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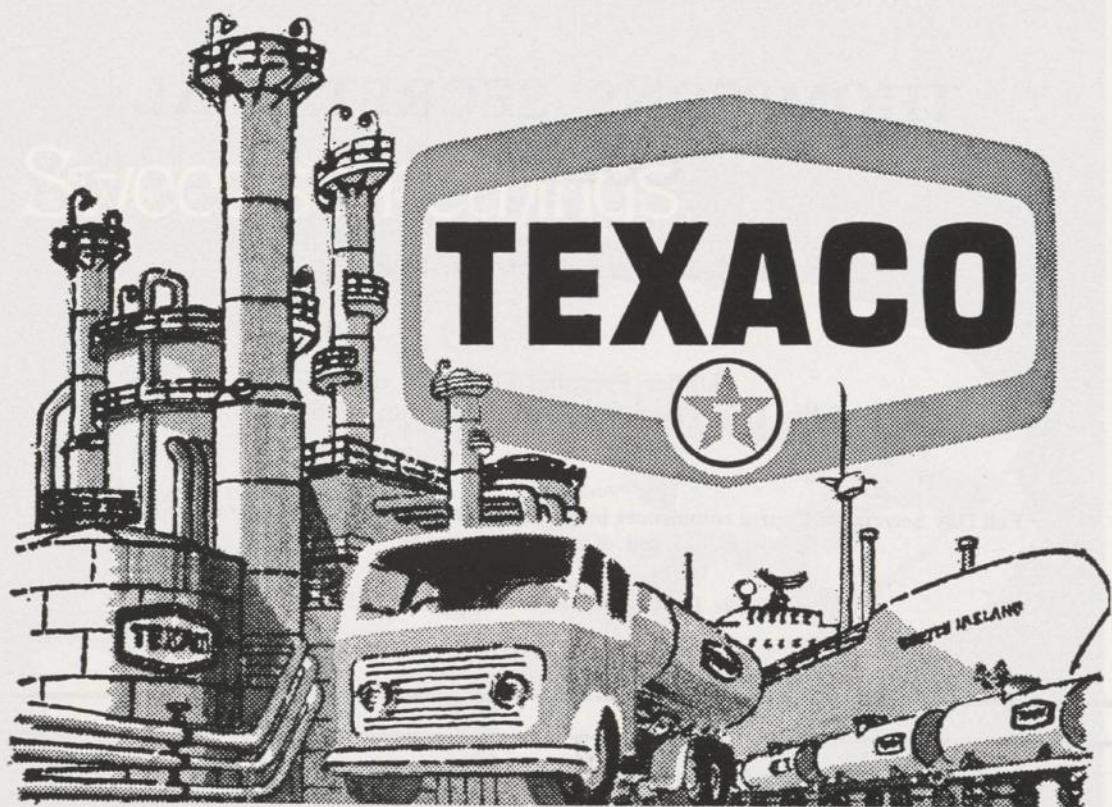
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EDITORIAL

It is with great pleasure that we present the thirteenth edition of The Diocesan Times. At this moment when the magazine is being prepared for print there is great excitement among the girls in the school. In the past year no structural changes have been carried out; instead papers have been signed and plans have been made to unite our school with the High School. This amalgamation will take place next September when we move to Danum leaving

behind us the noise and commotion of Adelaide Road for the quieter surroundings on the banks of the Dodder. Many of the senior girls and staff will be sorry to leave the old buildings which have provided the familiar background for their work for many years. However, we are, without exception, all looking forward to sharing in the use of bright modern classrooms, laboratories, playing fields and many other facilities which will then be available to us.

Last June we were sorry to lose some teachers to whom we offer our best wishes and sincere thanks. Miss McCutcheon is now teaching Biology in London in a very large school and we wish her every success. For seventeen years, Mr. W. J. Watson F.R.C.O. was in charge of music and trained our singing classes in which he took great interest and helped the choirs to reach and maintain a high standard. He introduced us to the subject Musicianship, and the pioneer classes profited greatly under his scholarly tuition. We hope that he will continue to pass on his knowledge to many other young people. We welcome to the staff Mrs. Massey and Miss Orr now responsible for Science classes, and Mr. Marino who has successfully taken on all music teaching. We are very pleased to know that the staff intend to come to Danum too, so that we will continue with the teachers we know.

As readers will see in the Library Report, this year we have the opportunity of benefiting from the increased number of reference books bought with the additional Library charge and relating to most subjects. We are glad that we may bring all our Library books with us to Danum.

The Prize Distribution was once again held in the Royal Dublin Society's Concert Hall in November. The programme included the usual enjoyable choir items and some innovations. The musicianship classes delighted the audience with recorder playing, and the speech training classes entertained us with choral speaking and solo items. The School and its guests appreciated Mrs. W. B. Starford's presence with us and her very evident interest in our activities. We thank her for coming to distribute the prizes.

More table tennis equipment has been acquired and now it is a very popular sport in the school. Almost every day after school, girls practise enthusiastically.

We hope our readers will appreciate the photographs which are included in this year's Magazine and that they will remind us always of our years as an all-girls' school. We thank Miss Good, Miss Stewart, Miss Williams and Mr. Goulden for these photographs. We thank all who have contributed articles or reports. We thank the kind supporters who have given us advertisements, and we thank Miss Stewart and Miss Jagoe for their advice, encouragement and determination without which this Magazine would not reach the printers.

REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1792/'73

EXAMINATION RESULTS

We rejoiced with our 34 candidates for the full Leaving Certificate examination 1973 that all were successful, and we wish them all continuing success in the various trainings on which they have embarked. Emily Torrans deserves a special mention for her continued steady work, and for achieving Grade B or A in all seven subjects.

Most of the 50 Intermediate Certificate candidates were successful and all have gained in experience by facing and measuring up to a State examination. Some who were disappointed by their results also achieved a very important victory when they climbed over their disappointment and came with determination to continue their studies for Leaving Certificate in a full range of subjects. Examination success is very desirable, but learning to meet and rise over disappointment is also very valuable.

CLASSWORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Each academic year a fresh timetable is drawn up to meet the needs of the girls with their varied abilities and to fulfil the requirements laid down by the Department of Education. This timetable is the outcome of careful thought, much experience and weeks of work during the summer holidays. In 1972 we introduced *German* as a new subject finding a lively interest in the living language, and a decreasing demand for Latin. The use of tape-recorders and film strip projectors for the teaching of French and Irish has increased steadily – one room has been set aside solely for language teaching and of course we could do with several rooms for that purpose.

History Of Art has been taught from Second Year upwards to those who choose the subject. These classes were sometimes held in the National Gallery while the girls studied Baroque paintings or the Chester Beatty collection, and sometimes in St. Patrick's Cathedral or on tour in parts of the city, and sometimes in the classroom viewing coloured slides. Much importance is attached to Irish Art, and First Year girls were brought to the National Museum and older classes to the Boyne Valley where they saw Newgrange, Mellifont and Monasterboice and studied a little of our National heritage.

During the year, an up-to-date fan-oven type electric cooker and more new electric sewing machines were installed in the *Home Economics* kitchen where even quite young classes became competent in using modern equipment and follow a full course in this practical subject. The 3rd and 4th Year girls entered for the Gas Company's Cookery examination and nine girls won prizes. In the Cassidy Sewing Competition, Avril Payne came first in the Intermediate Schools section, and won a six-weeks course in the Grafton Academy of Dress Designing.

Senior Geography classes again went on field trips, including a three-day tour of the County Clare limestone area for 5th Year. The girls and Staff stayed in the local Youth Hostel for two nights, and worked on the Geology of the region during the days, and also visited places of general interest.

The Music Department was under the direction of Mr. W. J. Watson, assisted by Mr. Rory O'Neill. The five choirs entered for the Department of Education examinations as usual and were awarded percentages varying from 91 to 97. These fine results reflect the splendid work of Mr. Watson both in Choral and Musicianship classes, and we experienced a very real sense of loss when it became certain that Mr. Watson had been offered a full-time post elsewhere. He gave most valuable service to Diocesan for seventeen years, and generations of girls have benefited under his scholarly tuition. We thank him most sincerely, and wish him many happy years in his present post. Mr. O'Neill proved himself a very successful teacher of the piano and recorder. Now we welcome Mr. J. R. Marino who is in charge of the subject in the School, and who is continuing to foster a love of music by his sympathetic teaching.

Our good wishes also go with Miss Jacqueline McCutcheon who has gone to gain further experience in teaching Biology in England. She worked selflessly in the Science Laboratory for the two years she was with us and had a natural gift of keeping her pupils' interest. Miss Ruth Shaw is following her very ably.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education continues to increase – Swimming instruction was given in the Church of Ireland Training College Pool – We are very pleased to have this facility – and a satisfactory number of girls qualified for Swimming and Life-Saving awards. The 1st XI hockey team invited the 1st XI from the Ursuline Convent in Sligo and gave them hospitality overnight during March. On the Friday the Sligo girls came to lunch (prepared in School by the Home Economics class), played a hockey match – which Sligo won – and came to the Theatre with our girls. On the Saturday, we organised a Dublin tour for both teams, the "Doicesan" parents provided lunch and finally after high tea in School the Sligo team returned home. During the year we bought some table tennis equipment which has proved very popular, giving another leisure-time enjoyable activity.

Badminton was again played twice a week in Charleston Road Methodist Hall under the guidance and expert tuition of Mrs. R. H. Orr, ably assisted by Miss Malcolmson; both gave their services freely and willingly. Miss Williams gave up many Saturdays to conduct hill-walks, and has instructed an enthusiastic group in the skills needed for this activity. Girls participated in Inter-

Schools Athletics and Miss Correll organised an enjoyable Sports Evening at the end of June. We are grateful to these experts for all they do to build up girls' confidence and enthusiasm for these healthful pursuits which can give a life long interest.

Much thought is given to the Religious Education of the girls by those in charge and this is expressed in various ways. Emphasis is laid on the practical application of the teaching and this varies from running cake sales in order to send a donation of over £50.00 to the Church Missionary Society, sharing in the Youth-in-Action Committee and offering carols and Christmas decorations to our friends in St. Matthias' Home. The 4th Year girls conducted a service one Sunday afternoon in Margaretholme—the order of service being of their own devising. As in other years, we were represented by girls and Staff at the Citizenship service in Christchurch Cathedral, and we held the Carol Service in St. Peter's Church led by the Rev. Canon R. H. Dowse in December. This service is always an inspiring conclusion to the Autumn term.

We mourn the loss of two loyal friends of the School — Dr. Olive Purser was a member of the Committee of Management for many years, and her deep interest continued throughout her retirement. Mrs. Isobel Watkins taught in the School as a young teacher and had a great affection for it. She and her sister, Miss Mathers, were always very interested in the School's progress. Girls who have won the Mathers Sports Cup will remember one of the ways in which they expressed their interest.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank the parents, the kind friends, the staff and girls for their loyal co operation and support in the busy life of the School.

