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The Throw In

Another school year draws to a close, action-packed and exciting for followers of Gaelic games. For some lucky boys and girls, a trip to Croke Park awaits to take part in the INTO Mini Sevens. Maybe Richie Bennis and his team will go one better than last year and end the long wait for Liam McCarthy.

Already over forty boys and girls have lined out in the green and white of Limerick in the Primary Go Games in Fermoy and Thurles. The Mackey Cup and the Neville Cup saw the cream of our young players display their talents. The Green and White talent scouts have noted the names of players whom we reckon will don the Limerick colours in years to come. Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh has organised over 1000 games for boys and girls since last September, not to mention coaching sessions, Go Games blitzes, indoor hurling and camogie etc. With such groundwork and nurturing of young talent, surely the future is bright.

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Luimneach Abú!

Ciarán Crowe & Joe Lyons

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digest

Build it... and They Will Come!

2008 has been the busiest year for Limerick Gaelic Grounds since it was redeveloped earlier this decade. The turnstiles have been clicking merrily as the stadium has played host to several major fixtures.



Limerick Gaelic Grounds

On successive Sundays this spring, three major National Hurling League games were played at the venue, the Limerick v Cork tie, the Cork v Galway semi-final and the Tipperary v Galway final. The June Bank Holiday saw Waterford and Clare clash in the opening round of the hurling championship, while two weeks later, Limerick footballers took on Cork at the Ennis Road venue. Many more thousands of Gaelic games supporters will pass through the turnstiles before the season is over.

Euro 2008

Teams representing Luxembourg, Belgium, Zurich and Paris took part in the 2008 European hurling championship. 2007 Champions Den Haag (Netherlands), hosted the event at Westlandse Rugby Club Haaglanden (WRC). You might be surprised to learn that the Den Haag team was made up of Irish and Dutch players... and French, English, Turkish, Indian, Swiss, Canadian, Australian and German players!



Championship medals. Ciarán's contribution to the Limerick hurling story goes on both as a player and as manager of the Limerick U-21 Hurling Team.



Damien McCrory with Croom NS teachers Richard Murphy and Paddy Hurley

Pilgrim's Progress! The McCrory Story

When Croom National School captured the County Shield for Football in November 2001, Damien McCrory was the star of the team. A lightning-fast forward with a vast repertoire of tricks and a lethal finisher, great things were predicted for him. Damien played in the 2002 Primary Game before leaving Croom N.S. Damien recently signed professional terms with Championship team Plymouth Argyle and is hoping to break into the first-team with the Pilgrims next season. Further details can be found at www.pafc.premiumtv.co.uk



Taoiseach, Brian Cowen

Taoiseachs Play the Game

Newly elected Taoiseach, Brian Cowen, is a proud Offaly man. Indeed he has worn the county colours in minor and U-21 hurling, when he lined out as a forceful full forward with the Faithful County. He also played football for his native Clara. While at boarding school in Cistercian College, Roscrea, Mr. Cowen played on the school rugby team. Other Taoisigh with a sporting background include Charles J Haughey who won a Dublin County Championship medal with Parnell's in 1945 and Limerickman (well, sort of!) Eamon deValera who played rugby for Blackrock College. It would be hard to match the sporting prowess of former Taoiseach, Jack Lynch, who won six All-Ireland senior medals in-a-row (five hurling and one football). He was also chosen on the "Hurling Team of the Millennium"

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NEWS

The 2008 Primary Go Games series was launched in Dungarvan, Co Waterford recently. Among the guests were Kerry footballer Tomás Ó'Sé, Waterford hurling captain Michael "Brick" Walsh and Waterford and Munster footballer Gary Hurney.

This year, there are a few changes to the format of the games. Teams consist of 11 players, all sixth class pupils and all from different schools. There is a boys match and a girls match on the day of Munster Senior Championship games. One game will take place during half time in the intermediate or minor match and the other game will take place during the interval in the senior match.

STOP PRESS The Star newspaper will sponsor the Primary Go Games series for the next three years.



Limerick Teacher Stars for Laois

Pupils of Fourth Class in Milford Grange National School in Castletroy were delighted to see their teacher, Mr Costelloe, figure prominently on "The Sunday Game" on May 25th. Noel, who plays with Laois hurlers, scored nine points, of which seven came from frees.

Other inter-county stars who teach in the area include Limerick hurler Dave Bulfin (Patrickswell NS), camogie captain, Deirdre Fitzpatrick (Gaelscoil Caladh an Treoigh) and footballer Stephen Lavin (Scoil Íosaf, Adare)

You've got to hand it to the Hannonns

When Cillian Hannon accepted the Mackey Cup on behalf of the West Limerick team in May of this year, he was emulating his eldest brother Declan who also captained the West to victory. Cillian's other brother Jody played on

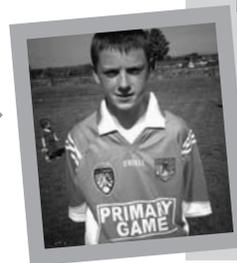
the Limerick Primary Game hurling team (as did Declan) while Jody and Declan both starred with Scoil Íosaf teams that brought the Limerick Leader Cup back to the famed Adare hurling nursery.

