



SOLAS

St. Aidan's Community College, Dublin Hill, Cork,
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Solas an tSaoil

In the Chapel of Keble College in the University of Oxford hangs the world-famous painting by William Holman Hunt of Christ 'The Light of the World'.

In this much-reproduced icon of

the nineteenth century, the

Lord is

seen holding a lamp as

he stands knocking at a door. Remarkably,

this door has no keyhole and no external lock. There is, in fact, no way by which anyone can enter it from the outside. The artist explained that this closed door represents the human heart which can itself be opened only from the inside.

In this Year of Jubilee, as we celebrate the 2000th anniversary of the coming of Christ, let us open in love, justice and peace to God and to neighbour, to those around us every day, and to every single human being who comes our way in the year 2000.

"Is mise", ar sé, "solas an tsaoil. An té a leanfaidh mise, ní shiúlfaidh sé sa dorchacht, ach beidh aige solas na beatha" (Eoin 8:12).

Dr. F. J. Steele, Principal

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Millennium Dawn

Jubilee 2000 celebrates a particularly special anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a special opportunity for new beginnings, for deepening our relationship with God, for prayer, for thanksgiving, for change, for forgiveness and for reconciliation.

St. Aidan's celebrated the Jubilee with a ceremony at morning assembly on Feb 2nd. This consisted of the lighting of the Jubilee Candle and the blessing of a Jubilee Door.

The Jubilee Candle is a symbol of Jesus, the Light of the world. It reminds us of his presence with us now and of our calling to be a light, his light, in today's world. It also reminds us of our college motto: "Bíodh bhur solas ag taitneamh".

The Jubilee Door is a symbol of the door to the kingdom of God. It reminds us that Jesus is the door to the father. We are called to open the doors of our hearts, our homes and our schools to Christ especially in this year, the 2000th anniversary of the coming of Christ. *Photo : Dr. Steele, Principal, Mrs. Howell, Chairperson, Parents' Association., Ms. N. Murphy, Year Tutor and Fr. S.Furlong along with Class Maors from each Year Group.*



St. Aidan's Civics Day



Since its inauguration in 1985, Civic Day has proved mutually beneficial for the pupils of St. Aidan's and the elected TDs of Cork North Central. Monday, 29th November, 1999 was no exception. Subsequent to an Executive Council meeting, the pupils' representatives asked the politicians to respond to the following motion:

"There are many reports in the media of political scandals. Do you believe these reports give young people a very poor view of politicians? Do you consider yourself honest in all your dealings with those you represent? Do you think a young person could and should follow you into politics?"

Present on the morning were Deputy Bernard Allen, Deputy Billy Kelleher, Deputy Noel O' Flynn and Councillor Colm Burke, deputising for Deputy Liam Burke. Apologies were received from Dan Wallace, whose duties as Minister of State, meant he had to be elsewhere. Fr. Shem, Chairperson of the Board of Management, welcomed the politicians and each then addressed the motion. While eager to support the system of democracy in this country, the speakers condemned the scandals publicised in the media. They were anxious to encourage the pupils to consider a career in politics and spoke of the privilege and rewards of service to one's constituents.

The second part of Civic Day continued with a question-and-answer session between the pupils' elected representatives and the politicians. This session was chaired by Fr. Shem. Former President of the Pupils' Council, Michelle Golden, posed the first question when she asked the panel if they felt that the media tended to exaggerate the wrongdoing of politicians.

Deputy Allen felt that the media had "a right to highlight wrongdoing", while Deputy O' Flynn was of the opinion that the media has "made politics a dirty word" and, he maintained, that it was not the media's job to "act as judge and jury". Both Deputy Kelleher and Councillor Burke were very concerned that the media were creating a false impression of politicians in general, Deputy Kelleher saying that "sensationalism only is covered and there is no parliamentary reportage" and Councillor Burke stating that, due to the unbalanced nature of media reporting, "people are being frightened off political life".

