own accounts...

Chris Power:

“Our class, 10E, has designed a large mural which is to go on the front of our school building. We started the mural on the 8th April and finished it on the 5th May 2002”.

We did the mural to celebrate the school’s bicentenary of Edmund Rice.



We went about doing the mural through a lot of different steps. Firstly, we thought of some ideas to put on our mural and secondly, we transferred our ideas onto acetate sheets. Next, we put our acetates onto the overhead projector. We used chalk to mark the outlines on the three 8 x 4 boards. Then we started to paint and finally, we coated the boards with varnish, which gives the mural a shiny effect.

On the first board, the mural represents the subjects we are doing in the school. The globe represents geography, the flags represent the different languages and the apparatus represents science.

The second board shows us the face of Edmund Rice, along with the school and pioneer badge.

A wavy cross through the background represents the importance of religion in the school.

The third board represents the sporting activities that the school offers. Many of these sports are represented at all-Ireland level.

Overall, I think the board looks fantastic and is a just reward for our class’ hard work.

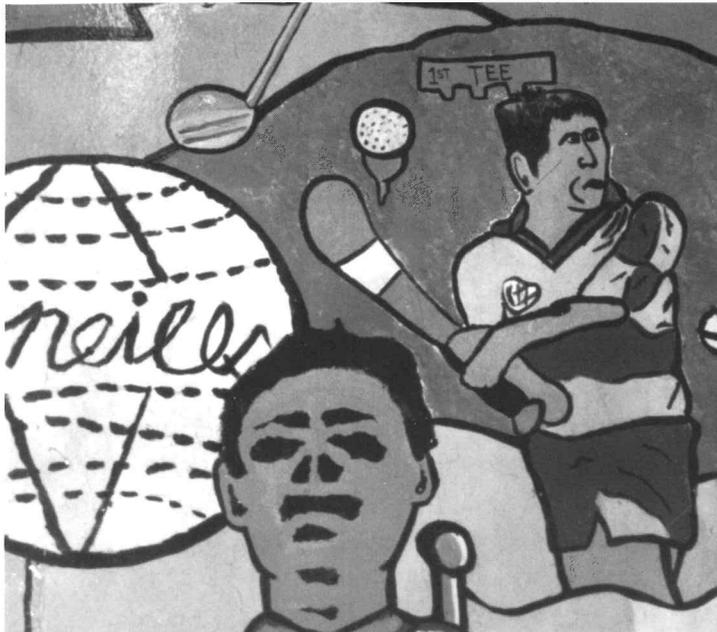
WELL DONE 10E!!!



Caelan Bradley:

“Miss Kinney informed us about the Mural a week before we started it. The following week we started to draw some ideas for it. We had to pick a subject and draw a picture to represent it. Mine was something to do with drama. We drew up our ideas onto acetates. When everyone had done this, we put these on the three 8x4 boards, which were already painted white so that the colours would stand out.

After Easter, on the Monday we came back, our class got out of doing schoolwork for the whole day so that we could do the mural. We got overhead projectors to project the acetate onto boards. We all got it finished, though we didn't get the painting completed. So we finished this off in Art class. When this was finished, the mural was varnished to make it waterproof.



We were told that we would get a trip to Craigavon as a reward for doing it.

Today, the 13th May, we were told it was getting put up outside and that the newspaper journalists and U.T.V might come out.

Now the mural looks pretty good and the colour choice makes it stand out a lot. One board is dedicated to subjects, one is for Edmund Rice and the other is for sport.

Gabriel Brown:

“This mural was to commemorate the Christian Brothers and Edmund Ignatius Rice’s bicentenary.

Each Person in our class had to go home and draw something that could go onto the mural. Those pictures were then transferred onto acetates. It was then projected onto the larger sheets. Everybody’s ideas were put onto the mural with chalk. We then added emulsion paint (so that we could get it off our clothes). We then finished it off by varnishing it. This would enable it to be showed outside in all types of weather.