Looking into the Green and White crystal ball, we could envisage the Hannon brothers joining the 3 Dooleys of Offaly and 3 Spillanes of Kerry who starred on All-Ireland-winning teams.



Cillian Hannon

Aidan Moloney
in Tipp-top
form for
Limerick!



Tipp-top Primary Go Games

Aidan Moloney of Newport Boys National School was delighted when his teacher Mr Coffey told him that he had been chosen to play in the Primary Go Games match on the day of the Limerick V Tipperary Munster Senior Football clash.

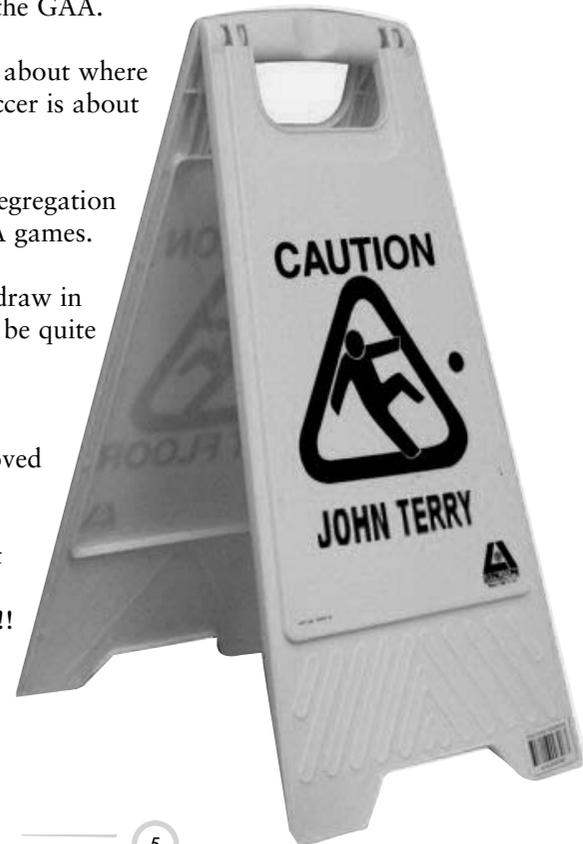
Aidan was to discover the meaning of dual citizenship when he discovered he would be playing on the Limerick team against the Premier County in Fermoy on the fourth Sunday in May.

Why? Well, Newport is situated just over the border from Co. Limerick and Newport play in the East Limerick Cumann na mBunscol leagues with neighbouring schools such as Murroe, Cappamore, Doon and Lisnagry. So Aidan played in the Mackey Cup for East Limerick and the Primary Go Games for Limerick.

Why the GAA is better than Soccer

A version of the following list appears on many GAA websites. One website we visited had expanded it to a whopping 101 Reasons (why GAA is better than soccer)! Irish Times sports writer, Tom Humphries, compiled the original list. Here's The Green & White version of it...

- 1) The GAA player who played in front of 80,000 at the weekend will be teaching children, selling you meat or fixing your drains on Monday morning. The soccer player who plays in front of 80,000 will be moaning about playing too many games and will be trying to sell you his personalized brand of leisure wear.
- 2) GAA nicknames are better (Bangers, Shocks, Begg, Gears, Dodge etc.). Soccer players just add a Y to their surnames
- 3) Kilmallock v Bruree or Adare v Patrickswell is a real derby. What does United v City mean to Cristiano Ronaldo or Jihai Sun??
- 4) How many soccer players does it take to screw in a light bulb? Answer: Eleven. One to stick it in...and ten to surround and kiss him after he does it!
- 5) Soccer players go to the papers after a game. GAA players go the shop for a packet of Taytos and a pint of milk on the way home.
- 6) John Terry would run a mile if he came up against Mike "Bangers" O'Brien.
- 7) GAA teams are numbered 1-15. A soccer team reads like the lottery results.
- 8) All soccer players wear shin pads. Some hurlers wear helmets.
- 9) Television runs soccer. Teachers, builders, guards etc. run the GAA.
- 10) The GAA is about where you're from. Soccer is about who you like.
- 11) There's no segregation (of fans) at GAA games.
- 12) A scoreless draw in the GAA would be quite a novelty.
- 13) Roman Abramovich proved you can buy a Premier League title... You can't buy the Liam McCarthy Cup!!!