William Roberts, Class Agata, First Year then asked if political representatives were available enough to their younger constituents. The politicians were unanimous in stating that they believed young people had

adequate access to their public representatives but that they under-utilised it. Deputy Kelleher was adamant that young people must become more involved in the entire political process or else Ireland "is in danger of losing the ideas of a whole generation".

A very contentious issue was raised by another former President of the Pupils' Council, Paul Kelleher of Class Ide, Sixth Year. Paul vigorously questioned the politicians about their very poor response to the appalling bus service in the Dublin Hill area and it was more than obvious that he had a mandate from the pupils to force the public representatives to re-address this issue.

According to Deputy O' Flynn, the transport proposals for Cork had been accepted by Minister Mary O' Rourke and

Photos

Top: Visiting politicians pictured with members of St. Aidan's staff and Pupils Council.

Bottom: Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cork pictured with students during recent school visit.

were now part of the National Plan. He stated that the government now "accepted that" Cork had got a raw deal with regard to transport. Deputy Allen contradicted this view when he said that there was "no plan for the city" and "no commitment from the government to Cork yet". He described the daily lack of buses on Dublin Hill as "a disgraceful situation" and, in response to questions about what, if anything, the politicians were doing to alleviate the problem, he hon-



estly stated "We've let ye down".

Current President of the Pupils' Council, David Buckley, kept the pressure on by questioning the fairness of taxpayers footing the enormous bill for our much publicised tribunals. The politicians agreed in general that the cost of the tribunals was excessive but that they were the only means of accessing the truth. Rival fronts soon emerged, however, when Deputy Allen claimed that some journalists were no better than "puppets" for "certain people" who wanted the tribunals "scaled down" to prevent "other people" from being "fingered". Deputy O'Flynn demanded to know exactly what Deputy Allen meant by this statement and he was even quicker to point the "finger" at the legal profession for "dragging things out".

Councillor Burke took issue with this allegation and Deputy Kelleher's comment that "lawyers become self-serving" during tribunals and sought to clarify the situation as to delays and costs by stating that the work of the tribunals was being hampered by challenges to the High Court and Supreme Court by members of Fianna Fail.

At this stage in the proceedings, a welcome diversion was introduced when Eoin Fray of Class Deaglan, Fourth Year, posed a question about the absence of a Community Centre in the Dublin Hill area. Deputy Allen stated that there was funding available for such a project, but that, over the years, it has proved impossible to reach agreement within the community with regard to a suitable location. Deputy O'Flynn claimed that the initiative must come from the Ballyvolane/Dublin Hill Development Group and he stated "if the group make a move, the money is there".

The final question came from Maria Walsh, Class Aban, Third Year. She wanted to know if it would take long for young people to have their confidence in politicians restored. The politicians were generally of the opinion that it would take a long time for the damage to be undone. "Truth and honesty", they said, "is the way forward".

Unfortunately, Fr. Shem, having successfully chaired a very interesting and informative session, had to close the meeting and, it was obvious from the degree of pupil participation and eagerness to engage with the politicians, that, had he not done so, the debate could have continued on into the millennium.

MILLENNIUM ESSAY COMPETITION

Here follows the winning essay, written by Keith O Donoghue, 6th year, in the St. Aidan's Millennium Essay Competition for Senior Cycle students organised by St. Aidan's English Dept. Congratulations Keith!

Millennium

As truly Christian celebration or an excuse for the biggest party this planet has ever seen? The year 2000 is fast approaching and most people still haven't decided where they will be at the moment the clock strikes twelve. Is it all it's hyped up to be or are we building up to the biggest anti-climax imaginable?

I suppose the first question which must be answered is what's all the fuss about? What exactly are we celebrating? It may sound strange but the whole reason why we have a "Millennium Celebration" is because of a monk who lived 1500 years ago in Russia by the name of Dionysius Exiguus (Denys the Little). He decided to reset the calendar beginning with the birth of Christ (1AD) and we've been counting ever since. Of course if he hadn't made the mistake of getting the year of Christ's birth wrong it would probably be somewhere around 2006 now.