There were three main themes to this mural, academic, religious and sporting ideas connected with the school. I myself am happy with the outcome of the mural. The colours blend well with each other, and I particularly like the squiggly background in the shape of a cross.

John Carson:

“We did the mural to commemorate the founding of the Christian Brothers and Edmund Rice.

To create it we got everyone to pick a different aspect of life in the school such as subjects and sports. They each did a drawing of one and drew it onto an acetate. The drawings were then projected up onto the large sheets by using the overhead projectors. Everybody painted his own idea on the large version and then helped with others. They were all painted in emulsion paint over a white base, already painted onto the



big sheets. The white was to ensure that all colours would stand out and we could draw chalk outlines. We varnished it so that it could be hung up outside.

The centre board depicts Edmund Rice's face against a red and orange background shaped like a cross. The school badge and the pioneers badge with Edmund Rice's birth and death dates are written in a book at the bottom of the board.

The left side board contains all the subjects such as Art, Science, IT, Geography and Music. At the bottom of it is a school blazer covered in Irish writing. The wall in the background has all of our class' names written on the bricks.

The right hand side board contains all the sporting activities and clubs the school is associated with and offers, such as – Hurling, Gaelic, Golf, Tennis, Handball and water polo.

The mural will be displayed on the front of the school and will then be moved into the assembly hall.

Ryan Kerr:

“We did the mural to commemorate the life and work of Edmund Rice.

In the centre there is a picture of Edmund Rice, the school badge and the logo of the pioneers.

We started the mural on Monday the 8th April and finished it on the 5th May.

Each person in the class had to draw a picture on acetate and then we projected it onto the 8 x 4 boards. The boards had a white paint base and we drew our pictures onto the boards using chalk. We then painted our pictures with emulsion paint. We used emulsion paint as it comes off our clothes if you clean it on time.

There were three main themes, sporting, academic, and religion.

On the first board, there are pictures symbolising school classes, such as Drama, Music, Geography, and IT, these all represent the academic life of the school.

On the second board there are pictures of Edmund Rice, symbols of the pioneers and a picture of our school badge.

On the third board there are pictures of sporting activities, which we do in school, such as hurley and golf.

After painting these on, we varnished the boards to keep them waterproof. The colours used were bright and vibrant which makes it stand out and easily noticeable.

I am happy with the outcome of the mural, I think it looks very good, and I think the colours blend very well. I particularly like the picture of the globe and computer.

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YEAR 9 RAINFOREST PROJECT

On Wednesday 12th of December 2001 the art department invited Mr. Noel McGuigan, a lecturer from Queen's University Belfast to give a presentation on his experiences in Papua New Guinea. A selection of year 9 pupils who were at that time studying the rainforest for their art / science project, were invited to attend in the E.R. lecture theatre. Here are some of the comments pupils made in response to the presentation.



M. McCann, S. Malocco, R. Shortt, R. Kelly
& C. McNulty.



Mr. Noel McGuigan examines the art work.

Kevin Shearer 9F:

"Papua New Guinea is a country that consists of the eastern part of the island of New Guinea and of other nearby islands. It covers 178,260 square miles and has about 2,849,000 people. Most of the people belong to the Melanesian race. They have dark skin and black woolly hair."

Conall Mc Nally 9F:

"There were many different slides showing the vast scenic views of the country and there were also many of the rainforest showing it from many different aspects. The masks that we were shown were made by the tribes people and are based on different animals. When a tribesman puts it on it is said that his mind becomes controlled by the spirits in the mask."

Conor Kerr 9F:

"He showed us the growing and presentation of the special vegetable which was called yam. At the end of the year there would be a carnival that everyone in the village would go to and celebrate the yam harvest. After this I am convinced that I have to go to Papua New Guinea sooner or later."

Brian King 9F:

"I thought that the Papua New Guinea presentation was very fascinating and interesting. I learned that they believe in spirits as their religion. The spirits are people in masks who they think are sacred. The New Guineans have to pay total respect to spirits as they could find themselves with a spear through their heads!!!"

