

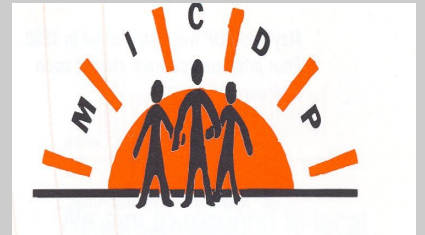
Mayfield Matters

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Community Resource Centre

10th Anniversary



The Mayfield CDP Resource Centre, at 328 Old Youghal Road, was opened 10 years ago on the 17th April 2003 by the then Minister Ó Cuiv (Department of Community Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs). Prior to that the CDP was based in Newbury House from 1990.

Since 2003 the building has been bustling with people and groups involved in many different initiatives and activities and today it remains a vibrant local resource for the Mayfield community.

The building is managed by a local voluntary management committee and is funded through different grants from the Community Services Programme, Pobal & the City of Cork VEC. Presently the centre also hosts a Tús placement worker. Support is also given to the centre for financial management from a Cork City Partnership Administrator.

This centre is open to all in the community, individuals and groups. See article in Mayfield Matters to see what is available.

Due to changes in funding sources, the management committee needs to fundraise to ensure the continuity of services at the centre. As part of this initiative a Table Quiz will take place on Friday 10th May in the Mayfield GAA Club. We would encourage all groups and individuals to come along and support this worthwhile event.

(See overleaf).

Mayfield Matters is staffed by a dedicated team of volunteers who contribute to the Newsletter in all the various stages of production. All contributors who write for the Newsletter do so on a voluntary basis. Mayfield Matters operates independently and is entirely self-funded.

Table Quiz



Mayfield Community Development Project invites you to join us at our "Table Quiz" to raise funds for your Resource Centre, Community Garden, Rainbow Childcare, Mayfield Matters Newsletter and the Community Adult Learning Project (CALP).

Friday 10th of May



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Mayfield CDP



Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal
Road, Mayfield.
Telephone: 021 450 8562

Resource Office:

This office is open Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 5pm and Fridays 9.30am to 1pm. Services provided to people and groups include:

- Photocopying,
- Faxing,
- Laminating,
- Typing of projects/letters/CV's,
- Binding of projects,
- Posters/fliers/leaflets,
- Information on services/groups in the Mayfield community.

The centre is open in the evenings from 7 to 9pm.

- Roseville Singers meet on a Monday night
- Over-eaters Anon on a Tuesday and Thursday night
- One-to-One Weight Management on Tuesday nights
- GROW meet on a Wednesday night.

The computerroom in the centre is available to local people who need access to it during the evening hours.

Rooms for hire:

The Community Resource Centre has a training/meeting room (20-25 people capacity) which is available for use by individuals and groups. Smaller rooms are also available for use. Contact the resource office for costs involved.

Computerroom:

The Community Resource Centre has a computerroom with eight computers which are connected to broadband and which are available to local people to use in a drop in basis. The room is also available for groups to use to run courses. To find out about this resource please contact the centre's resource office.

Mayfield Community Adult Learning Project C.A.L.P.:

This project runs community education, first step courses for adults living in the Mayfield community. Courses include Beginners computers, FETAC Level 3 computers, ECDL modules, Personal Development and First aid.

Rainbow Childcare Service:

This service is available to parents/carers of children aged 6 months to 5 years. Please contact Helena at 4508562 to enquire about available spaces.

Mayfield Community Garden:

A group of local adults have been working hard in the community garden that surrounds the Community Resource Centre. They meet on a Wednesday morning from 11am onwards for 2 hours to work on the garden. A trained tutor works with the group as the week's progress. This project has opened up the opportunity for the participants to complete a Level 3 FETAC course in Garden Design. The group are always looking for new 'gardeners' so if you are interested please contact the Community Resource Centre. It is hoped in conjunction with the Mayfield Community Adult Learning Project, a FETAC Level 3 course in Outdoor Vegetable Crop Production, will be organised in late April. This course is open to people living in the Mayfield Community.

Mayfield Matters – local newsletter:

This local newsletter is produced in the Community Resource Centre on a bi-monthly basis by a group of volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the centre.

Age Action Ireland:

This organisation uses the computer room on a Tuesday afternoon to run their one-to-one basic computer classes.

Spanish Classes: Are you interested in learning basic Spanish? If yes, new course will commence in April 2013. Please contact the Mayfield CDP if interested at 4508562.

Guitar Lessons: These run on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 5pm in the centre.

Senior Citizen – The Essential Guidebook: Available from the Resource Office in the centre. Drop in and pick one up.

Personal Information Pack: Available from the resource office in the centre. These packs are used for storing medical and personal details in a plastic container in your fridge. One special sticker that is known to the Emergency Services and other caring agencies is displayed in your house, attached to the frame of the door, so that it is visible when the door is opened. This pack is designed for use in emergency situations only and it is the responsibility of the Holder to keep it updated and accurate. These packs have been given to the centre from Age Action Ireland for distribution. If you use this pack please note disclaimer at back of the pack.

Alarms for the Elderly – For information on this scheme call into the Resource Office.

For further information regarding any of the above items please contact the Mayfield CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd, Mayfield at 4508562 or drop into the centre and we would be delighted to talk to you!

Mayfield Community Adult Learning Project C.A.L.P.

C/o CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd, Mayfield

Tel: 4508562

Email: mayfieldcalp@eircom.net



Congratulations...congratulations....congratulations...congratulations...

The voluntary management and Coordinators of the Mayfield Community Adult Learning Project C.A.L.P. would like to congratulate all the learners who received their FETAC Component Certificates in Computer Literacy level 3 on the 19th February 2013 at a joint presentation in the Mayfield Arts Centre, Old Youghal Rd. The Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. John Buttimer presented the certificates to the learners.

The enjoyable morning was shared with John FitzGibbon and Denis Barrett from the City of Cork VEC, the Chairperson of the Mayfield Community Adult Learning Project, representatives from Newbury House Family Centre, family & friends of the learners receiving their certificates. Presentations like this recognise the hard work of learners, tutors and organisers of the courses but it illustrates the importance of maintaining community education opportunities in the community which are accessible, local and affordable.

Social Media Safety Workshops

C.A.L.P. is looking at providing once-off workshops on Social Media Safety. These workshops will cover cyber bullying targeting young people, Facebook privacy settings, use of online forums such as chatrooms and how parents/carers can check search histories and see what young people are accessing on the computer. These workshops are aimed to help parents/carers/ guardians/grandparents get the knowledge they need to help ensure their children/guardians are using the internet in a safe way. If you would be interested in this please let us know by contacting the project at 4508562. If there is enough interest, the workshops will run late April or in May 2013.

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Courses April and May 2013

Outdoor Vegetable Crop Production

**FETAC Level 3 3N0890 in conjunction with the Mayfield Community Garden in the
Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd.**

Starting Wednesday, 24th April 2013.

(12 Wednesday morning sessions)

10.30am to 12.30pm

CDP Community Resource Centre, 328 Old Youghal Rd, Mayfield, Cork.

This course focuses on learner developing the knowledge and skills to complete basic horticultural tasks and gain experience in growing a variety of outdoor vegetables. Learners will develop a portfolio of work and will work in the Mayfield Community Garden that surrounds the Mayfield CDP Community Resource Centre. This is a FETAC level 3 course and if successful you will get a nationally recognised component certificate.

The course is open to adults living in the Mayfield Community who are unemployed or on a social welfare payment. The course is funded through the City of Cork VEC/Cork City Partnership Ltd.

Aims:

- To effectively and safely work on a range of horticultural tasks.
- To foster an understanding and appreciation of organic horticultural methods and ethos.
- To demonstrate safe use of tools and equipment.