One of the greatest misconceptions about the Millennium is that it begins on the 1st January 2000. Sorry to spoil the party but the 3rd Millennium doesn't start until the 1st January 2001. That's because the calendar began with the year one and so 2000 years later we have the year 2001 and the 21st century. Now we can look forward to another countdown to the Millennium.

Another common misconception about the Millennium is that the whole world will be celebrating. This is due to the media who have hyped up the celebration to astronomical proportions. The fact is that only the areas of the world which make use of the Christian calendar will be celebrating. Ask a Muslim in Iran what he'll be doing for the Millennium and he'll think you've lost your mind. Millennium? What in the name of Allah are you talking about? The Islamic calendar reads 1420. Similarly the Jewish calendar will read 5760, the Indian, 1921, and the Chinese, 4636. The point is that only about half the human race will be celebrating while the others will think that we're all mad. Why celebrate the Millennium if you are Chinese and your calendar says it's the year 4636?

Why then have we, in the Western World, been given the impression in our media that the whole world will be celebrating by our side to ring in the dawn of the next Millennium? Because it makes money, and lots of it. The monster of materialism, which has plundered our capitalist society, has stolen the celebration of the Millennium from the Church and is using it to tighten its grip on our lives, making us ripe for even bigger profits in the 3rd Millennium. This country alone will see billions spent in the run up to this Millennium while the real reason for our celebration, the birth of Christ 2000 years ago (approximately), will be forgotten.

Ireland was once known as the 'Island of Saints and Scholars'. Today it has become the 'Island of the Celtic Tiger'. The country is awash with money and wealth never before seen. The problem of people scrambling to enter the country is in stark contrast to the problem of those itching to emigrate only ten years ago. What is the price of all this new found wealth and prosperity for the country?

Everything has its price and the Celtic Tiger is no exception. While the lucky few have benefited enormously from the soft touch of the 'Tiger' others have felt its claws. The dream of owning a house is becoming an impossibility as houseprices rocket and problems such as homelessness, drugs, vandalism and petty crime are rife in our society. It is a national disgrace that poverty is still a problem in a country which had a £2 billion budget surplus this year. The extra money wasn't seen as a solution to these problems but as a means to pay off the National Debt which was trebled by a certain corrupt government of the eighties.

All these social problems are still very much a reality as we approach this milestone of our civilization. It seems that even if a solution is handed to us on a plate, or in the form of a tiger, we are unable to overcome petty-mindedness and greed to try and solve these problems.

For some, this millennium will be celebrated in style, while for others a life on the streets, millennium or no millennium, is all they have to look forward to. As people mindlessly spend in the countdown to the big celebration it is easy to lose sight of the figure bunched outside the shop begging for the next meal.

AWARDS CEREMONY '99



"Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go."

Hard work and dedication pay off in the end. This valuable lesson was demonstrated at the annual Prize-giving Ceremony held recently in the college. The staff and management showed their appreciation for achievement and endeavour in all aspects of school life.

Pupils, accompanied by their parents, listened to the tributes and speeches of commendation made by Pupils' Council President David Buckley, Principal Dr. Steele, Fr. S.Furlong, Chaplain and Parents' Association Chairperson Mrs. Howell.

The guest speaker for the evening was the Right Rev. Paul Colton, Bishop Cork, Cloyne and Ross and Ms. E. O' Reilly was master of ceremonies assisted by Ms. R. Desmond.

The Pupil of the Year award, given for overall contribution to school life, was won by Paul Kelleher and the award for Community Service was won by Canon G.A. Salter, M.A.



Photos

*Top left: Rt. Rev Paul Colton.
Centre: Co. Curricular Award winners
Bottom: Pastoral Award winners
(Dean's List)
Top right: Alpha C(Junior) Award winners
Centre: Alpha C Senior Award winners
Bottom: Curricular Award winners
(Dean's List)*

AWARDS CEREMONY '99

Here is the full list of award winners.