Croke Park Here we



◀ Far left
Doon CBS INTO
Mini 7s County
Champions

◀ Doon CBS receive
their INTO
Mini 7s troph
from Michael
O'Donoghue

Appetites whetted by the adventure of 2007, Limerick hurling followers hope that they will be making the journey to Croke Park to cheer on their team during the months of August and September this year. But Croke Park will also be the destination for at least one boy or girl from four Limerick primary schools following the completion of the INTO Sevens competitions in boys and girls football, hurling and camogie. The lucky children will parade their skills during half time on the day of either the All-Ireland semi-final or final.

Played at Neville Park, Rathkeale, the INTO Sevens county finals served up great skill, entertainment and the highest standard of sporting play.

Doon C.B.S emerged as hurling winners once more, overcoming Scoil Iósaf of Adare and city representatives Monaleen NS.

Ballybrown NS captured the camogie title, defeating West champions Templeglantine NS and East standard bearers Bilboa NS. Ballybrown's success was built on a rock-solid defence, as they did not concede a score in either game.

Knockea NS won the girls football title defeating Scoil Iósaf of Newcastle West in a great encounter.

Scoil Chríost Rí of Caherdavin won the boys football title with Gaelscoil Ó'Dóghair of Newcastle West representing the West division. Donoughmore NS flew the flag for East Limerick. Galbally NS represented South Limerick.

The four competitions were run off with his usual efficiency by Michael O'Donoghue of Cumann na mBuncol.

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come!



◀ Bilboa NS, East camogie champions



◀ Monaleen Mini 7s Team, City champions

▲ Camogie champions Ballybrown NS with coaches Sarah Keyes and Sheila Hayes



▲ Mike O'Donoghue presents the INTO Sevens camogie trophy to Enya Doolan, captain of Ballybrown

◀ West Mini 7s champions Scoil Iosaí Adare



Cumann na mBunscol. Luimneach.

Limerick INTO/GAA Mini Sevens winners 2008.

Boys Football:

Christ the King Boys National School, Caherdavin.

Girls Football:

Knockea National School.

Camogie:

St. Joseph's National School, Ballybrown.

Hurling:

Scoil na mBraithre, Doon.

Three-in-a-row for West Limerick!

West Limerick won the inter-divisional camogie tournament (the Neville Cup) for the third year in-a-row when they defeated the Limerick city challenge in an exciting final. Caoimhe Costello of Adare was her side's outstanding player and finished up as the tournament's top scorer. Limerick City reached the final by overcoming East Limerick, while West Limerick beat South Limerick in the other semi-final. **G&W**

Results

Semi Finals

Limerick City 2-2:

East Limerick 1-0

West Limerick 3-1:

South Limerick 0-0

Final

South Limerick 2-5:

West Limerick 1-2



East Limerick camogie team

West captain Orla Cunningham and City captain Grace Roberts @ Neville Cup 2008



West Limerick, Neville Cup winners 2008

West Limerick captain Orla Cunningham accepts the Neville Cup from Brother Dormer of Cumann na mBunscol



Limerick City, runners up Neville Cup 2008

The HURLEY Maker

What takes 25 years to grow, 6 months to prepare, has a heel and a toe, can break in a second or last for years and can perform magical deeds that are never forgotten sending entire counties into delight...or despair?

Depending on your location, it's called a hurl, hurley, camán or stick.

We visited a master craftsman, Ed Shanahan of Clarina, who is a member of the Irish Hurley Makers Guild.

Hurleys are made from a butt of ash ideally 20-25 years old.

The wood is very moist and has to be dried for 4 to 5 months. Ed stacks the planks so that they are air-dried naturally. Depending on the root, Ed gets 8-12 hurleys from each tree. On average, Ed makes between 3,000 and 3,500 hurleys each year.

Coillte, the State forestry agency, supplies most of the ash that Ed uses. Ash is grown throughout Ireland but Coillte also imports ash from England and Wales.

“A good hurley has balance, flexibility and spring,” according to Ed. “The best hurlers like their sticks to be as light as possible.”

Ed should know. When we visited, he was working on orders for Pat Tobin, Peter Lawlor, Donal O'Grady and Brian Murray. An adult hurley is 35 inches long. Hurleys have changed over the years. The Bas of the modern hurley is much bigger. If you rest the heel of the hurley on the ground, your hurley should come up your front pocket.