Christopher Mc Nulty 9C:

"When the people put on the masks they believe they are taken over by the spirits. If they kill a man while they are wearing the mask they do not take responsibility for it. The spirit who took over the man in the mask is representing a spirit which wanted the man dead for breaking the taboos of the village."

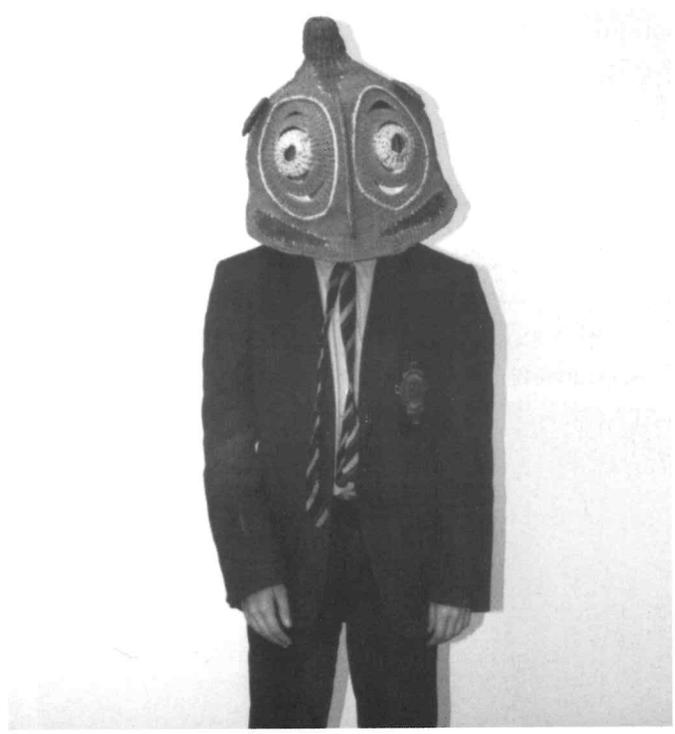
Sean Mc Garrity 9C:

"He showed us pictures of the mud men tribe. They got their name from centuries ago when another tribe invaded the village and they jumped into a mud swamp. They reappeared in front of the other tribe who thought they were spirits and ran off fearing for their lives."

Danny Toner 9C:



Christopher Black.



Gareth Shortt.

"Mr. Mc Guigan showed us how the rainforests were cleared to make way for farms and houses. In their culture they buried their families in the floor of their homes. Sometimes on special occasions the tribesmen wore huge head dresses made out of feathers of tropical birds found in the rainforests. These head dresses sometimes stretched twelve feet in the air and would be stitched to the head of one of the villagers.

All in all the whole group thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Mc Guigan's presentation. They were allowed to try on some of the fascinating masks that he had brought along and in return they showed him some examples of their own bird and animal masks that they were creating. This was a wonderful experience for them and everyone agreed that they would like to see him return some day.

Special thanks to Mr. Noel Mc Guigan for such a memorable and enthusiastic presentation and to Christopher Mc Nulty (9c), who was responsible for the initial contact with Mr. Mc Guigan, enabling us to make this possible.

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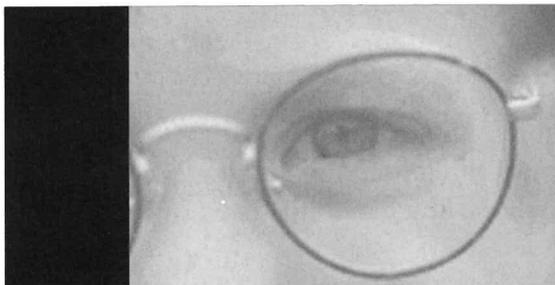
Well done to the 81 Year 8 and Year 9 pupils who braved the Junior Maths Challenge in April. This challenge consists of difficult mathematical problems and is organised on an annual basis by the School of Mathematics at Leeds University. It is completed concurrently at schools throughout the UK and Ireland, allowing pupils to pit themselves against others of a similar age.

St Mary's results this year were exceptionally good, with 17 pupils attaining bronze awards, 11 silver and 7 achieving gold awards.

