



The Milford Gazette!

by children, for children!

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FITZPATRICK CUP 2015



by Molly and Linda

As always, the Fitzpatrick Cup was a tightly fought, fairly played tournament this year. The winning team was Captained by Jack Oliver, well done to Jack and all his team! The other team to reach the final was Captained by Aoife Nelligan, well done to you all as well, it was a super final! All the teams competing this year played their hearts out and enjoyed every game. Well done to everyone involved and thanks to all the teachers who helped to run the tournament, especially Mr. Nelligan.

Teacher Interview!

This week....

Mr. Gallagher!!!

by Molly



How long have you been working in Milford NS?

I've been here since November

TEN OF THE BEST NEW Years RESOLUTIONS

by Linda and Molly

1. Exercise daily.
2. Eat more fruit and vegetables.
3. Be kinder to your friends and family, especially siblings!!
4. Help out more at home.
5. Tidy your bedroom!
6. Get more involved at school.
7. Recycle and save energy!
8. Try a new hobby.
9. Get lots of fresh air every day!
10. Have fun!!!!

Meet the New Milford Gazette News Team for 2015!!!



Front row: Christina, Ellen, Molly and Linda

Back Row: Ava, Adam and Seth

City Final Champs! U13A Girls Football

by guest contributor Mr. Nelligan



Tuesday, Oct. 21st 2014 was an historic occasion for Milford NS. They competed in the A-Division of the Cumann na mBunscol Limerick City Girls' Football Final for the first time in the school's 32 year history. Having been crowned B-Champions for the last four years in a row, many felt that the Milford girls would adapt easily to the challenges of the A-Division. However, as those in the know will tell you, there is nothing easy about the challenges of Division B Girls' Football, not to mention Division A!!

A 25-strong panel of Milford's proudest and best Gaelic Footballers took to the hallowed turf of the Gaelic Grounds on this special day. Their opponents were none other than near neighbours

2011.

What primary school did you attend?

I attended Barefield N.S. in Ennis.

What was your favourite subject when you were in school?

My favourite's were PE, Geography and History.

You're a great teacher, what's your secret?

You have to enjoy what you're teaching and then hopefully the children will enjoy the lessons too. I try not to be too serious too! :-)

What is your favourite food?

Seafood and Italian food.

What are your hobbies?

Surfing and running are my favourite hobbies.

How do you unwind after a hard day at work?

I like to go running or go to the gym!

On the Double!!!

by guest contributor Íde Ní Ífearnáin



On Tuesday the 18th of November 2014, the Milford U13 girls played in the Limerick County Girls' Football Championship for the first time in our school's history. Having won the City A-Final, we were representing the City Division. The Championship was held in the University of Limerick North Campus. Our hopes soared after winning comfortably against Glin (West

Weather Report:

Do you Wanna Build a

Snowman?

by Ava and Molly



It was snowing on Wednesday 14th of January here in Limerick. It was a wonderful day for children as they were playing in the snow having snowball fights and of course building snowman. The snow was about one inch deep that morning, but unfortunately when we got home all the snow was gone, so most children didn't get to play in it. On Wednesday evening, however, we got a nice surprise that a red alert was issued by Met Eireann about storm Rachel and we had a day off school! However, it turned out to be not as serious as they thought and there was no damage to any trees or buildings. Throughout the week the weather improved and it was sunny on Saturday and parts of Sunday. Who knows what the weather will bring next!!!

Theatre Review

by: Seth

*I recently went to see a mind blowing play called *The Walworth Farce*, by Enda Walsh, at the Olympia Theatre. It stars Brendan Gleeson, a famous Irish actor, and his two*

Monaleen, the reigning City Champions, who are coached by football guru Fiachra McGrath.

Referee John Paul Kiely (Croom) threw in the ball at ten past ten in the morning and the first final of the day was on! Five minutes later, Monaleen midfielder Sarah Cleary registered the first score of the day with a lovely point. Milford's Íde Ní Ífearnáin levelled the scoreboard shortly afterwards and Grace Clohessy chipped in with another point just before half-time. From the start, Milford enjoyed the lion's share of the possession, however this was not reflected on the scoreboard and they went in at half-time with the narrowest of leads, two points to one. Milford's hopes were buoyed by the fact that the Monaleen girls had enjoyed a considerable wind-advantage during the first half. For the next 15 minutes, it would be the turn of the Milford girls to have the wind at their backs.