AWARDS: CO. CURRICULAR:

OMNIBUS

Paul Kelleher

SETANTA (FEMALE)

Niamh Goulding

SETANTA (MALE)

Dean Buckley

DUAIS UI CHUINN

Barry Corcoran

CO-ORDINATOR'S LIST

Martin Byrne, Gary Dyer

AWARDS: PASTORAL:

EDWARD POPE MEMORIAL:

James O' Regan

G. DEAN'S LIST

Carolyn O' Connor, Nicole Harley, Cara-Jan

O' Callaghan, Aidan O' Sullivan,

Michelle Golden, Alan Moore

H. ALPHA-P

Justin Molina, Corina Hinchy Jenny Kelleher,

Tamara Hickey, Susan Cullinane

PUPIL OF THE YEAR

Paul Kelleher

AWARDS : CURRICULAR

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

Hannah Hodgson

DEAN'S LIST

Eoin Corcoran, Peter Cuthbert, Bernadette O'

Mahony, Keith O' Donoghue

ALPHA-C: (SENIOR)

Lorna Henchin, Neil O' Riordan, Irene Halpin

Ann-Maire O' Callaghan

ALPHA-C: (JUNIOR)

Alan Gregory, Kenneth O' Grady, Michelle O'

Sullivan, Richard Deasy

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Donal Og O' Donovan

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Sarah Philpott

AWARDS: COLLEGE

CAREER PROJECT

Tamara Hickey

CREATIVITY (J.F. BARRETT MEMORIAL

AWARD) Gary Curtin



To Dream

"I want you to remember that if you can dream it, you can probably make it come true. Build creative bridges to get where you're going. Appreciate all the special qualities within you.

Don't let worries get in the way of recognizing how great things can be. Always keep moving ahead. Live to the fullest and make each day count. Don't let the important things go unsaid.

Don't just have minutes in the day; have moments in time. Balance out any bad with the good you can provide. Know that you are capable of amazing results. Discover new strengths inside."

ENGINEERING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

“OUR
GIRLS HAVE
DONE US
PROUD”



We are living in a changing Ireland. What was once a predominantly agricultural country has, over the past decade, become more technologically advanced. 25% of our exports are now in the pharmaceutical and technological area. Of the 15 top pharmaceutical companies worldwide, 10 have subsidiaries in Ireland, most sited in the lower Cork Harbour area. Science and Technology is definitely amongst us - there is no escape!

Science, Technology and Engineering were traditionally seen as male strongholds, but here at St. Aidan's we have always encouraged female students in the take-up of subjects such as Physics, Construction Studies, Chemistry, Engineering, Biology, Applied Mathematics and Technical Graphics. Through the years, we've had many students opting for a career in these areas and there are exceptionally high numbers of young ladies that have gone on in these fields from here. In particular, we are delighted with those ladies who have gone on further in their studies and are pursuing a Masters or Doctorate qualification. It is hard to keep track of students once they leave the college; we rely on them or their brothers and sisters currently in the school to keep us informed. A small sample of our high achievers is listed below. To all those, listed or otherwise, we extend a sincere congratulations and best wishes for continued success in your chosen careers.

Karen Wallace: Chemical Engineering, C.I.T.
Geraldine Murphy: Engineering Technology, UL.
Ellyn Mulcahy: MSc., currently doing doctoral research in the U.S.
Michelle Geaney: BSc. H.D.E. (currently teaching with us in St. Aidan's).
Irene Halpin: BSc.
Sheila O'Sullivan: Pharmacy, T.C.D.
Billie Jean McSweeney: Electronic Engineering, C.I.T.
Cliona Nolan: Applied Chemistry, C.I.T.
Edel Sullivan: Applied Chemistry, C.I.T.
Lisa Murphy: Meat Science, U.C.C.
Shirley Kennefick: MSc., U.C.C.
Louise O'Callaghan: MSc., U.C.C.

Pauline O'Flynn: MSc., U.C.C.
Nicola Stanton: MSc., U.C.C.
Eleanor Ryan: BSc., U.C.C.
Claire Lynch: BEng, U.L.
Cliona Hegarty: BSc.
Rachel Kiely, BSc., Biochemistry.