The gold awards were presented to Gary Shaw, Aidan McCullough, Aidan McIlhennon, Kieran Carson, Christopher O'Kane, Mark McCallum and Michael McAnoy. Special congratulations to Michael, who attained the highest mark in the school and qualified for the UK Junior Mathematical Olympiad on 11th June 2002. Results of this elite competition will be available during the summer holidays.

And for next year's hopefuls, a small piece of advice from Mr McGreevy – "always do your brackets first"!!

Mr G O'Connor

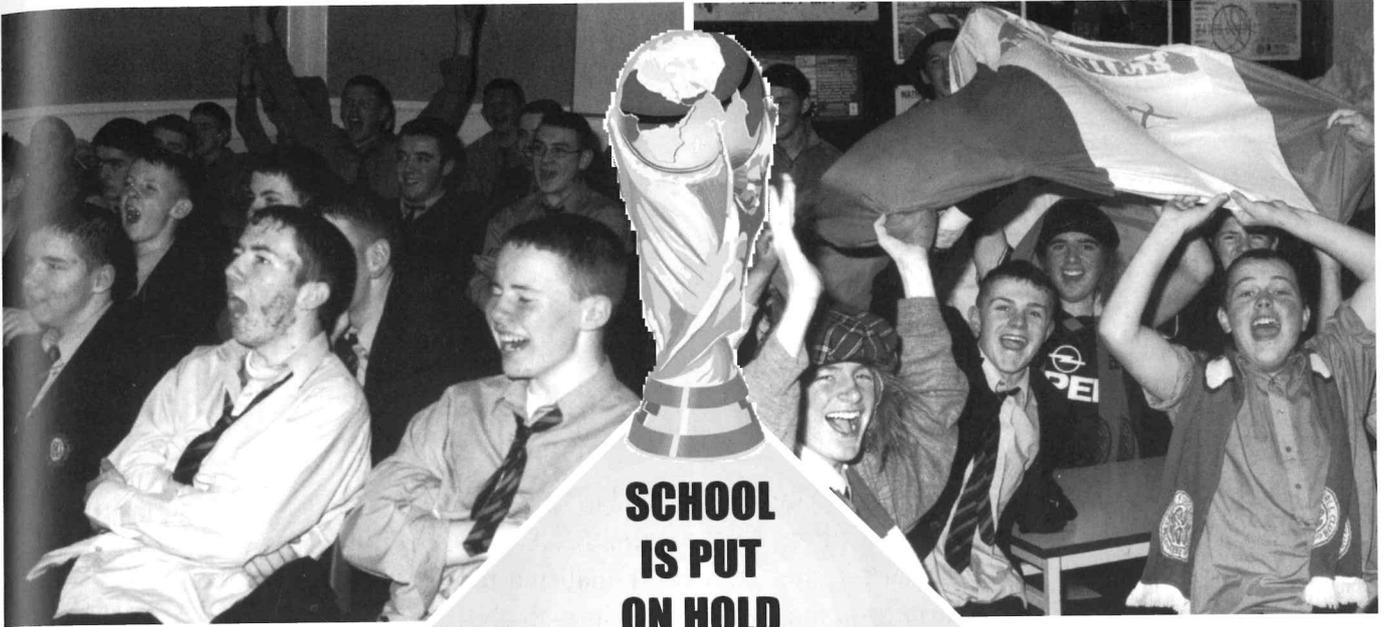


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HISTORY TRIP TO FRANCE

The History trip to France set off on March 15th 2002. Although we had to meet at the airport at 5.00am no one really minded as we were looking forward to the journey ahead.

We arrived in London to be greeted by our bus driver Steve. We then travelled on to Dover to catch the midday crossing to Calais. We had a four hour journey to our hotel when we arrived in France but it was worth it.