M. M. Jagoe.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

The first day of the year is considered to be the most auspicious day of the Chinese calendar. The Chinese New Year festival is, therefore, the most important festival of the Chinese people. Like the Chinese all over the world, those in Hong Kong celebrate this festival with great pomp and show. Rich and poor, young and old, all celebrate it with hope that the new year will be better than the one just ended, and will bring more happiness and prosperity. Preparations for celebrating this festival are taken in days and months ahead. Every house is cleaned and decorated with strips of red paper bearing words which mean happiness and prosperity.

On the eve of the New Year a reunion dinner is held in every Chinese house. All members of the family gather together at their ancestral home for a sumptuous meal. Those, who are away from their families for the rest of the

year, return home for this occasion.

In the morning of the New Year's Day, the head of each family along with his wife, offers prayers to God. Then he and his wife seat themselves before the family. Each of them accepts a small cup of Chinese tea offered by everyone of their children and grandchildren. The little ones are the happiest of all, for they, in return, are privileged to receive "red packets" containing handsome gifts in cash from their parents and elders.

On this day everyone wears new clothes and says nothing but good words and greetings such as "knoog he fat choy" (I wish you to have good luck"). Mothers do not scold their children. Usually all the demands made by them are readily met to avoid any cross words on this auspicious day. Visits are paid to friends and relatives, and gifts are exchanged.

Chinese New Year's Day is a public holiday in Hong Kong. Besides Government Offices and schools, all shops remain closed. Thus all the Chinese have an opportunity to join in the celebrations.

Wong Suk Chu, 5A

AUTUMN

Autumn, Autumn, Autumn,
Autumn of good cheer,
Apples, pears and nuts and all
Have come once more this year.

Autumn leaves are falling down,
Covering the ground with colours gay.
The farmer toils to reap the corn,
Cutting, Tossing and stacking the hay.

O, thank you, God, for Autumn
And for the crops that grow,
And all around us every day
We feel the cool wind blow.

Rhoda Howlin, 1S

PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

Once again we are very pleased to have the opportunity to let you know what has been happening in the P.P.A during the past year.

At our Annual General Meeting, held on the 10th May 1973, the following Officers were elected:

Chairman:	Mrs. Hazel McConnell
Hon Treasurer:	Miss Dorothy Kerr
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs. Ruth Thompson
Committee:	Mrs. Mabel Gargan
	Mrs. Hannah McConnell
	Mrs. Sue Colin
	Miss Barbara Walsh

Mrs. Hazel McConnell is our President.

We opened our season with a Make-Up Demonstration by Mary Quant on the 17th September and we were very pleased to see so many 1973 School Leavers present. We were given very many helpful hints on make-up and skin care and a couple of our members volunteered to have their faces made up and went home looking really glamorous.

We were lucky enough to get Grace O'Shaughnessy to come along and talk to us on the 23rd October. She spoke about poise, and personality, and advised us on the current trends in fashion, colour schemes, dress sense, etc. She also told us about the time she went to Europe and won the "Woman of Europe" award. This meeting was very well attended and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Annual Dress/Dinner Dance was held this year on the 2nd November in the Royal Starlight Hotel in Bray. The Dance Committee had once again organised a splendid night for us with a terrific band, spot prizes and many beautiful raffle prizes. Hats and novelties distributed during the evening gave the Dance a festive flavour.

Mrs. I. White very generously gave us the use of her home on the 15th November for our Bring and Buy Sale. We decided to use some of the proceeds from this sale for our "Christmas Good Turn" and we were delighted to be able to help a very needy family to have a happy Christmas.

On the 23rd January Mr. Des Barry came along and showed us some films and talked to us about cruising on the Shannon and also on some of our Canals. Everyone present found this a very interesting and pleasant evening and if you happen to be on the Shannon this summer keep your eyes open as you are sure to meet an "Old Girl".

Mrs. Jenny Gargan and Mrs. Hickey, who supply some of our leading stores with hats, came to demonstrate how the professionals make hats on the 18th February and brought along some beautiful examples of their work. The Committee brought some bits and scraps of material and there followed a hat making competition. Everyone joined in the fun with great enthusiasm and some very fine efforts, dating from the 1920's to the Space Age, were produced. A couple of small prizes were awarded for the best attempts.

The above meeting brings me to a date of writing this report but we will be holding the following functions before the close of the season: 19th March—Kaleidoscope. An expert gardener, Mr. Shannon, will be coming along to give us an illustrated talk on how to develop a garden from bare earth.

19th April—Annual Dinner. This year we will be holding our Dinner in the Green Isle Hotel, Clondalkin.

14th May—Arts & Crafts and Annual General Meeting. For this meeting we are very pleased to be joining forces with the girls of the School when they will be giving an ex-

hibition and demonstration of the work they have done during the year. This will be followed by the A.G.M. It was with great interest that we learned of the forthcoming merger of Diocesan with High School at Danum. We will, of course, continue to follow the School's progress very closely and we hope that this amalgamation will be a very happy and successful venture.

Ruth Thompson, Hon. Secretary.

THE OLD DIOCESAN HOCKEY CLUB SEASON 1973/74

We are now coming to the end of yet another enjoyable season of the Old Diocesan Hockey Club and although the girls are not always successful in winning all matches, there is always an enthusiastic game played by all.

We entered four teams in the Leinster Leagues, one Intermediate, one Middle and two in the Junior League, but with only 44 members, fielding four full teams every week became very difficult so after Christmas we pulled out one of the Junior teams.

Because of bad weather affecting the conditions of Belgrave Square, members from different teams do not see each other as often as before so everyone tries to make an extra special effort to come to the Social Evenings. These are held once a month and during the Season we have held a Wine and Cheese Night, Table Tennis, a make-up demonstration by Mary Quant and a talk on Summer Holidays given by Global as well as Carol Singing for the Simon Community, Bowling and at the end of the season we shall close with another Travelling Dinner. Once again we will take a team to Galway over Easter to play in the Cross Cup Tournament. This is a hockey weekend thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As you can see we have had another very active year and to everyone interested in joining the Club next September, please contact me at the address below. We will be delighted to have you with us.

*Pamela Bloom, Hon. Secretary.
7 Riverside Drive, Dublin 14.*

HOCKEY REPORT 1973-'74

Unfavourable weather during the Christmas and Easter terms of this season prevented many matches from being played on grass pitches causing numerous disappointing cancellations. But we were not idle as we were able to play against schools who are lucky enough to have hard pitches. At first, because our teams are used to a much slower game, the scores were atrocious, Diocesan being very often on the losing side. But every team has improved with the experience of those faster games, which really do require more skill and fitness.

The 1st XI lost the second round of the Cup to Mount Anville by 1-0 on a hard pitch, which caused more heart-break than a defeat usually does, since we had played and beaten them the previous week by the same score on the same pitch. But in our Plate matches we were more successful until the Quarter Final when Navan beat us.

The 2nd XI lost the first round of the Cup to Loreto Crumlin on a soft pitch by 4-2. They lost the 1st round of the Plate to Loreto Balbriggan by 3-2 after a draw and a replay. In friendly matches, however, they showed themselves to better advantage, winning a good many matches. The Junior A had rather an unlucky season, losing most of their matches, including the 1st round of the Junior Cup to Sutton by 1-0.

The Junior B showed great promise. They won the 1st round of the Cup against Finglas by 3-0. But they played the 2nd round at Glengara Park on a hard pitch and lost by a score they did not wish to be disclosed!

The Minor team have had a fairly good season winning many friendly matches and the 1st round of the Cup against St. Stephen's Green on a hard pitch by 4-0. They were not as lucky in the 2nd round, which they lost to San Sabina, Sutton by 2-1.

The two Beginners teams have played quite a few matches this season and again the hard pitch proved to be their downfall as they lost all the matches they played on them. They did, however, win quite a few on soft pitches.

On March 30th, 1974 Diocesan School entertain a team from Belfast. We will play a hockey match, have lunch together and then all go off to the Hockey International.

Throughout Diocesan there are many promising, keen players, who, we expect, will move up into senior teams as we Sixth-formers move out. We trust that their continuing enthusiasm will have much influence and wish them success and enjoyable games in the future.

Helen Franklin

Games Captain, 1973/'74

BADMINTON REPORT 1973/'74

The year 1973-1974 has been a very enjoyable and successful one for the Badminton Club. There has been a renewed interest in the game in the past two terms, and the Club has now forty-two members. We are very grateful to the trustees of Charleston Road Methodist Church for the use of the Church Hall, where we practise every Thursday and Tuesday during the Autumn and Easter terms.

There are three badminton teams, two senior and one junior, which have been quite successful in their matches so far this season. We hope to hold a tournament for all members of the Club at the end of the season.

We are very grateful to Miss Malcolmson and Miss Bushe for their help and encouragement throughout the year.

Margaret Myers and

Edwina Mundy, 5 A.

DIOCESAN TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We are pleased to report that this season we have seventy members in our recently formed Table Tennis Club.

Before Christmas we held two tournaments, a senior and a junior. Trophies were awarded to the winners, Edwina Mundy and Janet Smith, and shields to the runners up, Sylvia Smith and Margaret Worrall, when the finals were played on the last day of term before an interested audience of the assembled school.

We entered a team for the Leinster Schools' League and played matches against Our Lady's School, Manor House School, Wesley College and Alexandra College. In the case of each school, we played one match at home and one away. We have enjoyed entertaining the visiting teams in School, and knowing that we could have the use of the main hall and kitchen on those occasions. We say thank you to Miss Jagoe and Miss Good for making this possible and encouraging us, and to Miss Correll for her coaching, and for coming frequently to support us in our matches.

At the Belcamp College Invitation Tournament some of our members took part in the girls' singles and doubles and in mixed doubles. In the mixed doubles our partners were pupils of the C.U.S., Lower Leeson Street.

Joyce Gyves, 5B

SPORTS DAY, 1973

Our annual Sports were held on Friday 22nd June at 7 p.m. at our Sports Ground, Belgrave Square. It was a beautiful evening, just right for the 40 out-door events, all of which were organised by Miss Correll and her assistants. These included the straight races, and also the Fancy Dress, obstacle race, tug-of-wars and interform relays, which were greatly enjoyed, both by competitors and spectators. The prizes consisted of "gold" and "silver" medals, which were kindly distributed by Miss Bradshaw, a former physical education teacher in Diocesan, and who became an International golfer.

The Cup results were as follows:

The Taylor Cup awarded to the Senior with most points was shared by Lesley Gibson and Susan Rufli.

The Staff Cup, awarded to the third or fourth year with most points went to Edwina Mundy.

The Diocesan Cup, awarded to the second year with most points went to Gillian Rutledge.

The Mathers Cup, awarded to the first year with most points went to Avril Sloane.

The Tate Cup, awarded to the form with most points went to 4A.

The Belgrave Cup, awarded to the winner of the Senior 220 yards went to Helen Franklin.

