



The O'Mahony Times!

By children of MNS, for Ms. O'Mahony!

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A Special Interview with Ms. O'Mahony

by Adam & Saoirse



1. How long have you been working in Milford NS?

32 years. I started here in 1984. I had spent 4 years in Dublin before that.

2. What was your most memorable moment here?

My best memory was when the school was built in 1994 and I finally got a proper classroom after 11 years in a pre-fab! It was brilliant when we got a staff room and proper toilets!

3. How do you feel about leaving Milford?

I have mixed feelings-I'm sad to say goodbye to a great school and wonderful colleagues and children, where I have spent some of the happiest times of my life, as well as the most satisfying, fulfilling and challenging, but I am also happy to have the time and freedom to do lots of other things.

4. Do you have any special things planned for your retirement?

A Timeline of Staff Photographs with Ms. O'Mahony 1984-2013



1984-1985



1985-1986



1986-1987

Testimonials about Ms. O'Mahony from a Selection of Staff

by Molly & Clara

Ms. Hill: There are so many words that I could use to describe Ms. O'Mahony, having worked with her for 20 or so years. She is diligent, thorough, conscientious and caring, towards staff and children alike. Her sense of humour and her ability to laugh even through difficult times is a true strength of character. Her incredible hard work and her vision and leadership during her time as principal has carved a very clear and secure future for Milford NS. It has been a pleasure to work with her and to count her as a friend.

Ms. Fenton: Kathryn and I worked together on many projects but I have very special memories of our years as job-sharing partners. We worked together very well and learned a lot together. It was a time of change in the national curriculum and it was wonderful to have a partner to discuss new methodologies and ideas with. I think that's when both of us embraced technology and our computer skills were all the better for those three years working together. We definitely learned that in education, you are always learning. Here's a fun fact that I discovered... Ms. O'Mahony has an amazing memory, so when I can't remember a detail of something that was said or done (20 years ago), I will always ask Ms. O'Mahony.

Rose: My favourite memory of Kathryn is from Tuesday 20th October 2009 at the Milford NS 'Girls Night Out' Fashion Show in the Castletroy Park Hotel. The glamour, the fun, the support, the packed house and the

Yes. My husband and I are going to do a lot of travelling and visit new places. I also want to do lots of gardening and keep up with educational matters.

5.What's your favourite movie?

I watched Beauty and the Beast hundreds of times with my children when they were small. I always loved that.

6.What's the best place you've ever visited?

I loved going to Africa. I hope to go and visit again.

7.What's your favourite food?

Chicken and broccoli bake!

8.Will you miss the other members of staff?

Yes. I have wonderful friends here, old and new. I expect my friendships to continue. I'll be popping back to visit anyway!

9.Will you miss the children in this school?

Of all the things I'm going to miss, this is what I will miss the most! Children always cheer me up. The smiles, the greetings, the "slán" on the way home. The enthusiasm, the joy.

10.What are your favourite hobbies?

Reading, gardening, walking, music.

11.Did you always want to teach?

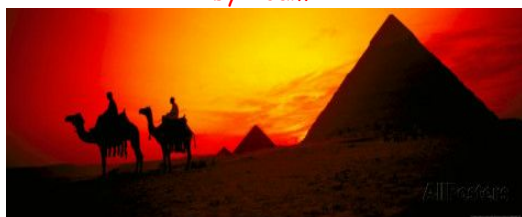
Yes. Ever since I was a little girl I never considered another career. It was all I ever wanted to do.

Thank you Ms. O'Mahony, we will miss you and we wish you the best of luck!

Continent Corner

Ms. O'Mahony's Favourite Continent-Africa!

by Adam



1987-1988



1988-1989



1990-1991



2002



2013

catwalk. The wonderful welcome & speech Kathryn gave to all that night - we had a great time and it's a great memory.

Mr. Nelligan: My abiding memory of Ms. O'Mahony is of her role as one of the hilarious "Terrible Twins", Kylie and Brittany, in two School Shows, 'Diamonds & Pearls' and 'Silver Linings'. Clad in a Milford school uniform, Ms. O'Mahony engaged in a great deal of witty repartee with Brittany (played by Ms. Fenton) and uttered the oft-quoted line, (most often by me in the staffroom!) "I thought it wasn't a DVD!"