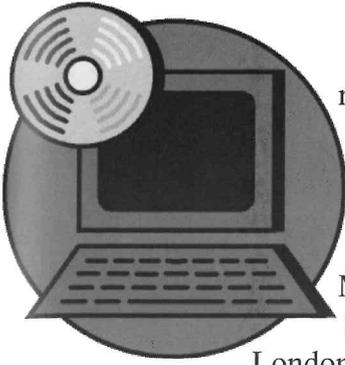
On our second day we visited the stunning Omaha Beach and then moved on to St. Mere Eglise. A wonderful day was topped off with a trip to the world famous Bayeux Tapestry. Day three took us to the spectacular Mont St. Michel and off to the local bowling alley for a few games, where I of course won!

Overall it was an excellent trip. Thanks to all the teachers who accompanied us on the trip, especially Mr. J. McClean who organised it all.

Eamonn McArdle 10B



WEB DESIGN COMPETITION



A competition was organised and open to all pupils to design a School related web page. This attracted a large number of entries from various students throughout the school and was judged by Mr M Leydon, Miss O Convery and Mr M Crilly.

Pictured below are the 2 winners with the PCs that each received as their prize as joint winners. The Prizes were a Pentium III and included Scanner, Microscope, Printer. These were donated by Mr. Gavin Boyle, a past pupil of St Mary's and now a financial manager with Tudor Proprietary Trading in London. The winners are Ciaran Dines 10F and Diarmuid Kelly 12D.



Diarmuid Kelly 12D



Ciaran Dines 10F

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Ciaran McConnell & Joseph Ward.

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Sean Maguire, Kieran Burns & Gary McAlorum.

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Year 8 and 9 Student of the Month Award

Starting in September, students in year 8 and year 9 have nominated their fellow students as student of the month. Each month, at least 7 year 8 and 7 year 9 students have been rewarded by trips to Craigavon Water Sports Centre for their academic and social achievements. Some of the happy campers are pictured below.