Photos

Pauline O'Flynn: Currently in Ethiopia doing research for an MSc. in Ecological and Environmental Science. Pauline was selected as the student to merit funding from both U.C.C. and the Irish Embassy for this research.
Eleanor Ryan: Currently studying for her BSc. in Biological and Chemical Sciences in U.C.C.
Shirley Kennefick: Recently graduated from U.C.C. with an MSc.
Nicola Stanton: Received her degree in Food Science last July and is currently studying for her MSc. in Food Chemistry in U.C.C.
Louise O'Callaghan MSc. currently studying a further degree in Pharmacy.

To Choose

We do not choose to be born.
We do not choose our parents,
Or our times or country of birth,
Or the circumstances of our upbringing.
We do not-most of us-choose to die
But within all this realm of choicelessness
We do choose how we shall live-
Courageously or in cowardice,
Honorably or dishonorably,
With purpose or adrift.
We decide what is important and what
is trivial
What makes us significant is what we
do,
Or refuse to do.
We decide and we choose
And so we give definition to ourselves.

Joseph Epstein

NUAIR A FUAIR A MAC BÁS

Chualamar an droch nuacht ófche aréir
Chuir sé brón ar an domhain go léir
Bhí ciúnas cráite le braith sa teach
Bhí mam croí briste gan a mac

Ba mhaith léi a bheith marbh
Ach bhí uirthi leanúint ar aghaidh
Chun an chlann seo a shábháil

*Eoin Corcoran
Class Colmcille*

(Sampla de dhan anháin a cuireadh
isteach ar an gcomórtas d'fhíil oga I
gcomórtas na mílaoise.)

Where to Start

"But where was I to start? The world
is so vast. I shall start with the country
I know best, my own. But my country
is so very large. I had better start with
my town. But my town too is large. I
had better start with my street. No, my
home. No, my family. Never mind. I
shall start with myself."

Members of St. Aidan's first
Adult Leaving Class with Staff
Members at Graduation,
May 1999

Millennium Concert

Muintéaras Aodáin- The Community of St Aidan's, a celebration of who we are and of what we are about, is how this upcoming showcase event might be described. The concert will take place on March 14 & 15 in the Firkin Crane Theatre, Shandon, and will feature the immense and diverse talent of St. Aidan's pupils, past pupils, parents and teachers. Solo and group performances will be featured as will drama, dance and, of course, the very best in music both old and new. Rehearsals are in full swing and the sense of excitement and anticipation is growing by the day. Tickets are available at the school so book early to avoid missing out on what promises to be an unforgettable evening's entertainment



Photo shows Stephen Crean (1st year), Jim Daly (Scoil Oilibheir) and Sarah Dowling (6th Year) who performed Frank O Connor's 'The First Confession', pictured with Lord Mayor Cllr. Damian Wallace at the Renaming of Mayfield Library.

Sixth Year Child Sponsorship Campaign

A group of sixth years have initiated a sponsorship campaign in association with the Christian Children Fund charity organisation. Laura Deasy, Project Co-ordinator, explained that, by each member of the class donating fifteen pence a week the required sum of fifteen pounds a month would be collected. "We sent off the first fifteen pounds in January and, within one week, we received details of our sponsored child (including a photograph). Her name is Rose Sueco, a four year old girl from a poverty stricken area of the Philippines. Our donation will help ensure that she receives proper medical care and a chance of a decent education. We hope to get other classes involved in this very worthwhile campaign. Its amazing what just 15p a week can do!"



Scottish Visit

In November '99, St. Aidan's was visited by a group of senior students accompanied by their teachers, led by Mr. Colin Johnson, all from Bearsden Academy, Glasgow, Scotland.

St. Aidan's and Bearsden Academy are working on a joint EU Educational Project called East - West Partnership.