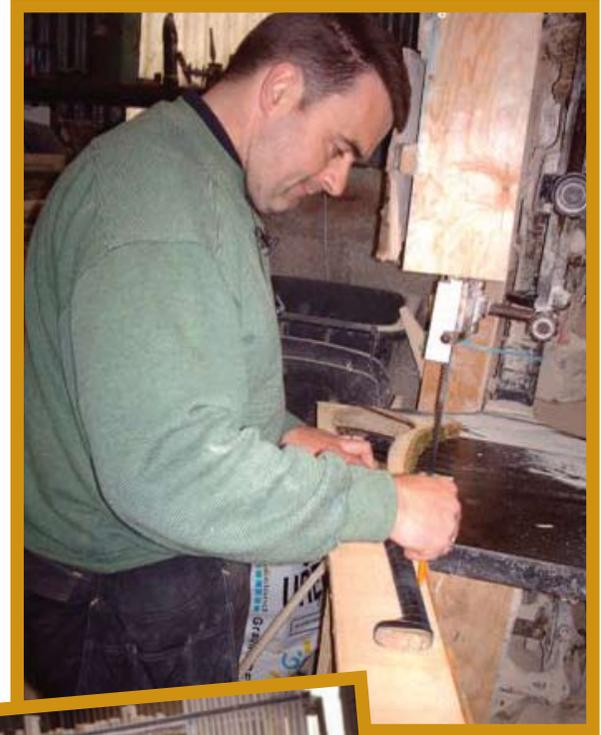
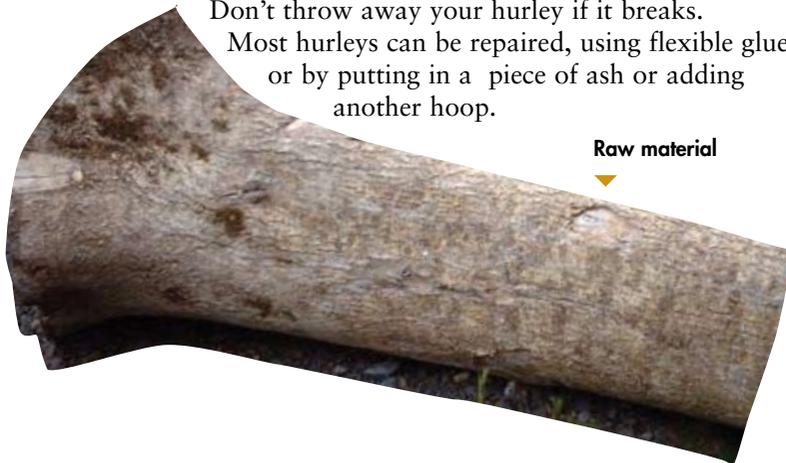
Many hurlers have a favourite stick. Sometimes they ask

Ed to copy the shape and weight of their favourite.

Don't throw away your hurley if it breaks.

Most hurleys can be repaired, using flexible glue, or by putting in a piece of ash or adding another hoop.

Raw material



Ed measures up another piece of ash



Finished product awaits new owners

Tools of the trade



Indoor Hurling & Camogie Championships

The 2008 hurling year got off to a lively start as schools from all parts of the County took part in Indoor Hurling and Camogie Championships. Indoor hurling is played by 3rd & 4th Class boys (or younger). Indoor Camogie is played by 4th & 5th Class girls (or younger). **G&W**



▲ Ballybrown NS,
City Indoor
Camogie champions

◀ Scoil Iósaf,
Newcastle West,
County Indoor
Camogie
champions

Caherelly NS ▶



▼ Crecora NS



Doon CBS ▶



▼ Knockea NS



Memories of 2007

Our “Memories of 2007” writing competition drew a bumper entry. The standard was very high. The lucky prizewinner is Kevin Clohessy who wins a hurley signed by the members of the Limerick senior hurling panel.

My Memories of a Great Year for Limerick Hurling. Kevin Clohessy, Murroe National School.

The best day of my life was when Limerick defeated Waterford in the All-Ireland Semi-Final at Croke Park. It all started in June when Limerick faced a good Tipp side in the Gaelic Grounds. It was a lovely hot day and there was not much wind. It was a perfect day for a skilful game of hurling.

Before the game my Mam and I met Michael O’Muircheartaigh outside the Gaelic Grounds. Unfortunately we left the camera in the car. Back to the match. The referee threw the ball in and the game began. Donal O’Grady and Mike O’Brien pulled like mad straight away. Hurleys were flying. Tipp dominated most of the first half. We were four or five points down at half time. Richie Bennis and Gary Kirby had a lot to say at half time.

The second half was a different story. Limerick pushed and pushed until we were only 3 points down. Riche Bennis called upon Pat Tobin of Murroe to come off the bench to try to make a difference—and so he did. We got a free in our own half back line. Brian Geary hit it long down to Ollie Moran. Ollie caught it and hand-passed it to Pat Tobin and Pat buried it in the top corner of the net. The final outcome was a draw. Little did we know then that we were

also going to draw against Tipp in the replay, and then play them again in the Gaelic Grounds and win our first match in six years in the Munster Championship!

We went on to lose the Munster final to Waterford but we still had a chance to win the All Ireland. We were in the Quarter final against Clare and we didn’t want what had happened to us a year ago in Ennis to happen again. It didn’t. We beat them handy. We were in the Semi-Final against Waterford. It wasn’t to be Waterford’s day. We gave them a five goal hammering. Shocks scored a fantastic penalty. It shocked the Waterford team and they never really settled after that. Donie Ryan and Brian Begley scored a further two goals and that really sealed it.