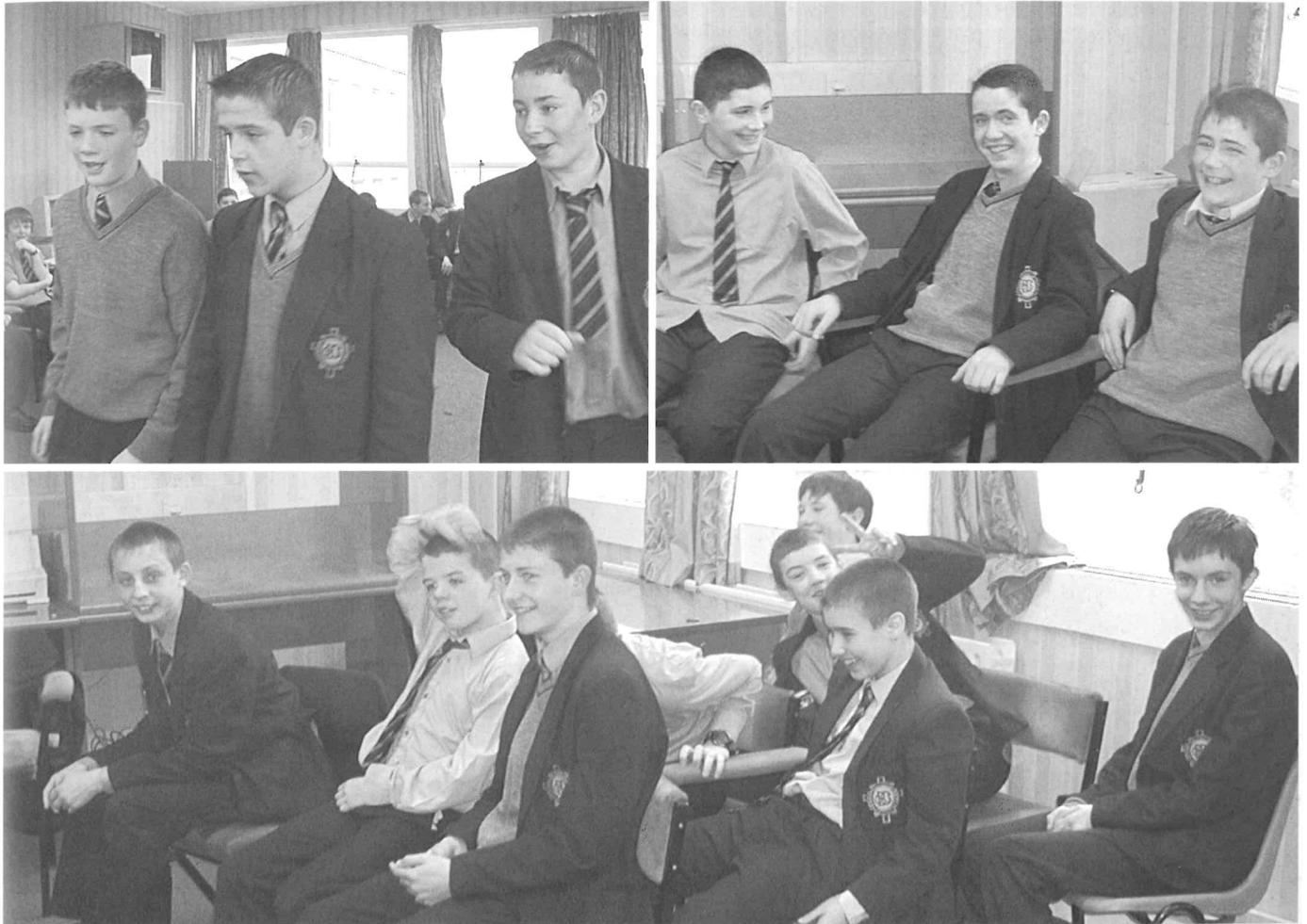
Pioneers

The Pioneers again attracted a large membership, especially in the Junior School.

We went on several trips including a trip to Portstewart and the Giant's Causeway as well as attending the Pioneer family sportsday in Garron Tower. Several of the Pioneers also joined the U12 soccer team which had a successful season in the Down & Connor League.

Year 8 and 9 Form Class Workshops

Year 8 and year 9 form classes spent some time with a group from R.O.C.K. Belfast in workshops which dealt with issues such as: 'Dealing with differences' and 'Getting on with others'. Accompanied with their form teachers the boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



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EDMUND RICE GAMES 2002

After an absence of several years the Edmund Rice games held between all the Christian Brother schools in the north of Ireland were revived on Friday, May 14th at the Mary Peters Track in Belfast. Schools from Omagh, Newry, Belfast, Glengormley, Armagh and Drogheda sent representatives to compete in track and field events. The year 2002 is a special year for Christian Brother schools as it is the bi-centenary of the setting up of the first school by the founder of the Christian Brothers, Edmund Rice. He was a wealthy Waterford businessman who recently widowed sold off his business interests and dedicated his life to the education of poor boys. Various celebrations are being held throughout this year throughout Ireland and the gathering together of hundreds of athletes on Friday was a part of this.



A wet and overcast day did not hamper the enthusiasm of boys from St. Mary's as they gathered at the Mary Peter's Track for the opening parade. Their enthusiasm was rewarded as they helped themselves to an impressive haul of medals in both track and field.

Outstanding for St. Mary's were track stars Michael Morgan (800m)

and Paul Egan(100m) who stuck gold in their individual events as well as partnering their team mates to gold in the 4 x 100m and Medley Relays. The 4 x 100 team were P Egan, Liam Knocker, Connor McConville and Conall Herron while the Medley consisted of M Morgan, C Herron, Malachy McAllister and Conor McCullough. Indeed the performance of St. Mary's in the relays was impressive as in addition to the Year 1 is there



were also wins for year 10 4 x 100 (Ryan Thibodeau, Brendan Farrell, David Corner and Daniel O'Neill) and silver for Year 10 Medley with Eamonn McManus in for Daniel O'Neill.

The Year 9 Medley team of Tony Alwell, Seosamh Malacco, Ciaran Moore and Paddy Davidson were gallant Bronze medallists behind Abbey, Newry and St. Patrick's, Armagh.