The J. M. Scott Cups for Junior and Senior Hockey Player went to Edwina Mundy and Olwyn Crosse respectively.

The Past Pupils' Association ran the refreshment stall, which had many customers throughout the evening. Our thanks go to Miss Correll and members of the staff who helped to organise the events excellently, and made the function very successful.

Edwina Mundy, 5A.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING GALA; 1973

At 9.30 a.m. on the 6th October, 1973, our annual swimming gala commenced at the Rathmines Training College Swimming Pool. Miss Correll, with the help of the prefects and members of the staff organised the events which included front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, a beginners' race, a novelty race and a balloon race. There was also a pyjama race in the Senior Section. There were Junior and Senior inter-form relays, won by 2A and 4A respectively. There was also a relay race between the present pupils and the past pupils, which the present pupils won.

Mrs. Thea Boyle very kindly came as our special guest to watch the events and to present the prizes to the winners. She also spoke to us all most encouragingly for a few minutes. The gala was greatly enjoyed by both contestants and the spectators thanks to the excellent organisation of Miss Correll and her helpers. The 1973 Diocesan Swimming Gala came to a happy close exactly as the clock showed 10.30 a.m.

Cheryl Darlington, 5A

Christina Worrall, 5A

Edwina Mundy, 5A

MY PUP

We got a new pup the other day,
Her name is Sally, she's really gay.
She prances around and jumps about,
That she's lively and free, there is no doubt.

Her coat is so golden and warm and furry,
When she's awake she runs in a hurry.
She rushes here and she rushes there,
She seldom stops, she never has a care.

She plays with a ball and runs to us all,
She hasn't yet learned to come at call.
She eats bread and meat out of her dish,
She will not eat cheese, nor will she eat fish.

Barbara Griffith, 2B

THE IMPORTANCE OF BELLS

Bells are to be found all over the world and play an important part in most religions. In 1282 a peal of bells known as the Sicilian Vespers gave the signal for a great massacre of Frenchmen. Bells were again the signal for the massacre of the Huguenots in France on St. Bartholomew's Day in 1572.

William the Conqueror ordered the Curfew bells to sound at 5 o'clock as a signal for putting out fires and the custom is still continued in some English towns, although the law enforcing it was repealed more than 800 years ago.

The Liberty Bell hangs in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, United States of America. In 1776 this bell gave the signal for the war between Britain and the American Colonies to begin.

The Great Bell of Moscow, which was cast in 1773 and weighed 180 tons was broken before it was hung and it was that big inside that it was used as a chapel.

Today the ringing of a special bell called the Lutine Bell at the headquarters of Lloyds in London gives warning of important news, for example — a ship has been lost. In World War II it was planned to ring all the Church bells in Great Britain if the country was invaded by the German armies.

One of the attractive events of the Dublin Arts Festival in March 1974 was the ringing of the bells of St. George's Church by a team of young bellringers.

Gillian Rutledge, 3B

THE MUSIC SOCIETY, 1973-74 (March)

The Annual General Meeting was held in October. Miss Jagoe, President, was in the chair. Unfortunately, only fourteen girls attended but the following officers and committee were elected:

President Miss Jagoe
Vice-Presidents Miss M. Johnson and Mr. R. Marino
Lady Chairmen Jackie Doyle and Hilary Switzer
Secretary Gabrielle Ellis
Assistant Secretary Barbara Dagg
Treasurer Hazel Tyrer

Form Representatives:

Form 1 Linda Seymour and Karen Skoyles
Form 2 Joy Adams

Form 3 Joyce Edge
 Form 4 Catherine Ross
 Form 5 Margaret Myers and Hazel Tyrer
 Form 6 Barbara Dagg and Gabrielle Ellis

A brief outline of suggestions for the following season was given by those present. It was suggested that we should learn Folk Songs, make a Toy Symphony, listen to records and we all hope that we shall have the pleasure of Miss Mary Todd Johnson to sing for us sometime in May.

The October meeting took the form of a Musical Quiz which was well attended and enjoyed. In the November meeting we listened to Verdi's opera, "Don Carlo", and an English version of the story was read by Catherine Ross. In January, 1974, Miss Johnson acted as guest chairman and we listened to the new record bought by J. Doyle and H. Switzer out of part of the funds of the Music Society—"Waltz by Johann Strauss and Josef Strauss". It is a lovely record and the money was well spent. The record contains compositions such as "Tales from Vienna Woods", "Hunting Polka", "Egyptian March" and "Pizzicato Polka".

The February meeting took the form of a short talk on percussion by Mr. Marino and this was followed by a practical demonstration directed by Mr. Marino when members played instruments such as Triangles, Cymbals, Drums and many others. This impromptu band was accompanied by B. Dagg on the piano and some girls playing recorders. So throughout our meetings we cover a wide range of music both by performing and by listening. We would greatly welcome new members to our society.

It is hoped to hold an Inter-Schools Music Evening in the near future and we hope it will be well supported.

I thank on behalf of the Music Society Miss Jagoe, Miss Johnson, Mr. Marino and our Lady Chairmen, Hilary Switzer and Jackie Doyle for organising our meetings so capably.

*Gabrielle Ellis,
 Hon. Secretary.*

A FRIGHTENING INCIDENT

It was Saturday, 20th January 1973, a quiet but sunny day. I was going to my aunt's house with my father, brother and sister, for an hour or two. We enjoyed going to my aunt's as she had a colour television set. On our way home we decided to visit our Granny and then go to see "Uncle George's Pet Shop", as my sister was always wanting to go there. Anyway we visited our Granny and came into town to go to "Uncle George's". All was quiet in town as it was the day Ireland were playing England at Lansdowne Road. We parked the car at the corner of Abbey Street and were getting out, when we heard an unmerciful bang. My sister, brother, father and I jumped

back into the car and looked behind us. There were bits and pieces flying everywhere. There was an oldish woman standing beside the car and asked what was the noise. "I think it was a bomb", said my father. I really pitied that poor woman as she must have nearly fainted with fright. She started to run and we fled out of town as quickly as we could. I had a face as white as a ghost and I think I received the worst shock of any of my family. I was still suffering the next day and would not go into town for two to three months.

Hazel Byrne, 3A

BIBLE UNION

It was decided, this year, to hold our Bible Union meetings during lunchtime instead of after school. We have been greatly encouraged by the regular attendance of new members.

Each Friday, the Bible Union meets at 1.10 p.m. for twenty minutes to discuss various topics of a Christian nature. We have also studied portions of the Bible which we find very rewarding.

We are looking forward to joining with the High School Bible Union in September.

*Linda Salisbury, 5A
 Naomi Faulkner, 5A.*

C.M.S.

For the session 1973-74, Diocesan is represented on the Youth-in-Action Committee by Miss Graham, Jean Strong, Ruth Hamilton and Naomi Faulkner. We meet once a month at the Headquarters of the Church Missionary Society in Molesworth Street, to discuss different methods of raising funds and the work of the Society in Ireland.

The Folk Gospel Concert held on 10th November, 1973, at the Royal Marine Hotel, DunLaoghaire, was attended by many Diocesan girls. On 24th November we held a Cake Sale at Sandford Parochial Hall, and we are glad that our efforts realised £30. Many girls contributed cakes, biscuits, sweets and magazines to the Stalls and Ruth and Sandra helped Miss Graham at the Sale.

We are very glad that Miss Jagoe allows us to hold cake sales and fancy dress competitions, so that, during the Spring, we collect money for a few of the causes we support, and are happy to send £50.00 towards the work of the Society abroad.

*S. Williams, N. Faulkner,
 R. Hamilton, J. Strong.
 C.M.S. School Committee.*

THE ORPHAN

Lonely, cold and deserted I trudged through the darkness of the night. The wind blew cold against my face. Then the rain began to pour and I was soaked to the skin. I walked down a treeless and bare road where there was no shelter. The rain suddenly worsened and I realised it was a hopeless struggle.

Everything in my life seemed to turn out wrong. My father died when I was young and I lived with my mother in a little tumbled down house but it was nice and snug away from the harsh winds. We had to sell our house because we had not enough money. Then my mother died from exhaustion. Nobody would take me in, they called me a beggar woman's child and laughed at me.

So there I was, trudging on the roads, lonely and cold. When I was just going to give up hope I saw a shadow, not of a tree or a bush but of a person. I cried out and waved my hands in the air. The man saw me and said: "What's a young lass like you doing out on a night like this?" "I have nowhere to go", I said. I told him my story. I said it so quickly, I was sure he did not understand me. Luckily, he did. Then he brought me home with him. In the oil lamp's light I saw the man's face, it was a rough, fat face with tired-looking eyes. I slept in the spare bed that night and the next morning I was brought to the orphanage. The matron was a mean type of lady with a harsh, cruel face. I backed away, scared. If there was a mouse-hole in the room I would have run into it, but instead I stood up straight and said "Good morning", in a very shaky voice. The lady answered stiffly. Her name was Miss Tripod. The rules in the orphanage were very strict, but I did not mind. The food was not very good, just enough to keep one alive. I have made good friends and we have had good fun and some day I will go out into the world and start a new life.

Ann Godsil, 1s.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Officers:

Secretary	Valerie Cookman
Asst. Secretary	Margaret Myers
Treasurer	Sandra Kerr
Asst. Treasurer	Janet Knaggs
Chairman	Valerie Coghlan

Our first debate was held in October, 1973, the motion being: "That the Motor-car should be left at home during business hours and public transport used". Tea and biscuits were generously supplied by Miss Jagoe, and Miss McNulty was present as our guest. This proved to be a lively debate and the motion was unanimously defeated.

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Other debates were on the motions that: "Personality is more important than Intelligence", and "That this house approves of Space Research". This latter subject was discussed in preparation for the Oratory Competition held in The Mansion House under the auspices of St. Michan's and St. Paul's Debating Society. Hilary Switzer (representing the School) spoke against the motion and gained the 2nd Prize for Girls.

We were invited to the High School on two occasions. At the first, Valerie Coghlan spoke against the motion "That Religion is Bunk". This debate was well supported by our girls who used this opportunity to become acquainted with some of their future class-mates.

On the second occasion, an oratory competition was arranged by Mount Temple and High School, when our representative was Helen Fincher. She spoke against the motion that "Monarchy is better than Republicanism". To our delight, Helen gained 3rd place and will now go forward into the next round to be held at Mount Temple.

Some members of Miss M. Williams' speech training class entered for a Public Speaking Competition run by the Dublin Business and Professional Women's Club. The team consisting of Jennifer Cole, Elaine Hooper and Hazel Tyrer gained 1st place in their round and are eligible to enter the final round of the competition on 30th March.

We thank Mrs. Valentine most sincerely for her continued help in running the Society and also Miss Jagoe for her attendance at and interest in our meetings.

*Valerie Cookman,
Hon. Secretary.*

PATIENCE

I am just a little puppy
As playful as can be,
And if I sit here quietly
My master will see me.