Unfortunately, we lost the final in ten minutes. King Henry and Eddie Brennan scored two and we could never come back from that. Kilkenny had won another All-Ireland final and we have to wait a further year to see if “Liam” is coming to Limerick.

Shocks, Ollie, Stephen Lucey and Brian Murray all got All-Star awards. And Seamus Hickey was named Young Player of the Year. 

West Limerick win

The road to West Limerick is the Road to Success. West Limerick won the 2008 Allianz Mackey Cup but spare a thought for 2007 winners, Limerick City, who lost the final by a single point. The Sarsfield Cup last autumn saw the West defeat the City by a point after extra time and the hurling final was just as tight and exciting.

Cillian Hannon accepted the Mackey Cup from Liam Lenihan, Chairman of Limerick County Board and Principal of Glengurt NS.



West Limerick, Allianz Mackey Cup winners 2008



Mackey Cup!



Results

Final : West Limerick 1-10 : Limerick City 3-3

Semi-finals: Limerick City 6-6: East Limerick 3-4
West Limerick 4-7: South Limerick 3-4

Referee: John Sexton



West Limerick captain Cillian Hannon accepts the Allianz Mackey Cup from Liam Lenihan

City captain Andrew Carroll & West captain Cillian Hannon with referee John Sexton

Time for a pep talk!



Pat Culhane makes a point

Limerick City, Runners up in Mackey Cup 2008



Q & A

Featuring the Limerick "No.1," Brian Murray

The pupils of Fifth Class in Patrickswell NS posed the questions and All-Star Brian Murray, a past-pupil of the school, was happy to answer them. Here follows a selection of questions and answers from what was probably Brian's busiest-ever Q&A session. The pupils who recorded the answers for this article were Aaron Gillane, Jessie O'Curry, Deima Mason and Becky McCarthy.



▲ Brian poses with some young fans

Personal Details

Name: Brian Patrick Murray

Confirmation name? Matthew.

Nicknames? In Primary School, it was 'Peanut.' Nowadays, it's 'Nuggets.'

Birthday? September the 6th.

Where do you live? I've always lived in Patrickswell.

Ever dye your hair? Never!

The Sporty Stuff!

Tell us about your hurleys: I get my hurleys from Shanahan's, down the road. I use a size 34 hurley. I get a few new hurleys every year but I don't use them until the following year because they're too fresh when they're new.

Do you remember much about your Primary School hurling? Yes, I do. I remember the 4 Olo Cup-winning teams I played for in Patrickswell. I was the captain of the team when I was in 6th Class. Ballybrown, JFK and Scoil Chríost Rí were hard to beat in those days. I also remember playing in the Mackey Cup for the City. Andrew O Shaughnessy was on the South team. They beat us in the final—and it was all down to a lucky goal Shocks scored that barely trickled over the line! I have great memories too of playing Primary Game for the Limerick hurling and football teams. I always played outfield then.

What honours have you won as a senior hurler? 2 County Senior Hurling Championship medals and a "Railway Cup*" medal. (* That's the old name for the inter-provincial championship)

Favourite hurler when you were growing up? Ciarán Carey. He gave me his hurley after the 1994 All-Ireland final. Now we play together on the Patrickswell senior team.

Earliest hurling memories? Playing hurling when I was 3 or 4 years old. And, my father refereeing matches all over the country.

Do you like playing in goals? I miss playing outfield sometimes, especially playing in the forwards.

What TV GAA analyst impresses you most? Cyril Farrell

Who presented you with your All-Star award? GAA President, Nickey Brennan

If there was one hurling rule you could change, what would it be?

I'm happy enough with the rules.

Who was the biggest influence on your hurling career? My family

What was your first big match for Limerick? Limerick v Tipperary in 2006, my championship debut.

What's the toughest part of your sporting life? Getting up early after a hard night's training. I also miss not being able to train with my club at certain times in the year when I'm training with Limerick.

Any ambitions for the future, when your hurling career is over? I'd like to

be an analyst on The Sunday Game

If you wanted to spend a relaxing night chatting about sport, who would you pick to chat to? Pat Tobin.

Other sports you like? Snooker, Gaelic Football and golf.

The non-Sporty Stuff!

Tell us about your job: I work for DHL. I get up between 5.00 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. to be at work for 6.00 a.m.

Favourite film? 'The Shawshank Redemption'. I liked 'The Recruit' too.

Favourite TV programmes? Are you Smarter than a 10-year-old? & Deal or No Deal.

Favourite animal? Horse.

Do you like food? I love it! I'm always eating!

Favourite food? Chinese.

Favourite item on the menu? Duck with plum sauce or, maybe chicken curry.

Weight? 12 and a half stone

What brand of mobile phone have you?

A Nokia.

Shoe size? Size eleven. I like Puma King boots.