Learners will get experience in growing a variety of outdoor vegetables.

If you are interested in participating in this course please contact the project at 4508562 or call into the office in the Resource Centre.

VACANCY

Mayfield Community Development Project

Community Employment scheme.

We are seeking a Receptionist/Administrator at our Resource Centre.

If you qualify for a CE Scheme placement, please forward your CV and application letter to:

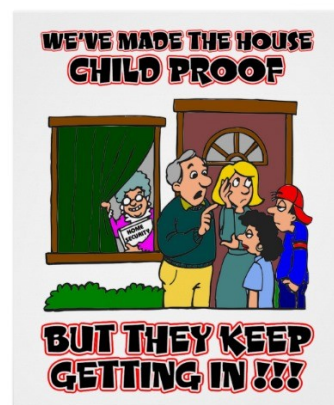
**Chairperson of the CDP
328 Old Youghal Road,
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Local Property Tax (LPT)

(A short guide).

Introduction

Under the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (pdf) an annual Local Property Tax (LPT) charged on all residential properties in the State will come into effect in 2013. A half year payment will be due in 2013, with a full year payment due in 2014. The LPT will be collected by the Revenue Commissioners.



If you own a residential property in the State you will be liable for payment of the tax. (This includes local authorities and social housing organisations.) See ‘Who is liable to pay the LPT’ below.

Residential property is any building or structure (or part of a building) which is used as, or is suitable for use as, a dwelling and includes grounds of up to one acre. The LPT does not apply to development sites or farmland. The tax payable will be based on the market value of relevant properties. The LPT is a self-assessment tax so you calculate the tax due based on **your own assessment of the market value of the property**. Revenue **will not be valuing properties** for LPT purposes but will provide guidance on how to value your property – see ‘Valuing your property’ below.

The Local Property Tax (LPT) replaces the Household Charge which has been abolished from 1 January 2013. Household Charge arrears will be capped at €130 if paid to the Local Government Management Agency by 30 April 2013. Household Charge arrears that are not paid by 1 July 2013 will be converted into LPT and collected by the Revenue Commissioners through the LPT system. The Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge on second homes will apply for 2013 and should be paid to the relevant local authority.

Summary of LPT procedure

From 11 March 2013 Revenue will write to residential property owners – see ‘Who is liable to pay LPT’ below. This letter will include an LPT Return form for completion, an explanatory booklet and a Revenue Estimate of LPT liability. The Revenue Estimate of LPT liability is not a valuation of a property nor should it be regarded as an accurate calculation of LPT liability. The Revenue Estimate is simply the amount that Revenue will collect from property owners if they do not submit their LPT return.

The explanatory booklet will help you to assess the value of your property– see ‘Valuing your property’ below - work out how much you will have to pay, complete the LPT Return form and decide how pay your LPT – see ‘How to apply’ below. You can read the explanatory booklet on the Revenue website (pdf) and see a sample LPT Return form (pdf).

You must send your completed LPT Return form back to Revenue by 7 May 2013 if submitting a paper form or by 28 May 2013 if submitting your return online through revenue.ie. The first LPT payment is due in July 2013, the exact date depends on your method of payment.

see ‘**Rates Table**’ on **Inside Back Page.** —————→

MEDICAL MATTERS

Health Risks from Animals

Pets can be a very important member of a household, and can have physical benefits (for example when having a dog makes you walk more) and also benefits for mental health in the companionship they provide. It is important to be aware of the health risks from animals in general and some simple ways of avoiding animal-related illnesses.

It is unlikely you would pick up any illness from a dog, cat or fish, or a small animal like a hamster. It is important however to keep pets and their living areas clean. They should also be regularly inspected by your family vet to make sure they are healthy and not carrying any chronic illnesses. Every time you touch your pet, feed your pet or clean up after your pet you should wash your hands to prevent any transmission of any germs they may be carrying. Children's hands should also be washed thoroughly with soap and water after handling animals, and children should not be allowed to kiss pets. Small children should be supervised while handling animals.

While the risk from usual household pets is very small, other animals warrant a mention. Reptiles (snakes, turtles, tortoises and lizards) in particular can carry a lot of germs and it is recommended that reptiles are not kept in a household with small children (under the age of 5) as they tend to be more prone to these types of illnesses. Also wild animals can be dangerous and are more likely to carry germs and should be avoided in general even when they appear friendly.

Dr Nicholas O'Keeffe
Knight's Hill Medical Centre,
Old Youghal Road,
Mayfield,
Cork.

CYBERPHOBIA (Can sometimes be justified)

By John Mallon



This short series of essays has attempted to take the mystery out of the personal computer and to give new and potential users the confidence to give it a try. As such, I have presented this technology in its best light. But are there any downsides to all this computing?

Society as a whole is changing dramatically and at a rapid pace. Many in the older age groups in particular, can hardly recognise the World they live in today. The computer industry maintains that it needs to adapt and change quickly to keep up with our changing society. But what if it is actually driving much of the change?

With your laptop, iPad or smart-phone, you are always "wired-in" no matter where you are. News of all kinds is instantaneous. This has spawned a generation who demand instant gratification. "If I can't have it this instant, I'll get it somewhere else," would seem to be the new mantra. This attitude has two negative sides to it. Firstly, it demonstrates a lack of patience and as importantly, shows a short concentration span as well. These two traits will always seriously affect a person's ability to achieve anything. In work, as in life, the devil is in the detail, and if you cannot concentrate or you are so impatient as to demand easy answers to complex questions, then you will never truly understand anything.

CYBERPHOBIA Continued



Just as challenging for society, is the sheer volume of material in all forms, now available just a click away. Instant gratification, the good and the bad of it, is immediately catered for free of charge, on any topic you can imagine, but, the great classical writers and the best work of mankind's greatest minds is up there alongside the pornographers, gambling sites and terrorist recruitment outposts. One set of information can be difficult and heavy reading while the other merely asks you to sit back and enjoy. If you do not possess the discernment to know the difference, the path of least resistance will always be the more attractive. The educated mind understands that equation while the mind that wants instant gratification right now is the one that is preyed upon. In so many ways, today's computing promotes lazy thinking, or worse, none at all.

Literacy and numeracy skill rates are also falling and I believe the proliferation of computing has greatly contributed to this. Calculators are built into every PC and spreadsheets will do your calculations on the fly. Word Processors will underline incorrect spellings and punctuation as you type and autocorrect these for you. There is little need therefore to have anything other than the basic skills. For those needing to write an essay at 'Third Level,' there is the possibility of plagiarism. Thousands of papers will have already been written on any topic by better and smarter people than you, and these are freely available on the internet. All the lazy mind has to do is to copy and paste. In response, clever correctors are now spotting two styles in a single paper. Often, a struggling introduction is followed by wonderfully cohesive writing, which is alerting the lecturer to possible plagiarism. By simply copying and pasting a suspect paragraph and searching the Internet for it, the lecturer can prove that the material has been stolen and the thief gets a big fat zero for their efforts.

In the wider context of living, there are other dangers from all of this technology. It has badly affected the spoken word and this in turn leads to an inability to express emotions and beliefs. When you combine the struggle to express your complex emotions with a limited vocabulary and throw in an audience with an attention span of four seconds, it becomes apparent that meaningful communication becomes nigh impossible. This can make a person very lonely in a crowd. Technology that promises to instantly connect you with anyone anywhere in the World becomes worthless if you have little to say and struggle to even say that. It can make a person feel shy and sad without knowing why.

There is a new phenomenon also called the virtual world. This is nothing short of a "Walter Mitty World" where the user or player, assumes a new identity in this new reality. In the real hum-drum world, you may be a bank clerk or shop assistant, but at night on your PC, you can be the ruler of a virtual City or Country. The makers of these environments have worked hard to make them very realistic, but they are inviting the unsuspecting to lead parallel lives.