I'm waiting for my master
To come and bring me home,
I've waited for a long time
Oh! How I wish he'd come.

I'm tired of sitting quietly
I want to run and play,
I went and asked my mother
But all she said was 'nay'.

So now I must sit quietly
I am, oh, getting cold
But every little puppy
Must do as he is told.

Audrey Spendlove, 1s.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Officers:

Secretary	Jacquelyn Edmondson
Treasurer	Margaret Hodgins
Chairman	Jean Nolan

Our first debate was held in October 1973 the motion being "That games should be abolished". Mrs. Valentine was present at this debate and it proved to be very successful.

Our next debate was held on the 22nd October, this was a "Hat Debate", and was very enjoyable and it was preceded by tea and biscuits. "That boarding schools harm family life," "That manners are not necessary in the modern world" were the subjects of two short debates which were held on the 4th November. These two motions were defeated. We held one other "Hat debate" at which everyone present spoke and we considered it a valuable exercise which helped to overcome everybody's shyness.

Altogether there are fifty members in our junior debating society and we have a good attendance at every debate. We thank Mrs. Valentine for her help in the running of our debates and also Miss Jagoe for her interest in our meetings.

Jacquelyn Edmondson (Secretary).

A FRIGHTENING JOURNEY

We were aboard a jet coming home from Africa. After twenty minutes four Arabs rose from their seats. They took out their guns. One went to the pilot while the other three covered the passengers. The women screamed and I was terribly frightened. The Arab who went to the pilot ordered him to turn back to Egypt.

After some hours we landed at Cairo airport. We alighted from the plane and were taken into a building. There we were to be kept as hostages in return for arms and ammunition. They took our names and nationalities. There were many different nationalities – English, French and Spanish.

By this time the hysterical women had stopped screaming and went back into the plane to have a rest. The pilot and crew started to cheer the passengers up. We were ordered to stay in the airfield. The men and children started to play football while the women were resting. We played football and other ball games such as dodge ball and volley ball to keep ourselves occupied.

Every night we slept in the plane and some Arab guards stayed outside keeping watch. They had guns. The pilot told everybody not to try to escape. After a few days our food ran out. The Arabs gave us some of theirs. It tasted horrible but it was gratefully received.

One morning, after breakfast we heard a terrible noise. We rushed to the windows and immediately saw what had occurred. Some men were firing at the Arabs. They were recognised at once, the English and the French troops were coming to rescue us.

The Arabs were taken by surprise. In a few minutes it was all over. We were flown home safely. This is one frightening journey that I shall never forget.

Avril Sloane, 2A.

LIBRARY REPORT 1973-'74

Committee: Naomi Faulkner, Edwina Mundy, Margaret Myers, Hazel Tyrer, Ruth Hamilton, Trudy Karstel.

This year every pupil in school is a member of the Library and can avail of all the books including works of reference.

Many new books were bought among which are works on Art, German, French, History and Geography, and others are being chosen.

Recently we found it necessary to extend our Library to Room 9 where we have the History, Art and Scripture books section.

We look forward to having many more new books next year.

Trudy Karstel, 5B.

AFTER THE STORM

Quietness reigns over the land
Silently the waves lap on the sand
The peaceful sounds of nature are re-born
The day after the storm.

The birds are now to be seen again
After the roaring wind and the heavy rain
But the pretty flowers are broken and torn
The day after the storm.

Some trees are down along the road
And along the fields that once men sowed,
Everything is bright this happy morn
The day after the storm.

Olwen Todd, 5A.

MRS. LAROO

Mrs. Laroo, an old friend of ours, lives two doors up. A plump, merry old woman, quite the eyes and ears of the road. Her white wispy hair falls thinly round her scalp and she has a habit of flicking it back when she is revelling in the latest news. She wears deep brown surgical stockings and has the most ungainly big feet anyone has ever imagined.

We all love Mrs. Laroo or "Asia" very deeply, and secretly think she is very funny. Maybe it is because of her big round nose or her tiny pursed but smiling lips, or her big, friendly ears or maybe it's because of her masculine feet that we all love her. But I think really the reason is her personality in herself. She's always chattering and is very kind-hearted. Each day she must go through tons and tons of coffee and biscuits entertaining her friends. She always seems to have something in her apron pocket for my little brother Demi, or a few pretty ribbons for her my sister's hair. On her shoulder "Faithful Tom" is always carried and never left alone.

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So the neighbours have to put up with an old cat whenever they want to see her. They don't care in the least actually, because "Old Tom" sits on his perch obediently like a contented parrot!

One time Mrs. Laroo and Tom were going on holidays to Wexford. The next day families mysteriously had tickets for Wexford! Of course, old "Asia" was terribly pleased and packed a few extra ribbons and tit-bits just in case! Now you see why we all love Mrs. Laroo.

Kathrine McCune, 1S.

THE YOUNG ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB

President	Miss Jagoe
Vice-President	Miss Good
Organiser	Miss Williams
Chairman	Wendy Vincent
Hon. Secretaries	Karen Foxall and Lindsey Abbott
Hon. Treasurers	Margaret Myers and Lynda Espey

The year was an enjoyable one for Y.O.C. members. In February we walked from Portmarnock to Malahide. We met at 11 o'clock in town and from there went by bus to Portmarnock, where we first had lunch before walking towards Malahide along the beach. We saw many gulls and oyster catchers flying and feeding at the edge of the rocks and sea. Soon we had to return to the road as the tide was advancing, but we still had a good view of the birds. As we walked nearer to Malahide we saw some scoters, shags and cormorants diving for fish. From Malahide we went by bus to St. Douglough's Church, where Elizabeth Plunkett, one of our past pupils and a former member of Y.O.C. showed us the old church, the

holy well and baptistry, and gave us an interesting talk on their history.

In March we visited the Wexford Slob. We made an early start and the ten cars with 41 Y.O.C. members assembled first day at Delgany. We then drove down to Wexford. We toured the South Slob slowly, stopping frequently to look at the many Greenland White-fronted Geese. After a picnic lunch we drove to the North Slob.

Mr. Oscar Merne met us and kindly told us about the various species of geese we were likely to see, and gave us each a map of the North Slob. He promised that on our next visit we would be under cover whilst listening to his talk. We were pleased to see on television during February 1974 the official opening of the sanctuary with hides and lecture rooms. Again we drove slowly round, and before we realised it, it was time to go. We drove a short way towards Wexford town and then regretfully returned home as the evening was closing in.

We are grateful to Mr. Gallagher of the South Slob Commissioners and Mr. Fiske, owner of the North Slob, for once again allowing us access to their land.

We had planned to go to Ireland's Eye in May, but due to rough seas it was impossible on our first attempt, so we walked round Howth cliff path. Meeting at Howth Harbour we went by bus to the Summit. We walked towards the Baily lighthouse first, and stopped for a picnic lunch and to observe sea birds. Then we walked along the cliff path towards Howth. We found many wild flowers which were new to some of us, among them bloody cranesbill. Continuing over the headland we saw mainly the gull family—herring and greater black-backed gulls and kittiwakes. We also saw cormorants, a few razorbills and guillemots and oyster catchers. Our path led us back to Howth harbour, our starting point.

It was a long time since we were on Ireland's Eye. On several occasions there was some hazard to stop us landing, but this year the second party was successful. There were 31 of us so we had to be careful, especially walking on the cliff. The weather was good and the sea was not rough. The boatman, Mr. McLoughlin, was very nice and informative. When we landed we walked on the beach and then we had lunch. After this we walked along the top of the cliff. There were many nests on the ground and we had to be careful not to walk on the eggs or any of the small chicks. Some of us were lucky enough to see the chicks hatching out of their eggs! We saw the usual birds, lesser black-backed gulls, greater black-backed gulls, herring gulls, kittiwakes, razorbills, guillemots, and we found oyster catchers' and ringed plovers' nests on the shore. At three o'clock we had to leave the island, far too soon after a very enjoyable day, as the boats were required for another party.

In September we met in town and went by bus to Maynooth. First we looked at the Castle of the Fitzgerald's

and then we walked in the Lime Walk to Carton House. It was originally the seat of the Dukes of Leinster. We were all impressed by the ornate rooms and were especially pleased by the door of the library which had mock books painted on it. We left by the main drive and so we saw a great deal of the beautiful grounds. We admired the fine trees and saw and heard pheasants, blue tits and great tits. We saw moorhens on the lake. Miss Jagoe and Miss Good came by car and met us at Carton to make sure that no member of our large party was left behind as there was only one suitable bus back to town.

Our next trip was in January. This time we went to Booterstown Marsh and the West Pier, Dun Laoghaire. Twelve of us went. We got off the bus at Merrion Gates and went on to the beach. The tide was in and this drove the birds close to us on the shore. We saw black-headed gulls, some had already got the black heads of summer plumage. There were also herring gulls, turnstones and dunlins.

A wall separates the beach from the railway line. This wall begins at Merrion Gates and ends at Blackrock. We sat on the wall and had lunch and then we walked along the wall to the marsh. From where we stood we could not see many birds because the reeds hid them, so we crossed the railway bridge and walked to the other side of the marsh where we were able to see redshanks, lapwings, moor-hens, mallard and teal. Then we went on to Monkstown by bus and walked down the West Pier. Here we saw many more birds, both inside the harbour and outside. We saw cormorants diving and coming up with fish in their beaks. We also saw several kinds of gulls, guillemots, shags, great northern and red throated divers, shags and great crested grebes. We walked to the end of the pier and then back to the bus. We were lucky to have sunshine all the time though there were black clouds, and heavy showers fell in the bay. We saw several beautiful rainbows, some of them double.

During the year kind friends again gave us gifts. We thank Miss K. McK. Johnston who gave us the Observer's Books of Birds' Eggs and Sea and Seashore, three of the I-Spy series, and many useful postcards of birds. We also thank Miss P. M. Slator who gave us "The Cry of a Bird" by Dorothy Yglesias, "Birds on the Wing" by John Barlee, and "The Snow Goose" by Paul Gallico in an edition illustrated by Peter Scott.

Once again we are indebted to parents, friends and members of staff who have so generously given their time to help with outings and to provide transport.

*Karen Foxall, Sylvia Smith,
Lindsey Abbott, Janet Gill.*

AN UNUSUAL INCIDENT

Help! The sound seemed to be coming from the rocks. I ran over to the edge of the cliff, where a boy was

clutching on to the cliff. He seemed to be in great danger. I didn't know what to do, so I called to him and said, "Don't move. Stop, don't panic, I'll go to get help." "Be quick", he said, "for the rocks are falling from under me."

So I ran to the nearest house which was about one mile away. I knocked on the door and an old woman came out. I told her about the boy.

She called to her son John who was in the back yard, and said, "Get some long rope and go with this girl". John made his way to the cliff with me and threw down the rope which the other boy tied around him. We both tried to pull him up, but at every move the boy made the rocks beneath him would slide further down the cliff. We kept on pulling and eventually we got him up.