Favourite clothes? Tommy Hilfiger, American Eagle, Abercrombie.

Favourite subject at school? Maths

Favourite type of music? I like all kinds of music. I don't like karaoke!

Favourite car? BMW

Favourite colour? Red.

Favourite holiday destinations? I loved our team trip to Cancun (Mexico) and Orlando (Florida, USA) and New York.

Any pets? No. I'm the only pet in the house!



Brian and his cousin,
Patrickswell NS teacher,
Shirley Balfry



Dave Bulfin v Brian Murray
for the Limerick No 1 jersey!

And, to Finish . . .

After answering all their questions, Brian signed the pupils' new copies of The Green and White Magazine. He was then escorted to the School Hall, where over 200 pupils raised the roof when a presentation was made to Brian on behalf of the school community, in recognition of his magnificent achievements to date.

Afterwards Brian and Limerick's other outstanding senior hurling goalkeeper, Dave Bulfin, a teacher in Patrickswell NS, decided to arm-wrestle for the honour of wearing the Limerick No. 1 jersey. . .but we're not at liberty to disclose who won! Suffice it to say that between the pair of them the Limerick goalkeeping position is in safe hands!

City Schools Review



Action from Olo Cup final



Photos by Liam Dillon



FOCUS ON THE 2008 OLO CUP

Scoil Chríost Rí are Olo Cup Champions

Liam Dillon, a teacher in Scoil Chríost Rí since the 1970's told us that this year's success was the Caherdavin school's twelfth Olo Cup title. The first, he added, was in 1983 when former All-Star Damien Quigley was the team's star performer. This year, Michael Casey, Gordon Browne and Josh O Halloran drove them to the title, which they won by defeating Patrickswell NS in the final. Although the 'Well had beaten them at an earlier stage in the competition, the score in the final was 3-3 to 1-3 in favour of the Ennis Road side.

Olo Cup captains 2008



Patrickswell NS 2008 Olo Cup Team



Scoil Chríost Rí, Olo Cup Champions 2008



South Schools Review



South Limerick Round-up

The Officers of the South Limerick branch of Cumann na mBunscol are:

Chairperson: Mike O'Connor (Ballyagran NS)

Secretary: Ger Power (Knocklong NS)

Treasurer: Lisa Power (Glenbrohane NS)

Scoil Mocheallóg, as winners of their Division's 15-a-side "A" championship represented the South in this year's Limerick Leader Cup. Their camogie team are also South champions and represented their Division in the Green & White Shield.

Ger Power informs us the South Primary Schools Board will be in existence for 30 years next year.



▲ South Limerick captain Jodie Kelly with the Allianz Larkin Shield.

Senior Hurling Serendipity

Tommy Quaid Perpetual (Golf) Cup

This spring, Munster-based inter-county hurling goal-keepers, both past and present, put their best (golf-shoe-clad) feet forward in an effort to win the Tommy Quaid Cup. Among those vying for the honour of being the first ever winner of the title were Davy Fitzgerald, Ger Cunningham, Joe Quaid and Ken Hogan. The first winner, however, was a Limerickman! It was none other than current Limerick net-minder, Brian Murray. And, to cap a fine day for the Green and Whites, Limerick also won the team

event. The Limerick team was: Brian Murray, Paul Kennedy (Principal, Lisnagry NS), Natal O'Grady & Dave Bulfin (Patrickswell NS). The inaugural competition was held in Limerick County Golf Club. Next year's event will be hosted by Dundrum GC, Co. Tipperary.

Quotes from Manager Richie & Captan Mark

The following quotations first appeared in the excellent Sports Section of The Limerick Leader "My ideal day would be the day after winning the All-Ireland and taking the cup to all the schools in Limerick. That's



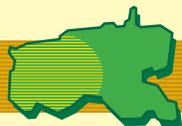
what I'd love to do—I'd die happy." Richie Bennis, Limerick Hurling Manager.

"(Being captain of the Limerick Hurling team) It's a huge personal honour, but it's for the club and all the people of Adare as much as it is for me. I'm proud to be captain for my family, teammates and everyone in Adare... I know there have been some fantastic hurlers

down the years who never got to lead the team." Mark Foley, Limerick captain.



West Schools Review



Chris's Recipe for Success!

One of the stars of Limerick's outstanding Primary Go Games Football team (v Tipperary) was Chris Leahy. While all around him were munching crisps and chewing chocolate, Chris was having a grand time for himself in Fermoy's aptly named 'Grand Hotel' as he tucked into a plate of salmon sandwiches. To wash down his snack, Chris opted for a cup of freshly brewed coffee. These ingredients worked a treat for Chris who, later in the afternoon, turned in a power-packed performance in the green and white of Limerick!



◀ St Marys BNS Captain, Chris Leahy with Diarmaid O'Connor, Chairman of West Limerick Cumann na mBunscol



▶ Trophies galore! 2008 was the year West definitely proved best!