The inventor of the Internet/World Wide Web, Tim Benners-Lee, gave away the technology for nothing for "the good of mankind". When confronted years later about all of the evils that lurk there now, he replied that it was a technology and mankind had simply used it as a mirror of its reality. As such, good and evil live side-by-side on the Internet, and it is really important that we all understand that.

So, it comes back to the discerning mind. If you have the ability to discern and the intelligence to know the difference, the Internet and all the attendant technologies are a blessing and a joy. If you do not, it is fraught with danger. Your PC, Laptop or Smart Phone, are your access points to the whole lot of it. Be careful what you wish for !

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10th Lifelong Learning Festival

The Mayfield Community Education Network (CEN) hosted its 10th lifelong learning festival on Wednesday, 20th March 2013 from 10.30am to 1pm in the Mayfield GAA Club, Kerry Road.

Unfortunately the Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Emmet O'Halloran was unable to attend the event to open it, but the Chair of the Mayfield Community Education Network, Hazel McCarthy opened the event and welcomed all in attendance. This opening was followed by two items from Gaelscoil Ghoirt Alainn – a traditional music group and a drama piece about the three little pigs. Maria Gillen, the story teller entertained the audience with her tales. Following this 2nd, 3rd and senior infants from Scoil Mhuire Banrion sang a selection of songs and St John's Choir involving 5th & 6th Class gave the audience a lovely example of choir singing. Ballroom dancing group and belly dancers entertained the audience with their dancing skills. Scoil Mhuire Banrion's 5th class sang three songs. The Mayfield Community School Choir concluded the morning's event with a selection of songs. It was great to see the range of talent displayed throughout the morning - well done to all.

As the morning's activities progressed, other groups in the community displayed their work. These included the Lotamore Family Centre who displayed beautiful pieces of stitch-work and crochet, the Cúig Artists displayed their art work and Age Action Ireland had an information stand on their services. The Mayfield Community Training Centre's Health & Recreation Group who are winners of a Cork Young Enterprise Award demonstrated their 'Wacky Workouts' Initiative.

Thanks to the Mayfield GAA Club for the use of their premises and to all of the groups that participated on the morning. It was a great morning of song and dance and a great celebration of some of the things that are happening in the Mayfield community for all ages.



ECHOES

by Billy Herdman

The echoes linger on my mind
Of days that used to be
The mighty gales and sailors' tales
And my youthful years at sea

It was wild and stormy weather as the Innisfallen left Penrose Quay. That night we knew that we were in for a long haul. It was mid-winter and the wind was blowing southeasterly, which in my estimation is the most wicked wind of all, and we hit it as we passed Roches Point Lighthouse. The engines had to be cut by about forty percent because if we went full ahead it would rattle the rivets out of us. The waiters would have an easy night, as only the die-hards would venture into the restaurant for a meal. I was on second watch that night and myself and three other watch-keepers would go on duty at 11pm to relieve the other four seamen. In those days, which were in the early fifties, the weather forecasts were not entirely accurate and we would not be surprised when a gale turned into a storm, and so it was. The "Fallen" would not have sailed if it was known. We would have three or four hundred passengers on board; many of them have been emigrants on their unhappy way to Britain. Little did they know of the violent trip of misery that they had to face.

I will try to describe my work as a seaman on such a night. I would go to my bunk, which was in a small cabin that I shared with three other sailors of our watch. There would be little sleep in weather such as this, so I would read my Evening Echo, which was a routine with me, and remains so to this day. We would be called at 10.45pm and begin our watch at 11pm. Two of us to the bridge to take the wheel and lookout duties, the other two on security duty around the decks. The wind had picked up considerably, as we climbed our way to the wheelhouse. It was even a struggle to get to the bridge in such atrocious conditions. The bridge would be in darkness except for the pale glow of the compass light shining on the face of the seaman at the wheel. It was my turn for an hour of steering and so I was given the course, and repeated it to the officer of the watch. I was told to give the wheel a lot of port, as the ship's head was constantly heading to Starboard, which is to the right. We were pounding along at the slow speed of seven or eight knots, with water cascading over the whole ship. I pitied the man on the lookout who would have to stand on the open wing of the bridge for an hour. I would have to do it on my next hour. Our course was roughly easterly so the wind was blowing in on the right side of our bow, when suddenly we saw this huge wave bearing down on us. It was like a mini tsunami - what had the God Posiedon in store for us? It looked like an avalanche of boulders which had broken off an enormous cliff. To counteract this Goliath of a wave I automatically turned the wheel to full port. Would it be enough? The officer shouted for us to hold on. He held the rails, I gripped the wheel and the man on the lookout went down on his hands and knees. I stared in disbelief at this huge element of nature about to strike us nearly head-on and my life did not flash before me. But I felt a great sense of fear and exhilaration at the same time as the sturdy ship slowly climbed this mighty wall of water and reached the top like someone climbing Mount Everest for the first time. It stopped and shuddered for a few seconds like a dog shaking off water then slowly swopped into the valley on the far side. It was something that I had never experienced before and never will again.

My hour on the wheel soon came to an end and my shipmate and myself went below to get a well earned cup of tea. The worst of it was now over. So we did a tour of the passenger accommodation with the night steward. It was a scene of devastation in third class. Everything that could move did move, except for the passengers, who lay scattered around staring up blankly at us, not caring whether they lived or died. But they would brighten up when the ship docked. The night Steward pointed out one young crew member whose cabin was in third class and was huddled in a corner with an umbrella covering him as much as possible. I think that it was through fear. But we christened him Brolly for the rest of his time on the ship which was not very long.

My next hour on watch was on the lookout and so I had to put on my hard weather gear, which consisted of an oilskin coat, a pair of rubber sea boots and a hat called a Sou'wester. But most important of all was the Evening Echo, which was folded and placed under my jumper, as they were large editions in those days it covered my whole chest and kept out the biting wind. It was the perfect answer to a perfect storm. Later when we docked in Fishguard the same echo would be passed on to a railway docker from Cork and then on to his family who read it from cover to cover. Who knows what happened to it after that. It was worth every penny.

Dr. James Good, sagart ar leith

Le: Aodán Ó Sé.

Bhí seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl ar fuaid na tíre i mí na Márta seo a imigh tharainn. Mar cuid de cheiliúradh na Féile, d'fhreastal mé ar léacht (lecture) i leabharlann An Ghort Álainn i gCorcaigh. *Mo Scéal Féin* ba theideal don léacht ag an Athair James Good, sagart go bhfuil naoi mbliana is ceithre scór (89) slán aige. Fear ard seang isea é, loinnir an ghrinn ina shúile agus sruth líofa na Gaeilge ina chanúint bhog Chorcaí.

Cad é mar scéal abhí le h-insint aige! Rugadh é i bparóiste Fhionnbarra Theas, cois Laoi. Nuair a chuaigh James ar Scoil Neasáin na mBráithre Críostaí, bhí post ag a athair le grúdlann (brewery) Beamish. Achrann de shaghas éigin ba chúis lena phost a chailliúint, rud a chuir oideachas James in amhras. Ach d'éirigh leis scoláireacht Bhar-das Chorcaí a bhaint amach chun go bhfanadh sé ar an mheánscoil. Faoin tráth seo, bhí an Ghaoluinn ar a thoil aige. D'aistrigh se chuig meánscoil na deoise ag Fearann Phiarais. Ba dhual do líon maith dá cuid daltaí dul le sagartóireacht.