When the boy, who was about 16 years old, got to the top, he thanked us both and John hurried home. So I asked the boy what he was doing down there, and he said, "I was going for a walk and a gust of wind came over my back and blew my scarf off, so I climbed down to get it, and I got stuck on a ledge". "What's your name?" I asked. "Simon", he said. "What's yours?" "Oh! you can call me Lizzy" I said joyfully. He asked me if I was going back to the village and if he might offer me coffee. I said "Yes! of course", and we walked back together.

We went into a nice cosy restaurant and he bought two coffees, and while drinking these, we had a little chat about ourselves. When we were finished he asked me if he might meet me the following evening when we would go to the pictures. Naturally I agreed, and I was so glad I couldn't wait to get home and tell Mum. After telling her she said, "Well, I didn't think you could get a boy-friend that way!", and she laughed.

Paula Fraser. 3B.

HILL WALKING

During the past four years thirty hill walks have been organised. At first these were held on Saturdays on a voluntary basis, but we soon decided to take each form on one walk during school hours in the summer term of their second year. This means that every girl has the opportunity of finding out what is involved, and from third year onwards she may join in the Saturday walks. The Department of Education has recommended this form of Physical Education in their efforts to widen the curriculum.

There are many aims. Hill walking provides healthy exercise in the fresh air, stamina is needed, good muscles and correct breathing. Map reading is essential, and some training in safety precautions. In this sport, co-operation is the keynote, not competition. Together we compete against the elements or the difficulties of terrain. We walk for enjoyment, not to break records, so we turn aside to look at anything and everything of interest, scenery, colour, rocks, flowers, trees, birds, a castle, an ancient

church or cross, so the classroom study of History, Geography, Art, Biology and other subjects is illuminated by personal observation.

In these days of petrol shortage and rising prices it is interesting to find that at least eight hills can be reached easily by public transport from Dublin, still at low cost, and several others could be added to the list by spending a little more money, or by doing more road walking from the bus. We aim to climb most of these hills during each school year: Bray Head, Little Sugar Loaf, Big Sugar Loaf, Glencullen Mountain, Kattygollagher, Three Rock, Two Rock, and Hell Fire Club. Occasionally with the kind help of a parent who provides transport, we go further into the Wicklow Mountains and have climbed Djouce and Lugnacullia, the highest mountain in Wicklow. These hills provide variety in the underlying rocks and hence in their vegetation, colour and scenery. We have enjoyed some wonderful views and have experienced walking on rock, scree, field and bog.

We are not out to break records of height or speed but some girls have their own records of achievement: Margaret Myers has reached ten summits and Ruth Babington nine, including in each case "Lug", and several others are not far behind. In all, about 150 girls have tried this form of Physical Education, and more than 40 have taken part regularly. They have found relaxation and fun, formed friendships, gained self confidence, self discipline and independence, and are developing an interest in which they can continue to participate when some of their less energetic contemporaries are only fit to sit in armchairs in front of the T.V. set watching others play!

J. Williams.

Glenealy Forest Walk

On the 8th and 9th of September 1973 forest walks were organised by the Society of Irish Foresters in many parts of Ireland. Miss Williams and some of the 4th and 5th Year girls went on one of these walks in Glenealy Forest in Co. Wicklow. It was a fine day and the party was led by Mr. H. M. Fitzpatrick who gave a brief talk on the history of the forest and the types of rock and species of trees found there, while we waited the arrival of President Childers, who came on the walk with his wife and family.

We stopped at various points on the walk to look at trees which were mostly conifers. Probably the most interesting trees were a small grove of eucalyptus, which are tall and slender with colourful bark and dark green leaves.

The President addressed the party and spoke of the economic and recreational value of our forests. After a very pleasant three mile walk the guided tour was over. Similar walks will take place in September 1974.

Janet Knaggs, 4B.

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Our thanks are due to Mr. Knaggs who so kindly provided transport to Glenealy.

J. Williams.

WHERE THE TREES SWAY AND THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT

Where the grass is green and the sky
is blue,
Where the daisies grow all covered with dew,
Where the air is scented with the
evergreen yew,
Trees sway and sun shines bright.

Where the sky larks sing their sweet
shrill song,
Where the Kestrel hovers all day long,
Where the otter never lays a webbed
foot wrong,
Trees sway and sun shines bright.

Where the sun cast its rays on the
edge of the hill,
Where fresh water is churned from a
little old mill,
Where the greenfinch cracks a seed with the
edge of his bill,
Trees sway and sun shines bright.

Where the towering cliffs climb
out of sight,
Where the raven calls with all his might,
Where the doves look as if they are
gleams of light,
Trees sway and sun shines bright.

Katherine McCune 1S.



The Teaching Staff 1973-74



Back Row: Miss Orr, Mrs. Massey, Miss Correll, Miss Williams, Mrs. Cummins, Miss Malcolmson, Miss Bushe, Miss Ingram.

Centre Row: Mrs. Poynton, Mrs. Stillman, Miss McNulty, Mrs. Cantan, Miss Johnson, Miss Stevenson, Miss Graham, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Marino.

Front Row: Miss Bell, Miss Stewart, Miss Good, Miss Jagoe, Mrs. Valentine.

Vice-Principal Mrs. O'Donoghue; Principal Miss J. Williams.

Prefects 1973/74



S. Hanna, D. Fincher, H. Franklin, S. Williams, B. Dagg, A. Sweet, G. Jackson, Head-girl, A. Waldron-Hamilton.



Form 6A 1973/74

A. Armstrong, A. Levy, G. Ellis, P. Rutledge, J. Coates, D. Fincher, V. Coghlan, C. Maybury, A. Coote, J. Hemmingway, S. Hanna, B. Dagg, G. Jackson, S. Williams, C. Quill, A. Spendlove.



FORM 6B 1973-74

J. Murtagh, H. Hilmes, S. Kerr, L. Holmes, A. Waldron-Hamilton, A. Sweet, J. Doyle, S. Eades, A. Davy, H. Switzer, J. Spencer, V. Cookman, I. McCarthy.



FORM 5A - 1973/74

Back: C. Worrall, M. Myers, S. Evans, N. Faulkner, H. Beardsley, R. Babington, A. Payne. Middle: H. Fincher, O. Todd, L. Dalby, K. Noble, L. Salisbury, C. Darlington, H. Rankin. Front: J. Williams, E. Mundy, V. Henderson, Wong Suk Hu, F. Anderson, D. Wilson.



FORM 5B - 1973/74

Back: J. Strong, J. Campbell, C. Laycock, W. O'Neill, R. Hamilton, H. Winchester, J. Gyves, T. Karstel. Front: K. Foxhall, H. Tyrer, B. Campbell, J. Winton, R. Fulton, S. Eaton.



FORM 4A - 1973/74

Back: J. Taylor, J. Byrne, J. G. James, S. Fraser, M. Shern, C. Ross. Middle: C. Medcalf, G. Wright, V. Carson, D. Crosse, L. Espey, S. Keatinge. Front: C. Bardon, J. Flower, G. O'Donovan, E. Hooper, G. Ensor, J. Cole.



FORM 4B

Back: J. Todd, N. Cohen, M. Echevarr, V. Kilpatrick, C. Dalby, J. Knaggs, A. Wilson, A. Lowndes. Front: S. Armstrong, S. Smith, L. Cairns, A. Styles, O. Dalgetty, V. Coates, J. Brown.



RECORDER GROUP

Caroline de Lacy, Jennifer Stubbs, Lesley Skoyles, Esmé Worrall, Yvonne Dawkins.

A 5th Year group at Clonmacnoise.



TABLE/TENNIS TEAM 1973/74

Back: S. Smith, E. Mundy, C. Darlington, N. Faulkner. Front: J. Gyves, L. Dalby, L. Skoyles, J. Smith.



"DIOCESAN"



Life-saving.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

H. Tyrer, J. Cole, E. Hooper taken with Mr. Burke, the Minister for Education, outside G.M.B. in Trinity College.



4A ART CLASS

Margaret Shern, Sandra Keatinge, Lynda Espy, Gillian Wright, Carole Bardon. Miss Belle.





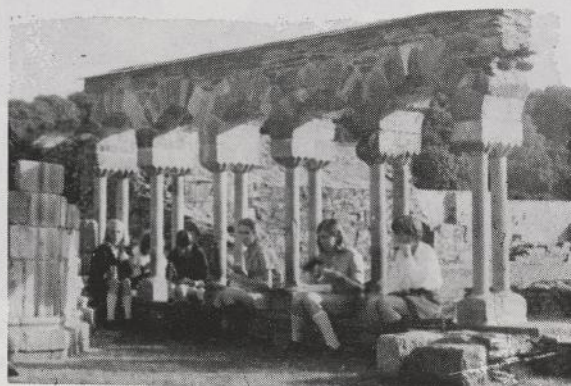
Y.O.C. members at Ireland's Eye.

A hill-walk.



A 2nd Year group studying Muiredach's Cross at Monasterboice.

A 3rd Year group at Mellifont Cistercian Abbey.





Hill-walk. A group of girls looking at frog spawn in a pool on Bray Head.

2A Gym class.



Fancy Dress competition to raise money for C.M.S. A group of competitors.

Hansel—Gillian Knaggs; Gretel—Sally Armstrong; Diocesan “bride”—Diane Mewis; High School “bridegroom”—Jane McCune; The Pencil—Janet Knaggs; The Ruler—Sylvia Smith; Mr. Spring—Lindsey Abbott; Mr. Sprong—Ann Griffin.





FIRST XI HOCKEY TEAM WITH MISS CORRELL

Back: H. Switzer, D. Fincher, H. Fincher, C. Worrall, C. Darlington, D. Crosse. Front: L. Matthews, J. Williams, H. Franklin, W. Vincent, E. Mundy.



2nd XI HOCKEY TEAM 1973/74

Back: S. Moore, S. Fraser, V. Carson, V. Kilpatrick, Miss Correll. Front: K. Foxhall, S. Williams, G. Jackson, V. Cookman, C. Medcalf. Absent: J. Coates, J. Doyle.



JUNIOR A HOCKEY TEAM – 1973/74

Back: A. Sloane, B. Griffith, J. Edmondson, P. Fraser, I. Babington, S. Draper, Miss Correll. Front: M. Worrall, F. Parminter, C. Ross, L. Harford, H. Byrne.



JUNIOR B TEAM 1973/74 WITH MISS CORRELL

Back: P. Williams, A. Wilson, L. Abbot, S. Keating, J. Knaggs, R. Shern, R. Kinlan. Front: A. Crosse, S. Cowan, S. Smith, G. Mundy, A. Griffin.



POTATO AND SPOON RACE – SPORTS 1973



MINOR TEAM 1973/74 WITH MISS CORRELL

Back: J. Gill, A. Kidd, J. Dalby, S. Lowry, J. Nolan, R. Payne, L. Skoyles. Front: Y. Dawkins, C. Piddock, J. Smith, C. de Lacy, E. Worrall, captain.