▲ Templeglantine NS, West INTO 7s camogie champions



West Limerick INTO Sevens Winners

Hurling: Scoil Íosaf, Adare

Camogie: Templeglantine N.S.

Boys Football: Gaelscoil ó Dóghair

Girls Football: Scoil Íosaf, Newcastle West

St. Mary's BNS Abbeyfeale, West Limerick Football Champions

East Schools Review



Dean's Dash to Football Clash

Shelbourne Park (Dublin) to Fitzgerald Memorial Park (Fermoy)...on the Double!

For Dean Coleman of Doon CBS, playing for Limerick necessitated a memorable race against time. It was a race to face Tipperary in the 'Primary Go Games' match that preceded the Limerick v Tipperary Senior Football Championship fixture, played at Fitzgerald Memorial Park, Fermoy, Co. Cork in late May. The previous night Dean was in Shelbourne Park, Dublin, where his dad's dog was a big winner. Very early next morning Dean set off for Fermoy where he met up with his Primary Game team-mates in time to enjoy his second success of the weekend as the Limerick boys turned in a sterling performance to topple their counterparts from the Premier County.



◀ Munster's John The Bull Hayes was a Cumann na mBunscol star in East Limerick during his primary school days

John "The Bull" Hayes!

Congratulations to John Hayes on winning his second Heineken Cup medal with Munster. John's first sporting successes came in the colours of Cappamore BNS and he played in the Mackey and Sarsfield Cups with East Limerick.

▶ Br Dormer, at the Lyrath House Hotel, Kilkenny, studies another award for Doon CBS



East Cumann na mBunscol

Indoor Winners:

Camogie:
Crecora N.S.

Hurling:
Killinure N.S.
(First time indoor winners!)



◀ Seamus Hickey, once a Primary School star in East Limerick now an inter-county star

THE GREEN & WHITE Prize Crossword

To enter Competition 36, send a photocopy of your completed crossword or a list of answers to: **The Green and White**, Patrickswell N.S., Co. Limerick. Answers by e-mail to: info@thegreenandwhite.com. Last term's winners and answers are printed on Page 23.

No. **36**

TRASNA

- 1 Speedy Limerick footballer, Stephen Kelly's favourite running style (9)
- 8 Rainbow colour beginning with the letter "i" (6)
- 9 Star sign symbolised by The Twins (6)
- 10 Informal conversation, rhymes with hat (4)
- 12 Irish for "big" (3)
- 13 Famous East Limerick hurling village, rhymes with moon (4)
- 16 Ireland's unsuccessful Eurovision representative in 2008 (6)
- 17 Bugs Bunny's favourite vegetable; good for your eyesight (6)
- 18 What golf balls are placed on before they're driven off! (4)
- 21 Opposite of wet (3)
- 22 "----, that, these & those," what's the missing word? (4)
- 24 Turn SUN TAR into the 6th planet from the Sun? (6)
- 25 Past tense of teach, sounds like 'thought' (6)
- 26 They come on for (bleeding) injured players (5,4)

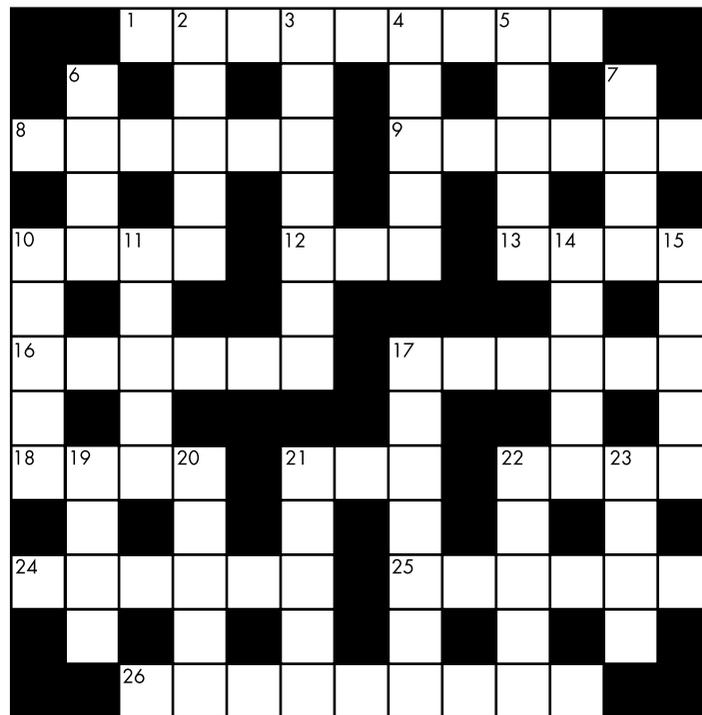


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- 2 Spanish ----, popular Co. Clare resort near Miltown Malbay (5)
- 3 Movie, released in 2008, featuring Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark (7)