During the visit of the Scottish Delegation, the students participated in classes with their Irish counterparts. They were officially welcomed by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Damian Wallace and visited heritage and historical sites.

St. Aidan's students and staff staged a very enjoyable and entertaining concert to conclude the visit. A return visit to Bearsden Academy is planned by St. Aidan's during the year.



The Sculptors

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young
child's mind,
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher, the tools he
used
Were books and music and art;
One was a parent, with a guid-
ing hand
And a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled
With touch so deft and sure
While the parent laboured by
his side
And polished and smoothed it
o'er.

And when at last their task was
done,
They were proud of what they
had wrought;
For the things they had mould-
ed into a child,
Could neither be sold nor
bought.

And each agreed they would
have failed
If they had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the
school,
And behind the teacher, the
home.

Mark Taylor.

Forthcoming Events

A number of St. Aidan's staff members have previously worked abroad in countries as diverse as South Africa, Botswana, Mexico, Argentina and Bosnia. As part of a Lenten Campaign to raise awareness of the developing world, a number of teachers will give talks and slide show presentations on their experiences overseas.

Commencing March 6th, St. Aidan's English Dept. has organised an Arts Week to coincide with the Millennium Concert. It will feature drama, poetry readings, film screenings, lunchtime recitals, visiting artists, competitions and much more.



CHRISTMAS '99

A Time for Carols A time for Caring

Dear Dr. Steele,

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of my Conference, to thank you very much for the excellent hampers provided by you, which we distributed on the Sunday prior to Christmas. The needy families who received these hampers were assured of a plentiful assortment of good things to eat and enjoy. A special word of thanks must go to Mr. Kelleher and Mr. O'Flynn who coordinated the students efforts. It is indeed very heartening to realise that young boys and girls are 'looking outwards' to those less fortunate than themselves.

Again best wishes for year 2000 and renewed thanks.

Sincerely,

Helen Egar, Secretary, Holy Family Conference, SVP, Blackpool



Over £2000 was raised in a 12 hour soccer marathon held in St. Aidan's on December 8th resulting in 34 hampers being donated to St. Vincent de Paul. A number of students also took part in the SHARE Millennium fast. To all those involved, the letters of thanks say it all.

Photos show SVP representatives receiving hampers (top) and members of St. Aidan's choir (bottom) who took part in the Christmas Carol Recital in St. Oliver's Church, Dublin Hill.



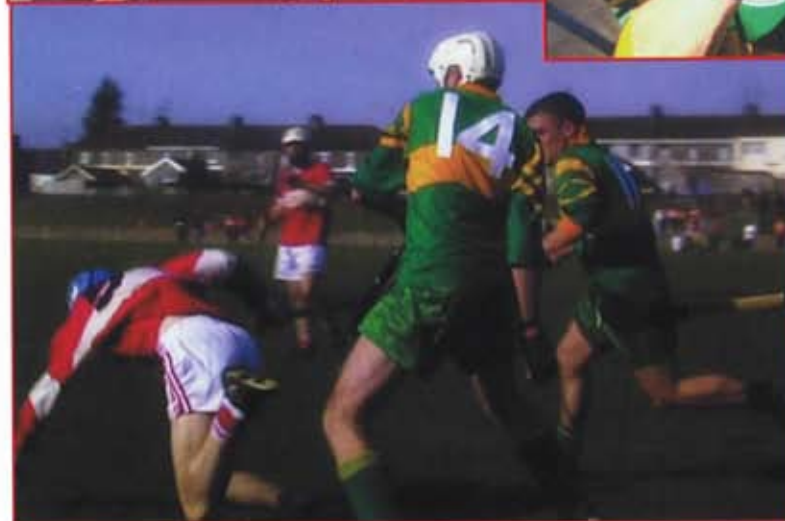
Dear Dr. Steele,

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your help and co-operation in the coordination and organisation of the SHARE Millennium Fast. Such help and co-operation was absolutely critical to the success of this endeavour. You may be assured that the monies raised will be put to good use in the service of the elderly poor of Cork.