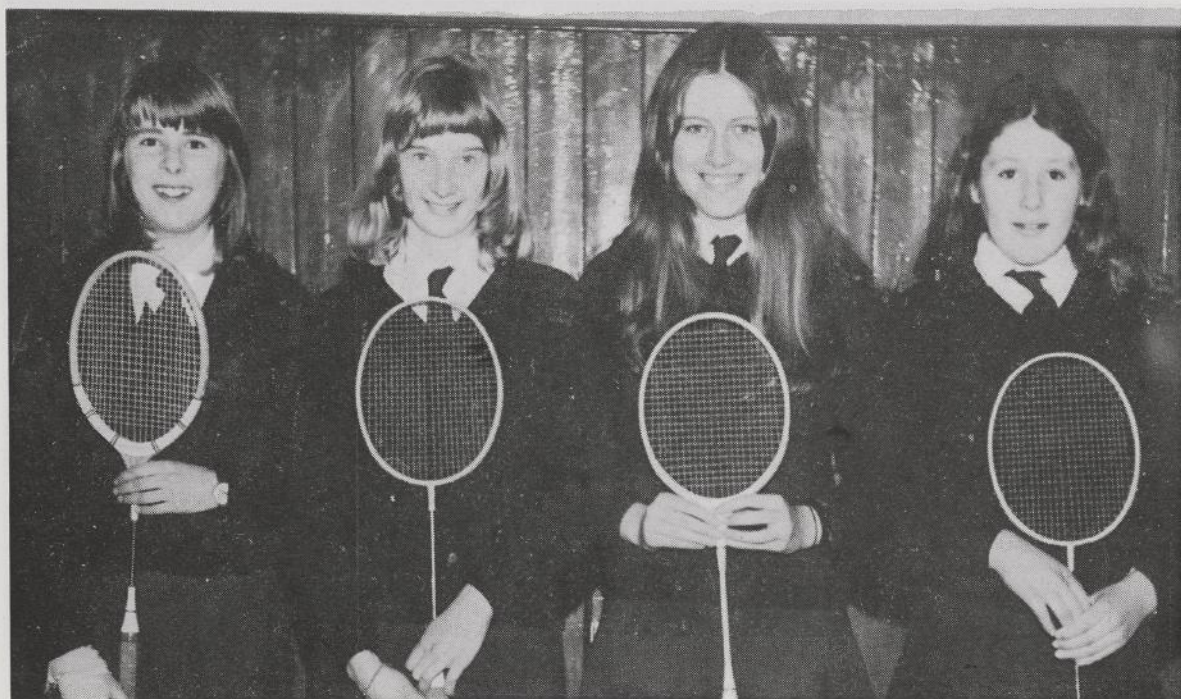
1st BADMINTON TEAM

E. Mundy, C. Darlington, G. Jackson, B. Dagg.



2nd BADMINTON TEAM

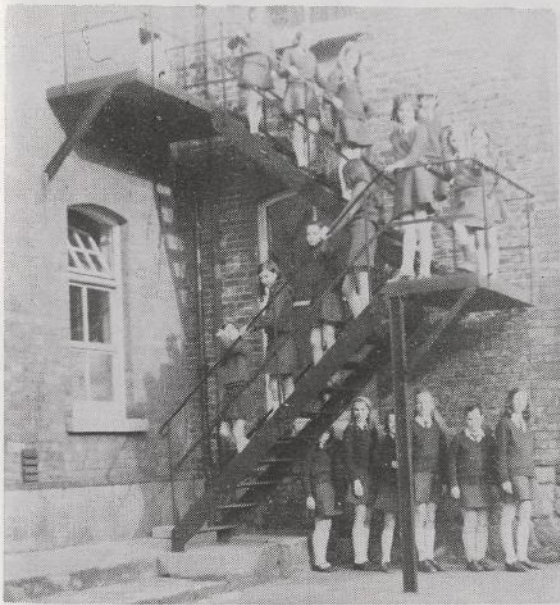
L. Cairns, S. Armstrong, M. Myers, A. Armstrong.



JUNIOR BADMINTON TEAM
S. Draper, J. Nolan, A. Cole, J. Gill.



OBSTACLE RACE - SPORTS 1973



Fire Drill IS on Fire Escape.

St. Matthias' Home. 4B visit their friends, 1974.



Fancy Dress competition to raise money for C.M.S. "The Knit-Wits" – Doreen McCann and Naomi Faulkner.

Girls crossing Adelaide Road after school – Jacquelyn Edmondson, Paula Fraser, Sandra Harford, Jane Poynter, Janet Kerr, Sandra Kerr.





3A - 1973/74

Back: M. Hodgins, L. Abbott, S. Groves, W. Champ, A. Spendlove, J. Ryan. Middle: A. Griffin, J. Franklin, R. Maybury, V. O'Brien, A. Cole, H. Webb, J. Babington. Middle: H. Byrne, J. Edge, F. Parminter, M. Worrall, P. Williams, H. Elder.



FORM 3B - 1973/74

Back: S. McCarthy, P. Fraser, J. Kerr, J. Edmondson, S. Harford, A. Barr, A. Barr, S. Draper. Front: O. Willoughby, K. Myers, J. Poynter, P. Rutledge, S. Ward, M. Anderson.



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Back: S. Cowan, R. Shern, A. Fitzroy, A. Ormsby, R. Payne, H. Webb. Middle: L. J. Smith, S. Lowry, C. Hemmingway, A. Sloane, J. Nolan, A. Crosse, J. Gill. Front: C. Kane, G. Lawrence, C. Pollock, Y. Dawkins, A. Brislane, J. Adams.



FORM 2B

Back: L. Harford, B. Griffin, J. Wilson, M. Beattie, J. Stubbs, L. Swain. Middle: R. Kinlan, D. Browne, K. Blennerhassett, G. Darlington, J. Logan, D. Myers, S. Graham. Front: C. de Lacy, Y. Williams, E. Worrall, J. E. Smith, G. Mundy.



FORM 1S

Back: G. Myers, J. Harris, S. O'Donnell, C. Leitch, H. Price, K. Skoyles. Middle: A. Draper, G. Carrickford, A. Godsil, K. McCune, B. O'Brien, H. Bowen. Front: B. Milofdky, R. Harbron, G. Byrne, F. Harbron, C. Hooper, A. Vincent.



FORM 1D

Back: A. di Renzo, I. Ormsby, L. Hughes, H. Haskins, S. Cloughley, C. Spencer. Middle: J. Payne, L. Ellis, H. Richardson, M. Boyland, Y. Fyfe, D. Mewis, J. McCune, A. Quill. Front: L. Seymour, A. Spendlove, W. Clarke, R. Howlin, L. Siev, S. Kingston.

THE CHASE

From my point of view the world is a funny place. Everything seems so big compared with a little thing like me. Those things which are called humans have two big feet to walk on whereas I have only four little paws to patter about on. I live in a small hole at the back of a skirting board in one of the rooms of this house. The good thing is, I have gnawed away a tiny passage which runs along by the floorboards into the kitchen and I have made my exit quite near the store cupboard, where the lovely food is kept.

For food, I have to sneak out, mostly at night time when the coast is clear. If I am forced to go out because I am hungry I have to be very careful and on the lookout I might be squashed by one of those big clumsy feet or trapped in the spiked claws of my hated enemy, THE CAT, of course, I could be deafened or shocked to death by the screams and jumps of that woman human when she catches sight of me, then I get chased by a big, hairy thing called a broom.

One evening when all was quiet, I was nibbling at some cheese crumbs on the floor when suddenly I saw a big shadow. It was THE CAT, ready to pounce I sat there petrified and then I ran like the wind, scuttling in and out of chair and table legs with the cat hot on my tail. He pounced and skidded on the slippery floor, narrowly missing me. I ran to the hole and just got there by the skin of my teeth where I sat shaking for a good while. It is a hard life being a mouse.

Carol Pollock 2A.

BIOLOGY TO-DAY

A Conference was held in Belfield on the 20th and 21st. of December, 1973, organised by the Institute of Biology of Ireland, for Senior Secondary School pupils. Due to the large numbers applying for tickets the number of students had to be limited.

On Thursday the 20th. the morning session was opened by Mr. Bernard Nolan B.E., A.M.I.C.E. The subject was Parasitism and the Chairman, Prof. G. O. Evans, opened the session and then introduced our three speakers.

Prof. J. Kavanagh spoke on parasites of plants and we were shown slides throughout the lecture. He mainly spoke on the different types of fungi, which are the main plant parasites. Fungi have a simple structure with neither chlorophyll nor flowers. Of the fifty thousand different fungi, ten to twenty thousand are parasites. They cause disease in plants when they reproduce. In reproduction the spores land on plants and enter through the stoma, destroying them. Parasites such as fungi may kill or weaken the plant and reduce the yield of products. The Black Stem fungus is a pest of wheat and in 1916, 300 million bushels of wheat were lost. There are many fungi

which attack foods, such as gooseberries, coffee, rye, corn, apples, peaches and strawberries to name but a few.

Our next speaker was Dr. J. Duggan, who talked about nematodes and plants. He mostly dwelt on eelworms. These are tiny worms which swim around in a film of water. There are different types of eelworms: root eelworms, stem eelworms and leaf and bud eelworms. The eelworm is like an ordinary earthworm, except it has a stylet or mouth spear at the head end, from which it feeds. In reproduction the female eelworm establishes herself in the stem of the plant, and then she loses her shape and becomes round. The female dies and the body which is filled with eggs becomes brown and is known as a cyst. When the larvae hatch the young eelworms make their way to the roots of the plant. They eat the roots and eventually the plant extends more roots which are in turn infected with the eelworms. At the later stage the plant dies. Tuber eelworms attack potatoes and the leaf and bud eelworm attacks strawberries.

Our final speaker that morning was Dr. P. Dowding who spoke on fungi in the soil. He showed us a slide illustrating the cycle which is responsible for the humus and nitrogen in the soil where plant material and fungi pass through animals becoming faeces. This nitrogen is then returned to the soil to become recycled through living organisms again. We were shown slides of a fairy ring which is a dark ring of thick grass caused by a fungus, stimulating growth. Where there are patchy fields, of crops, one knows that there are fungi among the crops. Fungi can sometimes trap nematodes and feed on them.

In the afternoon session Prof. P. M. Meenan talked about plagues. He mentioned Yellow Fever and Malaria and others which are common in the sub-tropical countries. Cholera spread from the Ganges in India. It is caused by a micro-organism which is found in water. The Black Death which started in Crimea was a disease which spread to rats through rat fleas. Eventually the plague effected humans, and many died. Influenza is another plague, and in 1918, 25 million people died from this infection. A further outbreak in 1949 started in the Pacific and the outbreak took four years to get to Ireland, due to changes in the virus. In 1968 an outbreak of influenza occurred in Hong Kong and horses, cats etc. were effected.