Bhain sé scoláireacht eile amach chun freastal ar Choláiste Mhá Nuadhat mar dhaltá cónaithe. Is ansin a chuaigh an fuacht is an t-ocras go mór i bhfeidhm air, i dteannta saol rialta na n-ábhar sagart. Thaithin Diagacht (theology) agus Laidin go mór le James. Díol iontais dúinn inniu go raibh 75 ábhar sagart in aon rang leis. Oir-neadh ina shagart é sa bhliain 1948, agus sheol Easpag Chorcaí (Dr. Daniel Cohalan) é chuig Coláiste na Naomh Uile (All Hallows) i mBaile Átha Cliath le dochtóireacht sa Diagacht a bhaint amach. Bunaíodh an coláiste seo i 1842 le oiliúint a chur ar dhaltá le sagartóireacht. Réitigh sroid an choláiste go mór leis agus d'fhan seo ann mar oide ar feadh cúig bliana breise.

Ghlaoigh easpag Chorcaí ar ais air chun bheith ina léachtóir i UCC. Theastaigh ó Uachtarán UCC, Dr. Alfred O'Rahilly go gcuirfí léann na Diagachta ar bun sa choláiste, ach bhí riail i mBunreacht an choláiste gan claonadh ná fábharcht a thabhairt do chreideamh ar bith. Shocraigh Ó Rathaille go nglacfaí le Ollamh Diagachta gan tu-arastal agus go gceapfadh an coláiste an duine chéanna ina léachtóir le Fealsúnacht (Philosophy) le tuarastal. Fuair James Good an dá phost le chéile, i ndiaidh dó dochtóireacht a bhaint amach ag Ollscoil Innsbruck na h-Eilbhéise (Switzerland). Is cuimhin leis go mbíodh sé ag comhrá as Laidin, ceal eolais ar an nGearmáinis!

Chaith James Good 15 bliana ag teagasc i UCC agus cúig bliana eile ag teagasc i gColáiste Muire gan Smál, Luimneach faoi scáth UCC. Bliain chinniúnach (a fateful year) ina shaol ab ea 1968. Níor ghlac sé ina iomlán le imlitir *Humanae Vitae* an Phápa Pól VI. Cheap sé go mba chóir cearta frithghiniúna (contraception rights) a bheith ag lánúin phósta. Scaip tuairimí an Dr. Good tríd na meáin phoiblí. Ba mhór an chnámh spairne iad i measc an phobail Caitlicí. Chuir an t-easpag Lucey cosc air aitheasc (sermon) a rá agus faoistin (penance) a éisteacht. D'éirigh sé as bheith ina Ollamh le Diagacht, ach choimeád sé a phost eile sa bhFealsúnacht.

Bhí an tríú post ag Dr. Good, áfach. Bhunaigh an t-easpag Lucey Cumann Uchtála Naomh Áine (Adoption Society) i 1954 agus cheap sé James Good mar stiúirtheoir ar an gCumann. Chuireadar brú ar an Rialtas Acht Uchtála a chur i bhfeidhm agus a leasú ar mhaithe leis an gcreideamh Caitliceach. Chaith Dr. Good 12 bliana ag obair leis an cúram seo, tráth gur tugadh breis is 950 leanbh le h-uchtáil fé scáth an Chumainn. Rugadh a bhformhór díobh siúd i Sasana, mar ar theitheadh mná singil as Éirinn abhí ag iompar linbh.

Bhí dúil riamh ag James Good dul chuig An Afraic mar mhisinéir, rud a dhein sé sa bhliain 1974. Lonnaíodh é i bhfásach (desert) Turkana, i dtuaisceart Kenya. Bhí séipéal agus ospidéal ann, ach bhíodar 200 míle ó'n príomhchathair Nairobi. Turas dhá la abhí i gceist. Bhí ganntanas bídh agus ábhar leighis ag goilliúint go géar ar an gceantar. Ina aimhdheoin sin is uile (despite all of that), thaithin saol an mhisinéara le Dr. Good. Sa bhliain 1980, tháinig an t-easpag Lucey ar cuairt go Turkana, agus é á lorg mar thiománaí agus mar chompánach. D'innis Lucey dhó go raibh 78 bliana slán aige féin agus go gcaithfeadh sé deire a shaoil mar ghnáth shagart cunta in éineacht le Dr. Good. Nuair a theip ar shláinte an Dr. Lucey, bhí leukaemia ag cur as dó, agus bhí air filleadh ar Chorcaigh mar a fuair sé bás in 1982. Chaith an bheirt shagart dhá bhliain i dteannta a chéile san Afraic.

D'fhill Dr. Good ar Chorcaigh níos déanaí chun aire a thabhairt dá dheirfiúr Mary, tráth go raibh an tsláinte ag teip uirthi. Chuir sé fé i nDúglais, ar imeall chathair Chorcaí, mar a mbaineann sé taithneamh as saol an phinsinéara, saol ata lán-tuilte aige ar ndóigh. Fear intleachtúil, dea-bhéasach, coinsiasach a sheas le fód a chuid smaointe agus nár chlis riamh ar a chreideamh Críostaí.



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A CHANGE OF TEMPO

By Charlie Wilkins

The whole garden is singing a hymn of praise and thankfulness for not alone the milder conditions, but a gentle washing with soft rain, and so, as April advances into its second week and temperatures continue to improve, all thoughts of winter are forgotten. From every part of the spectrum flowers are arriving. Day by day their numbers swell and for the first time the borders are beginning to look properly furnished. I can now finally indulge myself to the full in the presence of well-loved, welcoming plants

Just outside the garden studio, a clump of Crown Imperials (*Fritillaria imperialis*) stand bold and upright as if seeking some of the exclusive attention recently given to neighbouring *Erythroniums*. Of all the horticultural events of spring, none is more evocative than, or looked forward to with so much sentiment, as the eruption of these fritillaria as they come into bloom. For once, the old varieties still remain best-clumps of 'Lutea maxima' with their fresh green leaves and stems, complimenting bright yellow flowers and 'Rubra Maxima' with maroon-brown stems and rusty orange flowers. Both smell decidedly of foxes when in bloom and even more-so when the large bulbs are being planted in September. The flower-heads resemble giant pineapples with tufts of leaves above the clusters of hanging bells. The whole plant grows to four feet and unless the garden is excessively exposed, no staking will be needed. These are such imposing plants that I like to see them isolated in clumps of fives and sevens in the border with a background of green to set them off. You could mass forget-me-nots or wallflowers around them to make a billowing foil, but my choice of companion planting is the pure white, low-growing and spreading perennial, sold as *Iberis sempervirens*. There is nothing subtle about this plant as it develops into a mound of dazzling white which stuns the garden during April and May. Being evergreen it is useful for powerful colour schemes, but never more eye-catching than when associated with those *Fritillaria* or indeed inter-planted with vivid red tulips (*Praestens fusilier*) or flame-coloured wallflowers.

The only species you are likely to be offered is *sempervirens* or 'Snowflake'. The flowers are borne in closely-packed heads, each flower exhibiting the 4-petalled arrangement of the Cabbage family. The flowering period is May-June and the height and spread are variable depending on the variety chosen. The better form is 'Snowflake' I would argue and in reality it reaches a height 9 inches with a spread 18 inches. Cheap, reliable, easily sourced this month and fully evergreen when it decides to stop flowering, either variety will please the most fastidious gardeners. Good plants are on sale just now at Beech Hill Garden Centre but do hurry as they sell out fast.

IN THE GARDEN THIS WEEK

The box plants are frothing, and the forget-me-nots are about to flower at their bluest among the emerging tulips. The really nice thing about these is that the forget-me-nots grow taller as the tulips go over, tenderly engulfing them and hiding the shame of decay in their embracing arms. With gratitude I give thanks for the lady who years ago brought me my very first clump of forget-me-nots. "You'll never again be without these" she scolded, and how right she was! Today, they come up in their hundreds and have to be restricted on a regular basis.