Ms. Burke: Ms. O'Mahony taught my children in second class and the communions were always great and even if they were not making their communion they would always get a picture with her.

Ms.O'Mahony's Favourite Recipe

by Molly

Chicken & Broccoli Bake



Ingredients:

- I full head of Broccoli
- 3-4 breasts of chicken
- I can of condensed chicken soup
- 1 heaped tablespoon of mayonnaise
- A pinch of curry powder
- 4 oz of wholemeal breadcrumbs
- 4 oz of grated cheddar cheese
- 2 oz of butter (melted)

Method:

1. Put the chicken breasts into a saucepan of cold water. Bring to boil, then simmer for 15-20 mins until cooked. Drain and cut into bite size pieces.
2. Put the broccoli into a pot of water and bring to a simmer for 5 minutes. Cool and cut into florets.
3. Preheat the oven to 190 degrees.

Biggest city: Lagos population is 8,029,200 million people
 Most popular tourist destination: Cairo
 Longest river: The Nile is 6650km long
 Biggest desert: The Sahara is 9.4million km sq
 Biggest lake: Lake Victoria
 Seas and oceans around Africa: Mediterranean, Atlantic and Indian Ocean
 Tallest building: Pointe City Apartment block at 172.8m tall.
 Tallest mountain: Mt Kilimanjaro is 5895m high.
 The pyramids of Giza are 139m tall
 Main religions: Christianity, Islam and traditional African religions.
 Number of countries in Africa: 54!
 How long to get there: 8h 54min from Shannon to Cairo.
 Dangerous Animals: Nile crocodile, Egyptian cobra, puff adder, hippopotamus, elephant and lion.

The Quick Quiz of the Month!



Answer to last week's question:

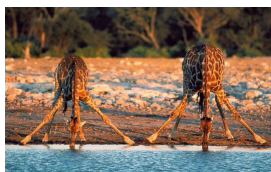
What's the yellow Teletubby called?

Tinky-Winky! :-)

This week's question:

How long has Mrs. O'Mahony been working in Milford NS? (Answer in next month's edition!)

Pointless Piece of Research of the Month!



A giraffe's neck is too long to reach the ground, so when drinking water it does the splits! Amazing or what?! :)))

One of Ms. O'Mahony's Favourite Movies...

Beauty & The Beast...

by Seth



All good fairy tales need a princess, and though Belle is from provincial stock, she fits the bill to a Disney T. From her fellow towns-people's point of view, however, there is one little problem: She's just not like them. She reads books. And she dreams of adventure and true love!

Belle wants to wait for the future while taking care of her forgetful but loving Papa. He's such a dear old fellow, and an inventor, too. When Papa gets lost on his way to the city, and his horse returns without him, Belle is instantly concerned. She rides out to search for him, his faithful horse taking her to the gates of a gloomy old castle. Inside, she finds her father, locked away in a dungeon cell. "Go away, Belle!" he cries. "Save yourself." But it's too late. The surly owner of this enchanted castle has heard the commotion and storms into the shadow-cloaked room. With bared teeth and an angry roar, he makes the facts clear: Papa trespassed and a price must be paid. If Belle wants to take his place, so be it. But someone will be the lifelong prisoner of ... the Beast! What a classic! 5*****

4. Put the chicken and broccoli pieces into to an oven proof dish
5. Mix together the soup, curry powder and the mayonnaise. Pour over the chicken and broccoli.
6. Mix the breadcrumbs cheese and the melted butter together and spread over the contents of the dish.
7. Bake for 25-30mins until golden brown and piping hot. Enjoy!!

Suggested Retirement Activities for for Ms. O'Mahony!



by Adam & Seth

- Go Sky diving
- Go on a roller coaster with a loop!!
- Walk on the beach in Spain
- Scuba dive/deep sea dive
- Fly in a helicopter
- Go to Africa on safari
- Meet a famous person
- Go Island hopping in Greece
- Go Yodelling in Austria
- Kayak down a waterfall
- Ski in Austria
- Feed a llama
- Go to the Burning Man festival
- Camp in the wilderness
- Take a gondola ride in venice
- Drive Route 66 in America
- Go to New Zealand and do the Lord of the Rings tour
- See the Northern Lights in Iceland
- Go to Yosemite National Park