Other medallists for St. Mary's were Paddy Davidson (Silver 100m Year 9), Chris Wylie (Bronze 800m Year 11), and silver in the Long Jump for Martin White (Year 8) and Gerard Farrell (Year 9). Gerard was also the winner of the Year 9 Athlete of the Games. With such an impressive performance it is to be hoped that all the athletes who participated will continue to engage in athletics in the next few years.



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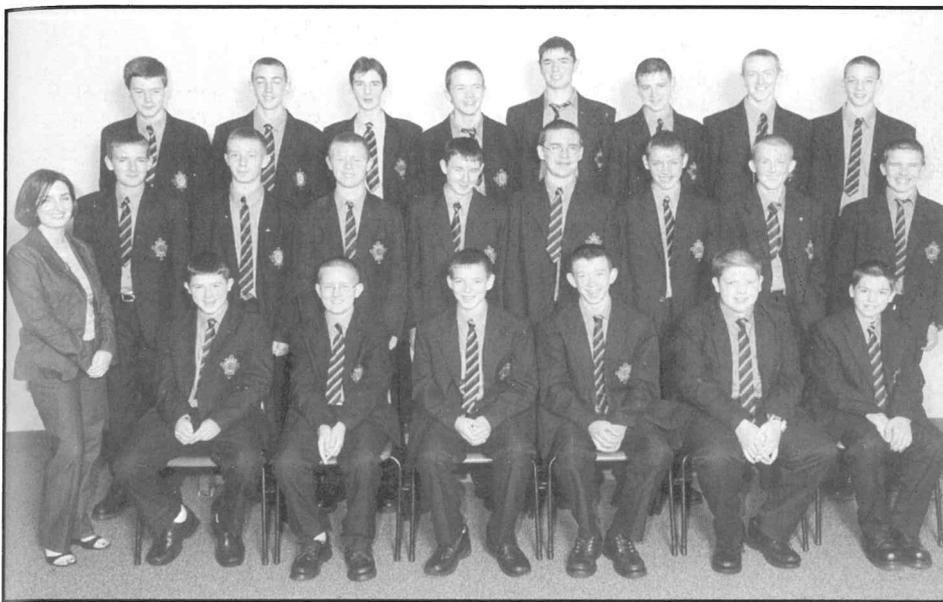
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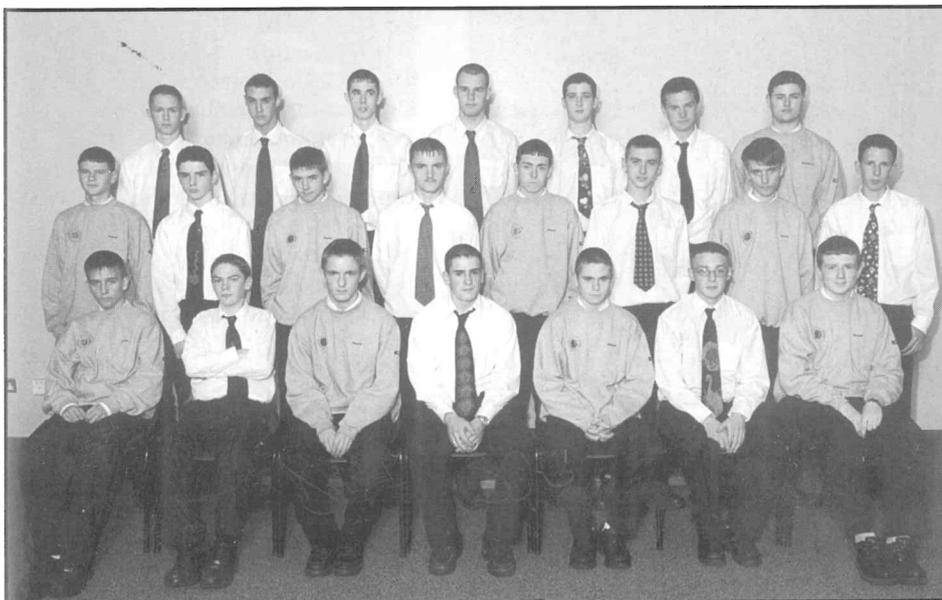
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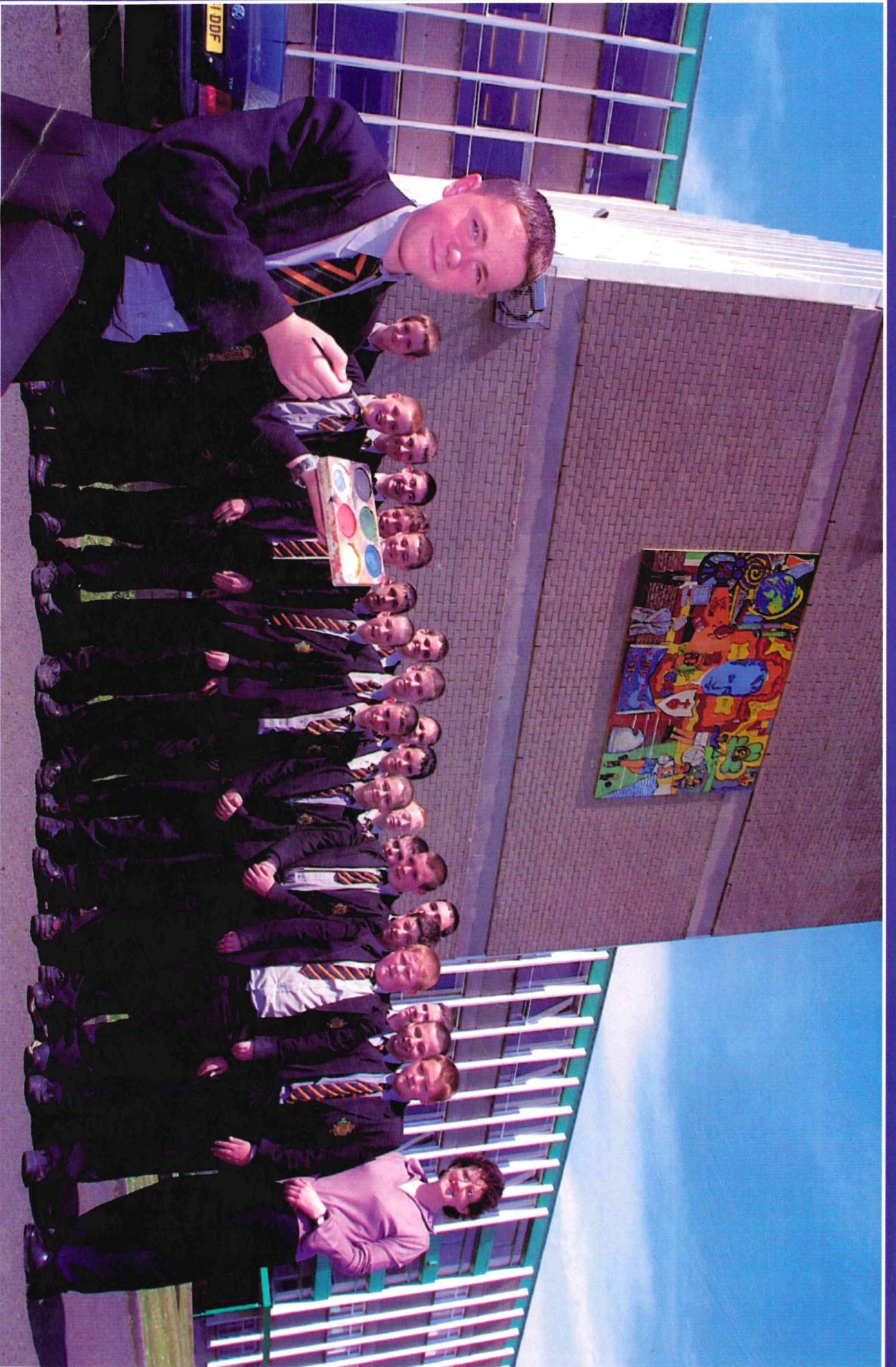
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