Our next speaker was Mr. P. Timpson who spoke on poisons in the environment. This was mostly about man-made poisons such as D.D.T. which is a chemical used in killing lice and fleas, etc. While it has saved 200 million people from Malaria, it had dangerous side effects and has killed many fish where it was used. He then talked about pesticides and how they accumulate along a food-chain, e.g., microflora and microfauna are not affected as much by pesticides as predatory fish which are near the end of the chain.

Man is at the head of all chains and is found to contain

small quantities of many pesticides. Up to 30 years ago lead was put into white paint till it was found to affect painters. Mercury was used in connection with hats and hatters used to get mercury poisoning – loss of memory, blushing, loose teeth etc. Hence the phrase “As mad as a hatter”!

Our final speaker was Dr. M. Speight who talked about “Man’s mis-spent youth”. We saw slides of the countryside and of places where over grazing and advances in agricultural methods are having a devastating effect.

On Friday 21st. Dr. B. Gilliland, the chairman, opened the morning session and then Dr. R. Fuller spoke about “Perception” which was very interesting. He talked about the S.R. theory on stimuli and then about perception in general. The lens in the eye is yellowish and it cannot read in an ultra violet light. He talked of how man can see a candle light from thirty miles away and how we are deceived by distance, for example railway tracks. We saw slides of different objects which can easily deceive the eye and those in which colour makes the object deceptive.

Our next speaker was Dr. J. Kirker who talked about Brain Activity. The indicators of brain activity are; (i) chemical (ii) electrical (iii) behavioural. All living tissues produce electrical changes. The types of brain activity are spontaneous or evoked. The rhythm of the brain can vary after damage or drugs. We then saw slides on the brain and all its parts and of equipment in hospitals connected with brain work.

Our final speaker was Dr. P. F. Smith-Keary, who spoke on the behaviour of genes and what happens when the chromosomes go wrong, leading to the birth of an abnormal child.

In the afternoon with Prof. B. Spencer as Chairman we had a question time. Prof. Spencer firstly outlined the likely development of Biology in the next decade and also the future demand for biologists. A panel of three men, Dr. B. Gilliland, Mr. B. Golden and Dr. F. O’Gorman answered questions which we asked about the careers open to students interested in Biology.

Throughout the two days our speakers were very interesting and explained their subjects very clearly. All the lectures were very enjoyable.

Christina Worrall 5A.

SMUGGLER’S INLET AND CAVE

“Let’s go for a walk, Buster”, said Sue Beattie to her collie. Sue lived in Ballycooish and because she had no friends was often lonely. She lived with her Mum and Dad in Rose Cottage.

“Mum” cried Sue, “I’m going out”, and off she went with Buster close at her heels, before her mother could utter a word.

Sue went to an inlet called “Smuggler’s Inlet”, a place

where pirates once kept their stolen treasures. There are no treasures there nowadays, of course. With the wind tossing her brown hair, Sue reached the Inlet, her favourite place in Ballycooish. The older villagers said the cave and inlet were haunted. Sue didn’t believe this. She took her torch and went into the cave and she saw an amazing sight. There were gold and silver coins on the floor, treasure boxes here and there, the cave was full of treasure! Suddenly someone shouted “What are you doing, thief?” Sue turned round and saw an old-world sailor, two or three more sailors came and Sue and Buster were tied up. The sailors cleared the treasures out of the cave and soon they were left alone. As the last sailor went, Sue cried “What about me?” “What about you” was the reply. Then he disappeared through the cave wall. As soon as he disappeared the ropes vanished too! Sue rushed out of the cave but there was no sign of the sailors. She ran home and told her mother what had happened. The villagers were right about “Smuggler’s Inlet” she said. Her mother didn’t believe her, neither did her Dad. “You must have been day-dreaming”, he said, but she and Buster knew they hadn’t dreamt it. “I think I’ll listen to the villagers in future”, said Sue.

Yvonne Williams 2B.

A VISIT TO DUNSINK OBSERVATORY

During the Christmas holidays Miss Williams very kindly took four of us to the Dunsink Observatory. The observatory is situated off the Navan Road overlooking the city.

When we arrived we each looked through a telescope, at the planet Venus. This telescope magnified it thirty times so we were able to see a section of the planet in some detail.

Afterwards, we went into the dome-like observatory where a lecture was in progress. In order to have an unrestricted view of the sky the telescope was poised through a space in the roof. We all waited patiently for the appearance of the Comet Kahoutek and after a few minutes it was spotted by some men outside with the smaller telescope. We went outside and joined the queue waiting to watch the comet.

It could be seen just above and to the right of Jupiter. We were disappointed that, through the telescope we could only see the head of the comet, but thanks to Miss William’s binoculars we were able to see both its head and tail. The tail of a comet always points away from the sun.

After the crowds had left we re-entered the main observatory to see the comet through the large telescope. The result was disappointing yet we were very pleased with our visit to Dunsink and thank Miss Williams for taking us to the Observatory.

Christina Worrall 5A.

MOVING TO A NEW HOUSE

Moving to a new house is a terrible bother! I have only moved once, and I hope that I never have to move again – at least not for another ten years!

First the removals van arrived too early while we were still having breakfast. The breakfast dishes were quickly cleared away and the men who brought the van began to put the furniture into it. All the furniture was brought out first some of it was scraped when it was being brought out. Clothes, cooker, fridge, radio, television and other bits and pieces were put into the van. Eventually everything was packed and we left the old house and went on our way to the new one.

We led and the van followed as the men did not know the way. All was well until we lost the van! We did not know where it had disappeared to. We turned back and went to see if we could find it. We went back for about three miles before we found the van. Apparently the van did not have enough petrol to go any further and it was some time before we were on our way again.

Eventually we reached the new house, but we discovered that it was time for the van-men's tea break. They asked my mother if she would boil their kettle for them, she obliged them by doing so. They made the tea and must have had about three cups each – at least! After about a half hour for their tea-break the men began to move the things from the van into the new house.

The van was parked outside the house when the furniture was being moved in. All the furniture did not look its best while it was being carried in. The neighbours, who probably wondered what their new neighbours would be like, often delayed when passing by, or some neighbours often brought out empty milk-bottles as an excuse to see what was happening. Some children stood around the van, looking at what was being brought in, indeed some children ran into the van when the van-men were not there.

At last everything was eventually in the house. This created another problem – sorting everything out. Most of the furniture had been put in its correct place as the carpets had been laid down on the floors before we moved in. There were many clothes which had to be sorted out into the different rooms and new furniture had to be bought for the bedrooms.

When we were in the midst of all this a knock came at the door. We answered the door to find a neighbour who welcomed us to the neighbourhood. She lives next house to us and very thoughtfully did not stay very long as she saw that we were busy. We continued to work until it was all finished.

We settled ourselves in eventually, now we are very happy in our new house.

Avril Ormsby 2A.

THE DOGS IN MY DISTRICT

In the district where I live there is a great number of dogs. I am extremely fond of dogs but unfortunately I am unable to have one as the road is very dangerous. However, I am lucky because nearly everyday a dog visits us and some very funny episodes have occurred.

Our next door neighbour once had a dog named Sal. She was a German Short-Haired Pointer. Everyone was fond of her as she was so friendly. She was also very clever.

One day my mother was working upstairs when she heard a noise coming from the hall. She went down some of the stairs just in time to see Sal running out with a long string of sausages trailing behind her. Another day Sal stole a loaf of bread from the breadman, who was not very pleased. After that incident occurred, I was in the garden with some friends. We had left a box of sweets on the window sill and when we went to fetch it we saw that Sal had not only devoured the sweets but the box as well. Wisely enough she left when she saw us. Unfortunately she died a few years ago, but in spite of everything Sal was always a very faithful and lovable dog.

However, we receive frequent visits from two other dogs whose names are Ricky and Kim. They are the two most lovely and unusual dogs I have ever seen. As it happens they are mongrels.

Ricky is a light ginger coloured, medium sized dog with lovely brown eyes as well as a bushy tail. Unfortunately he used to wander. One of our neighbours found him outside Trinity College and brought him home. "Adds" were put into the daily papers but nobody claimed him. Since then he has wandered miles but has always come back. I think that he has given up that idea now. When he comes to our house he scratches the door to be let in. Ricky is extremely playful. In fact, one night when we were playing with him, he grabbed hold of my father's tie and distinctly refused to let go. Eventually he was tempted with a biscuit to do so, and did let go.

Kim which is the other dog was found in a house by a neighbour, who was thinking of buying it. The owners had gone away without even making sure that the dog was looked after. He was in a dreadful state and had not eaten for days. Our neighbour, who is very fond of animals, was horrified. He immediately took the dog to the "vet" who prescribed several types of tablets. A few days later when I saw the dog, who was now called Kim, he looked a totally different animal. He is small and is a cross between a cairn terrier and a poodle. He is fawn in colour and has a lovely bushy tail. Kim pays us many visits, especially around meal times, when he knows that he will receive food. He loves comfort and cannot be allowed upstairs as he jumps up on to the beds. He also likes to sit in front of the fire. Like most dogs Kim loves

attention and barks if it is not given to him which is not very often.

There is nearly always a dog about. Some day I hope very much to have a dog of my own but until then I shall enjoy the company of these two irresistible rascals.

Ann Fitzroy 2A.

MY HOBBY

My hobby is collecting badges. I have 118 which are on the wall in my bedroom. I have divided them into five groups, there are eighteen in the "football group" which include Wolves, Ireland, Glasgow, Celtic, Arsenal, Everton, Leeds and Liverpool. I have two rosettes which are Liverpool F.A. Cup 1971 and Arsenal.

In the "Motor Sport badges" group I have twenty which include kart racing, speedway racing and motor cycling.

In the "assortment badges" group I have all kinds of odd badges also one commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953.

I also collect cloth badges such as the Silverstone Race-Course, Mondello Park, Chelsea Fire Dept. and Irish Karting Club.

I either get badges by finding them, or they are given to me by friends. I hope to collect many more so that I'll have at least two hundred.

Lorraine Hughes 1S.

THE SEA

The crushing sea, the rushing sea,
The pouring and the roaring sea,
The whitening sea, the frightening sea,
The moaning and the groaning sea.

The sinking, sliding surfing sea,
The tossing, tumbling, turning sea,
The plundering, pulling, puffing sea,
The splashing and the crashing sea.

Hilary Price, 1D.

THE STORY OF AN UMBRELLA

I am an umbrella. One day a man came into the room of the factory in which I was. He carried a box of various kinds of tools. With him was a curious piece of material. He picked me up, laid me on a bench, and nailed the curious piece of material to me. Later I found out that this was my hood, and with it I felt as if I could fly. The man wrapped me in a plastic bag and put me in a cardboard box. This box was put on a big dark lorry with other boxes and packages.