I am acutely aware that such resolute commitment to the cause we all serve is not easy and may at times even be something of a burden on staff and students alike. May I assure you however that we at S.H.A.R.E. do not take this generosity of spirit for granted; we are as well aware of the extra work demanded by this constant and vigilant commitment to the elderly of our City. Indeed in an age in which the education system appears to valorise the individualist credo at the expense perhaps of the communitarian it is wonderful that educators like you and your staff take a more considered and broader view of the value and function of education.

With renewed thanks,
Br. Stephen O Gorman,
Director in Charge,
S.H.A.R.E.

TO BUILD A HURLING TRADITION



Harty Memories

Tradition is built on sweat and sometimes tears. St. Aidan's has taken a huge step in putting itself on the hurling map.

This year the senior team did themselves proud in the competitive arena that is the Harty Cup. Players who up to then were used to playing their hurling at B level committed themselves to not settling for second best. This took effort and huge sacrifice.

Midleton C.B.S, also famed for it's hurling pedigree, knew that when they played St. Aidan's they had fought a real battle. Our students showed that when it comes to hurling they have what it takes.

On the 11th of February in the Glenfield Aidan's play in the Cork Colleges A semi-final in the Dr. O'Callaghan Cup. We're looking forward to the challenge; another step towards building our hurling tradition.

Mr. P. Kelleher, Coach.

Soccer & Camogie Success

Congratulations to the Aidan's u15 Soccer team who have reached the quarter final of the Munster Cup by defeating Cashel 2-0 in Leeds Park on Feb 2nd.

Congratulations also to the Aidan's Intermediate Camogie team on reaching the county final.

Best wishes to both sides in their upcoming matches.

Full story on both teams will be featured in next issue.

Basketball news

On Friday 21st Jan the Cadette & Senior girls basketball teams made the short trip to Neptune Stadium. Both teams were competing in their respective County finals.

The Cadette team played against Rosscarbery and battled valiantly to the final whistle. St. Aidan's starting five were Marguerite O' Mahony(C), Maria Walsh, Emma McGibney, Laura Whelan & Cornelia Shortt. Maria opened the scoring with a free shot followed by 3 superb baskets from Cornelia. A great score from Laura saw the scores level at 12 points. Rosscarbery then scored 3 baskets without reply from Aidan's. The first half closed with Marguerite setting up Emma for 2 great baskets. The second half started with a great outside shot from Elaine McDonald & strong rebound shot by Emma. Rosscarbery replied with 4 baskets from which the St. Aidan's girls never recovered. Elaine Chandley, Lisa Bullman & Tamara Hickey played their hearts out when they came on and set up Ronda Dilane for a great basket. Unfortunately St. Aidan's had no answers to the pace of the Rosscarberry point guard & they ran out winners on a scoreline of, Rosscarbery 43 St. Aidan's 34.

A determined Senior team played Colaiste Eoin in their County Final. St. Aidan's

started with Orla Murphy(c), Sabrina O'Brien, Niamh Goulding, Mairead Manning and Bernie O'Mahony. Colaiste Eoin ran up a 7-2 points lead before the St. Aidan's girls came to terms with nerves and the atmosphere in the stadium. Orla opened the scoring for St. Aidan's with a strong drive to the basket. Bernie and Niamh kept St. Aidan's in touch with great outside shots. At half-time the score read Colaiste Eoin 15 - St. Aidan's 15. The second half opened with an inspired full court drive from Sabrina to put Aidan's ahead. The zone defence was holding through and Orla was scoring well. Deirdre threatened many times during the second half and was rewarded with a well taken outside shot. Bernie put Aidan's ahead but unfortunately a turnover led to Colaiste Eoin taking the lead by a point with 18 seconds remaining and emerging as winners.

Well done girls on a tremendous display of team Basketball.

Other squad members include Evelyn Barry, Yvonne O'Leary and Gillian O'Leary all of whom contributed very enthusiastically in earlier rounds of the competition.



Photos: Cadette basketball team with coach Ms. M. Scanlon

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