In spite of Milford's wind-advantage, Monaleen's Laura Donaghy managed to beat Abby McCarthy in the Milford goal and all of a sudden the reigning champions had their noses in front again! The Monaleen supporters in the Mackey Stand found their voices and urged their players on. The game hung in the balance for the next 5 minutes or so with neither side being able to move the scoreboard. Suddenly, Aoife

Limerick) in the Semi-Final. The Final against Roxborough (East Limerick) took place immediately after the Semi-Final. We didn't have time to be tired, but had just enough time to imagine the Perpetual Shield being brought to Milford National School for the first time ever.

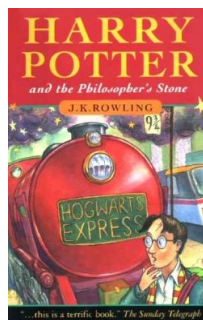
A few minutes into the game, Milford's Grace Clohessy rattled the net with the first score of the match. Mr. Nelligan's advice came to mind: "Aim for the crossbar!". Our two goals were scored in the first half. Caoimhe Hackett bagged 1 - 1 from open play. Íde and Ciara chipped in with a point each, while captain Eimar kicked three points. Though our opponents were physically big and strong, it became obvious as the game progressed that we were the fitter and faster team. Most of the activity took place in Roxborough's half of the field and, as a result, their goalkeeper was under constant pressure. Roxborough had very lively and dangerous forwards and half-forwards, however they were starved of possession. In spite of this they still managed to score a goal and a point. The final score was 2-6 to 1-1. Victory was ours, history was made! The Celtic Image Shield was presented to proud captain Eimear Morgan and her teammates by County Secretary Paul Kennedy. Our win would not have been possible without our coaches: Mr. Nelligan, Ms Newman and Ms Larkin. We are very grateful to them for guiding us on our road to victory, and for all the time they spent training us and for believing in us as a team. Milford Abú!!!!

sons Domhnall Gleeson (who's going to be in the new *Star Wars* movie!!!) and Brian Gleeson. This was my first time in the theatre and I loved it. I'm not going to bore you with all the details...so here are a few words I'd use to describe the play: happy, funny, dramatic, silly and emotional. If you're going to a play I would recommend this one! I give this play a rating of 10/10.

Book Review

Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone.

by Christina Latysheva



This is the first book in the Harry Potter sequels and I really enjoyed it. Harry Potter is a wizard, but he does not know it yet. He lives with his Aunt Petunia, his Uncle Vernon and his cousin Dudley. One day Harry finds out that he is a wizard and enrolls at Hogwarts, the school for witches and wizards. He makes two new friends, Hermione and Ron and they go on exciting adventures together. One of the most exciting adventures being when they try to get revenge on Voldemort, the evil wizard who murdered Harry's parents. The author of this book is J.K Rowling. I would give this

Nelligan won possession in the middle of the field. She raced down the inside-left channel soloing the ball past two defenders and hit a cracking left-footed scorcher into the top right-hand corner of the Monaleen net. The Stand erupted with Milford cheers. Ecstatic Milford captain, Grace Clohessy, picked Aoife up and spun her around in celebration. It wasn't over yet though, and Monaleen rallied in search of an answer to the Milford goal. Milford's Emer Morgan tacked on another point to seal the victory for the Milford side, who heaved a huge sigh of relief when John-Paul Kiely blew the final whistle at 10:45 am. Well done to all the girls!!!

This Months Jokes & Riddles...

by Linda and Seth

Jokes:

- Why should you never give Elsa a balloon?
She'll let it go!!!
- What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish?
Every morning you'll rise and shine!!!
- What do you call security guards working outside Samsung Shops?
Guardians of the Galaxy!

Riddles:

- What belongs to you, but is used more by others?
Your name!
- What has to be broken before you can use it?
An egg!

book 10/10 and I really
recommend it! :-)