The box plants are indeed frothing and care must now be taken to keep them free from box blight. This disfiguring fungal disorder is best prevented by regular spraying with fungicide (Dithane 945 or even Roseclear), not allowing them stand for prolonged periods in wet soil (improve drainage) and to let them go hungry.

The real excitement for many gardeners this past week or two has been the opening of the magnolia blossom. I notice them all around; huge plants studded from top to bottom with chalices of white, purple and pink. What flowers and what utter purity they display! Friends brought a light bough with seven blooms for me to admire. What amazed me was their smoothness, a chamois texture in each no less, soft in every respect and coupled to the rhythmic curve of the petals. The blooms had another quality-an unearthly scent, the very essence of lemon. How noble these magnolias are - my one regret is in not having space to enjoy them outside either the back or front door of 'Villa Marie.'

Weeds and long grasses growing under (new) hedges are often overlooked but they need pulling out. Left undisturbed they will rob the soil of moisture and nutrients to the detriment of the hedge itself. If you work carefully, these growths can be quickly and easily killed with 'Weedol' even when conditions are cold and miserable. The Weedol won't kill the likes of dandelion and dock but all the softer kinds (grasses included) will be dead and gone in four to five days. Avoid getting the weed-killer onto the hedge itself or indeed onto any ornamental plants growing nearby though it won't harm the hedge should you get it on the woody lower stems. Keep it away from green growth that's ornamental.

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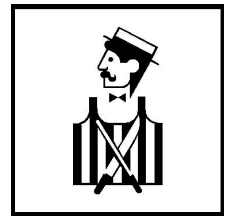
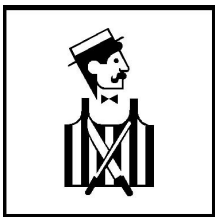
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Again, contributors may use our email address: mayfieldcdp2@eircom.net or post it (or deliver by hand) to: Mayfield Matters, 328 Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork.

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April 2013

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I have recently lost my job and I am applying for Jobseeker's Benefit. How long can I get the benefit for?

Answer

Jobseeker's Benefit is a weekly payment from the Department of Social Protection (DSP). It is paid to people who are out of work and are covered by social insurance (PRSI). If you qualify for Jobseeker's Benefit, how long you will get it for depends on how many paid PRSI contributions you have.

Before April 2013, if you had at least 260 paid contributions you could be paid Jobseeker's Benefit for up to 12 months. If you had less than 260 paid contributions you could be paid Jobseeker's Benefit for up to 9 months. If you were aged under 18, you would only get Jobseeker's Benefit for a maximum of 6 months.

The length of payment for Jobseeker's Benefit is now being reduced by 3 months. For people with at least 260 paid PRSI contributions, it is reduced from 12 months to 9 months. For those with less than 260 paid PRSI contributions, it is reduced from 9 months to 6 months.

People already getting Jobseeker's Benefit for 6 months or more on 3 April 2013 (3 months or more for people with less than 260 contributions) are not affected.

Further Information

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MAYFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden group are back in business and meet every Wednesday, 10.30 -12.30 and is open to new 'budding' gardeners at any time. More information contact Mayfield CDP at 4508562

Three of the group have completed a FETAC course on Garden Design and are willing to share their knowledge and experience with aspiring gardeners. The Village Fair was held on March 21 at St. Joseph's Community Centre and the group displayed their wares and informed those interested about their activities. At time of writing the extremely cold spell is inhibiting planting but we expect production to commence shortly. We shall start sowing early potatoes to prevent blight as a first activity.

The group will participate in a table quiz on Friday May 10th at Mayfield GAA club and it is hoped that a successful quiz will enhance the purchase of a Polytunnel.

Adults currently involved in the Community garden will be participating on a new Outdoor Vegetable Crop Production Level 3 FETAC course starting Wednesday, 24th April 2013 for 12 sessions. This course is being organised by the Mayfield Community Adult Learning Project C.A.L.P. This course is open to people living in the Mayfield Community who are unemployed or on a social welfare payment. More information contact C.A.L.P. at 4508562 or see C.A.L.P.'s article in this edition.

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News From Nowhere

by Michael O'Donnell

Thomas Francis Meagher(Meagher of the Sword) was born in Waterford on August 3, 1823. Meagher was an Irish nationalist and leader of the Young Irelanders in the Rebellion 1848. Our National Flag, the Tricolour was brought from France in 1848 by Meagher. The Flag of Green, White and Orange was made by and given to Meagher by French women sympathetic to the Irish cause. Meagher was found guilty of sedition and before sentence was passed he said to the Judge,“ My Lord, this is our first offence, but not our last. If you will be easy with us this once, we promise on our word as gentlemen to try better next time.”

Thomas Francis Meagher was first sentenced to death, but was reprieved and transported to Van Diemen's Land in Australia. While serving his sentence he had a small boat called, Speranza, the nom de plume of Lady Jane Wilde, mother of Oscar Wilde. Lady Wilde wrote for the Young Ireland paper, The Nation, where she encountered Meagher. Lady Wilde spoke of Meagher in glowing terms as being, “handsome with commanding powers of oratory.”

Meagher's name is inscribed on the National Monument on The Grand Parade. Also named on the Monument is Catherine Marchioness of Queensbury, mother of Jack Douglas who prosecuted Oscar Wilde. In 1852 Meagher escaped to the United States and settled in New York. At the beginning of the American Civil War, he joined the U.S. Army and rose to the rank of Brigadier General. He was most notable for recruiting and leading the Irish Brigade and encouraging support among Irish immigrants. Following the Civil War, Meagher was appointed acting Governor of Montana. In 1867, Meagher drowned in the swift running Missouri River after falling accidentally from a steamboat. Meagher was survived by his second wife, Elizabeth Townsend (1840-1906), and his son by his first wife Katherine Bennett. His son grew up in Ireland and never knew his father.

On Sunday March 10, in Waterford City, Gilbert Meagher, Great-Great-Great Grandson of Thomas Francis Meagher presented Meagher's Sword to the people of Waterford.

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Picture shows children and staff of Lotamore Childcare Centre who took part in the National Pyjama Day on March 8th on behalf of the Irish Hospice Foundation. €350.00 was raised for the Foundations Children's Hospice Homecare Programme.



A brief History of the 4th Infantry Battalion

By Gerry White

Friday, 23 November 2012, was a historic day for Collins Barracks and the city of Cork as the 4th Infantry Battalion was formally disbanded as part of a major reorganisation of the Defence Forces. On that day the battalion paraded for the last time and large crowds gathered in the barracks to bid farewell to a unit that had been based in Cork since 1930. Over the years many young men from Mayfield served in the ranks of the 4th Battalion so it is important that the people of the locality know something of its history.

As a unit of the Defence Forces the 4th Battalion could trace its origins to the formation of Óglaigh na hEireann- The Irish Volunteers- which were formed at a public meeting held in the Rotunda Rink, Dublin one hundred years ago on the night of 25 November 1913. The Irish Volunteers went on to take part in the 1916 Easter Rising and the War of Independence. In 1922 the movement split over the Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland and fought a bitter Civil War that came to an end in May 1923.

The Treaty provided for the establishment of a National Army and in January 1923 an establishment of sixty-five infantry battalions was authorised. One of these units was the 4th Battalion which was based at Renmore Barracks, Galway. The following year the Battalion moved to the Cavalry Barracks in Castlebar, Co. Mayo, where it came under the command of Commandant Sean Haughey, the father of former Taoiseach Charles J. Haughey. In 1927 the 4th battalion moved to Limerick and three years later it came to Collins Barracks in Cork, beginning an association with the city that would last for eighty-two years.