After about half an hour the lorry stopped. The lorry-driver picked up the cardboard box, and brought it into a shop. Inside the box I was very frightened because I was

thrown around in the box and I did not know where I was going. It was very dark in the box and I was nearly suffocated. I was very glad when I heard voices coming towards the box. Someone lifted the box on to a table and cut the binding wire. Then he opened the box and took me and my friends into the shop where we were put on a shelf.

After a fortnight had passed a woman came into the shop looking for an umbrella. She could not make up her mind. Then she saw me. She liked my hood and she decided that she would buy me. I was wrapped up in a bag and she took me home. The woman's name was Mrs. Black, as I found out later.

I liked staying with the Blacks; they took good care of me. They never damaged me or hurt me, and I was never left lying around. I was put in a stand especially for umbrellas. There was Mr. Black's umbrella and Miss Linda Black's too. I soon made good friends with both of these umbrellas.

I liked being brought out in the rain, but I hated when it rained heavily and when I was blown about. Being an umbrella is a hard life, but I enjoyed it. Sometimes I got a headache when it hailstoned, and when the wind blew fiercely, my ribs were sore and my hood was stretched.

I was very sad one day when Mrs. Black brought me shopping. She brought me around the shops, it was a journey which I enjoyed. Mrs. Black had finished her shopping at eleven o'clock, and she started to make for home. Everybody was pushing and shoving in the street. It was then that terrible moment happened. I was knocked out of Mrs. Black's hand. She did not notice that I was gone so she went on.

I was left lying on the footpath with everybody walking on me. One man saw me and picked me up and brought me home. He had also lost his umbrella that day and he was glad that he had found me.

However, life from then on was miserable. This man had two mischievous sons, Peter and Paul. Peter used me as a toy walking-stick. He hurt me very badly by leaning on me. Paul used me as a sword. I got bashed about. My spokes got broken very soon. My hood was torn and very muddy now and my handle was broken.

One day, when Paul had a new toy sword he saw a rag-and-bone man down the road. He had no use for me now so he sold me to the rag-and-bone man for fourteen pence. The rag-and-bone man put me on his cart and brought me down the country, selling his goods to people as he went. The cart was very old and I had a very bumpy ride. One day, a wheel fell off. I was thrown to the ground and I landed in a ditch. When the rag-and-bone man had mended his cart, he put his goods back on to his cart. I was hidden in the ditch behind some rushes. I could not shout to him so he went on down the road without me.

I was left in the ditch for many weeks. Then, one day,

early in the morning, a shepherd's dog from a nearby farm came by. He stopped by the ditch and sniffed in it until he found me. I made good friends with this dog and he played with me. He brought me home and kept me in his kennel. Every day, I was brought down to the river and he played with me. He threw me into the air and caught me. Once, he missed, and I rolled down into the river. I landed with a big splash and sank to the bottom. I saw him looking into the river. I was very sad but I could not attract his attention. He went off back home and I was left on the river-bed.

To-day, I am still on the river bed, rusty, broken and old, and here I shall stay forever.

Avril Sloane. 2A.

THE STORM

The force of the storm staggered him. The fury of the lightning daunted him. The splendour of the flashes was so ghastly that at each he bent back against the wall. As the rain battered down on his head he peered out to sea. Jack should be back by now. Had anything happened to him? He had been out in the boat since one o'clock that afternoon—promised he would be back with the tea. Tea? It was long past tea-time. But he was good at handling boats—better than most of the people in the small village where they lived. Was that he? Behind that gigantic wave there? No! It was only the rocks that should have been seen easily. What time was it? Seven! He had been six hours in that boat—though he often stayed out all night. The fish were best then. But in this weather—the boat could stand up to it—usually did but—there could be a first time of failure. Was that something moving on that great ocean? No, the rocks again. What if he had crashed on the rock? No! . . . What was that flash? It was not lightning. Oh! the lighthouse. He will know where he is if he is out there. If . . .

"Tom, where are you? I got to land just as the storm blew up and caught the bus home. Come on . . . I bought some fish for supper."

Hilary Elder. 3A.

CHILD LOST

"Don't panic Ann, don't cry", are the words which ran through my mind, a three year old lost, and all because of a bus. There I was standing on the footpath outside Clery's looking at the bus that I should have been on, but with the rush of the crowd getting on the bus, my hand was pulled away from Mummy's, and when she was on the bus I was at the end of the queue. Slowly the bus left with only half of the passengers on it because it was full. I was alone and I tried not to panic.

I knew my name and I knew that I lived in

Rathfarnham, but there was something else I knew as well, and that was that I was determined to find my way home.

Luckily for me, the bus stop which I was at was only for two buses and I could travel home on either. Soon I was on a bus and on my way home. I travelled free because I was only three. The bus broke down along the route and everybody filed off and waited for the next bus to come. The first bus to come was a number 65 which went to Blessington. In no time I was on the bus and the wrong bus it was too. After a while I fell asleep and when we arrived at Blessington the bus conductor woke me up and asked me where I lived and what my name was. I yawned and said "My name is Ann and I live in Rathfarnham". He looked at me blankly and said "come with me". He took me to a police station and left a sergeant in charge of me.

After many phone-calls he found out where I lived. When we were going down Crannagh Road I remembered the number of my house and when I told him, he said, "good girl, you found your own way home, in a police car". I only heard the first half of the sentence because I fell asleep exhausted after the day.

Ann Griffin 3A.

SCIENCE WILL DESTROY CIVILISATION

When one thinks of Science, one thinks of men filling test tubes in laboratories, but to me it is progress, or at least the evidence of progress. Is civilisation the atom bomb or silver teaspoons?

Science had made this world a smoggy polluted place, and it is supposed to be a better place. To me Science has destroyed the fresh clean air and healthy food, and replaced it with forced food and battery hens. Science has given us cures for headaches and ulcers, etc. which we probably would not have only for the tension and fuss progress causes; and there is no progress without Science. Science has found ways of curing many diseases, many of which it causes, and the result is over-population. To balance this, birth control methods were introduced which, if they failed, as science has a habit of doing, gave us a pill to make pregnancy less painful, then it failed and produced deformed babies. Now Science is beginning to sound as if it could be done without. Mainly because everything it does has to have a cure. If this is making you feel nervous, do not worry—Science has a pill to calm you down.

The Science of anatomy has given us all a slight knowledge of our bodies: this gives us heart attacks from worry over smoking, drinking etc., also slimming diseases from dieting in case we are overweight and get heart trouble. Science is just another circle.

When discussing "Science will destroy civilisation" the

question—"Is civilisation really worth saving?" springs to mind. Civilisation to me, as far as I can see, is—imprisoning a man for murder, and giving medals to a man for killing in war; to be uncivilised is to dance in the jungle to drums and being civilised is dancing in a hall to drums plus a few other instruments. Civilisation is just a fancy name for conceited white men.

I feel, and would love to see, nature left alone and people living a good and simple life. This life is impossible to have, as so many people have different views and beliefs: but it is nice to dream about, dreaming at least has not been affected by Science.

Jackie Doyle. 6B.

THE FASCINATION OF OUTER SPACE

In the 18th Century "The Grand Tour" meant a leisurely journey around the capitals of Europe by wealthy young gentlemen. To modern scientists it means a project which will dwarf every space achievement yet made.

The purpose of this mission is to take a huge unmanned space probe in a series of swings past Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, and though the last is three billion miles from Earth, the aircraft will not be powered by any rocket or atomic engines. It will approach the planets in such a way that it is first drawn in towards each planet for its investigation and then catapulted on its way to the next. Only between 1977-'79 could such a unique condition occur, because at this time the four planets will be in the proper position. The opportunity will not occur for another 179 years because of the very slow movement of the outer planets round the Sun.

Well I think all this is fantastic to think about. Fifty years ago H. G. Wells wrote about men going to the moon, and the people shouted him down and told him not to be so far fetched in his ideas. To think that a man can successfully go to the moon and walk about on it, is it not amazing?

If one was to see the equipment and money that is spent on these expeditions, I wonder if it is all worth it? Well I suppose it is in a way because they are trying to find out, if maybe there is any cure or medicine we can get from the moon, after all it is surely only natural ambition that makes man want to explore. Would it not be dull if people were just contented with what they had, and never wanted to get on and broaden their outlook?

Space fascinates me, does it fascinate you?

Hilary Switzer 6B.

MY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Nearly every schoolgirl starts her day at about eight thirty o'clock. I start my day at half past seven because I

live in Swords and I must catch my bus at eight o'clock to arrive in school at eight thirty. I have just enough time to hang up my coat, change my shoes and leave up my homework and go to Assembly. Then the day's lessons begin.

On Tuesday mornings we go swimming which I enjoy very much, although I am not a very good swimmer yet. On Friday afternoons we go up to Belgrave Square to hockey practices, and if it is raining we take part in gymnastics instead which includes exercises to help us to keep fit, skipping, dancing and vaulting over the box, which I like best of all. In summer we play tennis or take part in athletics.

I like school very much and I hope I will be successful at both the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate Examinations as I would like to be a nurse.

Iris Ormsby 1S.

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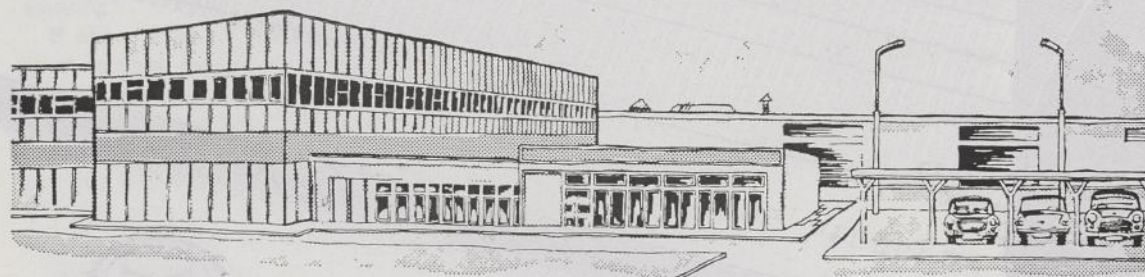
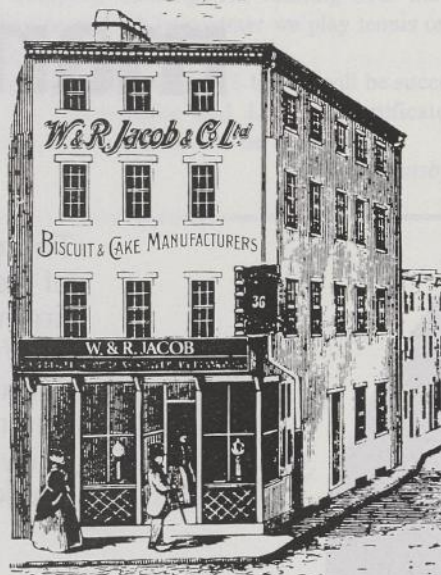
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