- 4 Big cat; a Celtic one made Ireland wealthy! (5)
- 5 A person who moves from place to place rather than settling down in one place (5)
- 6 One twelfth of a foot; measuring 2.54 cm (4)
- 7 An abbreviation for the word 'information' (4)
- 10 EAT CD! And that's an order from a trainee army officer (Shocks was one!) (5)
- 11 The bride & groom walk down this passageway in a church (5)
- 14 First name of mega-rich chat show host, Ms ---- Winfrey? (5)
- 15 Musically speaking, there are 8 of these in an octave (5)
- 17 Wolf-like animals; known as prairie wolves in America (7)
19. WANE? First name of Scottish actor, ----McGregor of Star Wars fame (4)
- 20 Indiana Jones & the Kingdom of the Crystal ----? (5)
- 21 Wild dog of Australia; rhymes with bingo (5)
- 22 Tiny fairytale character who would be at home on your hand, Tom ----? (5)
- 23 The Irish for 'eating' is "ag ----" (4)

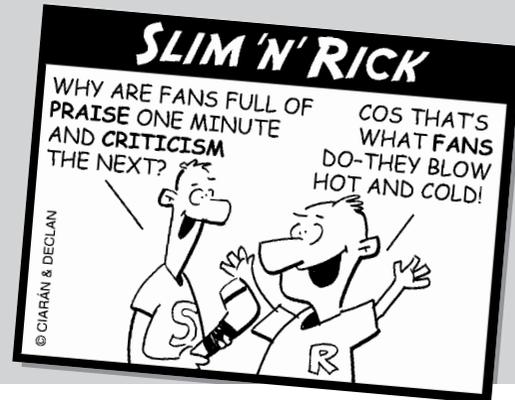


Scribble Box



19 Síos:
Trainspotter

CARTOON CORNER



SETANTA McFANTA

A LEGEND IN HIS OWN HELMET



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The Green and White Gallery

Limerick Senior Football Team

The 2008 Sporting Limerick playing gear was unveiled this spring. Limerick senior footballers are pictured modelling the second strip. (Thanks to Colette O'Grady for the photograph)



Limerick Senior Football Team
22.03.08



All-Ireland Football Captains 2008. Can you name them?



Dublin star Ciaran Whelan enjoys reading The G&W

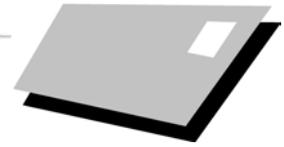


Limerick hurler Michael Fitzgerald at his graduation in the Garda College, Templemore with his parents Michael & Ann.



Limerick fans at the NHL match v Clare, photographed by Liam Dillon.

In off the Post!



West Limerick Camogie finalists

Our Lady's Abbey
Camogie team, Adare



Dear Sir,
Hi, my name is Ciana Martin, and I am a pupil in 4th class in Caherelly School. I want to tell the Green and White readers about the brilliant day I had at the grand opening of Ballybricken/Bohermore GAA clubhouse and playing pitch on Monday the 5th of May 2008. Limerick were playing Wexford in a senior hurling challenge match. We had a big parade led by the CBS pipe band, and we marched with the teams around the pitch. Ballybricken colours are the same as Wexford's, but we all cheered for Limerick. It was very exciting game and Limerick won. It was a great day!
Ciana Martin

To Cumann na mBunscol,
(This is an excerpt from a letter addressed to the GAA's Primary School branch)
...No one could compensate the members of our Association for the voluntary effort and commitment they give to Cumann na mBunscol and the G.A.A. in general. As Uachtarán I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your loyalty and dedication. Your work and that of your colleagues around the country makes a huge difference. Suffice to say that without your efforts our Association would not be in the strong position it holds today.

Keep up the good work,

Níoclás Ó Braonáin
Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

Well Done Lucky Winners of Crossword No. 35!

Ian O'Boyle Fedamore, Co. Limerick

Shane Mulcahy Ballyvelogue, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick

Muireann O'Dea Clarina, Co. Limerick

Crossword No. 35 Answers

Trasna: 1 Enchanted 8 Kinder 9 Bad Day 10 Lady 12 Eve 13 EFTA
16 Pizzas 17 Angles 18 Zinc 21 Ned 22 Ryan 24 Morans
25 Lovers 26 Dear Henry

Síos: 2 Noddy 3 Hurlers 4 Noble 5 Eddie 6 Mika 7 Bart
10 Lopez 11 Dozen 14 Foley 15 Arson 17 Andy Lee 19 Iron
20 Clare 21 No Sir! 22 Rover 23 Aero

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The BACK DOOR



The Limerick Primary
Go Games Football Team
(v Tipperary in Fermoy,
May 2008)



The Limerick Primary Go
Games Girls Football Team
(v Tipperary in Fermoy)

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