During the 1930s the 4th battalion was primarily engaged in the duties associated with peacetime soldiering, but all that would change in September 1939 when the Second World War broke out. During the war, which in Ireland became known as 'The Emergency,' the headquarters of the battalion moved to Fermoy and the unit itself was tasked with defending an area of coastline extending from Cork to the mouth of the Shannon. From an operational point of view this task was immense but the troops of the 4th Battalion responded with zeal. The troops of the Battalion also participated in a number of other events during the emergency. In 1941 the unit took part in a turf cutting campaign at Nad Bog in an effort to alleviate the fuel shortage then being experienced throughout the country. The following year the unit participated in the famous 'Blackwater Manoeuvres' and in 1944 a unit from B company of the 4th Battalion marched straight into the Guinness Book of Records when they completed a forced march of 42 miles in 11 hours and 49 minutes- a record that was only recently beaten by a unit from the armed forces of the United States of America

When the war ended the 4th Battalion again became the main garrison unit of Collins Barracks. The next major development in the history of the Battalion occurred in July 1960 when the first members of the unit to serve overseas with a United Nations peace support operation travelled to the Congo. In the years that followed thousands of soldiers from the battalion served with other United Nations mandated missions in countries such as Cyprus, Egypt, Lebanon, Somalia, Kosovo, Ethiopia, Chad and Liberia. The soldiers of the 4th Battalion served with great distinction on all these missions and five members of the unit were awarded An Bonn Seirbhíse Dearsna (The Distinguished Service Medal) in recognition of their service overseas. Unfortunately, peacekeeping often comes with a price and four members of the unit lost their lives while serving under the blue flag of the United Nations.

In addition to overseas service the soldiers of the 4th Battalion also developed a proud record of providing assistance to the civil authorities and alleviating the hardships imposed on the general public during periods of extreme weather. The tradition of service and soldiering built up by those who served within the ranks of the 4th Battalion over the years is something that they, and the people of Cork, can be proud of.

POETRY

To the Memory of Fr. Christy Harrington

The Angelus Bell his requiem tolled
While sweet choir voices Aves intoned
Family and congregation in sorrow knelt
For one whose life too soon was spent

So much to give and well his talents shared
While blessed were all for whom he cared
Work he loved as a parent for its child
A shielding shepherd to his flock so wide

Father faithful, teacher of truth
A listening ear for aged and youth
Merciful master, comforting confessor
A healing hand for all in sorrow

A man was he-a man for every season
Too soon taken but for so not to reason
Now 'neath a chapel grassy knoll to abide
And as in life, Mother Mary by his side

Catherine Maureen McNeill

Grandparents' Day

by Shaunagh Murphy

I write this prayer for you
To show my love is true
You're my star, you shine so bright.
You are with me day and night

I love you so
And I want you to know
That I'd be lost without you.
You're my light

You guide me in the dark
I love you, you know it's true
Now and forever
Lots of love

WATER DEMOCRACY OR WATER POVERTY

By Ted Tynan

The meaning a society attaches to water is an important indicator of how that society imagines both itself and the natural world. In this country, given how often it falls from the sky, we have a tendency to take water for granted. We often forget that whenever we make a cup of tea or take a shower we rely upon a whole host of social and ecological relationships that are, in turn, governed by political decisions.

It is vital that we think about who is making these decisions and whose interests they serve. In her book *Water Wars*, the Indian author Vandana Shiva underlines the principles of what she calls ‘water democracy,’ stating that ‘water is a commons. It cannot be owned as private property and sold as a commodity.’ In our globalised capitalist epoch, this democratic view of water is increasingly under threat.

Since the early 1990s, the IMF and World Bank have been aggressively pushing a programme of water privatisation in many developed and developing countries as stipulations in trade agreements and loan conditions. There is a global effort to replace water democracy—the collective ownership of water sources—with corporate control. It’s clear which side our current Government is on in this conflict between democratic and corporate interests. The Water Services Bill recently passed in the Dáil gives statutory powers to establish a national water company, taking control of water away from local authorities. A statement from Bord Gáis released last year remarks that Irish Water represents ‘an opportunity to establish a commercially successful infrastructure company that will deliver quality services to the population, at reasonable prices, while also creating a valuable asset for the state.’ Under the terms of the EU-IMF bailout, Ireland has committed to sell off up to €3 billion of State assets, and the Government are currently busy selling off Bord Gáis to the highest bidder (most likely the British company Centrica).

With the announcement last year that Bord Gáis and Irish Water would be merged, it’s not hard to see what the Government are planning. Recently, a booklet was sent out with people’s gas bills stating the ‘need for water reform.’ Don’t be fooled by this glossy leaflet and its vacuous rhetoric: reform is simply a codeword for privatisation. The booklet argues that most of the funding for running water services comes from ‘State sources’ and that additional charges from householders are needed.

What are these State sources, however, other than the taxes paid by you and me? The State’s tax take is meant to cover the provision of public services such as water. The booklet also states the Government’s intention to turn the provision of water into a profit making exercise, suggesting that Irish Water will be involved in ‘raising finance internationally.’ Why on Earth should our nation’s water service provider be getting involved in international finance?

In Britain, the most worrying effect of the privatisation begun under the Thatcher regime is the emergence of what is called ‘water poverty.’ This is when a household spends 3% or more of its income on water bills. A 2011 report by a British think-tank states that, with climate change making water increasingly scarce, an estimated four million households in the UK are now ‘water poor.’

In 1989, when water and sewage services were privatised in England and Wales, prices rose by 50% in the first four years and continued to rise for the next five, leaving one in five householders in debt to their water company. These price rises were almost entirely benefiting the profit margins of the companies rather than going towards improving services. Pre-tax profits after privatisation doubled in the first year and rose by 142% over eight years.

The British Medical Association condemned water privatization for its health effects as dysentery increased six-fold. According to a report by the UK Environmental Agency, between 1997 and 1998 all ten of the water companies operating in England and Wales had been found guilty of pollution offences.

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Water Democracy or Water Poverty? (Continued)

In France, customer fees increased 150% while the water quality declined following privatisation. In a Government report, it was revealed that over 5.2 million people had received 'bacterially unacceptable water'. In 1998, the water in Sydney was found to be contaminated with parasites shortly after its water was taken over by the company Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux.

The list of such incidents goes on and on. The only rational conclusion is that water privatisation leads to an increase in costs for householders, a diminution in the quality of services, and a massive rise in profits for the executives of the companies.

We are facing into a new era in which the welfare of the planet is threatened by climate change. This is one of the greatest challenges humankind has ever faced, but how we tackle it is up to us. We can either hand things over to an unaccountable elite whose prime concern is their profit margins, or else we can face it together, using principles of democracy and fairness to guide us.

Water privatisation is an affront to democratic principles. You may well hear people insisting that charges are the only way to get people to conserve water. It is only a short step, however, from charges to privatisation, and our current Government, due to their subservience to the leaders of global capitalism, seem hell bent on making it. This would be a dire mistake for the political and ecological future of our country.

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Gardening Hints

By Greenfingers.

Now that Spring is here it's time to start sowing :

Early Potatoes (Kerr Pink) produce “new” spuds that are typically harvested in June. To sow outside choose a sunny spot and avoid frost pockets. Prepare ground-weed free and place manure along the row. Sow at a depth of 5 to 12 inches apart. Cover with the soil to your right. Another ridge space, 12 inches then water.

Carrot - Early Scarlet Horn. The soil must be deep, fertile and rather sandy. Plant 2-3 in apart. Water if the soil is dry and thin in the evening.

Parsnip - needs a good deep soil-Frost improves flavour. Varieties, Tender and True are canker resistant. Break down clods and rake in *Growmore* fertilizer when preparing the seed beds.

Herbs - the best way to grow herbs is in pots in a paved area. Herb plants are available from the Beech Hill Garden Centre, Montenotte and are good value. Purchasing herbs from Supermarkets can be expensive and disappointing. Greenfingers, advises the purchasing of 6 pots. Then choose 6 Herb varieties e.g. Basil, Chervil, Sage, Parsley, Mint and Rosemary. Herbs should be grown for their Medicinal and tonic properties.

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Congratulations:

A special word for 6th class pupil **Tomás Cronin** who won the 31kg category of the Munster Juvenile Boxing Competition last Sunday, having been victorious in the Cork Championship two weeks previously. Well done Tomás! We look forward to a future Olympic Champion!

Sacraments:

Preparation and practice for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation are continuing apace. The boys with Ms. Melia's 2nd class went to Our Lady Crowned Church on Wednesday 13th March for First Penance. It was a lovely ceremony and historical too, with the announcement half-way through of our new Pope Francis.

The following evening our Sixth Class boys, with their teachers Ms. Cronin and Ms. O'Shea and parents held a wonderful Ceremony of Light, in preparation for their Confirmation in April.

Life-Long Learning Festival

Our school choir, directed by Ms. Cronin, gave a lovely recital at the festival in Mayfield G.A.A. Club on Wednesday March 20th. We were pleased to be associated with the Life-Long Learning initiative with many parents attending.

World Book Week

As usual we had an action packed week of literacy initiatives to celebrate World Book Week. We held a hugely successful Book Fair, where we raised over €700 in book rewards for the school library. All week pupils were encouraged to "Drop Everything And Read," (DEAR) for ten minutes each day. We were delighted to welcome back our past pupils as guests who read and completed an activity with each class. Well done to all who entered the various competitions and quizzes. A special congratulation to the winners!



Port of Cork Project

Our school continues to take part in this worthwhile event. This year, our fifth class with Ms. O'Shea, are undertaking a project to explore the idea of a welcoming piece of sculpture for Cork Harbour to mark this year's The Gathering Programme. We have been lucky to avail of the services of Ms. Jean Barry-Murphy to help with the project. Jean is a talented artist and has shared her creative skills with our boys.

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Bliain Nua an Sínigh Rang Maria

celebrated the Chinese New Year, the year of the snake last month. We all dressed up in Chinese clothes or red clothing as red is the colour of good luck. We had lots of fun learning about Chinese culture, food and traditions. Gung hei fat choi gach duine!



Lá Léitheoireachta Liam

We had a very special day in our school recently to commemorate the short life of our young friend Liam Carcione. As Liam loved books, the annual '**World Book Day**' will be renamed as '**Lá Léitheoireacht Liam**' in our school. All the children in the school dressed up as the character of their choice and all classes had a display of the work they had done. Finally, there was a lovely, yet moving, tribute held in Liam's honour.

Naíonáin Bheaga ag céiliúradh Hina Matsuri.

Hina Matsuri also known as Dolls' Day or Girls' Day is celebrated on March 3rd every year in Japan. Naíonáin Bheaga celebrated the occasion on behalf of the school this year by performing songs in Irish and Japanese. They also tried some traditional Japanese food such as sushi. The verdict on the food? Mixed to say the least!

Check out our website www.gortálainn.ie for updates on school activities and for videos of each class at the school concert.

Tionscneamh Ríomhaireachta R.5

For the last month, a parent in our school, Yvonne Brady has given her time and expertise to Rang 5 to help them create their own computer games. We have learned a lot of new skills to create our games including building mazes, creating sprites that both move and make noises, reducing and increasing scores. Our games include pacman, soccer games, underwater adventures and mazes. Under Yvonne's guidance, we have had an interesting, exciting time and can't wait to see and try out our finished projects with our classmates. Go raibh míle maith agat Yvonne!

Coicís na Gaeilge!

Bhain gach éinne sa scoil an-taitneamh as Coicís na Gaeilge. Ghlacamar páirt i dtráth na gceist in éineacht le Gaelscoil na Dúglaise agus bhí seans againn féachaint ar drámaíocht chomh maith. Idir an ealaíon, rince agus cuairteoirí ó Coláiste Dáibhéid ag seinnt dúinn bhíomar an gnóthach ar fad.



Rang a 2 ag obair go dian!

We had a lovely day on Lá Léitheoireachta Liam. We sang the Oompa Loompa song and had great fun with our project on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We learnt about the election of a pope and about Saint Patrick. We are learning the song Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig too. We've started the tin whistle recently and have learned a few tunes so far.





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Open Morning

On Wednesday February 13th, we were delighted to welcome to our school all those boys and girls hoping to start Junior Infants in September. If you are interested in starting your child in St. Patrick's and haven't yet enrolled, please contact us as we have limited places left.

Grandparents Day

Here in St. Patrick's Infants, we know how important grandparents are and what a huge role they play in their grandchild's life, so we decided to acknowledge and celebrate this by inviting all grandparents into our school for a special assembly and a chance to visit and work with their little angel.

Art Project

We place a big emphasis on The Arts in our school because we can see the many varied positive effects it can have on a child's development. We began a nine week Art / Music project with specialist Jamin O Donovan on February 12th where each class enjoys a thirty minute lesson each week designing, creating and decorating their own piece of Art within a specific theme. Each lesson also delivers a strong, positive message based on reinforcing virtues such as patience, generosity and kindness.

Irish Dancing

Nothing lifts the spirits more than lively music and an energetic dance and so we welcomed Nicky, an Irish Dance teacher to our school to teach the boys and girls the basic steps and routines of our own national dance which we showcased during Seachtain na Gaeilge .

Cooking with Parents

On Thursday February 7th, the children from room 8 were lucky enough to be invited over to St. Patrick's College for a baking class with HSCL teacher Catherine Horgan. Along with their parents and teacher Mr. Keane, the children baked and decorated their very own cakes.

Green Schools Programme

Our Green Schools' committee has been very busy making posters to promote water conservation in our school. We counted the taps and toilets for our audit and asked Nuala to order a new recycling bin for our staffroom. On " **Wednesday Waterday** " we will make a special effort to become more aware of the importance of water in our world.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Our school celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge with a mix of ceol, damhsa, scéalta etc. We were blown away when Saint Patrick himself came a calling to visit all the boys and girls and to remind us of the wonderful story of St. Patrick.

Staff News

It is with sadness and regret that we said a final goodbye to our dear colleague and friend Stephen Buckley last week. Stephen passed away peacefully in the presence of his family after a very long illness. We miss him so much and wish his family strength, love and support at this awful time. We ask for your prayers and kind thoughts for Stephen and his family that they may return to a new way of being in peace and love.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire air!



Just a gentle reminder of our “Table Quiz” at the Mayfield GAA Club on Friday 10th May - 8.30pm until late.

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Irish Dancing Trip

by Faye Moore and Molly Prendergast

We would like to congratulate the 12 girls from 2nd, 3rd and 5th classes who recently went on a trip to Brooklodge Playschool and Glanmire Residential Care Home with their teacher Ms. Ger O' Neill. The girls performed Irish Dancing, Tin Whistle and a selection of songs and the guitar was played by Ms. O'Neill's daughter, Aisling.

All the parents drove which made it easier for everyone to take part. First the group went to Brooklodge Playschool to perform. Then it was off to Glanmire Residential Care Home to entertain the elderly residents.

Some of the old folks were in great spirits and enjoyed dancing to the music! Everyone had fun and the girls were so well behaved they did us proud!

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Comhgairdeachas do gach éinne i Scoil Mhuire Banríon!

We had a wonderful week celebrating Irish culture.

The girls performed 'as Gaeilge' each morning at assembly.

There was a huge variety of songs, poems and drama.

The highlight of the week was the Céilí which the parents and children thoroughly enjoyed.

Gaeilge Abú!

Cór Fhéile

Just before the Easter Holidays, Senior Infants, Second class and Third class girls performed at the Cór Fhéile in the City Hall.

They sang a selection of Mary Poppins songs and a lovely Irish song also.

They got much praise for their singing, their smiles and their colourful costumes.

They went on to perform at the '**Life Long Learning Festival**' celebration in Mayfield G.A.A hall and 5th class girls followed on with a selection of pop songs 'as Gaeilge.'

The girls had a great time and parents and teachers were so proud!

A wonderful finish to a busy term!

Enrolments

Enrolments for Early Start and Junior Infant places for September 2013 are currently taking place. Please contact 021 4503003 or 086 3805164 for forms.

Local Property Tax Table

Valuation band, €	Mid-point	Rate	Property Tax for a full year	2013 Property Tax
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100,001 - 150,000	125,000	0.18%	225	112
150,001 - 200,000	175,000	0.18%	315	157
200,001 - 250,000	225,000	0.18%	405	202
250,001 - 300,000	275,000	0.18%	495	247
300,001 - 350,000	325,000	0.18%	585	292
350,001 - 400,000	375,000	0.18%	675	337
400,001 - 450,000	425,000	0.18%	765	382
450,001 - 500,000	475,000	0.18%	855	427
500,001 - 550,000	525,000	0.18%	945	472
550,001 - 600,000	575,000	0.18%	1,035	517
600,001 - 650,000	625,000	0.18%	1,125	562
650,001 - 700,000	675,000	0.18%	1,215	607
700,001 - 750,000	725,000	0.18%	1,305	652
750,001 - 800,000	775,000	0.18%	1,395	697
800,001 - 850,000	825,000	0.18%	1,485	742
850,001 - 900,000	875,000	0.18%	1,575	787
900,001 - 950,000	925,000	0.18%	1,665	832
950,001 - 1,000,000	975,000	0.18%	1,755	877
Properties worth more than €1 million will be assessed on the actual value at 0.18% on the first €1 million and 0.25% on the portion above €1 million.				

Valuing your property

The tax will be based on the *chargeable value* of a residential property on the *valuation date*. The chargeable value is defined as the market value that the property could reasonably be expected to fetch in sale on the open market on the valuation date. The valuation date is 1 May 2013 for the 4-year period until 2016. This means that the valuation of your property for LPT purposes on 1 May 2013 will stay the same for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 (even if you make improvements to your property). Valuation will be by self-assessment in 2013 and these self-assessed valuations will be used until the end of 2016 (this means that the valuation in 2013 will apply for 3 ½ years). An [online guide providing indicative property values](#) is available from 10 March 2013. This guide provides average indicative values for different property types in the area. You may also find the register of residential property sales, published by the Property Services Regulatory Authority (PSRA), [propertypriceregister.ie](#), useful when considering the value of your property. If you follow Revenue's guidance, Revenue will accept your self-assessed property valuation. Revenue's valuation guidance is intended to help property owners but each property owner must consider the specifics of their own property when working out their valuation. If Revenue has reason to believe that their valuation guidance has not been followed Revenue may query your valuation.

If you do not submit a Local Property Tax return with your self-assessment of the LPT payable, the Revenue Estimate will become due and payable. The Revenue Estimate is automatically displaced when you submit a return with your self-assessed amount.

ST JOSEPHS (MAYFIELD) NO NAME CLUB – NOTES TWO CLUB MEMBERS WILL CONTEST THE 2013 NATIONAL NO NAME CLUB FINALS.

Over the coming weeks of April the St Josephs No Name Club will have two of their club members competing for National Titles in the finals of the 2013 Youth Awards Competition and Super Talent Events. The journey to these finals commenced in recent weeks within the club where the members were involved in the Internal Club Youth Awards event which takes place each year to choose the Club's Host and Hostess to compete in these National Competitions.

Through an interview procedure conducted by the adult leaders all of the club members who are interested in taking part in these events are given the opportunity of representing their club in these prestigious competitions which are the highlight of the year for all the young people who are involved in No Name Clubs countrywide.

Following a very competitive contest both Tasha Walshe (Hostess) and Dylan Lee (Host) were chosen to represent the St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club in the Regional Finals of the Youth Awards event which took place in the Mallow GAA Complex on the 9th February last. In that competition Tasha Walshe was chosen by the judging panel to represent the Southern Region in the forthcoming National Youth Awards Finals being held in the Lyrath Estate Hotel Kilkenny on Saturday 6th April.

Dylan Lee who competed in the Host Category of the Youth Awards did himself and his club proud, and although he finished as runner up in his event the experience he gained will be invaluable in future competitions.

In the Public Speaking Competition held in Mallow in conjunction with the Regional Youth Awards Finals our club team of Tara Curtin and Tasha Walshe spoke on the topic of "Driver Distraction" which is thought to be a factor in between 20 – 30% of road collisions. Both speakers gave an excellent presentation on their chosen topic relating to Driver Distraction while driving on our roads.

At the Regional Super Talent Finals that took place on Sunday 24th March in the Community Youth Centre Fermoy, Aoife Burke qualified for the National Finals in the "Solo Dance Category" and she will represent our club on the 20th April in the Premier Competition in the Mary Immaculate College Limerick.

On Monday 25th March a function was held in St Josephs Community Centre to mark the achievements of our two club members in qualifying for the 2013 National Finals. Among those present were the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Joe Kavanagh, Sergeant John O Connor and Garda Graham Baylor of the Mayfield Policing Unit, along with the parents and family members of the club members. Presentations were made at the function to both Tasha Walshe and Aoife Burke to mark their outstanding achievements to date.

The club secretary Joe Mullane on behalf of everyone involved in the St Josephs (Mayfield) No Name Club wished the two club members who are competing in the 2013 National Finals every success in their respective events. He said they will carry with them the best wishes and expectations of not alone their families, their club and their community but of all supporters and club members in the Southern Region who will be attending the forthcoming Youth Awards and Super Talent Finals.

Come out & support Mayfield: Happy and Healthy Month...

A whole host of activities, events and taster workshops will take place from the 15th April to the 10th May 2013 in the Mayfield community.

Each week has a different theme;

Week 1 (15th-19th April): Raising Awareness of the month's events with our launch (18th) & gig (19th) showcasing lots of local talents!

Week 2 (22nd-26th April): Friendship Week - we urge all members of the community both young and old to check in with friends, family and neighbors. The message for the week is to be nice to one another. Also running is a workshop for teachers on a whole schools approach to mental health, poster competitions, superhero sessions and more

Week 3 (29th April -3rd May): Physical Health week - (Soccer Blitz, Walking, Whacky Workouts, Dance, Drugs & Alcohol Talks & lots more!)

Week 4 (6th – 10th May): Community Week (Open Morning for Parents, Safety talk for Older People, Village Fair & more)

We are officially launched “Mayfield: Happy and Healthy Month” on Thursday 18th April in the Kerrigan Tyrell Youth Centre from 11.30am – 1pm. Local choirs and a teenage rapping group performed, local art work was on display and tea, coffee and cakes were supplied by Brothers of Charity Café.

Our thanks to all who attended this event.

This month is being organized by the three Foróige Projects in Mayfield and the Health Promotion Department, HSE South.

Should you require further information on any of the events, please contact any of the workers listed below.

Yours Sincerely,

Mayfield Happy & Healthy Working Group;

Mairead Quarry, St. Joseph's Youth Programme (Funded by YPFSF) 0868103632

Deirdre Dennigan , Mayfield Local Drugs Task Force Project (Phase 1) 0868523077

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